

Gaza's Sole Power Plant Starts Partial Operations



Gaza City, October 30 (RHC)-- The only power plant providing electricity for the people in the besieged Gaza Strip resumes partial operations after being bombed by the Israeli regime this past summer, according to press reports.

The resumption of the plant's operations slightly improved the electricity situation in Gaza since it provides the residents with eight hours of electricity a day. Gaza's power company director Rafiq Maliha told reporters that people in Gaza had access to only six hours of electricity following the last Israeli war on Gaza.

"What we try to do is simply to make a quick, temporary solution and to work with the existing generation capacity so that we can at least reproduce some electricity to alleviate the suffering of the people of Gaza," Maliha said.

Gaza's power plant was knocked out of commission by an Israeli attack on July 29th. According to the Gaza electricity company, the plant stopped working after the Israeli shelling hit the facility's fuel tanks and steam generator.

Israel launched a 50-day war on the Gaza Strip in early July. About 2,140 Palestinians, mostly civilians -- including women, children and elderly people -- were killed in the Israeli onslaught. Around 11,000 others were wounded.

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