

Press Release

It is a Catastrophic Situation in the Gaza Strip with No Helper or Rescuer!!

(Translated)

After about fifteen months of the Jewish aggression on the Gaza Strip, the health care system in it has almost collapsed. Most of the health facilities, hospitals and health centers, have been destroyed with everything in them, and the few that are still in service lack doctors, medicines, ambulances, treatment, electricity and water; which has caused a catastrophic public health crisis. This has led to a sharp increase in deaths and injuries, and an increase in the rates of physical and psychological diseases.

The devastation of the health sector has taken a heavy toll on women's physical and mental health, due to limited access to the necessary treatment, leading to immediate and long-term health consequences. An estimated 177,000 women face life-threatening health risks, including 162,000 women with or at risk of developing non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease or high blood pressure; and 15,000 pregnant women are on the brink of starvation. All of these numbers are likely to increase as the war continues, crossings are closed and necessary medicines and medical supplies are not allowed in.

For an estimated 155,000 pregnant and lactating women, the war has created dire conditions and a dark nightmare. With repeated displacement, exhaustion, fatigue, lack of comfort, trauma and hunger, these women face a severe shortage of pre- and post-natal care in displacement sites, with increased complications during pregnancy and childbirth and a shortage of necessary medicines for newborns. They lack even the most basic medical care, as most medical centers have stopped receiving them, due to being out of service after being targeted by Israeli warplanes.

They also barely get the minimum amount of water and food, most of which is unhealthy, in addition to their lack of personal hygiene, clean water, and privacy in using health facilities which has caused many infectious diseases and bacterial and viral infections in the absence of a healthy environment suitable for their special situation.

In addition, as one doctor stated, they lose a number of mothers and fetuses during childbirth, due to the weakness of their bodies and their inability to bear the pain, fear, panic and shocks that may affect the fetuses. As well as their lack of the necessary immunity to protect them from death, they suffer difficult birth or miscarriage, due to the harsh conditions and continuous bombing that hinders the arrival of medical aid and necessary care. Even after childbirth, the lack of food and constant pressure exposes them and their newborns to further health risks. In recent days, we have seen infants who died from cold, frost, lack of clothing and heating, and even lack of adequate shelter.

The suffering of pregnant women and what is happening to them and their children is another picture of the brutality and genocide that the Jews are waging on the Gaza Strip. Just as they are killing innocent people directly, this war also spreads toxins in the air resulting from the gases of rockets and shells, which people inhale, including pregnant women of course, exposing them to complications, the most dangerous of which is miscarriage.

This suffering in all its forms and victims is happening before the eyes and ears of the world, before the global health institutions and organizations with their various titles and functions, before the rulers of Muslims who do not move a finger to alleviate this suffering and end these crimes. But soon, Allah willing, Allah (swt) will provide the people of Gaza and all the Blessed Land with those of His sincere servants who will save them from the Jews and make them taste the torment of all kinds as they deserve. ﴿إِنَّهُمْ يَرَوْنَهُ بَعِيدًا * وَتَرَاهُ قَرِيبًا﴾ **"They truly see this 'Day' as impossible * but We see it as inevitable"** [Al-Ma'arij: 6-7]

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