

THE WAR IN GAZA HAS CAUSED AN ACUTE FOOD SHORTAGE AND IT HAS BECOME SEVERE ENOUGH TO SAY THAT A “FAMINE IS IMMINENT” AND THAT THE ENCLAVE IS ON THE EDGE OF A “MAJOR ACCELERATION OF DEATHS AND MALNUTRITION.” THE INTEGRATED FOOD SECURITY PHASE CLASSIFICATION GLOBAL INITIATIVE HAS ONLY DECLARED SUCH A WARNING ABOUT FAMINE TWICE BEFORE NOW: IN SOMALIA IN 2011 AND IN SOUTH SUDAN IN 2017. BETWEEN FIGHTING AND THE SEVERE FOOD SHORTAGE, GAZA IS IN A COMPLETE STATE OF CHAOS AND DESPERATION. ANTONIO GUTERRES, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, RENEWED HIS CALL ON MONDAY FOR “AN IMMEDIATE HUMANITARIAN CEASE-FIRE.” WITH THE SEVERE SHORTAGES OF FOOD AND OTHER BASIC NECESSITIES COMING AMID ISRAEL’S BOMBING AND BLOCKADE, MANY GLOBAL LEADERS HAVE BECOME BLUNT IN BLAMING ISRAEL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GAZA. AT THE CONFERENCE DISCUSSING HUMANITARIAN AID FOR GAZA IN BRUSSELS,

JOSEP BORRELL FONTELLES, THE EU'S FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF, ACCUSED ISRAEL OF "PROVOKING FAMINE."

"STARVATION IS BEING USED AS A WEAPON OF WAR," HE SAID. AS MORE GLOBAL LEADERS AND RELIEF

ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO TRY AND HELP GAZA

DURING THIS CRISIS, ONLY TIME WILL TELL IF THEY TRULY HIT A FAMINE LEVEL FOOD SHORTAGE.