

# Gaza is the Scene of the Massacre of Children

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## Dear Editor,

As everybody knows, nowadays Israel's attacks Gaza Strip are escalating. According to local and international sources Israel's airstrikes and fighting targets, the residential areas, refugee camps hospitals, ambulances, and schools are still being bombarded. More than 47% of dead are children<sup>1</sup>.

More than 4,000 children have been killed and thousands were injured, while thousands are still buried under the ruins<sup>2</sup>. Almamadani Hospital is one of the tens of hospitals that were totally destroyed by the heaviest bombs in the world, causing more than 500 deaths and hundreds being injuries.<sup>3</sup>

United Nations officials press released that "More than 400 children reportedly either killed or injured daily"<sup>4</sup> The United Nations has declared the region to be in catastrophe. Due to the lack of medical and health facilities, and the lack of water, electricity, and fuel, unfortunately, the Israeli invading forces, contrary to all international treaties, prevented the arrival of any humanitarian aid such as food, medicine, and medical equipment.

Secretary-general of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, said "Gaza is becoming a graveyard for children. Hundreds of girls and boys are reportedly being killed or injured every day," highlighted how "the unfolding catastrophe in Gaza makes the need for a humanitarian ceasefire more urgent with every passing hour," stressing that the protection of civilians is paramount<sup>5</sup>.

On 6 November, UNICEF called that children and families in Gaza were in a catastrophic situation<sup>6</sup>.

There are a lot of heartbreaking scenes of wounded and killed children as a result of Israeli attacks on Gaza and refugee camps that nobody has able to see them all. Unfortunately, the United Nations has not been able to stop these crimes or provide medical and humanitarian aid to the injured people. These unbelievable photos are real; they are a very simple sample of hundreds of thousands of killed or wounded Palestinian children.

Protection of children and civilian is the most important duty of the United Nations organization in all conflicts, now all of the civilians in Gaza needs primary humanitarian aid (water, food, ...), and all of the wounded needs urgent medical supplies.

We propose that UN must immediately prepare some safe access routes for providing medical aids by international medical staff volunteers to help the injured people in Gaza or safe evacuation by ambulances. And also it is expected that international organizations such as the United Nations will approve valid laws to prevent military attacks on hospitals and ambulances, and all countries will not have the right to attack these centers under any circumstances.





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