

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



NEWSLETTER BRIEF

We at PARC believe that for the 4th consecutive month, Gaza should remain the focus of our Newsletters. For 120 days the people of Gaza have been under intense bombardment and critical living conditions. This issue will provide a roadmap that will summarize the most important information about this ongoing aggression.

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Please keep in mind that Gaza is still being heavily bombed, if the news is not reaching you as much, it's because more than 120 reporters have been targeted to prevent the constant coverage!





ACCESS TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Access to basic human needs, has been a grave challenge facing Gazans for several months now. Gazans are facing immense challenges in accessing Food Items (FI) including but not limited to food and water due to the Israeli blockade and control over the water supply; and Non-Food Items (NFI) including shelter and clothing for the winter months, which has become a luxury not many can afford. Not only is the humanitarian situation is becoming extensively dire, the halting of aid and its accessibility has turned Gazans to the last resort of consuming fodder to be able to survive.

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WHAT HAS SHED A GLIMPSE OF HOPE TO THE SITUATION?

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THE ICJ RULING

A great triumph for many Palestinians was the honorable approach South Africa had in deciding to represent the Palestinian people.

What main determinants should we take from the ICJ hearing?

A Many saw that the decision of the court for not calling for a ceasefire was a complicity and weak stance, yet, a ceasefire is called upon when two governmental entities are at “war”.

The court did not view this as the case and viewed the Palestinian civilians being collectively punished and undergoing a genocide thus “halting” all acts against civilians is the more accurate term to assess this situation.

B The ICJ was a win and precedent against the Israeli occupation.

C The decision to call for immediate access to aid was the most essential part of the ruling.



WHAT CONSEQUENCES FOLLOWED THE RULING TO ALLOW AID TO ENTER THE STRIP?

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SHEDDING LIGHT ON UNRWA

The ICJ decision didn’t come without its consequences. **Collective punishment** has always been a colonial tactic. When it comes to the ICJ decision the reaction was to halt funding to UNRWA on the claims of the involvement of 12 employees in the events that occurred on October 7th.

These accusations are not backed and were not investigated, and yet **2+ millions people are being collectively punished** due to these claims. UNRWA provides over **90% of the aid in Gaza** it is also the biggest provider of the current most important good, flour. To defund UNRWA means to increase the rate of famine and “starvation”. The term starvation here is also not the most accurate because Gazans aren’t suffering from starvation they are being starved.