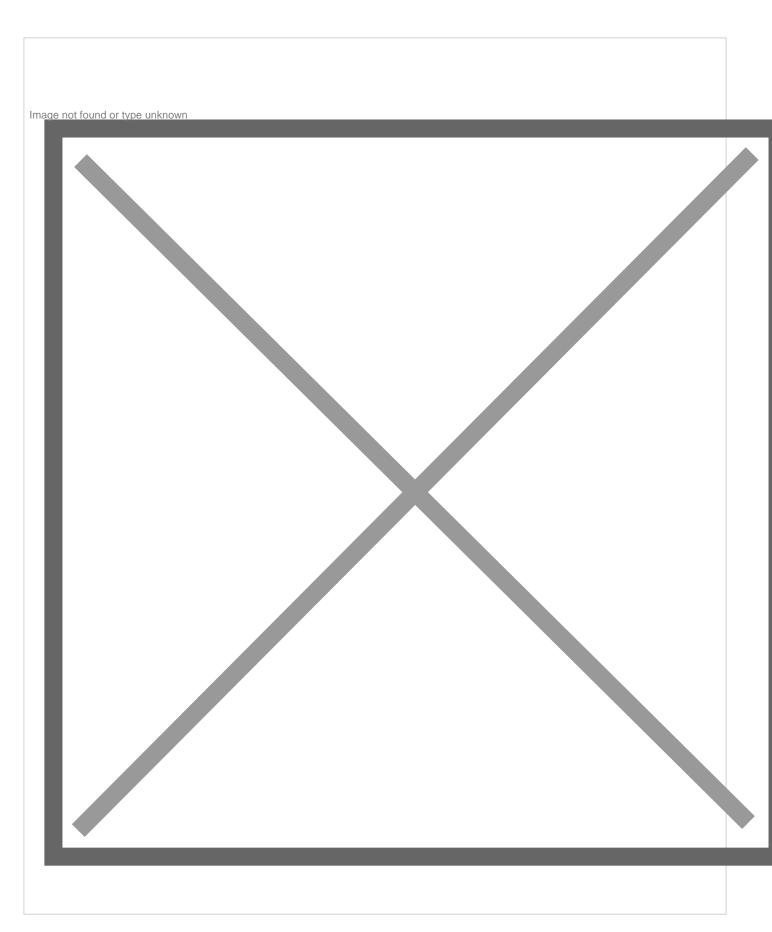
Israel directly targets Gaza's ability to feed itself



Gaza City, July 3 (RHC)-- At the start of summer, Gaza's fields are usually bursting with ripening crops and fruits of all colours, scents and sizes.

But, nearly nine months into Israel's war on Gaza, abundant harvests have given way to devastation and a dire humanitarian crisis.

A UN report says 96 percent of Gaza's population is food insecure and one in five Palestinians, or about 495,000 people, face starvation.

Satellite images analysed by Al Jazeera's digital investigation team, Sanad show that more than half (60 percent) of Gaza's farmland, crucial for feeding the war-ravaged territory's hungry population, has been damaged or destroyed by Israeli attacks.

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