GAZA STRIP: SNAPSHOTS - JANUARY 2020

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

• The waiting time for some elective surgeries at Gaza's main hospital (Al Shifa Hospital) sharply increased.
• The number of exits through Rafah and Erez crossings increased, compared to the 2019 monthly averages.
• The number of explosive/incendiary balloons, as well as rockets and mortars launched from Gaza into southern Israel increased.
• Increase in the volume of truckloads entering Gaza from Egypt and exiting Gaza via Israel.
• “Great March of Return” (GMR) demonstrations halted.

PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS

- The number of explosive/incendiary balloons, as well as rockets and mortars launched from Gaza into southern Israel increased: no casualties or damage reported. Israeli forces carried out airstrikes in Gaza, targeting armed groups’ facilities, resulting in two Palestinian children injured.
- Three Palestinians were shot dead after breaching the fence into Israel and reportedly throwing an explosive at Israeli forces.
- 16 Palestinians were injured in ad hoc protests against the US Middle East Plan, held near the perimeter fence with Israel.
- Two Palestinians, including a child, died of wounds sustained during GMR demonstrations in 2018 and 2019.
- Israeli airplanes sprayed farming lands with herbicides areas within Gaza located of up to 600 metres from the fence, damaging crops.
- On at least 87 occasions, Israeli forces opened warning fire in the areas adjacent to the perimeter fence and off the coast of Gaza, resulting in two Palestinian injuries, including a child.

PALESTINIAN FATALITIES KILLED BY ISRAELI FORCES

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Source: OCHA

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* Palestinian casualties by Israeli forces in confrontations along the fence and in airstrikes and shelling elsewhere inside Gaza. (Fatality figures include people who died of wounds sustained in previous months)

Source: OCHA
- Water supply to households reached 82 liters per capita per day (l/c/d) during January, a slight increase from the 2019 average, but below the international recommended standard of 100 l/c/d.
- Pollution levels of wastewater discharged to the sea reached a six-month high (138 mg/liter).
- Approximately 100 families were temporarily displaced due to the flooding of their homes following heavy rains.
- The waiting time for ear, nose and throat elective surgeries at Gaza’s main hospital increased from 16 to 20 months between December 2019 and January 2020, following the end of two projects providing emergency funding to the hospital.
- Unemployment in Gaza increased to 43 per cent in the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2019, compared with 41 per cent in Q4 2018, and 38 per cent Q4 2017.

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