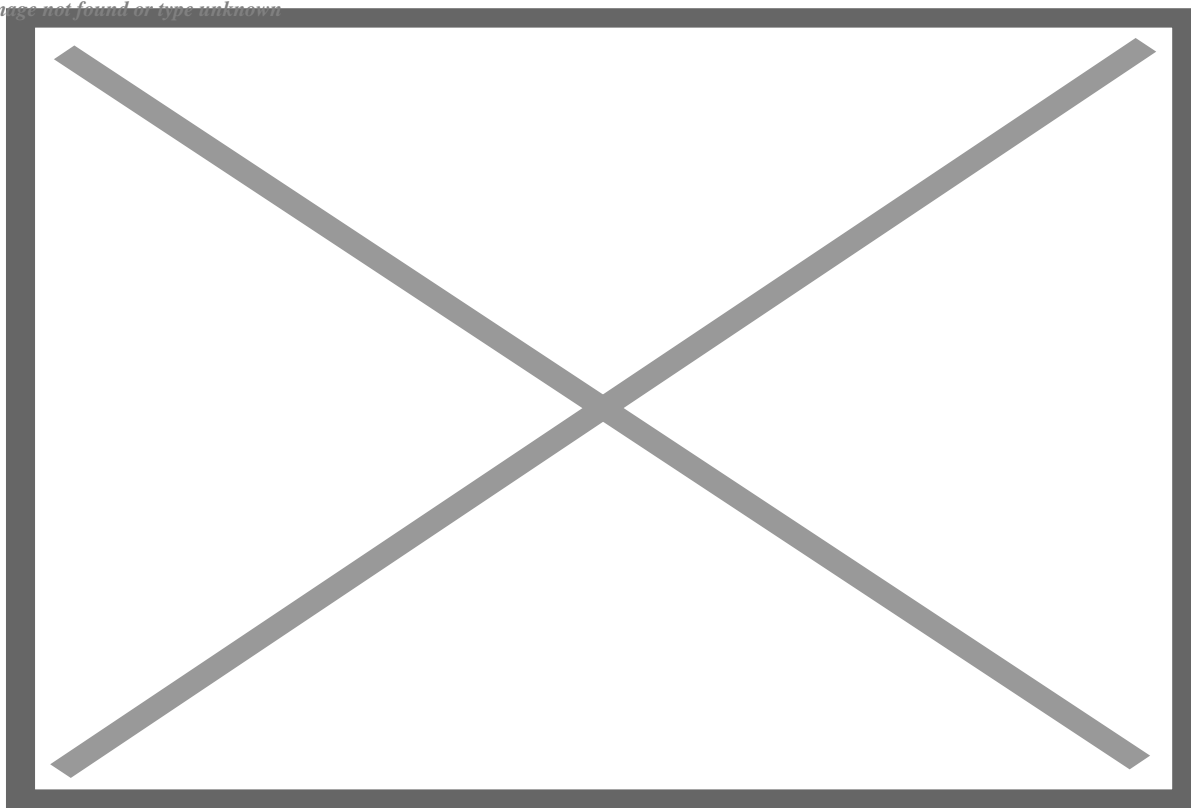


Top UN relief official says situation in Gaza getting more apocalyptic

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Geneva, December 5 (RHC)-- The top humanitarian relief official for the United Nations on Monday said that the situation in the Gaza Strip keeps getting “more apocalyptic.”

“Every time we think things cannot get any more apocalyptic in Gaza, they do,” Martin Griffiths said in a statement. “People are being ordered to move again, with little to survive on, forced to make one impossible choice after another.”

Griffiths, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, added that no one and nowhere is safe in Gaza. “Such blatant disregard for basic humanity must stop,” he said, calling for an end to the fighting.

The Israel Defense Forces on Sunday announced it is expanding its ground operations to all of Gaza, following the collapse of a truce with Hamas on Friday. "The IDF is resuming and expanding the ground operation against Hamas' strongholds across the whole Gaza Strip," IDF spokesperson Daniel Hagari told a news conference.

The IDF told civilians to leave large swaths of the enclave, including some neighborhoods in the southern part where many Gazans had fled to after the Israel operation began in northern Gaza.

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