

**UN's false claims of Israeli starvation policy contributes to anti-Israel campaign -
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It is important to acknowledge that the shortage of supplies in the Gaza Strip, an unfortunate inherent hardship for any population in a war, does not indicate that there is widespread hunger.

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This week marks nine months since the horrific events of October 7 and the start of the Swords of Iron War. As of today, 120 Israeli hostages remain in Hamas captivity, and IDF forces are continuing operations in the Gaza Strip against Hamas and other terrorist organizations. Israel has emphasized that it is dedicated to allowing and facilitating the rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief for civilians in the Gaza Strip. Nonetheless, Israel has been accused of intentionally withholding humanitarian aid, leading to allegations of starvation of the Palestinian population.

These claims are based on reports from the UN regarding the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip. Since the beginning of the war, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has been publishing the number of aid trucks entering Gaza, claiming that there is a critical lack of aid reaching the area. On the basis of OCHA figures, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), a joint initiative of countries, UN agencies, and other international organizations (NGOs) that analyze situations of food insecurity and malnutrition, declared in March that “famine is imminent” in northern Gaza.

OCHA’s data and the IPC’s findings were reflected in statements and reports by UN officials who warned that thousands in Gaza could die of starvation if an immediate ceasefire was not reached.

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