

## Hamas: The Palestinian people cannot be blamed if they break the siege



The Hamas Movement stated Saturday that the Israeli occupation turned the Gaza Strip into a dark tomb, warning that the Palestinian people cannot stay passive towards that and cannot be blamed if they break the siege by their own means.

In a press conference, Dr. Sami Abu Zuhri, a Hamas spokesman, underlined that the ongoing Israeli siege and the power outage as a result of the lack of fuel are war crimes in every sense of the word.

Dr. Abu Zuhri added that Hamas leadership made contacts and gave chances to all efforts to lift the suffocating siege on Gaza, but the Israeli occupation persists in cutting fuel supplies and refuses to lift the siege.

Gaza has plunged into darkness since Saturday evening due to the depletion of fuel supplies from the main power station which is threatening unprecedented humanitarian and health disasters.

The popular committee against the siege warned that the Palestinian street in Gaza is boiling and the citizens can no longer tolerate watching their basic needs being targeted by the Israeli occupation.

‘We are not talking about electricity only; all vital service sectors have stalled especially the health sector which became threatened,’ Rami Abdo, the spokesman for the committee stressed.

‘If the international organizations did not intervene now, they would be an accomplice in the siege on Gaza. Words and condemnation are not enough. We are talking about a real tragedy especially since more than 70 percent of the Gaza citizens became without water and if, during the coming hours, the power outage continues and the fuel supplies were not allowed in, we would be living a humanitarian catastrophe,’ the spokesman underscored.

In a related context, the congress of professional syndicates held a mass hunger strike in the Jabaliya refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip, in protest at the continuation of the Israeli siege on the Strip.

During the picket, Hani Al-Waheedi talked on behalf of the congress saying: ‘This hunger strike was held in solidarity with all the hungry and deprived Palestinians as a result of the tightening siege on Gaza,’ warning that the Israeli policy of blockading and killing the Gaza people will generate more explosions in the face of all besieging parties.

Waheedi called in this regard on international human rights organizations and the UN to assume their responsibilities towards the Palestinian people who are deprived of the minimum basic human rights.