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## Director of Al Awda Hospital to QNA: Occupation preventing the entry of food to patients



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Gaza, October 18 (QNA) – Director of Al Awda Hospital in northern Gaza Mohamed Saleha

confirmed that Israeli occupation forces continue to besiege hospitals in the north, preventing food and water from reaching patients and medical staff for the 14th consecutive day. He added that any movement in the area is being targeted.

In a statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA), Saleha said that dozens of injuries are still arriving at Al Awda Hospital and other operational hospitals in northern Gaza. He noted that medical teams are dealing with complex injuries despite the severe shortages of medicine, medical supplies, and fuel.

He warned that the suffocating siege on the hospitals in the northern part of the Gaza Strip has left patients and medical teams without food, emphasizing that they are facing a real disaster as the siege on Jabalia camp continues.

Saleha appealed to the World Health Organization, United Nations agencies, and all partners to urgently facilitate the delivery of medicines, medical supplies, and fuel to Al Awda Hospital, and to coordinate the entry of food for patients and medical staff.

According to health data, the number of martyrs and missing persons in northern Gaza has risen to 400 over the past two weeks. Meanwhile, Israeli forces continue to besiege Palestinian homes in the western areas of Jabalia camp amid heavy artillery and air strikes.

The occupation forces are also preventing the entry of food and potable water to nearly a quarter of a million besieged people in the northern Gaza governorate.