

Northern Gaza Strip turned into a desert of rubble

Diplomacy falters. Severe destruction

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(Photo ma)

Benjamin Netanyahu needs three things from the USA: "Ammunition, ammunition, ammunition". This is how the Israeli daily newspaper "Israel Hayom" quoted statements made by the Israeli Prime Minister in a meeting with government representatives.

So far, the USA has supplied 16 different types of weapons for the "war against Hamas", which after 60 days has largely turned the Palestinian coastal strip into a desert of rubble. Satellite-guided, bunker-busting bombs filled with up to 2,000 pounds of explosives, laser-guided missiles and target acquisition based on artificial intelligence are being used in Gaza.

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US military historian *Robert Pape* told the *Financial Times* that the northern Gaza Strip had been destroyed by one of the heaviest conventional bombing campaigns in history – like Dresden, Hamburg and Cologne in the Second World War.

The International Committee of the Red Cross spoke of "catastrophic conditions" in the southern Gaza Strip. The president of the organisation, *Mirjana Spoljaric Egger*, said after a visit to the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday that it was "unacceptable that civilians should suffer so much in an armed conflict".

UN Secretary-General *António Guterres* called on Wednesday [6 December] for the UN Security Council to take "urgent action" to achieve a ceasefire in the Gaza war in accordance with Article 99 of the UN Charter. Otherwise, the preservation of world peace and international security would be jeopardised.

Israeli UN Ambassador *Gilad Erdan* rejected *Guterres'* call on X. *Guterres* was once again showing his "bias against Israel", *Erdan* said. "The Secretary-General's call for a ceasefire is in fact a call to maintain Hamas' reign of terror in Gaza."

The United Arab Emirates, on the other hand, presented a new draft resolution for the committee. It was imperative to achieve a humanitarian ceasefire, they said.

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