

Israel says it will halt operations of several humanitarian organizations in Gaza

JERUSALEM (AP) Israel on Tuesday said it had suspended more than two dozen humanitarian organizations, including Doctors Without Borders and CARE, from operating in the Gaza Strip for failing to comply with new registration rules.

Israel says the rules are aimed at preventing Hamas and other militant groups from infiltrating the aid organizations. But the organizations say the rules are arbitrary and warned that the new ban would harm a civilian population desperately in need of humanitarian aid.

Israel has claimed throughout the war that Hamas was siphoning off aid supplies, a charge the U.N. and aid groups have denied. The new rules, announced by Israel early this year, require aid organizations to register the names of their workers and provide details about funding and operations in order to continue working in Gaza.

The new regulations included ideological requirements — including disqualifying organizations that have called for boycotts against Israel, denied the Oct. 7 attack or expressed support for any of the international court cases against Israeli soldiers or leaders.

Israel’s Ministry of Diaspora Affairs said more than 30 groups — about 15% of the organizations operating in Gaza — had failed to comply and that their operations would be suspended. It also said that Doctors Without Borders, one of the biggest and best-known groups in Gaza, had failed to respond to Israeli claims that some of its workers were affiliated with Hamas or Islamic Jihad.

“The message is clear: humanitarian assistance is welcome — the exploitation of humanitarian frameworks for terrorism is not,” Diaspora Affairs Minister Amichai Chikli said.

Doctors Without Borders, also known by its French acronym MSF, said Israel’s decision would have a catastrophic impact on their work in Gaza, where they support around 20% of the hospital beds and a third of births. The organization also denied Israel’s accusations about their staff.

“MSF would never knowingly employ people engaging in military activity,” it said.

'Exhausted local staff'

While Israel claimed the decision would have limited impact on the ground, the affected organizations said the timing — less than three months into a fragile ceasefire — was devastating.

“Despite the ceasefire, the needs in Gaza are



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A Palestinian woman walks along a street surrounded by buildings destroyed during Israeli air and ground operations in the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, in Gaza City, Tuesday.

enormous and yet we and dozens of other organizations are and will continue to be blocked from bringing in essential life-saving assistance,” said Shaina Low, communications adviser for the Norwegian Refugee Council, which has also been suspended.

“Not being able to send staff into Gaza means all of the workload falls on our exhausted local staff,” Low said.

Some aid groups say they didn’t submit the list of Palestinian staff, as Israel demanded, for fear they’d be targeted by Israel, and because of data protection laws in Europe.

“It comes from a legal and safety perspective.

In Gaza, we saw hundreds of aid workers get killed,” Low explained.

The decision not to renew aid groups’ licenses means offices in Israel and East Jerusalem will close, and organizations won’t be able to send international staff or aid into Gaza.

Israel says militants exploiting aid groups

According to the ministry, the decision means the aid groups will have their license revoked on Jan. 1, and if they are located in Israel, they will need to leave by March 1. They can appeal the decision.

The Israeli defense body that oversees hu-

manitarian aid to Gaza, COGAT, said that the organizations on the list contribute less than 1% of the total aid going into the Gaza Strip, and that aid will continue to enter from more than 20 organizations that did receive permits to continue operating.

“The registration process is intended to prevent the exploitation of aid by Hamas, which in the past operated under the cover of certain international aid organizations, knowingly or unknowingly,” COGAT said in a statement.

This isn’t the first time Israel has tried to crack down on international humanitarian organizations. Throughout

the war, Israel accused the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, or UNRWA, of being infiltrated by Hamas, using its facilities and taking aid. The United Nations has denied it. UNRWA, the top U.N. agency working with Palestinians, has denied knowingly aiding armed groups and says it acts quickly to purge any suspected militants..

After months of criticism from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his far-right allies, Israel banned UNRWA from operating on its territory in January. The U.S., formerly the largest donor to UNRWA, halted funding to the agency in early 2024.

NGOs say Israel vague over data use

Israel failed to confirm that the data collected from the new regulations wouldn’t be used for military or intelligence purposes, raising serious security concerns, said Athena Rayburn, the executive director of AIDA, an umbrella organization representing over 100 organizations that operate in the Palestinian territories. She noted that more than 500 aid workers have been killed in Gaza during the war.

“Agreeing for a party to the conflict to vet our staff, especially under the conditions of occupation, is a violation of

humanitarian principles, specifically neutrality and independence,” she said.

Rayburn said organizations expressed their concerns and offered alternatives to submitting staff lists, such as third-party vetting, but that Israel refused to engage in any dialogue.

Palestinian girl killed in Gaza

A 10-year-old girl was killed and another person was wounded by Israeli fire in Gaza City near the Yellow Line that delineates areas under Israeli control, the territory’s Shifa Hospital said Tuesday.

The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the incident but have said troops operating near the Yellow Line will target anyone who approaches or threatens soldiers.

The Gaza Health Ministry, part of the Hamas-run government, said on Monday that 71,266 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, not including the girl. The ministry does not differentiate between civilians and combatants in its count. The United Nations and independent experts consider the Health Ministry the most reliable source on war casualties. Israel disputes its figures but has not provided its own.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Ashland Independent Schools will receive bids for the Poage Elementary Addition and Renovation Project through W.B. Fosson & Sons, Inc., Project Construction Manager for the construction of a four-classroom addition onto the existing school building, upgrade to exterior windows and façade, and the demolition of an existing modular freestanding classroom building remotely located on the same site. This Project will be completed in phases as indicated in the bid documents. Work is to be performed in accordance with plans, specifications, and addenda prepared by Clotfelter-Samokar, PSC (Architect), Shrout Tate Wilson (M/E Engineers), and Brown + Kubican (Structural Engineers).

Proposal shall be presented through competitive sealed bidding for individual bid packages and will be publicly opened at scheduled date and time. Contracts for individual bid packages shall be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidders whose bids represent the best value for the Owner. Contracts will be executed between the awarded bidders and W.B. Fosson & Sons, Inc., the Construction Manager as Constructor. The Owner and W.B. Fosson & Sons, Inc. reserve the right to reject any or all bids and tow waive all informalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the Owner can be served.

Bid will be due Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ashland Independent School District Offices located at 1820 Hickman Street, Ashland, KY 41101. Sealed Bids must be delivered directly to the School Board Office, Attention Niki Clarke, with envelopes marked “Poage Elementary Addition and Renovation”. Electronic submissions will not be accepted. Late submissions shall not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the Contractor. The bids shall be guaranteed for a sixty-day period. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Project Site located at 3215 S. 29th Street, Ashland, KY 41102 on January 6, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. It is strongly encouraged that all potential bidders attend this Pre-Bid and visit the property to examine the site.

Questions should be directed to:

Construction Manager
W.B. Fosson & Sons, Inc.
Thomas Heck, Project Manager
Office Phone: 606-325-4673
Email: theck@wbfosson.com

Architect
Clotfelter Samokar
Bradley Beatty, Project Manager
Office Phone: 859-273-3700
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Bid Guarantee:

A 5% bid bond or certified check equal to 5% of the bid, including all alternates, is required to be submitted with the official Form of Proposal. Also, a 100% payment and performance bonds shall be provided for the full base bid amount plus any accepted bid alternate(s), upon the receipt of Notice of Award to successful bidders.

Bidding Documents

Bidding Documents will be on file and available for review at the following locations:
Architect’s Office: 228 E. Reynolds Road, Suite 1, Lexington, KY 40517
Construction Manager’s Office: 3321 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101
Lynn Imaging: 328 E. Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40508

Distribution website: <https://www.lynnimaging.com/>
Documents will be available for pickup/delivery after receipt of the specified payment by Lynn Imaging.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Roger Ball 17220 Big Run Trace Catlettsburg KY 41129, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to install a pond. The property is located 17220 Big Run Trace Catlettsburg Ky 10 miles from City of Catlettsburg KY nearest road intersection Trace Road nearest stream East Fork. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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CLERK’S NOTICE OF FIDUCIARIES ACCOUNTING

Under the requirements of the Section 424.130 Kentucky Revised Statutes, the following fiduciaries have been filed with the Boyd District Court Clerk, the settlement or accounting trust as set forth herein:

Periodic Settlement	96-P-145	Sharon Johnson, Administratrix of the Estate of Catherine Johnson Patrick
Periodic Settlement	12-P-296	Timothy & Christina Evans, Guardian of Keared Evans
Periodic Settlement	12-P-297	Timothy & Christian Evans, Guardian of Jaydenne Evans
Periodic Settlement	14-P-401	Chester Whitt, Administrator of the Estate of Harold Whitt
Periodic Settlement	16-P-350	Deborah Hullett, Executrix of the Estate of Mollie Rosalie Blair
Periodic Settlement	19-P-314	Fred Fitch IV, Executor of the Estate of Sue Ann Fitch
Periodic Settlement	22-P-265	David Lemaster, Administrator of the Estate of Denise Stiltner
Periodic Settlement	23-P-049	Priscilla Carter, Guardian of Brentley Anderson
Periodic Settlement	23-P-313	Jeffrey Burnett & David Burnett Co-Administrators of the Estate of Ruth Carraway
Periodic Settlement	23-P-323	Teresa Smith, Executrix of the Estate of Melvin Smith
Periodic Settlement	23-P-401	Donna McCorkle,Guardian of Payton Ty Wilson
Periodic Settlement	24-P-303	William Thompson, Executor of the Estate of Willis Thompson
Periodic Settlement	24-P-324	Maria Patrick, Executrix of the Estate of Garnett Fitzgerald
Periodic Settlement	24-P-426	Ronald Broughton, Administrator of the Estate of Sally Lou Broughton
Final Settlement	19-P-185	Trisha Royal, Conservator of the Estate of Jamison Reed Franklin
Final Settlement	21-P-420	Connie Ratliff, Executrix of the Estate of Danny Ratliff
Final Settlement	22-P-063	Charles Piotrowski, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Piotrowski
Final Settlement	22-P-280	Megan Corbin-Eplion, Guardian of Skyler Warner
Final Settlement	22-P-314	Charlie Christmas, Executor of the Estate of Robert Grant Lowe
Final Settlement	22-P-340	Tesah Hale, Administratrix of the Estate of Danny Spurlock
Final Settlement	25-P-191	Jason & Amy McGarey, Co-Executors of the Estate of Cheryl McGarey

1:30 PM February 3, 2026 having been set as date of hearing. Exceptions must be filed before date of hearing. No cause for exceptions having been shown, the settlement will be confirmed at date of hearing.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF BOYD

I, Mary Hall Sergeant, Clerk of the Boyd District Court, certify that the following have been appointed fiduciaries. Creditors having claims against said estates must file same with fiduciary within (6) six months from date of appointment.

CASE#	DATE OF APPT.	ESTATE	FIDUCIARY	ATTORNEY
22-P-403	06/16/2025	Rylee Elizabeth McGlone	Natasha Kinnan	Natasha Kinnan
25-P-388	10/17/2025	Charles Wayne Shelton	Charles W. Shelton, II	
25-P-409	11/21/2025	John Michael Dove	Tina Michelle Hall	
25-P-426	11/24/2025	Elmer Whitney Richard Martin, Jr.	James Andrew Martin	D. Luke Vincent
25-P-430	11/25/2025	Donald Ray Stewart	John C. Stewart, Jr.	Wendell S. Roberts
25-P-431	11/25/2025	Everett Owen Akers	Amanda Akers	Jonathan Hall
25-P-432	11/26/2025	James Shivel	Jimmy Shivel	Patrick M. Hedrick
25-P-433	11/26/2025	Diane Shivel	Jimmy Shivel	Patrick M. Hedrich
25-P-434	12/02/2025	Linda Gay Jones	Edward Jones	Julie S. Williamson
25-P-436	12/04/2025	Jensen Hay	Danhphina Hak	
25-P-437	12/04/2025	Jayden Hay	Danhphina Hak	
25-P-438	12/04/2025	Jaylee Hay	Danhphina Hak	
25-P-440	12/02/2025	Ronald Jones	Edward Jones	Julie S. Williamson

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