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Clarifying Israel's Humanitarian Aid Policy in Gaza

We reject false claims made by over 100 international organizations alleging Israel blocks humanitarian aid to Gaza. The reality is entirely the opposite of the claims that were published. Israel acts to allow and facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, while Hamas seeks to exploit the aid to strengthen its military capabilities and consolidate its control over the population. This is sometimes done under the cover of certain international aid organizations, whether knowingly or unknowingly.

In response, and following the directive of the political echelon, before the resumption of humanitarian aid entry into the Gaza Strip, the Israeli defense establishment formulated a new mechanism for aid entry designed to ensure that aid reaches the population directly and not Hamas. Under this mechanism, organizations are required to undergo a formal registration process with Israel's Ministry for Diaspora Affairs, which includes, among other things, submitting a list of the organization's employees operating in Gaza for prior security screening.

The registration process is based on clear professional and security criteria intended to safeguard the integrity of the humanitarian system while preventing the infiltration of terrorist elements into the aid mechanism. This is a transparent and clear process that was presented to all organizations in advance.

The refusal of some international organizations to provide the information and cooperate with the registration process raises serious concerns about their true intentions and the possibility of ties between the organization or its employees and Hamas.

By contrast, nearly 20 international organizations that complied with the law and completed the registration process are bringing aid into the Gaza Strip regularly and in full cooperation. As evidence of this, approximately 300 humanitarian aid trucks enter the Gaza Strip every day through organizations registered under the new mechanism.

The alleged delay in aid entry, as claimed by the organizations that signed the statement, occurs only when organizations choose not to meet the basic security requirements intended to prevent Hamas's involvement. Instead of opposing the process and issuing public statements, we call on all international organizations wishing to bring aid into the Gaza Strip - especially those that signed the statement - to act with transparency, complete the registration, and ensure that the aid reaches the civilians, and not Hamas.

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