

Press release by Mr. Luay Shabaneh, President of PCBS on the current situation in Gaza Strip.

- **200 thousand of Gaza Strip households lost the main source of electricity.**
- **112 thousand citizen in Gaza Strip are suffering from chronic diseases.**
- **21 thousand children lost chance of enrollment in Kindergarten and summer camps.**
- **About 80 thousands children will suffer psychological problems represented in fear of darkness and nightmares.**
- **70 thousand of Gaza households suffer from serious situation.**

Humanitarian Situation

About 200 thousand households lost the source of electricity, and 179 thousand households' refrigerators are not operating due to interruption of electricity current.

Food stuff storage for the basic commodities (wheat, rice, etc) will not last for more than two weeks, and 170 thousand households will loose source of cooking energy in one week.

About 194 thousand households suffered from poverty prior this Israeli incursion, about 150 thousand households live on less than two dollars a day.

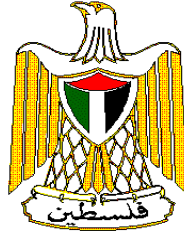
Gazan households pay additional daily cost for lighting sources at about half million NIS (about 111000 USD). About 88 thousand households are not able to access safe drinking water source.

About 2500 citizens are suspended at Rafah crossing boarder suffering from bad humanitarian conditions.

Nutrition Situation:

Food and medical stuff of 7500 economic establishments working in the field of medication and food are under risk of damage. About 7000 economic establishments use refrigerators for storing food and medication containing about 120 tons are under risk of damage.

About 2400 households lost their main source of income from fishing due to Israeli navy siege, providing Gaza market with about 30 tons of fish on daily basis. About 300 fishing boats are under risk of damage.



Health Situation:

All Gaza hospitals (22 hospital) depend the main public electricity network lost connection and will loose totally electricity of spare generators in one week due to shortage of fuel. An average of 200 daily surgeries will be postponed or cancelled. About 250 citizens are suffering renal failure facing death due to stopped dialysis units working on electricity.

About 30 thousands under five children are suffering from chronic malnutrition and expected to more deterioration due to shortage of food staff and pollution of water sources that will increase the prevalence of diarrhea.

Infant deaths due to premature deliveries will exceed 35% of the total infant death, also its expected to find newly infant deaths due to diarrhea and dehydration due to shortage of medications. Despite it was excluded from main causes of deaths, diarrhea is expected to exceed 15% among under five children.

About 112 thousand citizen in Gaza Strip are suffering from chronic diseases, 90 thousand of them are under the risk as their life is threatened due to inability of receiving medications.

Deteriorated children psychological situation:

Due to the incursion, comprehensive closure, absence of community security, interruption of electricity, about 80% of Gaza children lost the main sources of spending their leisure time (watching TV and using computers, readings, visiting friends and practicing sports), that will impact their psychological life. About 80 thousand of Gaza children will suffer from fear of darkness, in addition more than 50 thousand will suffer from nightmare.