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A Palestinian woman hugs her son at their damaged living room after a neighbouring building was targeted in an Israeli military strike in Gaza. *Photo: AFP*

Over the past week, more than 500 tons of explosives have been dropped on an area that is the most densely populated in the world, and home to 1.7 million. People are running out of places to hide & shelter from the airstrikes and bombings as the situation worsens and buildings are torn apart.

With over half of the Gaza population being children, the airstrikes have had a tremendous impact on the people of the Holy land. More than 3,600 people have been wounded and the death toll continues to rise, with more than 600 killed. Thousands of homes have been completely destroyed during the bombing, leaving 120,000 people displaced, whilst leaving in excess of 25,000 children traumatized and in need of psychosocial support.

The Al- Ahli Arab hospital, which was setup and is run by the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a Partner of ABM, has been structurally damaged during the airstrikes and its ventilation system in the operating theatre and the emergency room have also now in need of repair. In addition, windows have been broken in many buildings, as well as in the new diagnostic centre.

Al-Ahli staff have maintained around-the-clock presence at the hospital during the crisis, receiving wounded people and providing them with the critical medical care that they need. Like other hospitals in Gaza, Al-Ahli Arab hospital is experiencing shortages in medicine, fuel for electrical generators, food for patients and food for parcels for many in the community seeking help.

As the authorities have called up 40,000 reserve troops, there are fears the conflict will escalate and many more people will be killed, wounded, or displaced.

**ABM has already sent funds to the hospital from its Global Rapid Response fund. We are aiming to raise \$25,000 for the Al-Ahli Arab hospital.**

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