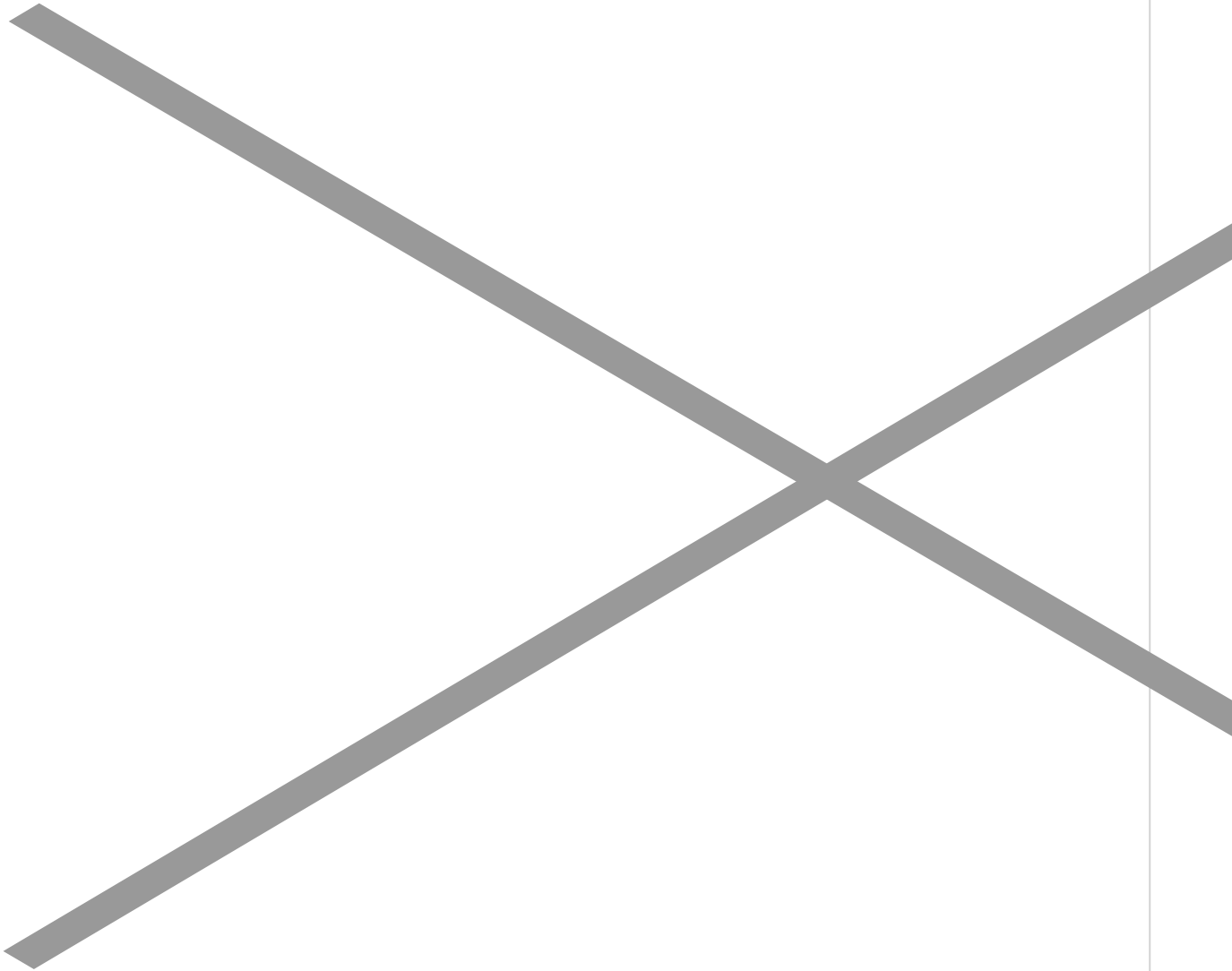


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Gaza City, December 25 (RHC)-- Humanitarian assistance groups say delivery of aid is almost impossible in Gaza with continuous attacks by the Israeli military.

Medical sources confirmed on Tuesday there were at least 32 deaths in the past 24 hours. Some of the latest Israeli attacks included the bombing of a house in central Gaza that killed four, including a child and two women.

The Israeli military has kept blocking humanitarian aid bound for the enclave, with the chaos created by its ground offensive presenting myriad challenges for safely getting the meagre trucks coming in to designated locations, aid groups say.

On Monday night, an Israeli drone attack hit an area approximately 1km away from Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir el-Balah, targeting a humanitarian aid convoy.

Al Jazeera's Mahmoud, reporting from the hospital, said the Israeli military first allowed gangs to attack the convoy with the aim of looting it, to later launch a drone attack against security guards trying to protect the cargo.

"These seem to be deliberate attacks to cause more mayhem. Israel has killed 30 of these security guards so far."

Tom Fletcher, the head of the United Nations humanitarian agency (OCHA), said in a year when more humanitarians have been killed than any on record, Gaza is currently dealing with its most dangerous situation yet.

"As a result, despite the massive humanitarian needs, it has become almost impossible to deliver even a fraction of the aid that is so urgently required. The Israeli authorities continue to deny us meaningful access – over 100 requests to access North Gaza were denied since 6 October. We are also now seeing the breakdown of law and order and the systematic armed looting of our supplies by local gangs."

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