

Urgent intervention is required to ensure the burial of dozens of unidentified dead Palestinians whom Israel handed over to Gaza



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Palestinian territory - It is regrettable that Israel turned over the bodies of eighty-eight dead Palestinians in a container without providing any information about who they were, where they were found, when they died, or how they died.

Upon the bodies' arrival in such condition, the Gaza Ministry of Health declared that it would halt the container's delivery process until all necessary data and information about the bodies were obtained in order to identify their identities.

The "container" holding the dead bodies was left in one of Khan Yunis's streets. This is a grave violation of the rights of the dead people and their families, as well as a catastrophic situation that could result in a health catastrophe.

Urgent international intervention is needed to open a thorough and impartial investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of these Palestinians, identifying them, and returning their human remains to their families so they can be buried with dignity.

All pertinent international parties have an unavoidable international duty to carry out these investigations in compliance with international standards.

Under international law, specifically international humanitarian and human rights law, Israel must respect the dead and their remains and take all legal procedures to identify them, including documenting and sharing as much information as possible.

In addition to working with the Israeli occupation to identify and provide information about the victims, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator, the World Health Organization, and the Red Cross must move quickly to begin the burial process. This will stop the victims' mistreatment and violation of their human dignity.