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Israel denies Gaza access to clean water

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 17:52:45 GMT

Israel has refused to allow a French-made water purification system into Gaza amid a drinking water crisis in the Palestinian strip.

The French Foreign Ministry said Friday that Tel Aviv had blocked the entry of a much-needed water purification station into Gaza and had forced its repatriation.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Eric Chevallier said the move has sparked an outcry in the Elysée, prompting it to summon the Israeli ambassador to Paris to explain why the system was denied access.

"There were a very great number of steps taken at all levels to try to get the water purification station into Gaza," he said, adding that Israel's explanation was not satisfactory.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs recently warned that Israel's 23-day onslaught on Gaza has pushed its sewage system on the brink of collapse and thus increased risks of groundwater contamination in the Palestinian territory.

"The most dangerous thing is the contamination of drinking water with sewage. We need an international organization like the World Health Organization to investigate the matter," said Monther Shoblak, head of the Coastal Municipalities Water Utility (CMWU).

According to the UN, Israel's three week-long saturation bombing of the Palestinian territory has seriously damaged pipes and has left drinking water in very short supply.

Warning of the serious public health risks, the World Bank has urged the Israeli government to allow enough fuel into Gaza to operate some 170 water and sewage pumps there.

The bank called on Israel to allow maintenance crews to shore up a sewage lake in northern Gaza before it overflows at the expense of the 1.5 million Palestinians living in the area.



Most Gazans lack regular water supplies because of a shortage of diesel, used to pump water.

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- The Palestinians are entitled to possess arms
- International bodies should prevent any attack against Palestinians
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Helen from Canada

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 05:28:54 GMT

I don't buy it... everything is isrl's fault, as well as america and britains fault. no matter how much you want to believe you're innocent there is the matter of illegal everything isrl does. try working within the system and not make the rules as you go along. the pals will win because they have soemthing you don't have and thats pride and a homeland. truth always wins

Archie1954

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 04:46:44 GMT

It's time for a few warships from UN nations to accompany things like the water system and if Israel wants to fight then let them fight with someone that has the same access to first class armaments instead of handmade rockets.

One who cares

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 01:08:15 GMT

proud to be a muslim - were on the top or on the bottom last night with your KHan baby. Come on you can tell us were all friends here. KHANNY baby!!!!

I don't buy it.....

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 01:01:03 GMT
 Its all Israel fault....Poor propaganda technology when everyone but the ignorant muslim knows this is all B.S. Great for the cameramen. Gaza a cameramens dream. Lets make every thing Israel fault.

K

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:54:38 GMT
 Israel is disgusting. They want more deaths they are the terrorists. Why does Israel get to decide if Gaza can have clean water? What is happening to the world when they have to get the ok from a terrorist state called Israel who only wants death for arabs ?? I hate Israel

Samuel

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:53:50 GMT
 JEW BOOK: The Talmud specifically defines all who are not Jews as non-human animals. Erubin 21b. Whosoever disobeys the rabbis deserves death and will be punished by being boiled in hot excrement in hell...Moed Kattan 17a. If a Jew is tempted to do evil he should go to a city where he is not known and do the evil there. Sanhedrin 106a. Says Jesus' mother was a whore: "She who was the descendant of princes and governors played the harlot with carpenters."

Samuel

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:52:37 GMT
 Israel is the worlds biggest terrorist outfit and also one of the oldest in modern times. Like all terrorists it is destined for failure and ultimate disappearance. The Zionists dont like to hear that because then their stranglehold on the Jewish people's destiny shows illusionary but even with its 200 nuclear arsenal the entity of Israel is only biding its time. There is nothing that God punishes like injustice and persecution and the "chosen people" will be chosen for this too!!

proud to be a muslim

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:46:19 GMT
 DEATH TO JAVID DEATH TO JAVID DEATH TO JAVID THE KAFFIROOOOOOOOON

proud to be a muslim

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:44:35 GMT
 By the way JAVID is a muslim name so if ur not a muslim why the fuk have u got that name??? u stupid nob!!

proud to be a muslim

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:42:54 GMT
 Hey "one who cares" ur the one whos gay and PROUD u fukin gayboy!!!

proud to be a muslim

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:39:39 GMT
 OI U PORN U GAY BASTARD DEATH TO U AND UR WHOLE STINKY GENERATION!!!!!!!!!!!! ISLAM WILL NEVER FACE DEATH WE ALL KNOW ISLAM IS THE GLORIOUS RELIGION AND IT WILL BE VICTORIES SO IF I WAS U I WUD FACE FACTS AND SHUTUP!!!!

One who cares

Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:30:37 GMT
 Hey "proud to be muslim" - where your Gay boyfriend "KHAN". Back on the web again, must have got your exercise with Khan out of the way. Well welcome back you fagget.

proud to be a muslim

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 22:44:27 GMT
 THIS IS JUST PATHETIC FUK ALL THE ISRAELI FUKERS WHO THE FUK R THEY TO BLOCK ALL THE WATER SUPPLIES FUKIN STINGY BASTARDS!!!!

James Hovland

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 22:29:23 GMT
 Maybe Hamas can launch some rockets and that will make it better. Maybe they can blow up another Jeep and then Israel will bring them water. Maybe if they fire more rockets the UN will finally have the power and authority to step in. Ask Hamas for help, they have done so well keeping the water flowing so far. You just need leaders with guns. Think, people. Is there a better way to crush Zionism, and not be accused of being "terrorists" for doing it? Think peace, for it's purpose and power.

James Hovland

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 22:16:47 GMT
 Palestine allows Israel to control them. Israel loves the rage, it make Palestinians easy to portray as insane with violence. They love the rockets, because it gives them somewhere to point the finger so it isn't being pointed at them. All Israel wants is to keep the Palestinians locked behind the propaganda labels like "terrorist" where nobody listens to them. Israel's plan is to frustrate the Palestinians, to make them desperate, and miserable so they'll fight some more, and more, and more.

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Fri, 30 Jan 2009 20:44:26 GMT
 1- jewishcrimenetwork.com 2- davidduke.com 3- judicial-inc.org 4- prothink.org 5- jewwatch.com/Video Archive/Memorial to America's Death.htm

P49

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 20:17:45 GMT
 Oh no Palestinians will use the water for terrorist activities.(sarcastic) I mean like which kind of country denies an oppressed country water, I mean like now Isreal is literally controlling Gaza. this shows that Isreali leaders are tyrantstrying to EXTERMINATE Palestinians.

Just in

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 19:45:17 GMT
 Why are you blaming for all those atrocities caused bythe terrorist of Isrela amrican pie?? Hamas is the elected government, Isreal are teh worst humans in earth and they get away with anything they do, but they will be sttoped some day. the world is waking up and is realizing who they really are, killers!!

SWEDESH

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 19:35:40 GMT
 HE GIJYS AMIRICAN PIG THES IS A WORDS OF HITLER WHEN HITLER POT JEWS IN CONSENTETION KEMP HITLER SAYS JEWS KILD THEMSELV THEY COMMET CUCAID SO HOLAUCAST IS JOKE WHO TIL THE TRUTH ISRAIL AND HITLER SHAM ON BOTH SHITS

apple pie a la mode

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 19:30:07 GMT
 what kind of diabolical , nasty sub humans would deny anyone water ?????? what kind of yazidi's are these = my goodness. WATER IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT , what the hell ? they are so incredibly detestable.

american pie

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 19:16:15 GMT
 sorry sorry sorry, what i wrote before is really disgusting, i was out of my mind, israel is inhuman and the goverment should be bringing to the court

american pie

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 18:54:38 GMT
 yea for the israelites. hamas is the intruder of gaza and if it werent for hamas denying the rights of israel, gaza would be a metropolitan overflowing with riches. yea for israel. you gazan wake up to see what has hamas done for you. look around and see the destruction caused by hamas. its not israels bombs that are destroying gaza but hamas. israel left gaza years ago for the sake of peace. where is peace? israel doesnt want gaza. hamas wants death and destruction. its that simple.

Pia

Fri, 30 Jan 2009 18:13:19 GMT
 Here you can see what kind of people this israelis are. absolutly inhuman, but they should not forget it will come the day they must pay for this!!!! You can never defeat my will to Be because my power that you cannot explain Grows from within the roots of my pain You depend on the United States For wealth and war supply My infinite strength stems from My creator, the One most high

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