

*Israeli forces block food to north
Gaza's Indonesian Hospital to
force doctors out*

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Gaza City, January 6 (RHC)-- The Israeli regime forces have blocked the supply of water and food to northern Gaza's Indonesia Hospital to force the doctors there to flee. The doctors are refusing to leave their patients behind, the nongovernmental organization that funded the supplies to the Indonesia Hospital said on Sunday.

The Indonesia Hospital in Beit Lahiya near the Jabalia refugee camp was built from donations organized by the Jakarta-based Medical Emergency Rescue Committee.

The four-story facility has been sheltering more than a dozen patients, caregivers, and health workers from Gaza's Kamal Adwan hospital, which was destroyed in December after months of relentless Israeli attacks.

The doctors who have remained in the building are defying orders to leave the Indonesia Hospital, MER-C said, adding that they last received food aid from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. "They are still holding out. The condition is deteriorating, there's a lack of water and food," Marissa Noriti, a MER-C volunteer in Deir el-Balah told media via WhatsApp.

"The Israeli occupation forces are blocking supply ... The doctors are staying for the patients. They refuse to leave them behind."

According to UNOCHA, the Indonesia Hospital is out of medical service due to the damage inflicted on it in frequent Israeli attacks since October 2023. However, the structure is still being used as a shelter for critically ill patients, despite not having electricity, water or supplies.

On Friday, the hospital was surrounded by Israeli forces attacking the area and ordering the doctors there to leave the facility and the patients. "We are monitoring the situation. Israel's occupation forces are cutting off all supplies to force them out; this is their strategy to empty north Gaza, to empty all the hospitals in the north so the people have no place to go to seek help," said Sarbini Abdul Murad, chairman of MER-C's board of trustees in Jakarta.

Since October 7, 2023, the Israeli regime force's genocidal war against the defenseless people in Gaza has left more than 45,800 Palestinians dead and over 109,000 more wounded.

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