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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Gaza Hospitals Running Out of Fuel]

NORAH O’DONNELL: Hospitals in Gaza are overwhelmed as fuel supplies dwindle. The U.N. wants to distribute home birthing kits to thousands of pregnant Palestinian women who are inside one hospital.

NASSER HOSPITAL CRITICAL CARE DR. MOHAMMED GHANDIL: The whole system are going to collapse soon.

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O’DONNELL: It comes as Gaza’s health system is on the brink of collapse. The World Health Organization says roughly one-third of the territory’s hospitals are off-line and not functioning as a result of air strikes and the lack of supplies like fuel and medicine.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Gaza Hospitals in Crisis]

O’DONNELL: Now this as a humanitarian is growing more desperate by the hour in Gaza. CBS’s Holly Williams is in east Jerusalem following the latest. Good evening, Holly.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking News; Gaza Hospitals on the Verge of Collapse]

HOLLY WILLIAMS: Good evening, Norah. Hamas officials say the death toll in the Gaza Strip is now over 6,000. But today, President Biden said while innocents have been killed, he has no confidence in those numbers. Now, what is true is that the people of Gaza appear to be on the brink of a catastrophe and we should warn you that our story tonight contains some disturbing images. “Do they seek revenge by killing our kids,” cried Wael Dahdouh today, a journalist for the al-Jazeera television network. His wife, son, daughter, and grandson were all killed. A third of the hospitals in the Gaza Strip have stopped functioning, according to the United Nations, either because they are damaged or because of a lack of fuel to power their generators. At Al-Nasser hospital in Khan Yunis, they’re still open, still saving lives when they can. Many of the injured are very young. “My sister was bleeding,” cries this little girl. “My mother was crushed
by rocks.”

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WILLIAMS: CBS News interviewed Dr. Mohammed Ghandil, the head of E.R., who said the doctors have no water to wash their hands, and some patients are dying because of shortages.

GHANDIL: The hospital have nothing to offer them, so it’s cannot be described by words. It’s hell.

WILLIAMS: At al-Shifa hospital, doctors are also warning of fuel shortage. With no electricity, they say, many of their tiny patients would die. More than 5,000 pregnant women in Gaza are expected to give with hospitals overwhelmed, the U.N. wants to distribute home birthing kits, containing soap, a plastic sheet, and scissors for cutting the umbilical cord. But so far, they can’t get them in. Even before this war, Gaza was mired in poverty. 80 percent of its people rely on international aid. Then, Israel imposed a total siege, blocking food, fuel, and medicine from going in. The U.N. Agency for Palestinian Refugees is sheltering around 600,000 displaced people and says it will run out of food by tomorrow. Israel says Hamas needs fuel for its rockets and military operations and claims home Hamas is hoarding it out stealing it from civilians, releasing aerial images of these tanks, which it says contain more than 100,000 gallons. We cannot independently verify that.