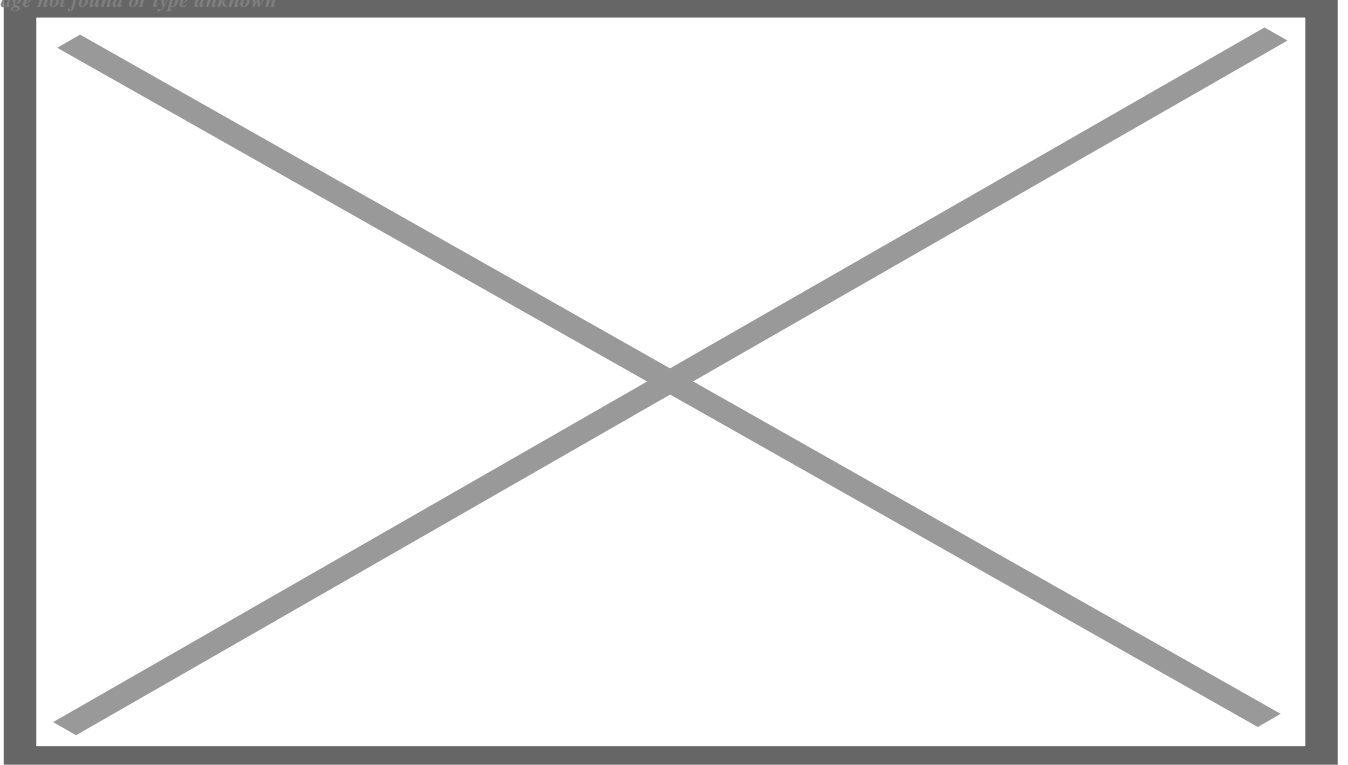


The tragedy of Gaza

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The Gaza Strip is already experiencing a humanitarian catastrophe of great proportions due to the massive and indiscriminate bombings that the Zionist State of Israel is carrying out against the civilian and unarmed Palestinian population, which is overcrowded in that territory.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Tel Aviv's attacks have already cost the lives of more than 13,000 children, a figure higher than all the infants killed in armed conflicts around the world during the last four years.

Catherine Russell, executive director of this UN mechanism, assured that thousands of minors were wounded and many of them are unaccounted for, although it is presumed that a large number may be under the rubble.

The official added that the institution had never seen such a high mortality rate in any other conflict on the planet.

Many of the survivors are having a hard time because of the lack of food and some are so malnourished that they do not even have the strength to cry.

This is one of the most barbaric and inhuman acts of recent times and the most serious thing is the high degree of impunity enjoyed by its perpetrators, protected by the United States and some of its main Western allies, who supply weapons and military equipment to Israel.

Just as serious is the indifference of many governments which, despite the intense mobilization of their peoples in defense of the Palestinian cause, refuse to apply measures against the regime of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his leadership.

During a march held in Chile the day before, several participants called on humanitarian organizations to move from declarations and condemnation to concrete measures.

One of the proposals made in the South American country was to apply to the State of Israel an isolation similar to that which most countries imposed against South Africa to eliminate apartheid.

It is criminal to maintain economic and commercial relations with a nation whose hands are bathed in innocent blood, they said.

The fact is that the catastrophe announced a short time ago by the UN in Gaza is already happening, but there is no proportional response from the international community which is either deeply afraid of Israel, or cares very little about the lives of more than a million Palestinians.

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