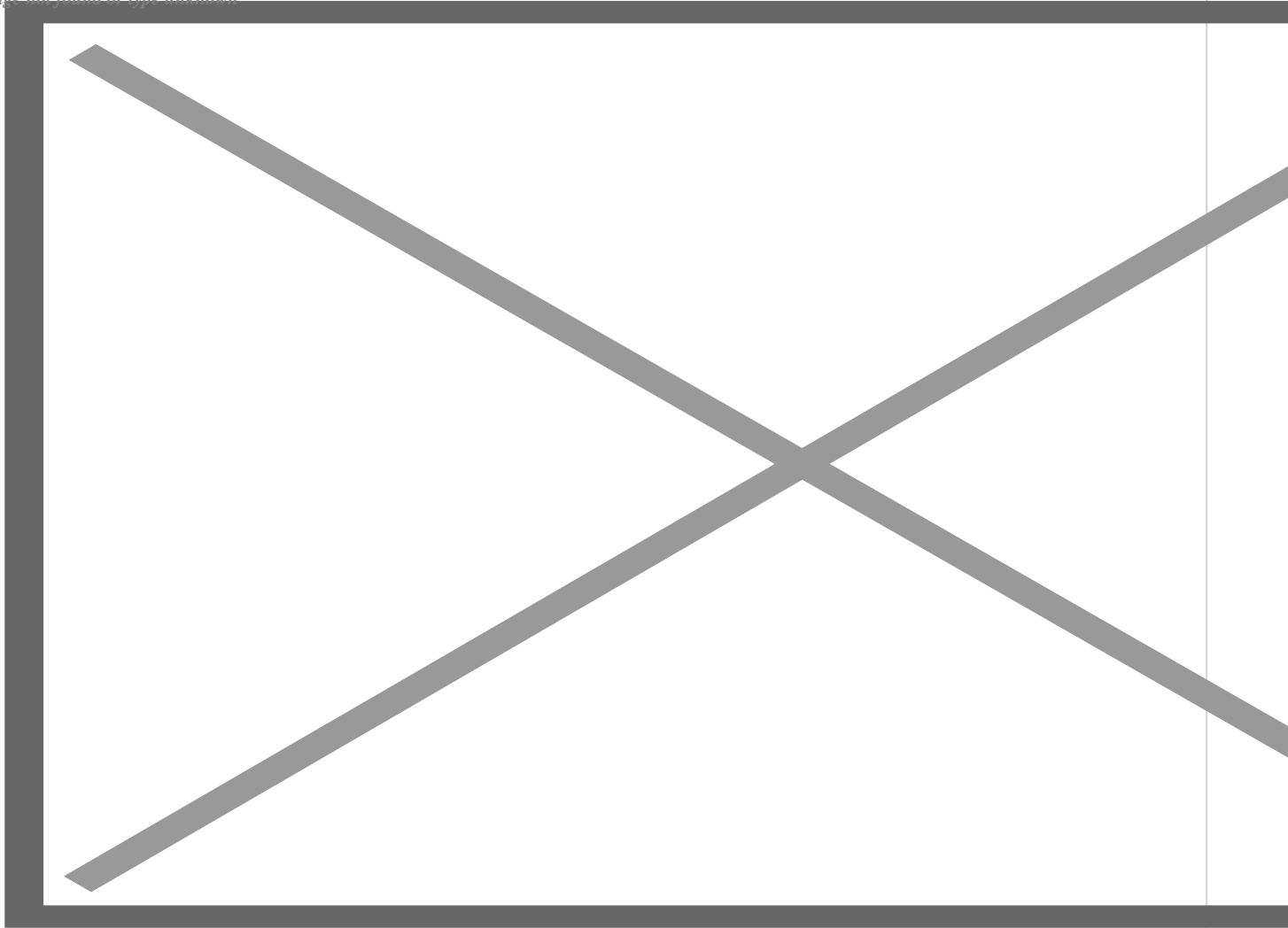


Hamas official says Israel planning to cause another Nakba

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Israel orders Palestinians to leave northern Gaza, clearing the area for occupation.

Gaza City, November 15 (RHC)-- A senior Hamas official has said the Israeli regime, which has brought the Gaza Strip under an unrelenting war, was causing another Nakba (Catastrophe), referring to the ethnic cleansing of Palestinian natives by the apartheid regime in 1948.

"The occupying Israeli regime is planning to perpetrate another 'Nakba' before the eyes of the modern world," Osama Hamdan, member of the Gaza Strip-based Palestinian resistance movement's Politburo, said on Tuesday.

Israel has killed over 11,200 Palestinians, including more than 8,000 women and children, in Gaza since October 7, when it launched the war of aggression against the territory in response to an operation carried out by the Gaza-based resistance groups.

Hamdan strongly refuted the regime's claim that Hamas was using Gaza's hospitals as "bases" -- a claim that Tel Aviv has been using to target the healthcare facilities across the coastal sliver.

The Hamas official said the movement had a vast network of underground tunnels in Gaza, and it did not need to use hospitals as its command centers. Hamas has asked the United Nations to form an international committee tasked with disproving the Israeli claim, Hamdan said.

"The goal sought by the occupiers by attacking the hospitals is to displace the Palestinian nation," he said, calling the regime's claim about Gaza's hospitals "naive" and "indicative of the mental status of a defeated army."

The Hamas figure, meanwhile, asserted that the resistance was in a favorable state.

The occupying regime had so far lost as many as 180 tanks in its battle against the resistance, he said, asserting that it would receive "greater and stronger blows" in the future.

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