

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Item 4: General Debate

Mr. President

As of 15 August 2024, over 40,000 Palestinians, of whom the majority are children and women, have been killed, and at least 92,401 others have been injured, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.

Israeli forces have been carrying out a genocidal war against the people of Gaza. Israeli authorities cut off Palestinians in Gaza from food, water, electricity, medical supplies, and continue indiscriminate and direct attacks against residential buildings and civilian infrastructure.

Deaths are the result of a multifaceted pattern of genocidal acts perpetrated by Israel. These acts include the total siege imposed on Gaza since 9 October 2023, the utilization of starvation as a genocidal weapon of war, the deliberate targeting and destruction of Gaza's healthcare system, and the recurrent forced displacement of millions of Palestinians.

According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), about 96 percent of Gaza's population (2.1M people) face high levels of acute food insecurity through September 2024.

As part of its actions against Palestinians in Gaza, Israel has systematically engaged in *scholasticide*.

Israeli attacks have destroyed about two-thirds of the public schools in Gaza.

We strongly call on the human rights council to:

- Enforce an immediate arms embargo on Israel to bring an end to the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza.
- And use all available means, including diplomatic and financial pressure, to insist that Israel uphold the rights of Palestinians.