

# **A report on examples of aid Arab countries sent in support of the Palestinian people**

## **First: The United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

1. The UAE initiated the "Gallant Knight" campaign at the onset of the crisis. According to the Egyptian Red Crescent, the total aid dispatched by the UAE amounted to 13.5 tons of relief materials and urgent medical assistance. Additionally, the UAE declared its commitment to hosting the treatment of 1,000 Palestinian children from Gaza along with their families, providing them with comprehensive medical and healthcare. This initiative is part of the UAE's ongoing efforts to offer relief to the Palestinian people, especially the vulnerable Palestinian children, in response to the challenging humanitarian conditions they currently face.
2. Furthermore, the UAE has announced its plans to establish three seawater desalination plants in Rafah, located in the southern part of the Gaza Strip. This strategic move is part of the "Gallant Knight 3" humanitarian operation aimed at supporting the Palestinian people. The operation was initiated under the directive of the country's President, Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

## **Second: Bahrain**

1. The Royal Humanitarian Foundation and the Bahraini National Committee for the Relief of the Palestinian People in Gaza have dispatched the second shipment of humanitarian aid. This shipment comprises medical, relief, and food supplies, aligning with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The objective is to provide urgent humanitarian relief aid to the Palestinians in Gaza, addressing the challenging conditions they endure amid the ongoing conflict. The initiative is conducted under the patronage of Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs.

2. In collaboration with the Egyptian Red Crescent, Bahrain has sent a total of 79 tons of aid. This comprehensive support includes provisions of food, medical supplies, and relief items, reflecting the nation's commitment to aiding those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

### **Third: Saudi Arabia**

1. On 2 November 2023, Saudi Arabia announced the initiation of a grassroots campaign through the "Sahem" platform of the King Salman Centre for Relief and Humanitarian Aid, aimed at providing assistance to the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip. The total donations collected thus far amount to approximately \$137 million, with the King Salman Centre for Relief and Humanitarian Aid actively receiving ongoing contributions.

2. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Rabiah, the Advisor to the Royal Court and the General Supervisor of the Centre, disclosed during the campaign's launch the generous donation from the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, amounting to 30 million riyals. Additionally, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, contributed 20 million riyals to the campaign.

3. The first Saudi aid plane arrived at Arish Airport on 9 November 2023, carrying diverse relief materials, including provisions for shelter. The plane's payload totalled approximately 35 tons, and as of 20 November 2023, a total of 11 Saudi planes have landed at Arish Airport.

4. The King Salman Centre will also inaugurate the first ship of the Saudi sea bridge, departing from the port of Jeddah and destined for the Port Said sea port. The ship will transport various relief supplies, encompassing health, food, and shelter provisions, totalling 1,050 tons, including 420 tons of medical solutions, supplies, and medications. According to the centre's spokesman, sea transportation presents a greater opportunity to expand aid efforts and mobilise substantial resources promptly to reach Gaza.

5. Concurrently, the Centre has supported the initial phase of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) plan for emergency humanitarian response in the Gaza Strip, with a contribution of \$15 million.

#### **Fourth: The Sultanate of Oman**

1. The Sultanate of Oman has extended a donation of \$3 million in support of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). This contribution is directed towards UNRWA's initiatives addressing the urgent needs of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Oman's donation responds to the pressing appeal made by UNRWA on 10 October 2023, which seeks to amass a total of \$481 million. The objective is to furnish vital assistance to refugees and enable UNRWA to meet the unprecedented humanitarian needs arising from the current crisis.

#### **Fifth: Qatar**

1. As a testament to Qatar's commitment to humanitarian support for Gaza, the State of Qatar, as per a statement dated 18 November 2023, has dispatched approximately 10 planes laden with over 358 tons of aid. This includes the provision of a field hospital, shelter supplies, and essential medical and food materials to the Egyptian city of Arish since the commencement of the crisis. Qatar affirmed its dedication to providing aid to Gaza, undeterred by the Israeli occupation forces' recent bombing of the headquarters of the Qatari Committee for the Reconstruction of Gaza. Qatar emphasised that such an act constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and is a continuation of the pattern of targeting humanitarian efforts exemplified by the committee's headquarters.

#### **Sixth: Kuwait**

1. The State of Kuwait has established an ongoing air bridge since the commencement of the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip. Through 24 flights, Kuwait has delivered urgent aid, encompassing a variety of supplies such as food, solar panels, bulldozer drilling equipment, and medical provisions, including over 19 fully equipped ambulances.
2. According to Khaled Al-Zaid, the Director of Public Relations and Media at the Kuwaiti Red Crescent, the cumulative Kuwaiti relief aid transported through the air bridge has reached approximately 600 tons to date. This assistance has been generously provided by various Kuwaiti charitable societies and organisations, in coordination with relevant Kuwaiti ministries, authorities, as well as the Egyptian and Palestinian Red Crescents. Al-Zaid commended the collective efforts of official authorities and their steadfast support, highlighting their instrumental role in successfully delivering 90 percent of the relief aid to the Gaza Strip.

### **Seventh: The Cooperation Council for the Arab Gulf States**

1. On 17 November 2023, the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council made a significant announcement during its extraordinary ministerial meeting, pledging immediate support for humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip valued at \$100 million and was declared in response to the pressing developments in Gaza. The Council emphasised the imperative need to cease the blockade and facilitate the unhindered entry of aid into the Gaza Strip.