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<u>Israel's bombing of relief convoys heading to the northern Gaza Strip is a</u> war crime whose perpetrators must be held accountable.

In two simultaneous steps that reflect the reality of the partnership between Israel and the United States of America, and some Western countries took identical decisions that reflect some of the backgrounds of the aggression against the Gaza Strip: The first is that the Israeli occupation officially informed the United Nations that it will target UNRWA food convoys heading to the northern Gaza Strip area that is suffering from a real famine, according to international reports. The second was a decision issued by the US Congress banning the financial support provided by the United States to the Relief Agency for a year, against the backdrop of an Israeli accusation whose veracity has not been confirmed until now.

The UNRWA Commissioner-General commented on these two steps by saying: "The clock will tick faster towards famine and a much larger number of people will die due to hunger, drought and lack of shelter." The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs considered that Israel prevents the movement of convoys and refuses to open the crossing points leading directly to the north, where hundreds of thousands are at risk of imminent famine.

Israel continues to benefit as much as possible from the American and NATO support provided to it in its aggression against Gaza in order to attack the UNRWA, despite the fact that the plan to target UNRWA is something that precedes the Al-Aqsa Flood operation and goes back about a decade ago when Israel announced that it seeks to abolish the agency because it immortal the right of return. That is, the goal is to eliminate the right of return for millions of Palestinian refugees, in violation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 194 of 1948.

Although the truth of the Israeli lies regarding accusations against the UNRWA became clear, and the United Nations officials and investigation committees announced that they had not received any evidence proving the validity of the Israeli allegations, 18 Western and Atlantic countries followed the Israeli allegations and suspended their financial support. Some of them retracted their decision and resumed funding, while others are still continuing. He continues to follow and support the war of genocide committed by Israel against the women and children of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli decision to prevent UNRWA from transferring any aid or providing services in the northern Gaza Strip explains the reality of the intransigent position adopted by the Israeli government in negotiations to reach a deal to end the aggression ,Its insistence on not allowing the displaced people freedom of movement and movement from the south to the north also explains the reasons for targeting UNRWA stores and warehouses in the northern region, in addition to its repeated announcements not to allow UNRWA to work in the Gaza Strip.

The shortest way to bring aid into the Gaza Strip and deliver it to its beneficiaries in all areas of the Strip is to pressure Israel to open all crossings, and the silence of the United States and other Western countries supporting the aggression is a partnership in the aggression and a contribution to increasing the humanitarian catastrophe that the people of the Gaza Strip are experiencing.

Therefore, Israel's placement of obstacles and restrictions on the entry of aid amounts to starvation, which may be considered a war crime, as expressed by the United Nations.

Foreign Affairs Department at DFLP considers the new Israeli threat to target the relief convoys of the United Nations (UNRWA) with the approval of the International Court of Justice as general news that contradicts the presentation of the representative of the Israeli occupation before the International Court of Justice, who denied any obstruction of the aid that intervention in the Gaza Strip.

We call on international parties, bodies, institutions, and various political, legal, media, and union frameworks to contribute to exposing and exposing the Israeli practices that are considered described war crimes, forming a disgrace on the forehead of humanity and on the forehead of every supporter and defender of the Israeli occupation, which has confirmed, through its crimes. Daily, it is an entity above the law and accountability, and the free people of the world must stand in solidarity and unite around the demand to stop the aggression and prosecute its perpetrators, the leaders and soldiers of the Israeli occupation.

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