



## UNRWA Situation Report #7 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

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### Area general updates

- Heavy Israeli Forces' bombardments, from the air, sea and land, have continued.
- Israeli Air Forces continued to strike also in Khan Younis and other southern areas despite the directive for people in Gaza to move south.
- Water remains a key issue as people will start dying without water.
- Concerns over dehydration and waterborne diseases are high given the collapse of water and sanitation services, including today's shutdown of Gaza's last functioning seawater desalination plant.
- One line of water was opened today for three hours only in the South of the Gaza Strip, feeding limited water to only half of the population of Khan Yunis (nearly 100,000 people). This does not solve the urgent water needs in other parts of Khan Yunis, the Middle Area and Rafah. Only 14 per cent of the population in the Strip benefited from this three-hour opening of the water line.
- 600,000 litres of fuel are needed in Gaza per day to operate water and desalinization plants. UNRWA moved (on 16 October) some of its existing -but very limited- fuel supplies that it already had inside Gaza.
- Fuel reserves at all hospitals across Gaza are expected to last for an additional 24 hours only. The shutdown of backup generators would place the lives of thousands of patients at serious risk.
- In nine days of conflict, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, **2,670 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza** (an average of 267 per day, or 11 every hour) and **9,600 are injured**.
- In Israel, 1,300 people were killed and at least 4,121 were injured according to different sources.
- **14 UNRWA staff members have sadly been killed since 7 October**. These are confirmed reports, but the number is likely to be higher.

- **24 confirmed reports of UNRWA installations** across the Gaza Strip impacted as a result of airstrikes and bombardment. The actual number is likely to be higher.
- Estimates that 1 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip. Some **600,000** in the Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah, of those nearly 400,000 are in UNRWA installations.
- **UNRWA Rafah Logistics Base** is now hosting nearly **8,000 people** and the numbers continue to increase. Tensions there are very high.
- Despite the Israeli Forces' evacuation order, **an unknown number of internally displaced remain in UNRWA schools in the north. UNRWA is no longer able to assist or protect the displaced in those areas and does not have information on their needs and conditions.**
- UNRWA is running eight Primary Health Clinics in the middle and southern areas.
- UNRWA is likely to run out of medicines in its health clinics in the coming month. In some clinics, supplies are likely to run out sooner, due to difficulties with transporting supplies from one location to another.

### The West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

- In the West Bank, significant access and movements restrictions and increasing **settler violence continue**. According to OCHA, 58 Palestinians have been killed and 1,176 injured since 7 October.

### Other

- Intensive high-level advocacy efforts are being made by UNRWA and the UN to allow critical humanitarian supplies into the Gaza Strip.

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