
Gaza death toll surpasses 62,000 amid ongoing Israeli attacks



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At least 62,004 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's ongoing war on the Gaza Strip since October 2023, the enclave's Health Ministry said Monday.

In its latest update, the ministry reported that 60 people were killed and 344 injured in the past 24 hours, raising the total number of injuries to 156,230. Among the victims were five more deaths

from starvation, including two children. This brings famine-related deaths to 263, of which 112 were children.

Rescue operations remain paralyzed as many victims are still trapped under rubble or lying in the open, with emergency teams unable to reach them due to continuous bombardment and a shortage of equipment.

Since Israel resumed its military campaign on March 18, following the collapse of a ceasefire and prisoner exchange deal, 10,460 Palestinians have been killed and 44,189 injured, according to the ministry.

Israeli forces continue to target Palestinians seeking humanitarian aid. Over the past 24 hours alone, 27 people were killed and 281 injured while attempting to access food and supplies. Since May 27, such attacks have killed 1,965 Palestinians and injured 14,701 others.

Israel's blockade, which has completely sealed off Gaza since early March, has triggered famine, the spread of disease, and the breakdown of essential services for the enclave's 2.4 million residents.

Last November, the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant over war crimes in Gaza. Israel also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice.