Over 13,000 Zionist Troops Received Rehab Services Since Last Oct.

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – A recent report from Israeli media has revealed that over 13,500 Zionist troops have sought rehabilitation services since the onset of the Gaza war. Since the onset of Operation Al-Aqsa Storm on October 7, 2023, approximately 8,500 individuals were admitted for physical injuries, while around 5,200 sought help for psychological issues, an Israeli public broadcaster has reported. The Zionist regime's war ministry's rehabilitation sector is registering approximately 1,000 new cases of injured individuals each month.

Fifty-one percent of those seeking help are under the age of 30, and 43% are reported to be suffering from psychological trauma.

ported to be suffering from psychological trauma. As the conflict persists, the regime faces increasing international scrutiny.



Thought for Today

Take warning! He has not exposed so many of your sinful activities that it appears as if He has forgiven you (it may be that He has given you time to repent).

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# Torrential Rains Sweep Away Tents of Displaced Across Gaza

GAZA CITY (Dispatches) – Torrential rains have washed away hundreds of tents sheltering displaced civilians in the war-torn Gaza Strip on Tuesday, witnesses said.

According to witnesses, the rainwater caused the erosion of dirt roads surrounding displacement camps west of the central city of Deir al-Balah and the southern cities of Khan Younis and Rafah. The heavy rains and stormy

winds have caused the collapse of hundreds of worn-out tents, leaving displaced families without any shelter amid harsh weather conditions, they added.

Many families were forced to spend their night in the open as their tents, personal belongings and possessions were swept away by the heavy rains, the witnesses said.

Dozens of tents in low-lying areas and agricultural lands were also submerged in rainwater, which pooled in the streets and among the tents.

Witnesses said civil defense and municipal teams were unable to address the situation due to a se-



Palestinians struggle with cold and rainy weather as they try to survive in makeshift tents in Gaza City, Gaza on December 20, 2024.

vere lack of resources and equipment.

Residents said some families tried to protect their tents by surrounding them with dirt barriers, but the heavy rains and rushing floods swept them away.

Local authorities have appealed to international and humanitarian organizations, and UN agencies to urgently intervene to provide adequate shelter and emergency relief to address the catastrophic situation

Earlier on Tuesday, the Palestin-

ian Civil Defense said its teams received hundreds of distress calls from displaced civilians, whose tents and destroyed homes were submerged by rainwater in the strip.

The agency confirmed that its teams were working to evacuate affected individuals from their shelters to other locations. However, these alternative locations are often uninhabitable, forcing them to remain in the open under rain and freezing temperatures.

The Palestinian Hamas resistance

group called on the international community and the United Nations to intervene as Palestinians are succumbing to winter weather in the Gaza Strip amid a genocidal Israeli war on the besieged territory.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Hamas said that "relief supplies and tents" are needed to protect hundreds of thousands of displaced civilians from the cold and the "disastrous effects" of Israel's nearly 15-month-long aggression.

"The humanitarian and legal duty of the international community and the UN requires urgent action to provide relief to our people in the Gaza Strip, who have been subjected to a Zionist crime of genocide and ethnic cleansing," it added.

The statement came at a time, when winter has worsened the toll on a population traumatized by the bloody Israeli onslaught.

At least seven Palestinians have died of hypothermia, including six babies, within a two-week period in Gaza.

## Figures: Gaza Population Declines by 6% Amid Israel's Genocidal War



Gaza's population drops by 160,000 to reach 2.1 million, according to official figures.

RAMALLAH, Palestine (Dispatches) – Gaza's population has declined by 6% as a result of Israel's genocidal war, official figures showed on Tuesday.

Ola Awad, head of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), said the territory's population dropped to 2.1 million, down by 160,000 people since 2023.

Awad said nearly 45,500 people have been killed in Israeli attacks and 100,000 others fled the enclave since Oct. 7, 2023.

She said the victims included 17,581 children and 12,048 women, while nearly 107,000 have been injured and around 11,000 others missing.

The PCBS estimated the Pales-

tinian population at around 15 million, including 5.5 living in Gaza and the West Bank, 1.8 million inside occupied territories and the rest in diaspora worldwide.

The Israeli army has continued a genocidal war on Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023 despite a UN Security Council resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire.

In November, the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former war minister Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza.

The Zionist regime also faces a genocide case at the International Court of Justice for its war on the

### **UN Experts: Israel Must Face Consequences Over Gaza Aggression**

GENEVA (Dispatches) — United Nations rights experts says the Zionist regime must face the consequences of "inflicting maximum suffering" on Palestinian civilians in Gaza, noting that the occupying regime was defying international law and being sheltered by its allies.

"International humanitarian law comprises a set of universal and binding rules to protect civilian objects and persons who are not, or are no longer, directly participating in hostilities and limits permissible means and methods of warfare," the 11 experts said in a joint statement.

"Rather than abide by these

rules, Israel has openly defied international law time and again, inflicting maximum suffering on civilians in the occupied Palestinian territory and beyond.

"Israel continues to face no real consequences, largely due to protection offered by its allies"

Israel's genocidal campaign has killed more than 45,500 people in Gaza, a majority of them civilians, according to figures from the Palestinian health ministry that the UN considers reliable.

The experts highlighted alleged crimes against humanity committed by the regime "in-

cluding murder, torture, sexual violence, and repeated forced displacement amounting to forcible transfer".

They also noted alleged war crimes including "indiscriminate attacks on civilians and civilian objects... the use of starvation as a weapon of war" and "collective punishment".

They said civilians were protected persons and did not constitute military objectives under international law.

"Acts aimed at their destruction in whole or in part are genocidal," they added.

The experts called for urgent, independent and thorough in-

vestigations into alleged serious violations of international law.

"Israel's continued impunity sends a dangerous message... Israel and its leaders must be held accountable," they said.

The experts said they were particularly alarmed by Israel's onslaught in the northern Gaza Strip.

Since October 6 this year, the regime's aggressions in Gaza have focused on the north.

"This siege, coupled with expanding evacuation orders, appears intended to permanently displace the local population as a precursor to Gaza's annexation," the experts said.

### Report: Israel's AI System Used in Gaza Has Decades of History

WEST BANK (Dispatches)

– The Zionist regime has spent more than a decade developing its "AI factory," a system used to support its military attacks on Gaza since October 7, 2023, The Washington Post reported.

Citing multiple sources familiar with the Zionist regime's use of artificial intelligence in Gaza, the daily reported that Israel has been advancing AI technology for over 10 years to target locations in Gaza.

Some sources, including former military personnel of the Zionist regime, expressed concern that the Israeli military's use of AI has significantly increased civilian casualties.

The report reveals that AI systems, including "Gospel" and "Lavender," processed intelligence at an unprecedented pace, enabling the Israeli military to bomb 12,000 targets in Gaza in weeks.

Soldiers worked in what was described as a "target factory," prioritizing speed over intelligence assessment and reducing the time needed for evaluation to as little as three minutes.

The Zionist regime has also been employing an artificial in-

telligence firing system jointly manufactured by an Indian arms company during its ongoing genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, according to a report.

Citing documents and news reports, the Middle East Eye (MEE) news portal reported in November that the occupation forces have been using the Arbel system since the beginning of the Israeli regime's bloody war on Gaza.

Noah Sylvia, a research analyst at the Royal United Services Institute in London, said the Israeli military "has demonstrated a disregard for civilian life in Gaza to the point of routinely targeting children with small arms, meaning that Arbel could easily be used to make the killing of civilians, of children, more efficient."

India, which is the largest purchaser of Israeli weapons, has in recent years become a major co-producer of Israeli weapons.

Indian human rights activists and scholars have raised concerns about India's complicity in Israel's war crimes given the huge death toll in Gaza.

#### Call for Int'l Probe Into Israel's Crimes Against Palestinian Prisoners

BRUSSELS (Dispatches) — Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor has called on the UN to send an international mission to investigate "the grave crimes and violations that Palestinian prisoners and detainees endure in the Zionist regime's prisons and detention facilities"

In a statement, the rights group said, "Since the October 2023 start of Israel's genocide against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, the number of crimes involving premeditated killing, killing under torture, torture, ill-treatment, and enforced disappearances of Palestinian prisoners and detainees—particularly those from the

Strip—has increased at an unprecedented rate in the prisons and detention facilities operated by the Israeli army and prison administration authorities."

The organization noted that it had recently confirmed the death of three detainees from Gaza, bringing the total number of Palestinian prisoners and detainees killed in Israeli prisons and detention centers since October 7, 2023 to 54, including 35 detainees from the Gaza Strip.

It stressed that, "given the systematic and pervasive nature of these crimes and the complete immunity enjoyed by their perpetrators, whether at the judicial, political, military, or social levels in Israel, crimes committed in Israeli prisons and detention facilities cannot be seen as isolated behaviors committed by individual "bad apples.""

Adding that many released prisoners "suffered physical and psychological injuries with irreversible effects", with many "now disabled as a result".

International silence in the face of such vi-

olations, Euro-Med Monitor said, "has given Israel the go-ahead to continue committing these crimes and even intensify them."

It warned that the Zionist regime's atroci-

ties constitute "full-fledged war crimes and crimes against humanity."