

Hamas says Israel obstructs any agreement that could lead to comprehensive Gaza ceasefire

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Smoke rises over the city of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip during an Israeli bombardment on February 1, 2024. (Photo by AFP)

Beirut, February 6 (RHC)-- The Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has blasted Israel for stonewalling any agreement that could lead to a comprehensive ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, which has been under the regime's genocidal war for the past four months.

Osama Hamdan, who represents Hamas in Lebanon, made the remarks at a press briefing in Beirut on Monday. "The Israelis want to continue their military attacks against the Gaza Strip and to retain the siege on it. They also do not want to achieve a ceasefire," the Hamas' official said.

Hamdan added: "The mediators are working on achieving some kind of agreement, which should, from our point of view, fulfill what we have asked for."

According to Hamdan, Hamas insists that any ceasefire agreement in Gaza must include complete cessation of the Israeli regime's onslaught, full withdrawal of its forces, and an end to the crippling siege that Israel has been enforcing against the Palestinian territory.

In a previous presser on Saturday, Hamdan had noted that since the beginning of the aggression, Hamas has been open to discussing any initiatives or ideas that could stop Israel's barbaric onslaught. He also slammed the global inaction in the face of Israel's crimes in Gaza, saying: "The crimes of genocide and ethnic cleansing are being committed in plain sight of the whole world, which stands by watching, [and] procrastinating and [is] unable to stop the Zionist crimes that are supported by the U.S. administration."

The Israeli regime has been pounding Gaza since October 7, 2023, when the coastal territory's resistance movements staged Operation al-Aqsa Storm against the occupied territories. Nearly 27,500 people, most of them women and children, have been killed in the regime's brutal aggression against Gaza, while more than 66,800 have been injured.

On Sunday, a Geneva-based human rights organization provided a gruesome report on the vast trail of death and destruction that has been left by the Israeli onslaught on the coastal territory.

"Approximately 110,000 Palestinians are reported killed, missing, and injured, leaving many suffering long-term disabilities four months into Israel's genocide in the Gaza Strip," Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor said in a statement.

It reminded that the Israeli atrocities continue unabated despite an interim ruling that was issued by the International Court of Justice last week, obliging the regime to take all possible measures to prevent genocide against Gaza's population.

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