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From Philippe Lazzarini, the UNRWA Commissioner-General as posted on his official X account (previously known as Twitter)

Northern [Gaza](#).

Two long weeks of intense Israeli Forces' airstrikes and ground operations.

Hundreds of Palestinians are reported killed, among them children.

More than 400,000 people continue to be trapped in the area.

The health system has all but collapsed.

We are not able to reach our teams due to telecommunications cuts. The UN has not been allowed to provide any assistance, including food since 30 September. The two crossing points into northern Gaza have been closed since.

Jabalia camp has been hit the most, some 50,000 people were forced to flee. Basic services, including from [UNRWA](#), have been interrupted or forced to a halt including our [UNRWA](#) health centre while only two water wells are operational.

Such attacks, the sabotage of civilian infrastructure and the deliberate denial of critical assistance continue to be used as a tactic by the Israeli Authorities to force people to flee.

Civilians are given no choice but to either leave or starve. International Humanitarian Law is clear: people cannot be displaced by force, civilians should be protected at all times + given access to basic necessities should they choose to stay.

In Gaza, too many red lines have been crossed. What might constitute war crimes can still be prevented.

[CeasefireNow](#).

It is not too late to show courage & humanity.