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**Deaths of women and children in Gaza**

AT LEAST 292 children and 75 women have died as a result of Israel's bombardment of the Gaza Strip, according to a paper published in the *Lancet*, a medical journal, which uses data from Gaza's Ministry of Health. The death toll has risen steeply since Israel began its ground assault on January 4th. Around 40% of the 910 deaths recorded by Monday January 12th were of women and children under 18, and around half of the 4,250 injured. Gaza has one of the youngest populations in the world, which is one factor in the high proportion of children among the dead and injured. Some 13 Israelis, mostly soldiers, have been killed.

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