



UN Declares Famine in Gaza

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The **United Nations** has officially **declared a famine in Gaza**, marking the **first famine in West Asia**, with over half a million people facing extreme hunger due to conflict and restricted access to food.

- **Famine:** The [Integrated Food Security Phase Classification \(IPC\)](#) defines Famine as a situation in which **at least one in five households has an extreme lack of food and face starvation and destitution**, resulting in extremely critical levels of acute malnutrition and death.
 - IPC Phase 5 is the highest phase of the **IPC Acute Food Insecurity scale**, and is attributed when an area has at least **20% of households, acute malnutrition in at least 30% of children under five**, and mortality of at least two per 10,000 people daily.
- **Cause:** Sharp escalation of Israel-Hamas conflict, massive displacement, and severe restriction of humanitarian and commercial food supplies.

Gaza Strip

- The Gaza Strip is a coastal territory in [West Asia](#), approximately 41 km long and 10 km-wide territory, situated **northeast of the Sinai Peninsula**.
- It borders **Israel to the north and east, Egypt to the southwest**, and the **Mediterranean Sea to the west**.
- The Gaza Strip remains a strategically important and densely populated enclave, central to the [Israeli-Palestinian conflict](#), with ongoing humanitarian, political, and security challenges.



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