

A small chapel in Gaza City offers sanctuary to Palestinians, as Israeli strikes wipe out entire families in the north CNN -- A small, curly-haired boy walks wearily through the chapel of St. Philip, in Gaza City, northern Gaza, as Israeli drones whir overhead. "This hall now is filled with injured people. Israel's bombardment and severe restrictions on aid entering the strip have diminished critical food, fuel, water and medical supplies, decimated the health care system and exposed the entire population of more than 2.2 million people to mass displacement and deadly disease As of February 14, only 11 out of 36 hospitals in Gaza are partially functioning, while three are at minimum functionality, according to the humanitarian organization Medical Aid for Palestinians. On Tuesday, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) said its Al-Amal Hospital came under direct assaults. Israeli forces also targeted the hospital's third floor and burned two rooms, while members of the PRCS team and a delegation from the UN's agency for Palestine refugees were inside the hospital's courtyard. Two eyewitnesses at the hospital told CNN "they did not see any militants in the hospital." Smashed concrete and blown-up buildings surround the luminous white walls and pink, stained-glass windows of the church, which has been turned into a makeshift emergency ward for Palestinians wounded in Israel's military offensive. The Israeli army launched artillery, rocket fire and airstrikes in the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, southeast of Gaza City, on Tuesday, unleashing destruction and causing casualties. Further south, in Rafah, some civilians are rushing northwards ahead of an anticipated Israeli ground offensive. Entire families have been erased and displacement shelters flattened.