

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

GD3: Starvation and Violence in Gaza

Mr. President,

The deliberate starvation of Gaza's civilians is a war crime, clearly prohibited by the Geneva Conventions and the Rome Statute. Since May 2025, over 1,000 Palestinians, including women and children, have been killed by Israeli forces while seeking food, as confirmed by the United Nations. In July ۲۰۲۵, at Zikim crossing, ۹۰ civilians were shot dead and ۲۰۰ injured—merely for carrying empty bags to feed their families. Five-month-old Zainab Abu Halib died weighing less than at birth; her story mirrors Gaza's collective suffering.

Israel's repeated attacks on aid convoys, shootings at distribution points, and obstruction of humanitarian access have turned food queues into death traps, while thousands of packages of food and medicine have been destroyed. This is not war; it is systematic genocide.

We urge this Council to:

- condemn these crimes,
- demand unrestricted humanitarian access,
- and hold perpetrators accountable before the International Criminal Court.

Gaza's children deserve life, not hunger. We further propose that the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory be mandated to prepare a dedicated report on starvation as a weapon of war, and that UN-backed units be deployed to ensure safe aid distribution