

# Famine declared in Gaza for first time

Largest city faces extreme hunger, likely to spread without ceasefire and aid. Israel calls starvation reports lies by Hamas

## GAZA CITY

THE United Nations officially declared a famine in Gaza on Friday, blaming "systematic obstruction" of aid by Israel during more than 22 months of war, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu swiftly dismissing the findings.

Netanyahu, whose defence minister meanwhile threatened to expand the offensive, rejected the UN-backed report as "an outright lie".

Hamas urged the United Nations and UN Security Council to "stop the war and lift the siege", calling for unrestricted access for food, medicine, water and fuel.

The Rome-based Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Initiative (IPC) said famine was affecting 500,000 people in the Gaza governorate, which covers about a fifth of the Palestinian territory, including Gaza City.

Israel has pressed ahead with plans to seize Gaza City despite an international outcry, saying that taking the territory's largest city is key to defeating Hamas.

The IPC projected that the famine would expand to Deir el-Balah and Khan Yunis governorates by the end of September, covering around two-thirds of Gaza.

With the vast majority of the territory's population displaced at least once, the UN said nearly a million people currently live in Gaza governorate. UN agencies and aid groups had warned for months of a looming famine in Gaza, where Israel has severely restricted aid and



Demonstrators block a highway and burn an installation of a Shabbat dinner table demanding the immediate release of hostages held by Hamas and calling for the Israeli government to reverse its decision to take over Gaza City | AP

at times completely cut it off during its nearly two-year war with militant group Hamas.

COGAT, an Israeli defence ministry body which oversees civil affairs in the Palestinian territories—including coordinating aid to Gaza—argued that the IPC's findings rely on "partial data and unreliable sources".

UN aid chief Tom Fletcher said the famine was entirely preventable, saying food could not get through to Palestinians in need "because of systematic obstruction by

Israel". UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for a ceasefire, saying: "We cannot allow this situation to continue with impunity."

UN human rights chief Volker Turk said it was "a war crime to use starvation as a method of warfare"—a charge for which the International Criminal Court in November issued an arrest warrants for Netanyahu. In a statement, Netanyahu said "Israel does not have a policy of starvation", citing figures on aid it had allowed into Gaza. AFP

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TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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# US reviewing all 55 million visa holders for violations

## WASHINGTON

THE Trump administration said on Thursday it is reviewing more than 55 million people who have valid US visas for any violations that could lead to deportation, part of a growing crackdown on foreigners who are permitted to be in the United States.

In a written answer to a question from The Associated Press, the State Department said all US visa hold-

ers, which can include tourists from many countries, are subject to "continuous vetting," with an eye toward any indication they could be ineligible for permission to enter or stay in the United States.

Should such information be found, the visa will be revoked, and if the visa holder is in the United States, he or she would be subject to deportation.

Since President Donald Trump took office, his ad-

ministration has focused on deporting migrants illegally in the United States as well as holders of student and visitor exchange visas.

The State Department's new language suggests that the continual vetting process, which officials acknowledge is time-consuming, is far more widespread and could mean even those approved to be in the US could abruptly see those permissions revoked. AP



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## Israel's defence minister vows to destroy Gaza City

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz vowed Friday to destroy Gaza City if Hamas did not agree to disarm, release all remaining hostages in the territory and end the war on Israel's terms. "Soon, the gates of hell will open upon the heads of Hamas's murderers and rapists in Gaza—until they agree to Israel's conditions for ending the war, the release of all hostages and their disarmament," the minister posted. "If they do not agree, Gaza, the capital of Hamas, will become Rafah and Beit Hanoun," he added.

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| Sl. No. | Branch        | Name of the Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantors   | Demand Notice Date & Amount   | Description of the Immovable Properties  | Present outstanding Balance  |
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| 1       | North Paravur | 1. Pyarjan, W/o Late Abdul Jamal; 2. Pyarjan, W/o Abdul Jamal; (Legal Heir Of Abdul Jamal); 3. Zeenath K A, Dio Abdul Jamal K A, (Legal Heir Of Abdul Jamal); 4. Zabeena K A, Dio Abdul Jamal K A (Legal Heir Of Abdul Jamal); 5. Zayed K A, Dio Abdul Jamal K A, (Legal Heir Of Abdul Jamal), all residing at: Kakson House, Kannanakkassery, Pattanam, Vadasakkaer, Emakulam, Pin-683522 | 17-05-2025<br>Rs. 43,476/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Six Only) as on 31-03-2025 in Loan A/c's MSRCC40548130000123 & MSRCC40548130000125 with future interest incidental expenses, cost & other charges | All the part and parcel of the property consisting of 11.94 Ares in Sy No: 1614/1 and 161/1 bolt land in Vadasakkaer Village, Paravur Taluk, Emakulam District. <b>Bounded:</b> North: Property Of Paravur Church; East: Panchayath Road; South: Private Road; West: Property Of Church.           | Rs.45,44,743/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Three Only) in MSRCC4054813000123 & MSRCC4054813000125 as on 31-07-2025plus interest, costs and other expenses. |
| 2       | North Paravur | Mr. Sudheer, S/o Sekharan, Mrs. Mani, Dio Vallan, both residing at: Kurukanthara, Pooyappill, Kadakkavila P O, Emakulam - 683522   | 12-06-2025<br>Rs. 2,88,774/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven and Twenty Four Paisa Only) as on 31.05.2025 in Loan A/c No: HLG4615324002621 and interest  | All the part and parcel of the property consisting of 1.82 Ares in Sy No: 158/1B-17 of land with building in Vadakkekara Village, Paravur Taluk, Emakulam District. <b>Bounded:</b> North: Paravur Church; East: Panchayath Road; South: Property Of Jubilee Jose; West: Property Of Ramakrishnan. | Rs. 2,86,938.24 (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six & Twenty Four Paisa Only) in HLG4615324002621 as on 16-08-2025 plus interest, costs and other expenses.             |

Date: 18-08-2025, Place: Emakulam

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The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/09/2025 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulter customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

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