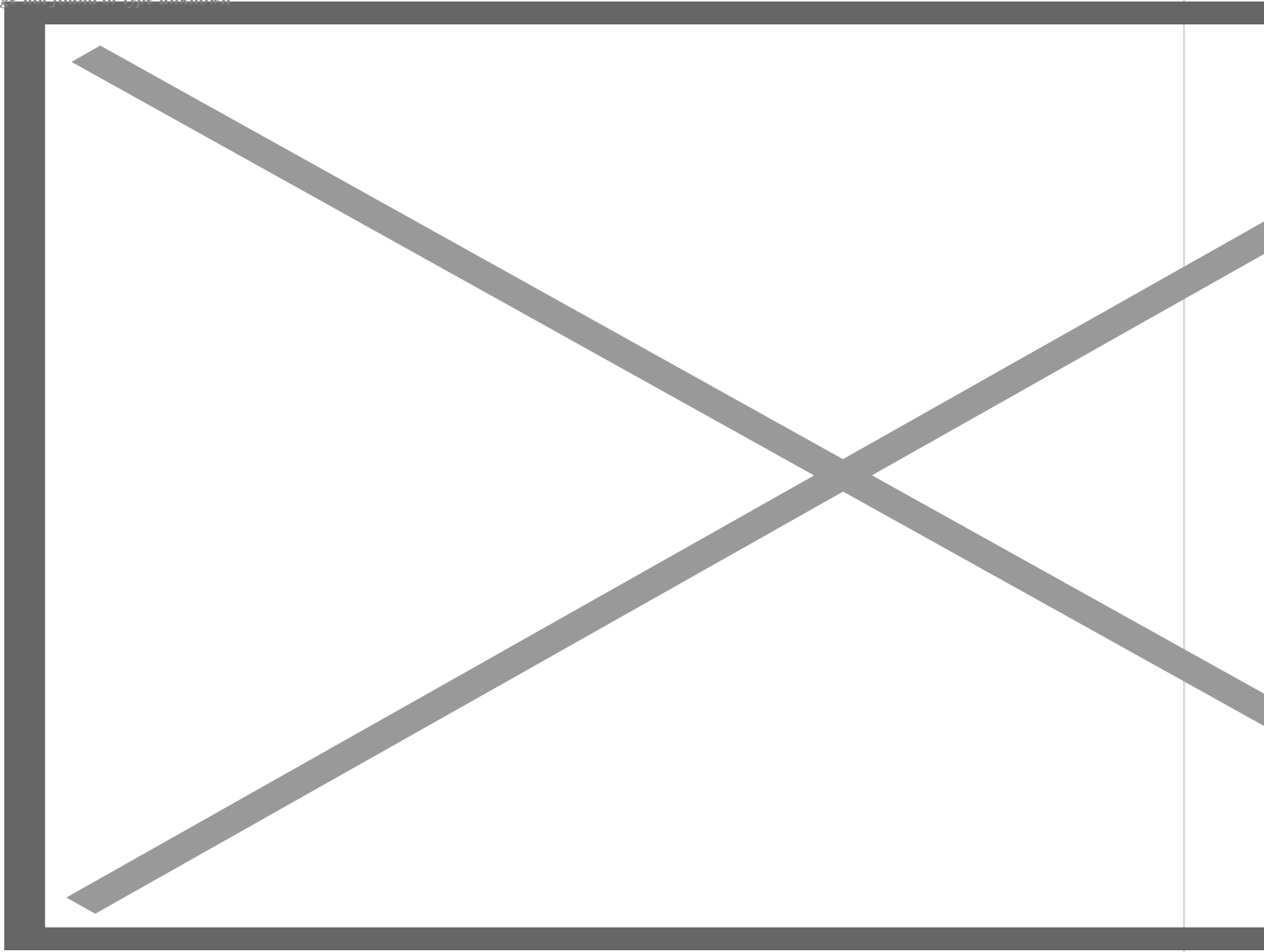


Israeli war minister says difficult Gaza war has cost regime heavily

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Tel Aviv, June 19 (RHC)-- Israel's minister of military affairs Yoav Gallant has admitted the occupying regime's "painful failure" and intelligence fiasco on October 7, highlighting the cataclysmic cost of the "difficult Gaza war" for Tel Aviv.

Gallant made the remarks at a ceremony on Tuesday, saying the war with the Palestinian resistance movements has cost Israel a lot, particularly in the besieged Gaza Strip. He noted that Israel has received heavy blows in the ongoing war in Gaza and its casualties are very high.

"This difficult war took the Israeli military by surprise and we paid a heavy price," Gallant said, adding, "The painful failures will be studied and we will learn from them, and these lessons and experiences will have an effect on our future."

The Israeli minister also stressed the need to understand how the resistance forces' defense and combat capabilities were built up over the past decade, which led to the failure of the intelligence and operations that culminated in the latest Gaza war, launched on October 7 last year.

Gallant's remarks came two days after Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu dissolved the six-member war cabinet following the withdrawal of his principal rival, Benny Gantz.

A senior Hamas official says that Palestinian resistance caused the dissolution of the Israeli regime.

Gantz quit the cabinet more than a week ago, while accusing the prime minister of mismanaging the regime's genocidal war against the Gaza Strip.

The war cabinet was formed on October 11, 2023, just a few days after Israel launched the war on Gaza after Hamas mounted the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli regime's decades-long campaign of bloodletting and devastation against Palestinians.

Izzat al-Rishq, a member of the Hamas political bureau, said Palestinian resistance caused the dissolution of the Israeli regime's war cabinet after eight month of war on Gaza.

Israel launched the war on Gaza on October 7 after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas waged the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Storm against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli intensified violence against Palestinians.

Since the start of the offensive, the Tel Aviv regime has killed more than 37,300 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

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