Appendix I

Public statements of Israeli Government officials and Ministers on the Blocking of Aid to the Gaza Strip

- Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said on the 16th April 2025 that Israel would continue preventing aid from entering the besieged Gaza Strip. He said in a statement: "Israel's policy is clear: no humanitarian aid will enter Gaza, and blocking this aid is one of the main pressure levers preventing Hamas from using it as a tool with the population,". "No one is currently planning to allow any humanitarian aid into Gaza, and there are no preparations to enable such aid".
- Netanyahu's office said on the 2nd of March that "in light of Hamas' refusal to accept the (US envoy Steve) Witkoff framework for continuing the talks which Israel had agreed to Prime Minister Netanyahu has decided that as of this morning, all entry of goods and supplies into the Gaza Strip will be stopped" (https://edition.cnn.com/2025/03/02/middleeast/israel-halts-gaza-humanitarian-aid-intl-hnk).
- Israel's Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, speaking at Ynet and Yedioth Ahronoth's People of Israel Conference, addressed reports that the Israel Defense Forces informed the government of an impending need to resume humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. Smotrich expressed astonishment at the prospect of the IDF communicating through the media, stating: "If this is true, it's astonishing that the IDF is speaking to us via the press. Not even a grain of wheat will enter the Strip" (https://www.ynetnews.com/article/hknvzwwc11).
- Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and other members of Israel's ruling coalition welcomed the 2nd March 2025 government announcement that aid is being halted to Gaza. "The decision we made last night to completely halt humanitarian aid to Gaza until Hamas is destroyed or completely surrenders and all our hostages are returned is an important step in the right direction" Smotrich tweeted (https://www.jns.org/smotrich-other-coalition-members-applaud-stop-to-gaza-aid/).
- Education Minister Yoav Kisch tweeted: "The decision to halt the entry of humanitarian aid until the hostages are returned is important and correct. Israel must continue to pressure Hamas with all the tools at its disposal, while cooperating with the American administration until the last of the hostages is returned" (https://www.jns.org/smotrich-other-coalition-members-applaud-stop-to-gaza-aid/).

- National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, chairman of the Otzma Yehudit Party, welcomed the decision to stop the flow of supplies to Gaza, tweeting: "Finally, the decision has been made—better late than never. This should be the policy until the last hostage is returned. Now is the time to open the gates of hell, cut off electricity and water, return to war, and most importantly, not settle for just half of the hostages, but return to President Trump's ultimatum—all hostages immediately, or hell will open on Gaza, "Ben-Gvir wrote (https://www.jns.org/smotrich-other-coalition-members-applaud-stop-to-gaza-aid/).





The Egyptian Red Crescent's Role in Responding to the Gaza Crisis from October 2023 to to May 1, 2025

The efforts made by the Egyptian Red Crescent have resulted in:

Humanitarian Aid Management from October 2023 to February 27, 2025:

- Receiving of (906) Aircrafts with a total weight of (26808 tons).
- Receiving of (574) Sea shipments with a total weight of (185777 tons).

Total Aid Delivered from October 2023 to February 27, 2025:

- The number of trucks that crossed into the Palestinian side up to February 27, 2025: **35341 trucks** carrying (**533830 tons**).
- Of these, Egyptian aid accounted for: 8860 trucks carrying (146471 tons).
- Number of fuel trucks: 696 trucks.
- Number of ambulances delivered to the Palestinian side: 176 ambulances.

<u>Humanitarian Aid Management During the Ceasefire (From January 19 to February 27, 2025):</u>

- Reception of (22) aircrafts with a total weight of (653 tons).
- Reception of (84) sea shipments with a total weight of (18570 tons).

Total Aid Delivered from January 19, 2025, to February 27, 2025:

- The number of trucks that crossed into the Palestinian side up to February 27, 2025: (8565) trucks carrying (141266 tons).
- Of these, Egyptian aid accounted for: (3086) trucks carrying (50390 tons).
- Number of fuel trucks: 540 trucks (406 diesel, 134 gas).
- Number of ambulances delivered to the Palestinian side: 17 ambulances.

Humanitarian Aid Management from March 2, 2025 to May 1, 2025:

- Reception of (10) aircrafts with a total weight of (271 tons).
- Reception of (35) sea shipments with a total weight of (6382 tons).