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The slaughter of children in Gaza begins again after the end of a brief truce



Sources: [Image: A family mourns one of the victims of renewed Israeli attacks on Gaza. EFE/Haitham Imad]

Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip resumed early on Friday, after a week-long pause that has provided respite for the population but has not improved the desperate humanitarian situation in Gaza

Bombs fell again on the Gaza Strip early Friday. Men have not been able to enjoy another quiet Friday, in which to go to the mosque on their holy day, nor have children been able to play in the street or women to go to the market without worrying about being the target of an Israeli attack or 'collateral damage' of this war that has left more than 15,000 victims – including more than 6,000 children. About 80 per cent of the population is displaced and some 300,000 homes have been completely destroyed or damaged.

The wounded have arrived again by the dozens to hospitals that are either out of service or functioning at the limit of their capacities due to a lack of medical supplies and personnel, and for electric generators.

The World Health Organization The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that hospitals are overwhelmed and few that continue to operate cannot stop doing so: "The health system in Gaza He cannot afford to lose one more hospital or hospital bed. We are very concerned about the resumption of violence that could destroy health facilities, as happened in the north" of Gaza, the WHO Representative in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Richard Peeperkorn. At a press conference in Geneva, he explained that in the area In the north of the Gaza Strip, there are only three small hospitals that are barely functioning. while in the southern Gaza Strip they are completely saturated. "It's like a Horror movie, when you walk in [a hospital] there are patients on the floor with the most serious wounds you can imagine, basically war wounds (...) Many of the workers have fled with their families or have been Killed. Supplies are not enough," said a representative Rob Holden of WHO Emergencies in Gaza.

Also from a hospital in the Palestinian enclave, the spokesperson for the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), James Elder has appealed to "those who have influence". In a video posted on his X account (formerly Twitter), Elder shows a little boy lying down on a bed, motionless: "This is Ahmed, he's three years old. His favorite sport is football. Ahmed's right foot was amputated by the destruction of his home. where members of his family were murdered a few weeks ago. The Bombings have started again now. We can't allow this war to against children continues. We cannot allow any more children in Gaza to suffer like Ahmed."

"Today, those in power have decided to resume the killing of children in Gaza," he said in a statement. "It is deeply disturbing to hear how some have been able to overlook the tragic death of these children and now, today, They seem to be comfortable with the horrors—the attacks—that begin in the new", he lamented and called for an end to this "totally avoidable tragedy".

More than a hundred dead in a few hours

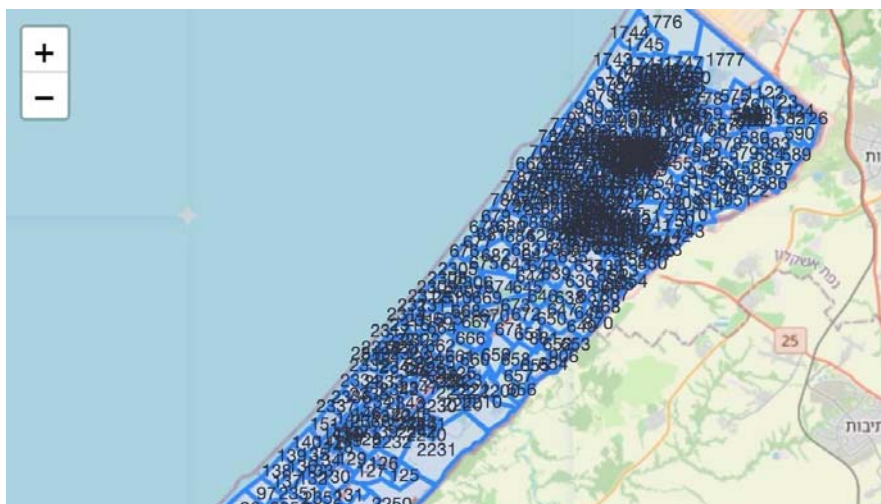
However, the reality about The terrain indicates just the opposite. The Israeli army has announced that, since the end of the truce at 07:00 local time (06:00 in Spain) on Friday has attacked some "200 terrorist targets" of Hamas in the Gaza Strip. In less than 12 hours, 110 people died, according to data from the Gazan government. controlled by the Islamist

group. Among those killed on Friday, there are three Palestinian journalists, the only ones who can report on what is happening inside Gaza.

"With the continuation of the war of extermination by the Israeli army against our people in Gaza, the life has come to a swift and complete halt," said the spokesperson for the Local Government Communications Office at a press conference after the fall of the sun. He also recalled that thousands of corpses are still under the debris and that rescue teams have not been able to remove it during the truce because vehicles and machinery have not been destroyed in attacks Israelis don't have diesel to run. Tanker trucks with that have entered the Gaza Strip from Egypt in the past seven years. days, despite being many more than those who entered before the cessation of hostilities, have not been able to meet the enormous needs of the population and the most basic infrastructures such as hospitals and shelters.

The Government of Gaza has also Israel and the international community, "in particular the U.S. Administration," of the "brutal war launched by the U.S. Army Israeli." Precisely, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited Israel on Thursday and met with the so-called war cabinet (formed by the after the Hamas attack of October 7), which has been interpreted as such as Washington's approval of the resumption of military operations and Israel's plans to extend its offensive southward.

On Friday, the U.S. Army The Israeli government has published a map showing hundreds of small areas into which it has divided the Gaza Strip and from which it will order the evacuation of civilians "for their safety if necessary" and has called on Gazans to be attentive to the information and instructions that are offered online, ignoring the fact that many have no internet connection or electricity, Or a safe place to go to.



The map that the Israeli army has created to indicate the areas where residents must go.

Israel Defense Forces website

The U.S. had asked Israel to, In the event of resuming its offensive, establish a concrete plan to protect Gazans, including "the precise designation of areas in the center and southern Gaza where civilians can be safe." However, this formula has not worked before, when Israel designated the territory south of the Gaza Valley as a 'safe zone' to which civilians should leave, and It continued to attack the populations south of that natural border. His troops were are deployed to the north and have set up a checkpoint by the that only allow civilians to head south, but not to return to the south. north. During the truce, the incidents that occurred were due to precisely to the attempts of the residents of the north to return to their homes. homes, destroyed or damaged, and the soldiers prevented them from doing so and opened fire on several occasions.

Israel Aims South

The Army has said that it has The towns of Rafah and Khan Younis, the two largest, were attacked on Friday where hundreds of thousands of people had taken refuge in the weeks before the ceasefire, following the instructions of the Israeli military. According to UN figures, 1.8 million people – that is, Nearly 80 per cent of Gaza's population has fled their homes since 7 September. October to date.

A few hours after the In breach of the truce, military planes dropped leaflets on Khan Younis, warning that it is now considered a "dangerous combat zone." "You have to evacuate immediately and go to the shelters in the Rafah area," they warned pamphlets written in Arabic.

The organization Doctors Without Fronteras has assured that "the humanitarian situation in the south is terrible and unsafe." "The forced displacement of almost the entire population of Gaza to a smaller, more delimited space in the south has been the density has reached full levels unsustainable," he added, recalling that before the war the Gaza Strip was one of the most densely populated places, with 2.3 million inhabitants.

The NGO said in a statement that "Gaza's health system is collapsed. The population is seen forced to live in unsanitary and overcrowded conditions, and many people sleep in the open (...) Lack of space is also problematic Because, just as in the North, the hospitals in the South have become more It has become a refuge for thousands of displaced people. The medical staff who work He's exhausted in them, both physically and mentally."

MSF is supporting two hospitals in southern and central Gaza, and two clinics in Khan Younis, with Palestinian staff and an international team that was able to access the Strip

on 14 November. In one of these clinics, the Martyrs' Clinic (which before the truce had about 250 consultations a day and now 1,000 consultations), 50% of the patients are children under five years of age, who suffer from diarrhoea, urinary tract infections and skin diseases, among others. "We are providing mental health support to all people, especially IDPs," says a psychologist with the NGO, Marwa Abu Al Nour. "What I see most among children are nightmares, bedwetting, anxiety and fear."



An MSF psychologist supports displaced children with recreational activities. Photo courtesy of MSF/Mohammed Abed

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