

Report: New study exposes UN's skewed portrayal of 'intentional starvation' in Gaza

INSS research reveals significant discrepancies in U.N. agencies' data on aid entering the Gaza Strip.

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A new study has cast doubt on the United Nations' portrayal of the humanitarian situation in Gaza, revealing substantial discrepancies in reported aid figures and challenging the narrative of widespread <u>famine</u>. The research, conducted by the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) and first published in *Israel Hayom*, exposes a pattern of selective data reporting that has potentially misled international opinion and legal proceedings against Israel.

The United Nations and its affiliated agencies operating in Gaza have come under scrutiny for presenting distorted and potentially biased reports on humanitarian aid entering the region since the onset of the conflict. This misrepresentation, according to a new study by the INSS, has played a significant role in fueling accusations of "intentional starvation" against Israel.

Tammy Caner, the lead researcher, conducted a comparative analysis of aid volume data published by Israel against figures released by U.N. agencies, including the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). The investigation uncovered a startling discrepancy: Approximately 10,000 aid trucks that entered Gaza during the conflict months were omitted from U.N. reports. While U.N. figures cite about 28,000 trucks, the Israeli Defense Forces' District Coordination and Liaison (DCL) reports a significantly higher number of 38,000.

This substantial gap stems from several factors, according to the INSS study. U.N. representatives failed to account for trucks entering through the Erez Crossing, air shipments and deliveries via the U.S. naval pier. Moreover, aid received by international organizations other than UNRWA and trucks delayed within Gaza due to internal issues were excluded from U.N. reports.

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