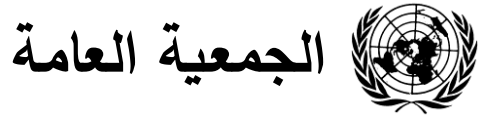


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تتشرف الأمانة بأن تحيل إلى مجلس حقوق الإنسان الملاحظات الخطية المقدمة من الهيئة المستقلة لحقوق الإنسان**، وهي ملاحظات تُعمَّم وفقاً للمادة 7(ب) من النظام الداخلي للمجلس (انظر القرار 1/5، المرفق) وللترتيبات والممارسات التي أقرتها لجنة حقوق الإنسان في قرارها 74/2005.

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Prevention of Birth; One of the genocide strategies in the Israeli military aggression on the Gaza Strip

For eight months, Israel, the occupying power, has been committing genocide against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

On January 26, 2024, the International Court of Justice found a reasonable basis, based on reliable evidence presented by the State of South Africa, for Israel to commit genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza, in the lawsuit it filed against Israel due to its violation of its obligations under the Genocide Convention, in the war it is waging against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

There are no red lines for Israel, and yet it was not subjected to serious pressure to end the genocide.

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Israel takes different measures aimed at cutting off the birth of Palestinians in the genocidal war it is waging on the Gaza Strip and imposing measures that prevent childbearing, including by killing pregnant women, killing children, destroying health centers, starvation, and transforming the Gaza Strip. Gaza is an unlivable place.

This paper shows the actions committed by Israel in the Gaza Strip, through which it aimed to cut off the lineage of the Palestinians as a basis for serving its strategic goals with a racist dimension in the genocide of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and changing the demographic reality there, in a way that is reflected in the demographic reality in the occupied Palestinian territories as a whole. It was prepared based on field testimonies carried out by a group of researchers in the Gaza Strip, from the first of December until the end of April 2024. The genocide of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and changing the demographic reality there, in a way that is reflected in the demographic reality in the occupied Palestinian territories as a whole. It was prepared based on field testimonies carried out by a group of researchers in the Gaza Strip, from the first of December until the end of April 2024.

The term “Eliminate offspring” may be used in a non-medical context to indicate the great pain inflicted by one person on another or one group on another, which has reached in severity to the point of ending a person’s existence by taking his soul and erasing his trace by cutting off his lineage, including by killing his children and family and ending any trace of them. In a lighter form, cutting off births may mean killing a person’s children while keeping him alive, or actually preventing him from having children by subjecting him to coercive conditions or procedures that prevent fertilization and procreation.

Among the most prominent forms and models of eliminate offspring committed by the Israeli occupation forces against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip:

1. Erase families from the civil registry:

Israel intentionally targets civilians and kills them in masse as part of a policy of collective punishment against the Gaza Strip as a whole. This is one of the most prominent forms of what we can call the cutting off of people’s lineages, as Israel deliberately targets entire families with the aim of exterminating them, including fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and their sons and daughters... In this war,

with cases of displacement and Israeli threats, families resort to The homes of her relatives, which may be located in a less dangerous area or not reached by a direct threat, then the occupation army targets those homes with highly destructive missiles and shells without warning and destroys them over the heads of their owners and their guests who are displaced relatives, resulting in the extermination of extended families and their removal from the civil registry - cutting off lineage.

After 250 days of genocide in the Gaza Strip, the occupation forces committed 3,300 massacres against the residents of the Strip. Israel's motive for exterminating families is often revenge and collective punishment. For example, a member of the targeted family may be wanted by Israel, so it resorts to bombing his house or his family's house with all its occupants and destroying it over the heads of its residents, even if he was not present at the time of the targeting.

Israel has a long history of collective punishment of Palestinians, and there is a horrific pattern of Israeli bombing targeting residential buildings and family homes. Israel's widespread targeting of families comes with official support and a decision from military commanders.

Today, in this war, it is not yet clear how many families Israel has completely erased from the civil population registry and cut off the descendants of the people of Gaza, but it is much more than ever before. As of June 13, 2024, Israel has killed (37, 202) Palestinians, including (15,694) children and (10,367) women. Children and women constitute about 75% of the total victims. The number of injured people reached more than (84,932), and more than (10,000) are missing. 79,000 tons of explosives were dropped on the Gaza Strip. There are 2 million refugees in the Gaza Strip, 71,338 of them suffering from viral hepatitis infection as a result of displacement, and 1,477,748 others are infected with infectious diseases as a result of displacement.

2. Targeting pregnant women (murder, abortion, premature birth, and starvation):

Killing women, including pregnant women, imposing conditions that prevent healthy pregnancy and childbirth, and endangering the lives of mothers and newborns due to childbirth operations that take place in light of the collapse of the health system, which is a one of genocide tools, consider a major form of cutting off the birth of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, and at the same time represents one of the pillars of the crime of genocide. Collectivism is represented by imposing measures aimed at preventing the birth of children within the group, which is practiced by the occupying state in the Gaza Strip.

From the beginning of the war until June 13, 2024, Israel killed (10,367) Palestinian women. There are no official statistics on the number of pregnant Palestinian women killed by Israeli raids, but observations show that many pregnant women were killed by Israel along with their fetuses. The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics said on 3/8/2024 that there are about 60,000 pregnant women, with an average of 180 births per day in the Gaza Strip, and that about 15% of these women are likely to suffer from Complications of pregnancy and childbirth due to lack of medical care in light of the collapse of the health care system.

The war led to an increase in the incidence of miscarriages among pregnant Palestinian women, and according to the Relief Foundation (Care), miscarriages among Gazan women increased by 300% during the war, due to fear, anxiety, and tension resulting from the Israeli military attacks. In addition, pregnant women make strenuous psychological and physical efforts to escape bombing or displacement, which leads to a higher possibility of miscarriage. There has also been a rise in the rate of premature births, which creates a threat to the lives of both mother and child.

There is no data available on the number of newborns who died due to premature birth in the context of the war, nor the number of women who lost their lives due to premature birth or who suffered complications that prevented them from having children, which will be revealed later if a ceasefire is announced and medical teams are empowered. Relief organizations can work effectively.

There are 60,000 pregnant women at risk due to lack of access to health care, and due to the lack of access to necessary medical supplies, including medicine, doctors are forced to perform unnecessary hysterectomies on mothers in order to save their lives, leaving them unable to have more children in the future.

Due to the catastrophic health conditions in the Strip, especially with the occupation killing more than 498 medical personnel, in addition to 1,500 wounded and arresting 310 as well, targeted and destroyed more than 131 ambulances, in addition to the lack of food, medicine, potable water, sanitation services, and personal hygiene care equipment, and overcrowding in displacement and shelter centers, the health risks facing pregnant women, mothers, and their newborn children are greatly increased, threatening the life and continuity of the offspring. The food shortage has led to malnutrition and has had a negative impact on breastfeeding mothers who are in dire need of food, and also on their children, who no longer have the alternative to breast milk (artificial milk) available to satisfy their thirst and hunger due to the siege.

It is a series of deliberate measures whose goal is to cut off the lineage of Palestinians and changing the demographic reality. In addition, to making Gaza Strip an unlivable place and turning 90% of its population into displaced persons, lacking the minimum necessities of life.

3. **The war on children:**

The Israeli war on Gaza is a war on children. Since the beginning of its war on the Gaza Strip eight months ago until June 13, 2024, Israel has killed (15,694) children under the age of 18, males and females, including children born in the war and killed in it, some of whom were not even a few days old when they were killed.

The lives of infants were lost in this war not only because of bombs and missiles fired by Israeli warplanes, as many premature babies died in special incubators in hospitals after soldiers stormed them, forced medical teams to leave them, and cut off electricity and oxygen, leaving the babies to face their fate alone. Among the most prominent cases documented in this context are premature infants in Al-Nasr Hospital, who were revealed in a video filmed during the truce in November 2023 after the occupation army withdrew from the area. They were decomposing corpses in private incubators and on intensive care beds.

Children have long been associated in both metaphorical and realistic terms with offspring, and to deprive them of them and kill them is to cut off people's lineage. Which was apparently a goal in itself for Israel. In this war, Israel deliberately targeted civilians, including women and children, with the aim of punishing the people of Gaza, deterring them and others, and carrying out genocide.

4. **Bombing of a fertility and in vitro fertilization center (fetus killing):**

In December 2023, Israel bombed one of the largest medical centers for fertility and IVF in the Gaza Strip, the Al-Basma Center, which was considered the last hope for hundreds of Palestinian couples facing fertility problems. The Israeli strike led to the covers being removed from five tanks containing liquid nitrogen that were in a corner of the embryology unit. When the extremely cold liquid evaporated, the temperature inside the tanks rose, killing more than four thousand IVF embryos, in addition to another thousand samples that were also stored in the center. The director of the center said that at least half of the couples whose samples were lost when the center was bombed will not have another opportunity to conceive.

Procreation in Gaza is important, and despite the poverty and difficult conditions in the Gaza Strip and the high cost of procreation operations, couples who suffer from reproductive problems resort to artificial insemination, and for the sake of this dream they may sell their household appliances and valuables. This gives you pictures of what it means to people in Gaza to cut off their lineage.

Recommendations:

The occupying power continues to carry out genocide against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, imposing measures that prevent childbearing and reducing the number of live births, leading to eliminate offspring and changing the demographic reality for racist colonial goals. Accordingly, we recommend the following:

- States parties to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide must assume their legal responsibilities by forcing Israel to implement the decision of the International Court of Justice issued on January 26, 2024, to prevent the continuation of acts of genocide by Israel in the Gaza Strip, including acts related to preventing birth within the group.

- Human Rights Council to initiate investigations into Israel committing acts of genocide, including imposing measures that prevent births within the group.
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