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Cc: Middle East Posts , Ottawa
From: Tel Aviv , Ramallah
Sent by: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Ministers: Prime Minister
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Response: Routine, Information Only

Summary: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

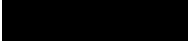
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Logistics Cluster reported that internet services were fully restored on the evening of 14 June, and at least 90 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, including 15 people while reportedly accessing Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) aid distribution sites in the Netzarim corridor and Rafah's al-Mawasi area.

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JUNE 2025 MIDDLE EAST KEY DEVELOPMENT TRACKER

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Gaza and West Bank situation monitoring (June 2025 - current)

Gaza

Date (newest to oldest)	Developments/analysis	Source
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3/7/2025	According to the Gaza Health Ministry, between June 13 and June 25 over 1,200 Palestinians were killed: at least 549 of these deaths occurred at the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) sites. s 22(1)(a)(ii)	



2/7/2025	On 1 July 2025, over 130 NGOs called for the immediate closure of the GHF, reversion to existing UN-led coordination mechanisms, and the lifting of the blockade on aid and commercial supplies. “In less than four weeks, more than 500 Palestinians have been <u>killed</u> and almost 4,000 injured just trying to access or distribute food. Israeli forces and armed groups – some reportedly operating with <u>backing</u> from Israeli authorities – now routinely <u>open fire on desperate civilians</u> risking everything just to survive.” See comment for list of <u>organisations</u>	Amnesty International
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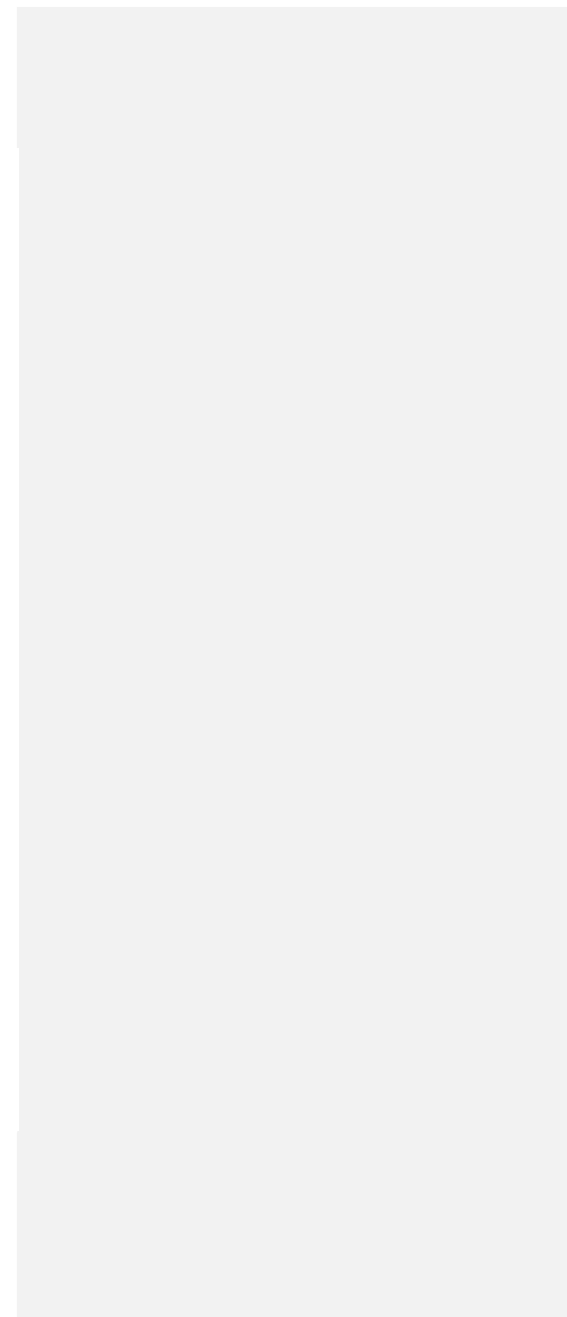
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24/06/2025	Daily attacks on civilians accessing Gaza Humanitarian Foundation aid distribution sites continue, with a total of 467 killed since 26 May, and over 3,600 injured , according to the Gaza Ministry of Health.s 22(1)(a)(ii)	s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**MEDIA
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Topic: POLITICAL-ECONOMIC
Subject: Hamas-Israel Conflict

**Originating
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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Israel/US private aid mechanism: Gaza Humanitarian Foundation [*aid delivery controlled by Israel and private contractors*]

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- appalled by reports of mass civilian casualties associated with aid distribution points

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Gaza Humanitarian Foundation Gaza continued civilian deaths [18 June 2025]

- Extremely concerned by continued reports of mass casualty events at GHF aid distribution centres.
- Civilians must be protected, and aid must not be politicised.
- All parties must abide by international law.
- We repeat our call for a ceasefire, humanitarian access and the release of hostages.
- Civilians, including women and children, are starving.

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Israel's proposal to deliver aid through private companies

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On 27 May, Israeli forces announced two private aid distribution sites, run by the newly established US-Israeli backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), had begun operations in Southern Gaza. The sites are operated by a private American security company and secured by the IDF.

There have been multiple reports of the lethal use of firearms against Palestinians approaching GHF distribution sites. As of 17 June 2025, the UN report that 338 people have been killed and more than 2,800 injured while trying to access food, food near distribution sites.

On Tuesday 17 June 2025, Israeli troops are reported to have killed at least 70 Palestinians and wounded hundreds as they sought aid in Gaza, firing at them with tank shells, machine

guns and drones. That record was set the day before on Monday 16 June 2025, when 38 people were killed, mostly in the Rafah area south of Khan Younis.

The United Nations chief Antonio Guterres has called for accountability after the latest GHF site killings on 17 June. His deputy spokesman, in comments made at the UN headquarters in New York, said: “The Secretary-General condemns the loss of lives and injuries of civilians in Gaza, where once again being shot at while seeking food.

Other key mass casualty events at GHF distribution centres:

- On 14 June, 12 Palestinians were reportedly killed, and around 50 others were injured when Israeli forces reportedly hit people waiting for humanitarian aid trucks in northwestern Gaza city.
- During the night between 11 and 12 June, more casualties were reported as Palestinians gathered in northern Deir al Balah, in the vicinity of Wadi Gaza, waiting for food distribution. According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, as of 14:30 hrs on 12 June, hospitals had received 103 new fatalities and 427 injured persons in the preceding 24 hours. This included 21 fatalities and over 294 injured who reportedly arrived since the morning hours from the areas around distribution points, MoH reported.
- GFH reported that on 11 June, a bus carrying local Palestinians working for it was attacked by Hamas while en route to a distribution point west of Khan Younis. The statement noted that this followed previous threats by Hamas against the newly established distribution entity. The latest GHF update, issued on 12 June, reports that eight GHF workers were killed and 21 were critically injured in the attack.
- On the night between 9 and 10 June, casualties among Palestinians waiting for food distributions near Wadi Gaza were reported. According to the Ministry of Health, 36 people were killed and over 208 injured.
- In the early hours of 3 June, more Palestinians were killed and injured while trying to access food supplies from a Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) distribution site in Rafah. The ICRC reports that the Red Cross Field Hospital in Rafah received a new mass casualty influx of 184 patients; 19 patients were declared dead upon arrival, while eight others died shortly after due to the injuries sustained.
- On 1 June 2025, 21 people were killed and 179 injured while approaching a GHF site in Rafah. Hamas has accused the IDF of opening fire on a large crowd at the site. The IDF and GHF have rejected these allegations. The Israeli Foreign Ministry stated an initial inquiry indicated the IDF ‘did not fire at civilians while they were near or within’ the distribution site. The IDF has released drone footage showing non-uniformed gunmen, claimed to be Hamas terrorists, firing on civilians. The footage has no timestamp or sound and does not appear to show gunfire or injuries.
- According to reports received by the UN Human Rights Office in the OPTs, between 27-31 May, at least 19 people have been killed and 80 injured while trying to receive aid from GHF sites.

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The President of the Security Council presents her compliments to the members of the Council and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their information, a copy of an **identical letter dated 11 June 2025 from the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine** to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council.

This letter will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/2025/376.

11 June 2025

*Permanent Observer Mission
of the State of Palestine
to the United Nations*



البعثة المراقبة الدائمة
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Ref. SGC. 122/25

11 June 2025

Excellency,

It has been **612 days of sheer torment, torture and trauma perpetrated by Israel**, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people, most horrifyingly in Gaza where the Israeli occupying forces (IOF), under command of Israel's Prime Minister and government and military officials, are **committing a genocide in broad daylight**.

This **genocidal war**, which entered its **21st month on the 8th of June**, is embedded within **58 years of Israel's colonial, military occupation** of the Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, since 1967. On the **5th of June**, this **illegal occupation entered its 59th year**, with no end in sight.

And, all these crimes are **part and parcel of more than 77 years of a ruthless Nakba against the Palestinian people**, stripping them of their homeland, their inalienable rights and of their humanity. A **continuum of dehumanization, dispossession, displacement and brutal conquest** that goes on and on and on.

The world is watching Israel carry out this **onslaught aiming not just at the mass collective punishment** of the Palestinian people, in grave breach of international law, **but at their ethnic cleansing and at the colonization and annexation of their land**.

This is proven every single day in the **declarations, threats and incitement of Israeli officials, among them Israeli settlers** who are **orchestrating the terror being perpetrated by settler militias** across Occupied Palestine, including East Jerusalem, and in the **depravity of Israeli soldiers**, who are engaged in a **frenzied killing, maiming and torture spree against Palestinians** and the **rabid dismantlement and destruction** of their society.

And, still there has been **no concrete action to stop it, still no accountability** for Israel's war crimes, crimes against humanity and acts of genocide.

This abomination carries on **despite passage of over a year since the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) binding provisional measures orders** in January, March and May 2024 in the case of South Africa v. Israel under the Genocide Convention. And, despite **almost one year since the Court's advisory opinion** of 19 July 2024, determining the **illegality of Israel's occupation in every facet** and of its obstruction of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and affirming the **obligations of all States to end this unlawful situation**.

Instead, Israel continues to be armed and supported, continues to be shielded diplomatically, politically and legally, continues to be **emboldened to perpetrate more crimes** against our people.

It has been **one week since the 4th of June veto by the United States** of the draft resolution – **submitted by the elected 10 (E-10) members of the Security Council**, and **supported by 14 Council members** representing the **unanimity of the rest of the international community** – demanding an **immediate ceasefire**, the lifting of Israel's blockade on **humanitarian access** and the restoration of all essential services to the Palestinian civilian population in accordance with international humanitarian law, and the release of all hostages.

H.E. Ambassador Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett
The President of the Security Council of the United Nations

Incomprehensibly, the draft resolution was **vetoed despite the fact that 10 June marked one full year since the Council's adoption of resolution 2735 (2024), upon the initiative of the United States, wherein the Council made the same demands**, in addition to calling, *inter alia*, for **return of Palestinian civilians to their homes** and neighborhoods in all areas of Gaza, including the north; distribution of humanitarian assistance at scale throughout Gaza to all Palestinian civilians in need, including housing units; and the **full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza**; and the start of a **major reconstruction plan** for Gaza.

Moreover, it is to be recalled that the Council **explicitly rejected any attempt at demographic or territorial change** in Gaza, reiterated its **unwavering commitment to the vision of the two-State solution** and the importance of unifying the Gaza Strip with the West Bank under the Palestinian Authority, and underscored the readiness of the United States, Egypt, and Qatar, as mediators, to carry forth with their negotiation efforts until implementation of all phases of the ceasefire agreement and **called upon all Member States and the UN to support its implementation**.

And yet, despite the flagrant violation of this resolution and Israel's systematic escalation of its crimes, there are still no consequences. Instead, in the **aftermath of this veto, Israeli leaders, occupying forces and settlers have been emboldened** to continue with their **brutality** against the Palestinian people and **criminal schemes to ethnically cleanse, colonize and annex the Palestinian land**.

The **situation in Gaza is apocalyptic**, the words catastrophic humanitarian crisis no longer sufficing to describe the reality being endured by the Palestinian civilian population, and the situation in the rest of Occupied Palestine, **in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is nothing short of a dire emergency**.

In Gaza, **Israel continues attacking and killing civilians**, striking tents, shelters, homes, hospitals and the skeletons and rubble of buildings and deliberately firing on civilians, causing **mass casualties every single day**. Over **55,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza by Israel** in the last 20 months alone, and **over 125,000 people have been injured**, many permanently disabled, including thousands of amputees, and **thousands more souls have been disappeared** in the ashes of their homes, in mass graves, in Israeli jails.

Every day there are over 100 casualties, the **majority still children, women and elderly persons**. Families continue to be decimated by Israeli attacks, with at least **1,200 families completely erased** with no survivors left.

The **tragedy of Dr. Alaa Al-Najjar, whose nine children were murdered by an Israeli airstrike** on her home while she was on duty as a pediatrician at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, epitomizes the devastation endured by countless Palestinian families. **Her husband, Dr. Hamdi Al-Najjar, was also killed**, dying of injuries from the attack, **leaving Dr. Alaa with only one child alive, but wounded**, their family devastated, their grief unimaginable.

Israel also continues to **weaponize food and water in this savage aggression** against our people. Life's essentials are being intentionally withheld and exploited as Israel attempts to **force our people into submission and force them to leave their homeland if they wish to survive**.

The entire population of over 2 million people in Gaza is going hungry and **malnutrition is being deliberately inflicted on children with all of its physical and psychological pain and generational consequences**, if they survive. This is allowed to go on despite the fact that **forced starvation is an act of genocide**.

It should be more than apparent by now that **Israel is using the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) to further dehumanize, torment and collectively punish** Palestinian civilians. It has **turned so-called "aid distribution centers" into killing fields** where Israeli snipers gun down and murder hungry people, fathers

searching for food for their children, **desperate families lured to their deaths in search of a bag of flour or can of beans.**

Nearly **200 Palestinian civilians have been killed and hundreds more wounded by IOF at these sites since the GHF began operation.** All while Israel continues to **cynically obstruct UN humanitarian agencies, including UNRWA, from delivering on their mandates** prescribed and funded by the international community and obstruct all other international organizations from helping the population in Gaza, all in grave breach of the law.

As the Israeli onslaught presses on, thousands of **Palestinian families are being forcibly displaced again, chased north to south, east to west** in Gaza by the IOF. More than **80% of Gaza is either subject to so-called “evacuation” orders or located in Israeli-declared military zones** with no place off-limits for Israeli bomb strikes.

Hospitals also remain primary targets for Israel as it marches on with its destruction of Gaza’s medical system, depriving sick and wounded of lifesaving care. In past days, **Al Ahli (Baptist) hospital was bombed yet again and three more paramedics were murdered yesterday,** further examples of Israel’s all-out attack on healthcare.

Israel’s war on journalists also persists in an open attempt to **silence the truth of its genocide** in Gaza. At least **five more journalists were murdered this past week** by the IOF. **Israel has killed over 220 Palestinian journalists,** reporters and media workers in these past 20 months, **more than any conflict of the past 100 years.**

Meanwhile, **in the West Bank, Israeli settlers continue their violence** on Palestinian villages and towns, causing civilian casualties, destroying homes, crops and vehicles, and **terrorizing the population,** including in recent attacks on Mughayyir al-Deir, Sebastia, Deir Dibwan and communities in the Jordan Valley.

Settler terrorists, led by Israeli government ministers, also continue their **provocations and attacks in occupied East Jerusalem,** including at the holy sites, with **Al-Haram Al-Sharif/Al-Aqsa Mosque and Palestinian neighborhoods in the City constantly in their crosshairs.** And, again, we witnessed a display of grotesque incitement in the annual so-called **“Flag Day March”** in the Old City. With Israel’s impunity unchecked, this **march becomes more extreme every year with racist slurs and violent threats** made openly by **young and old Israelis celebrating the occupation and theft of another people’s land** and vowing to continue the ethnic cleansing and murder of Palestinians, including repugnant chants **“Death to the Arabs”.**

Such actions, however, are **not an anomaly reserved for extremists.** Recent polls reveal that **82% of Israelis support the expulsion of the entire Palestinian population of Gaza** and over **56% support the expulsion of all Palestinians,** including Palestinian citizens of Israel, as Israeli society as a whole drifts further to the right, with **hate, violence and extremism becoming mainstream.**

Alongside the settlers, **IOF continue daily military raids** on our villages and refugee camps, **killing and injuring Palestinian civilians,** demolishing homes and tormenting the population, including with the **arrest and detention of more Palestinians,** including children, added to thousands of Palestinians taken captive in Israeli jails where they are literally rotting away as Israel denies medical care and persists with its inhumane treatment and torture.

The well-known facts are that the **IOF and terrorist settler militias operate hand-in-glove** and with the **full support of Israeli ministers,** who openly vow to carry on with this ethnic cleansing campaign, and with the funding of the government, an **entire nefarious ecosystem of theft, displacement, colonization and annexation.**

Indeed, all these crimes are integral to **Israel’s settlement campaign – a massive war crime –** being perpetrated in the land of the State of Palestine. On 29 May, the Israeli government approved the **establishment of**

another 22 settlements across the West Bank, in absolute contempt of international law, including the Rome Statute of the ICC, resolutions of the Security Council, General Assembly and Human Rights Council, ICJ rulings, and the demands of the international community for the cessation of these illegal actions.

Mocking the international community's demands and efforts to preserve the two-State solution, the Israeli Foreign Minister actually **boasted about this thieving of Palestinian land**, announcing that it was intended, inter alia, *"to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian State"*.

This, from a Minister whose State was established on the land of the State of Palestine and at the expense of the rights, patrimony and heritage of the Palestinian people. This being yet another display of **Israeli racism, denial and arrogance** dismissing the fact that **Palestine exists**, that the **Palestinian people exist**, and that a **Palestinian State is not a gift to be given by Israel**, but is rather **inherent to the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination**, which Israel continues to systematically violate and violently obstruct.

In light of this abhorrent situation and in the **aftermath of the veto again shielding Israel from accountability** and preventing the Security Council from upholding its Charter duties and implementing its resolutions, the **State of Palestine makes this appeal for international action, including in the General Assembly in its 10th emergency special session, Uniting for Peace**, to confront this blatant Israeli aggression.

There must be consequences for Israel's crimes against the Palestinian people. The international community must **mobilize with utmost urgency to bring an end to this unlawful situation and to hold accountable this occupying state, colonial state, apartheid state, genocidal state, rogue state**.

Israel carries on with its crimes because it believes it is unstoppable, that its impunity will remain forever unchecked. Action now is imperative to **spare the loss of more human lives and halt Israel's trampling of international law and dismantlement of the international legal order**.

It is time to **uphold rule of law**, including IHL obligations to protect civilians. It is time for an immediate, unconditional and permanent ceasefire.

It is time to **break the siege on Gaza** and ensure **unimpeded humanitarian access** and to insist on the removal of all barriers to the urgent delivery of aid across Gaza to all civilians in need, with UN, including UNRWA, WFP, UNICEF, OCHA, WHO and all States and legitimate international humanitarian organizations participating in this monumental effort.

It is time to allow **humanitarians to do their lifesaving work**, to help feed, shelter, clothe, to provide medical care, to protect, to provide hope, to help healing and recovery.

It is time for **release of the hostages and all Palestinians unlawfully detained and imprisoned** by Israel.

It is time for an **arms embargo and sanctions on Israel**, including an end to all dealings with the settlement enterprise and settlers. It is time to **stop complicity**.

It is time for **concrete measures by States to prevent genocide**, in line with the ICJ's rulings and binding obligations under the Genocide Convention.

It is time for **international protection** for the Palestinian people.

It is time for **independent, international investigations** of all crimes committed by the occupying Power and its army and terrorist settlers. It is time for **accountability**, for all perpetrators to be held responsible.

It is time to stop this madness, to **end this abhorrent, illegal occupation.**

The General Assembly must act, and **Palestine therefore appeals for all States to support the important draft resolution to be voted tomorrow in the resumed 10th emergency special session on the “Protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations”**. States must act, in line with their obligations and responsibilities, under international law and the relevant UN resolutions, to stop the bloodshed, save millions of civilian lives at risk, and avert the further descent of this dangerous and inhumane situation.

This is an **imperative undertaking in the face of heinous atrocities and Israel’s continued contempt for international law**, and an **imperative prelude to the upcoming International Conference** on the Implementation of the United Nations Resolutions pertaining to the Question of Palestine and Two-State Solution, which **must be translated into a breakthrough moment** that salvages the prospects for a just, lasting and comprehensive peace that will end decades of this conflict and historic injustice. **This is imperative for the future of Palestinians and Israelis, for peace and security in the Middle East, and for international peace and security.**

This letter is in follow-up to our **868** letters on the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes the territory of the State of Palestine. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 20 May 2025 (A/ES-10/_-S/2025/_) constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against our people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice. This illegal colonial occupation and apartheid regime must end now.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter circulated to the Security Council members for their valuable consideration and distributed as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Dr. Riyad Mansour
Minister, Permanent Observer

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all First Nations peoples, their cultures and to their Elders, past, present and emerging.



GHF OPERATIONAL UPDATE – MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

Nearly Six Million Meals Distributed In First Full Week



The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) continued its operations today to provide vital food aid for the people in Gaza. Below is an update on today's operations:

BY THE NUMBERS

- **SDS1 (Tal Sultan)** distributed 21 truckloads of food this morning, totaling 20,160 boxes providing approximately 1,159,200 meals.
- This brings the **total number of meals distributed to-date to approximately 5,880,262 via roughly 87,360 boxes.**

SAFETY/SECURITY

Operations at SDS1 were once again smooth and no security incidents occurred. Aid was distributed without incident despite ongoing acute needs in the strip. *(Despite several inaccurate and in some cases, blatantly false, news reports, there have been no injuries nor fatalities during the first full week of GHF operations.)*

LOOK AHEAD

- GHF is working on operational plans to open an additional four distribution sites, which will include sites in northern Gaza.
- GHF is actively testing and adapting its distribution model to safely deliver the maximum amount of aid to the greatest number of people.
- We remain flexible and will continue to adapt distributions based on conditions on the ground, including road access, crowd pressure, and safety considerations.

STATEMENTS FROM GHF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN ACREE

June 2, 2025

“I’m incredibly proud of our team’s ability to deliver almost six million meals in our first week of operations. It proves our model is functional and is an effective means to deliver live-saving assistance to the Gazan people under emergency conditions. We will continue to make adjustments and improvements to our operations to ensure we can increase our capacity and ability to provide more in the coming weeks and months.

“The dedicated GHF staff is in this for the long term and I can tell you that the people of Gaza have already touched the hearts of our entire team. These beneficiaries, these innocent Gazans are bystanders in the cruel reality of war and they need urgent assistance from the entire international community. That is why it is so disappointing that other humanitarian actors remain on the sidelines despite their capabilities to deliver aid securely.

“To all the humanitarian actors working in Gaza: I ask you to work with us to ensure aid is delivered, reaches the right hands, and isn’t diverted or delayed. Work with us and we will get your aid delivered to those who are depending on it.”



UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS

INACCURATE NEWS REPORTING: While we have seen false news reporting about deaths, mass injuries and chaos at our distribution sites, yesterday's false reporting was the most egregious in terms of outright fabrications and misinformation fed to the international media community.

Despite our warning that Hamas was spreading falsehoods regarding an incident at a GHF distribution site, news outlets reported prematurely anyway on complete fabrications distributed by bad faith actors. One news outlet even published a quote from a source that stated naval warships were firing on civilians near our distribution site. That is ludicrous.

We reiterate that there **were no injuries, fatalities or incidents during our operations yesterday**. Period. We have yet to see any concrete evidence that there was an attack at or near our facility yesterday and that evidence-based reporting should be at least the minimum requirement for news outlets.

We don't control the area outside of our distribution sites and surrounding vicinity and we have no knowledge regarding IDF activities beyond our perimeter, which is still an active war zone. What we do know is drone footage was released showing armed militants firing on civilians yesterday.

PLEASE EMAIL US AT MEDIA@GHF.ORG IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR TO CONFIRM INFORMATION RELATED TO GHF'S HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS IN GAZA.

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 10:00 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: Background - attack on aid centre 1 June [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Please see the below background of the attack at an aid centre in Southern Gaza on Sunday.

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- On 1 June 2025, more than 30 Palestinians were reportedly killed and at least 179 injured during an attack at a civilian aid distribution centre in Southern Gaza.
- Hamas has accused the IDF of opening fire on a large crowd at the aid centre
 - The IDF and the US-Israeli backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation have rejected these allegations
 - The Israeli Foreign Ministry stated an initial inquiry indicated that the IDF 'did not fire at civilians while they were near or within the humanitarian aid distribution site.'
- The IDF has released drone footage showing non-uniformed gunman firing on civilians, claiming them to be Hamas terrorists
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Hamas-Israel Conflict

Tuesday 03 June 2025

Key Developments

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres [called](#) for an independent investigation into reports at least 30 people were killed and over 170 injured near an aid distribution point run by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation on Monday ([France 24](#)).
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Official Statements

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- [ICRC](#): ... A high number of dead and injured patients were received by the Red Cross Field Hospital in Rafah yesterday morning ...
- [MSF](#): Dozens of Palestinians massacred at US-Israel backed food distribution sites

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From: Bridie Rushton
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 2:32 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc:
Subject: Gaza: media reports on death of humanitarian workers [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear s 22(1)(a)(ii)

For visibility, media is reporting that between five and eight Palestinians working for the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF – the Israeli-backed aid delivery mechanism) were killed Wednesday evening local time while delivering assistance. GHF has said the deaths occurred during a Hamas attack on a GHF bus transporting workers. Some media report a Hamas denial.

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Background

Tom Fletcher (UN OCHA) [statement](#)

GHF [statement](#)

NYT [reporting](#)

BBC [reporting](#)

Kind regards

Bridie

Bridie Rushton

Assistant Secretary

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12 June 2025

Gaza Humanitarian Fund (GHF):

- Since GHF began distributing supplies on 27 May, the UN Human Rights Office has recorded **at least 82 Palestinians killed** and **506 injured** trying to reach food distribution points
 - **two mass casualty events** occurred around distribution points on 1 and 3 June, resulting in hundreds of serious injuries and dozens of deaths.
- The UN Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) have called for **immediate, independent investigations** into these events and for perpetrators to be held to account
 - The ERC has stressed '**no one should have to risk their life to feed their children**'.
- The UN and humanitarian partners are the only option to deliver at the pace and scale required in Gaza
 - this was demonstrated during the ceasefire period

