

## IDF says Hamas to blame for no fuel at Al-Shifa hospital



Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Conricus blamed Hamas for endangering staff at Al-Shifa hospital

An Israel Defense Forces (IDF) spokesman has told the BBC that the fuel urgently needed to save the lives of premature babies at Al-Shifa hospital, has been rejected by Hamas.

"We have provided assistance, we have provided fuel for the hospital. Fuel that has not been taken at the orders of Hamas," said Lieutenant Colonel

Jonathan Conricus.

Conricus also "categorically" denied claims by staff in the hospital that they would be attacked by the IDF if they stepped outside the medical facility to collect the 300 litres of fuel being offered by Israel.

"I categorically deny that and if it's not safe, it wouldn't be on behalf of Israeli troops, it would be because of Hamas", he told the BBC.

Conricus said that Hamas told the hospital manager at Al-Shifa "not to take the fuel" and suggested that it was "probably the same Hamas that is firing and endangering those staff there".

"It is a cynical, the most cynical use of human beings as props."

The IDF have offered 300 litres of fuel to the hospital so far, but Al-Shifa says it needs 500 litres an hour to operate.



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