

Fuel offered by Israel would last half an hour, says Al-Shifa doctor

Earlier we reported that the head of surgery at Al-Shifa hospital said the 300 litres of fuel offered by Israel would provide power for just half an hour.

Here's more on what Dr Marwan Abu Saada said:

“*[The 300 litres] means nothing. This will run our generator just for half an hour.*”

Dr Abu Saada, says Al-Shifa typically uses 24,000 litres of fuel a day to run its generators.

Even with only one generator running, the hospital still requires 9,000 to 10,000 litres, he says.

He adds that the hospital's intensive care unit and surgical theatre are now running entirely on solar energy

The lack of power means the hospital has been unable to provide renal dialysis to its 45 patients requiring kidney treatment for two days because of a lack of power.

Over the last 30 days, Al-Shifa workers have had to dig four mass graves for unknown patients, while another 100 dead bodies are currently lying in the open outside its emergency department.

“This is a source of outbreak and infection,” he says. “This is a disaster.”