

Killed trying to feed victims of war in Gaza

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Soft targets: Israel faces outrage for attacking vehicles (above) from World Central Kitchen.

Is there a way out of the horror? Seven international aid workers were killed by Israeli forces in Gaza this week as the ongoing attack on Palestine records almost 33,000 Palestinian fatalities.

What's happening?

One was an “incredible father, husband, son and brother,” another, a “kind, selfless and outstanding human being”. All were killed while delivering food to people in need.

Seven international aid workers from the World Central Kitchen, a food charity, have been killed in an Israeli air strike while returning from dropping 100 tonnes of food supplies in central Gaza.

UK charities have warned that Gaza is the “world’s most dangerous place to deliver aid,” and the UN says that the war has killed almost 200 aid workers.

Find out more

The World Central Kitchen has stopped delivering food in Gaza following the air strike, which many fear will worsen hunger in the Gaza Strip, where 2.2 million Palestinians are already facing starvation.

The World Central Kitchen said it has served 42 million meals in Gaza, which is around 240,000 meals a day, and most Palestinians are only getting one meal a day.

Almost 33,000 Palestinians have been killed in the Israeli military operations which began after militant Palestinian group Hamas led a surprise attack on Israel on 7 October last year.

Despite the horrors in Gaza, some people believe that peace is possible between Israelis and Palestinians.

“There is enough land between the Jordan and the Mediterranean to build houses, schools, roads and hospitals for everyone,” says a famous Israeli philosopher. But with the violence reaching new heights, many doubt that this will ever be possible.

Is there a way out of the horror?

Some say

Yes! If we do not believe in peace, it can never happen.

Others think

No! Any peace talks would need to take place against the backdrop of an immediate ceasefire. Palestine and Israel cannot build peace while Palestinians are being bombed.

Some people say

“War is what happens when language fails.”

Margaret Atwood (1939 –), Canadian novelist and poet

What do you think?

Six steps to discovery

1. Connect

How do you feel about this story? - Did anyone from your country die in the aid convoy?

2. Wonder

What questions do you have? - For example: Has the death of these aid workers changed how you think about what is happening in Gaza?

3. Investigate

What are the facts? - Pick out one thing we know for certain and one thing we cannot say for sure.

4. Construct

What is your point of view? - Imagine that you are working for an aid charity delivering food to people in Gaza. How would you feel now?

5. Express

What do others believe? - In a small group, discuss how you think famine can be avoided in Gaza.

6. Reflect

What might happen next? - You are an aid worker trying to get a truck full of food into a war zone. Draw a picture of you and your truck.