HOSTILITIES IN THE GAZA STRIP AND ISRAEL - REPORTED IMPACT

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OVERVIEW

The snapshot provides a comprehensive overview of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as of 21 January 2024, including casualties, particularly among women and children. Significant damage has been inflicted upon critical infrastructure and essential services, affecting people’s ability to maintain their dignity and basic living standards.

This snapshot highlights reported figures on the impact of hostilities on people in Gaza, where a major humanitarian crisis has unfolded.

REPORTED CASUALTIES (Cumulative) as of 21 January 2024

**Palestinians**

- **25,105*** in addition to ~1,000 fatalities in Israel, including people involved in the 7 October attack
- **62,681***

**Israelis**

- **1,200*** Reportedly killed

**By Region**

- **70,000+** Destroyed housing units
- **290,000+** Partially damaged housing units

**BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOODS**

- **FOOD SECURITY**
  - 2.2 million people at imminent risk of famine
  - 378,000 people at Phase 5 (catastrophic levels) Phase 5 refers to extreme lack of food, starvation, and exhaustion of coping capacities.
  - 939,000 people at Phase 4 (emergency levels)

- **HEALTH**
  - Hospitals are under heavy strikes.
  - 16 of Gaza’s 36 hospitals are partially or fully functional: 9 in the south and 6 in the north.
  - At high risk
  - At least 1,000 kidney failures, 2,000 cancer patients, 130 neonates in incubators.

- **WATER AND SANITATION**
  - One out of the three water pipelines coming from Israel is operational.
  - No Access to clean water in the northern governorates. Fuel shortage impacts: 60 water wells, 2 desalination plants, sewage stations and pumps, wastewater treatment.

**HUMANITARIAN OPERATION**

- **153** UN staff killed:
  - UNRWA: 151; WHO: 1; UNDP: 1
  - At least 337 health workers killed
  - 45 Civil Defence killed while on duty
  - 117 journalists killed

**MOVEMENT AND ACCESS**

- Civilian access to areas to the north of Wadi Gaza is limited, some wounded and sick people from Gaza to Egypt, access of most aid missions to those areas.
- The Rafah crossing with Egypt is operational.
- The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel is operational.

**INCOMING TRUCKLOADS**

The pre-crisis average per working day in 2023 was 500 trucks, including fuel.

**DAMAGE**

- Over 60% of Gaza’s housing units reportedly destroyed or damaged
- 378 education facilities reportedly damaged
- 11 bakeries reportedly destroyed
- 122 ambulances damaged
- 20 WASH facilities damaged

**FOURTH COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

- People to/from/ via Egypt

**POPULATION**

- **1.7 million*** (75% of Gaza)

**LOCATION**

- **365 km²**

**SOURCE**

- MoH Gaza
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