

Report reveals Israel denied life-saving healthcare to hundreds of Palestinian children in 2023

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London, September 16 (RHC)-- Israeli authorities deprived hundreds of Palestinian children of life-saving healthcare in the besieged Gaza Strip during the first half of 2023, a leading international humanitarian

organization says.

A report published on Wednesday by the UK-based organization Save the Children said that nearly 400 children in Gaza, at least two children per day, were denied permits to travel to the West Bank and receive critical treatment in the first six months of 2023.

In the report, entitled 'I Can't Run, Play, or Get Treatment', the organization explains that "nearly 100 children's applications to Israeli authorities were denied or left unanswered in the month of May alone," during the Israeli aggression on the besieged Gaza Strip.

During the same month, at least seven children were among 33 Palestinians killed in Israel's attack on Gaza between 9 and 13 May 2023. The report also states that last year, three children died while their applications for Gaza exit permits were either denied or remained under review.

"Neither chemotherapy nor radiology treatments are available due to Israeli Government restrictions on medical equipment and medication entering Gaza," it said.

"Some are desperately sick children who have no options other than leaving Gaza to survive," Jason Lee, Save the Children's Country Director in the occupied Palestinian territory, said, commenting on the report.

"Denying children healthcare is inhumane and an infringement of their rights, and separating children from their parents during treatment can make it even harder for those children to cope," he added.

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