

The Israeli Occupation Takes the Lives of Two Mothers Every Hour

Special Report
28 Jan 2023



PALESTINIAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION - MALAYSIA
منظمة الثقافة الفلسطينية - ماليزيا

PCOM

-  [**palestinedemalaysia**](https://t.me/palestinedemalaysia)
-  [**pcommalaysia**](https://www.instagram.com/pcommalaysia)
-  [**www.pcomalaysia.org**](http://www.pcomalaysia.org)
-  [**admin@pcomalaysia.org**](mailto:admin@pcomalaysia.org)



The Israeli Occupation Takes the Lives of Two Mothers Every Hour

The executive director of the United Nations Women, Cima Buhooti clarified in a statement that women and children are the primary victims of the tragedy in Gaza. She pointed out that since the beginning of Operation Al-Aqsa Flood more than 100 days ago, Gaza has witnessed unprecedented destruction, with women and girls comprising the majority of the casualties, injuries, and displaced individuals.

Estimates indicate that "around one million displaced women and girls in Gaza, and two mothers are killed every hour, while about 10,000 children have lost their fathers."

Buhooti has compared the conditions in the occupied Palestine before and after October 7, 2023, stating that the figures previously indicated that 67% of the victims were men, while less than 14% were women and girls. However, today, the numbers have flipped, with 70% of the martyrs in Gaza being women and children.

Buhooti emphasized that these are individuals, not just numbers, and expressed a commitment to not betray them. The spokesperson added that the shock experienced by the Palestinian people over these past hundred days and beyond will haunt everyone for generations. Regardless of the current sorrow for the situation of women and girls in Gaza, there will be even more grief tomorrow if unrestricted humanitarian aid is not provided to stop destruction and killing.

The UN official called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire and unimpeded humanitarian aid for all Gaza residents, including providing assistance and vital services for all women and girls. She stressed that the world is obligated to work towards peace in the region because failure to bring about change means that the last hundred days will be just the prelude to the next hundred days.

In his statement, Stéphane Dujarric, the spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General, emphasized that women and girls in the Gaza Strip are losing their lives and facing catastrophic levels of humanitarian needs. He added that around 3,000 women have lost their husbands in the war or have become the sole providers for their families.

Dujarric further stated, "Current estimates indicate that about 70% of those killed in Gaza are women and children, with at least 3,000 women possibly becoming widows and heads of households. They are in desperate need of protection and food assistance." He continued by highlighting that children constitute more than half of Gaza's population, and the percentage of displaced children exceeds 90%.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) stated that 20,000 children have been born in the Gaza Strip since Israel launched a destructive war on it on October 7, 2023. This information was shared during a press conference held by UNICEF communications expert Tess Ingram in Geneva, Switzerland.



Ingram stated, "During the 105 days of escalating tension in the Gaza Strip, nearly 20,000 children were born in a war environment." She added, "This means the birth of approximately one child every 10 minutes amid this terrible war."

Ingram emphasized that the situation for pregnant women, newborns, and infants in the Gaza Strip is "unbelievable," confirming the urgent need for immediate and intensified measures for them.

She further explained, "Pregnant mothers, breastfeeding mothers, and their children are living in inhumane conditions and temporary shelters. These individuals suffer from malnutrition, lack access to clean water, putting around 135,000 children under the age of two at risk of malnutrition."