

UN food agency warns hunger is everywhere in Gaza amid Israeli genocidal aggression

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United Nations, December 29 (RHC)-- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) says it is currently able to deliver only about one-third of the food required to aid hungry Palestinians in Gaza, as

Israel prevents humanitarian missions from reaching the blockaded territory.

The WFP in a social media post said on Friday that the agency was only able to bring in roughly one-third of the food it needs to support hungry Palestinians in Gaza. The agency further called for safe and sustained access to deliver life-saving aid to Gaza.

This comes as essential humanitarian entering Gaza dropped to its lowest levels in a year last month, despite experts warning that famine is likely imminent.

The WFP gain emphasized the need for a ceasefire in Gaza. The WFP head, Cindy McCain, recently warned that two million people, at least 90 percent of the population, in Gaza were suffering from “acute hunger.” She called for “safe, unfettered access at scale” to save lives and avert famine.

The developments come as the situation in northern Gaza, where Israel launched a large-scale ground onslaught on October 5, is deteriorating even further. North Gaza has been under an all-out siege for some two months and people there have been ordered to evacuate.

However, the Palestinians trying to go south have been targeted by Israeli snipers and drones. Parts of Gaza have been under imminent risk of famine due to Israel’s attacks and blocking of humanitarian aid and food supplies.

Malnutrition is affecting many people, especially children, with long-term risks to their health. Humanitarian agencies say Israel is using starvation as a weapon of war.

The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) snapshot projects that over 1.95 million people in Gaza will face acute food insecurity over the coming months.

The Israeli regime’s genocidal campaign against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip continues unabated. Residential areas and the few intact houses that shelter scores of displaced people are still the prime targets of Israeli strikes. According to Gaza’s health ministry, about 40 Palestinians lost their lives in a matter of 24 hours.

Israel launched a genocidal war on Gaza on October 7, 2023, after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas waged 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.

The regime’s bloody onslaught on Gaza has so far killed more than 45,400 Palestinians, mostly women and children. Thousands more are also missing and presumed dead under rubble.

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