

# Ethnic Cleansing in Gaza



*Displaced Palestinians flee Jabalia 6 October 2024: REUTERS Hussam Al-Zaanin*

**Four hundred thousand Palestinians live in northern Gaza, with 100,000 in the largest refugee camp, Jabalia. On 6 October Israel ordered everyone to move South, to give the military a free hand. But most people refused to leave as all of Gaza is under attack.**

Amidst airstrikes and ground attacks, no aid reached the North for two weeks. Israel bombed Jabalia's last functioning bakery. The Army shelled the UN food distribution centre, killing at least 10 and injuring 40 trying to get food. "Civilians are given no choice but to either leave or starve," the UN said.

## Hospitals

Three local hospitals were ordered to evacuate patients and staff. All refused. Al-Awda Hospital Medical Director Dr Mohammed Salha stated: "We are working under World Health Organisation protocol. We have to work under conflict. If the hospital is

*evacuated, who will save these people? So, if there is one person in the northern Gaza hospital, Al-Awda Hospital will not evacuate. This is our decision, and we will not leave our people behind us."*

## 'Surrender or Starve'

Israeli peace organisations, and even some officials, accuse the government of implementing the so-called 'surrender-or-starve' plan of retired General Giora Eiland.

This would force mass evacuation, declare the North a closed military zone, and shoot anyone still in the area until Hamas surrendered. ►