

UN official says Hell on Earth has returned to Gaza

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Geneva, December 2 (RHC)-- As Israeli occupation forces have resumed their barbaric bombing and shelling of the Gaza Strip, humanity has strongly denounced Tel Aviv's decision to continue its unrelenting attacks on the Palestinian people.

"Hell on Earth has returned to Gaza," said Jens Laerke, spokesperson for the UN humanitarian office in Geneva.

“Today, in a matter of hours, scores were reportedly killed and injured. Families were told to evacuate, again. Hopes were dashed,” said UN aid chief Martin Griffiths, adding that children, women and men of Gaza had “nowhere safe to go and very little to survive on.”

Media reports say that more than 200 people have been killed in less than two days since the resumption of Israel’s attacks on Gaza.

Israel’s attacks on Gaza have stretched into a second day after a seven-day truce with Hamas ended as Qatar and Egypt mediate talks to renew a pause in hostilities.

The United Nations said on Saturday that the fighting would worsen the extreme humanitarian emergency in Gaza.

Al Jazeera’s Hind Khoudary in Deir el-Balah in central Gaza said Israeli tanks have not stopped shelling the enclave and gunboats are attacking its coastline. “Houses have been targeted. At least three mosques were hit. Areas across the Gaza Strip – the north, south and center – have all been targeted.”

The Israeli army said on Saturday that it hit more than 400 targets overnight, including in the Khan Younis area in the south, to which tens of thousands of civilians evacuated over the past month.

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