

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders asks White House to stop funding Israel's war machine

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Washington, March 4 (RHC)-- Independent Senator Bernie Sanders has said that the United States cannot continue funding Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's war machine as it presses ahead

with its horrific genocide of the Palestinians trapped in the besieged Gaza Strip.

Sanders, a former presidential candidate, condemned Israel's killing of 112 people and injuring 750 more seeking aid in northern Gaza this week. "Children are starving in Gaza. Instead of opening up the borders and allowing humanitarian aid to come in, Israeli soldiers are shooting people who are desperately trying to get food off of trucks," he said in a post on X, formerly Twitter.

"The U.S. cannot continue funding the Netanyahu war machine," he said. "Children are starving in Gaza. Instead of opening up the borders and allowing humanitarian aid to come in, Israeli soldiers are shooting people who are desperately trying to get food off of trucks. This must stop. The U.S. cannot continue funding the Netanyahu war machine."

Sanders has said that the whole world is watching as Netanyahu and his right-wing backers starve the innocent children of Gaza and wage a genocidal war against the defenseless Palestinians in Gaza.

Since October, more than 30,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed as a result of the Israeli regime forces' continuous onslaught in the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, international charity group Oxfam says U.S. foreign policy is contributing to the risk of famine in the Gaza Strip. Oxfam has said that the group is opposed to potential US plans to airdrop packages of food into Gaza, saying that such efforts cannot cancel out US policies that have contributed to extreme hunger throughout Gaza.

"Oxfam does not support US airdrops to Gaza, which would mostly serve to relieve the guilty consciences of senior U.S. officials whose policies are contributing to the ongoing atrocities and risk of famine in Gaza," Scott Paul, who conducts humanitarian policy at Oxfam America, said in a statement.

"While Palestinians in Gaza have been pushed to the absolute brink, dropping a paltry, symbolic amount of aid into Gaza with no plan for its safe distribution would not help and be deeply degrading to Palestinians," he noted.

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