

OXFAM says Gaza truce no more than respite in immense suffering

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London, November 24 (RHC)-- London-based charity Oxfam has welcomed a four-day truce in the Israeli regime's devastating war on the Gaza Strip but describes it as disproportionately inadequate for the suffering that the military offensive has been causing Palestinians.

The organization made the announcement on Wednesday after the Gaza-based Palestinian resistance movement of Hamas announced the agreement. The deal, Hamas said, would allow the entry of humanitarian, medical, and fuel aid trucks into the coastal sliver and also restrict the Israeli air traffic in northern Gaza to six hours a day.

The charity called the pause "a welcome respite...but no more than that."

"The next four days will be eaten up by a desperate emergency effort that can offer only very limited relief, not equal to the size of suffering and destruction and ultimately with no sustainability. This is a band-aid that will be ripped off a bleeding wound after four days," it noted.

"There are no pauses long enough, or corridors wide enough, or other options to deliver aid creative enough, to alleviate the suffering of two million people, the destruction of Gaza, and the loss of innocent lives."

The Israeli regime launched the war on October 7 following an operation staged by the Palestinian territory's resistance groups.

Also on Wednesday, Hamas noted that the campaign had so far killed up to 14,532 Palestinians, including around 6,000 children.

Israel has been targeting hospitals and medical facilities in Gaza in defiance of international condemnations. About 7,000 people were still missing in Gaza, roughly 4,700 of them were children and women, the movement said, adding that more than 60 percent of the buildings in the Gaza Strip had been damaged by the continued Israeli bombings.

The charity described the only solution to the appalling situation in Gaza as "an end to this horrific bloodshed."

Ultimately, the situation across the Palestinian territories could only be remedied through enforcement of an end to the Israeli regime's prolonged military occupation the territories and the blockade that the regime has been exercising against Gaza since 2007, it reminded.

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