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**CLAIM: “If there are Palestinians in Gaza who aren’t getting enough food, it’s not because Israel is blocking it. It’s because Hamas is stealing it”**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s claim in his address to the US Congress that “If there are Palestinians in Gaza who aren’t getting enough food, it’s not because Israel is blocking it. It’s because Hamas is stealing it” **is not true.**

**TRUTH** | Israel's claim that ' Hamas is stealing aid' has been repeatedly denied by the Directorate of Communications' Centre for Combating Disinformation.

On October 9, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant stated about the Gaza blackout, "There will be no electricity, no food, no water, and no fuel." Everything is closed. We are fighting human animals, and we are acting accordingly." This statement refutes Netanyahu's claims.

Oxfam, a UK-based international charity, has stated that Israel exercises "total control" over aid entering Gaza, including its timing, location, and the manner in which it is distributed.

The fact that the entire humanitarian system is in tatters and people in Gaza are facing starvation, death and disease is under the scope of Israel's control, Oxfam reported.

Moreover, humanitarian aid entering Gaza is stored and distributed by UN agencies.

Scott Anderson of UNRWA, the UN's relief agency for Palestinian refugees, said in a statement: "We're not receiving any aid; the crossing area has ongoing military operations and is an active war zone."

Aid that is awaiting entry into Gaza is being blocked by Israel, as confirmed by several other international organisations.

# CLAIM: “Israel has implemented more precautions to prevent civil harm than any military in history and beyond what international law requires”

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s statement during his speech at the US Congress, claiming that “Israel has implemented more precautions to prevent civil harm than any military in history and beyond what international law requires,” is **untrue**.



Albanese emphasised the fact that high-ranking Israeli officials with command authority routinely made calls to “eliminate the people of Gaza” directed at troops on duty, noting that such calls constitute strong evidence of direct and public incitement to commit genocide. Albanese indicated there is evidence that statements inciting genocide have been internalized and acted upon by troops on the ground.

Amnesty International stated that the report provided “crucial evidence” that must spur international action to prevent genocide.



# CLAIM: “Israel does not deliberately target civilians”

The claim made by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in his speech to the US Congress that “Israel does not deliberately target civilians” **is not true.**

**TRUTH** | Israeli army officials, who have caused the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians, including women and children, since October 7, admitted in an interview with a newspaper in April that the army had established 'killing zones' in Gaza and indiscriminately killed anyone who entered these areas.

Furthermore, according to Harvard University research, the probability of Israel purposely targeting civilian targets in its bombing operations on Palestine is 99 per cent.

39,145 Palestinians, including 16,172 children and 10,798 women, have been killed, and 90,257 people have been injured in the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip since October 7.

Israel's claims that "we are observing civilian sensitivity" have been repeatedly refuted with evidence by our Centre for Countering Disinformation.

# CLAIM: “ **Hamas burnt babies alive on October 7**”

The claim made by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in his address to the US Congress that “**Hamas burnt babies alive on October 7**” **is not true.**

**TRUTH** | The claim first appeared on Israeli i24 TV and was then shared by the Israeli Prime Minister's Office and the Israeli newspaper Jerusalem Post.

However, Israeli resources failed to provide any evidence, leaving the discourse as a mere claim.

The Anadolu Agency correspondent, who contacted the Israeli military on the said claim, quoted it, saying, "We do not have any details or confirmation about the claims."

According to Sam Forey, a correspondent for the French newspaper Le Monde, two emergency service personnel who were collecting the children's corpses informed him that they had not encountered a situation of this nature.

Oren Ziv, a reporter for 972Mag based in Tel Aviv, also stated that they did not see any evidence of the incident while visiting the area.

In October, the Israeli military told Business Insider that it would not investigate the "baby claims" because it was 'disrespectful for the dead.'

The Israeli daily Haaretz reported that Netanyahu “granted i24 a broadcasting licence in exchange for the channel’s coverage of him in a way that does not portray him in a negative light.”

White House National Security Communications Advisor John Kirby stated that they have not confirmed the authenticity of these posts about the images of murdered babies.

# CLAIM: “Civilian casualties in Rafah are practically none”

The claim made by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his speech to the U.S. Congress that “civilian casualties in Rafah are practically none” is **not true.**

**TRUTH** | This claim by Israel has been previously refuted by our Centre for Countering Disinformation.

The occupying Israeli forces continue to bomb Rafah, which has become a refuge for civilians in Gaza.

Despite the International Court of Justice's provisional measures on May 24, Israeli forces conducted an attack on the safe zone in Rafah on May 26, resulting in 45 deaths and 249 injuries.

According to a report by the United Nations on Rafah, the attack resulted in the deaths of 45 civilians, including 23 women, children, and the elderly.

Statements from international organisations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) confirm that many civilians were targeted in Israeli attacks.

Footage recorded immediately after the attack also shows that many civilians were targeted. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu acknowledged that civilians were hit by describing the attack on Rafah as a "tragic mistake."

Moreover, in many areas of Gaza, including Rafah, many infants and adults are dying due to the lack of access to basic food supplies and medical aid caused by Israeli attacks and blockades.