

United Nations warns of disease spreading in Gaza due to war

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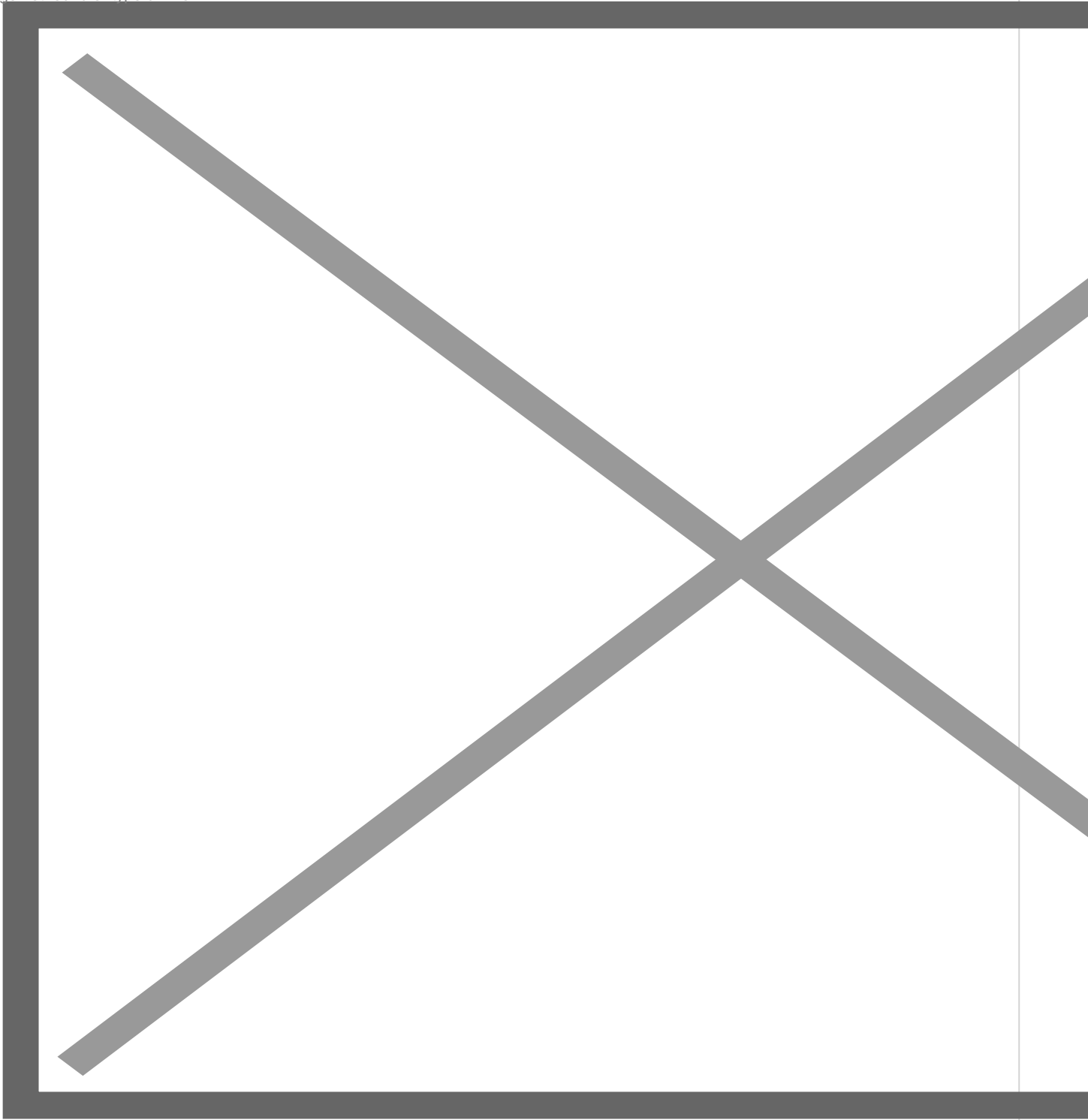


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United Nations, September 9 (RHC)-- The United Nations has warned about the spread of diseases in the Gaza Strip as a result of the ongoing Israeli aggression, which has destroyed basic infrastructure and

limited the entry of food and medicine.

"While we vaccinate children against polio, many other diseases continue to spread in the territory," the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) said on the social media platform X.

"The piles of garbage are accumulating ever closer to the tents and shelters. Sewage continues to flood the streets."

UNRWA also said that access to hygiene products is increasingly limited and described sanitary conditions in the region, which has been under Israeli attack for 11 months, as "totally inhumane."

The United Nations Development Program denounced last month the collapse of the sanitation system in Gaza due to the war, which caused an unprecedented humanitarian crisis.

There, waste accumulates in more than 140 temporary dumping sites that cause serious risks to human health and the environment, the institution warned on the social network X.

The Palestinian Environmental Quality Authority also warned about the spread of diseases transmitted by contaminated water, including cholera and chronic diarrhea. According to official figures, 1.7 million Gazans have suffered from infectious diseases since the beginning of the current cycle of violence in October last year, including 71,000 cases of viral hepatitis.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimates that 67 percent of the water and sanitation system has been destroyed in the Strip since then.

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