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LEAD-UP TO OPERATION CAST LEAD

Palestinian workers and fishermen wait to receive $100 handouts from the Hamas-led Labor Min. in Gaza City for the upcoming 'Id al-Adha, 2 December 2008. (Mahmud Hams/AFP/Getty Images)

Palestinian employees at Gaza City’s al-Quds hospital cook for patients using a wood stove due to cooking gas shortages in the Gaza Strip, 23 November 2008. (Mahmud Hams/AFP/Getty Images)
A Palestinian mother, among many Gazans suffering from lack of potable water as a result of Israel’s ongoing siege, helps her son drink water at the UNRWA headquarters in Rafah, 25 November 2008. (Said Khatib/AFP/Getty Images)

Palestinian students at a UNRWA primary school in Shati’ r.c. eat sandwiches provided by the agency during recess, 25 November 2008. As a result of Israel’s siege, about 75% of Gazans were dependent on food aid by the lead-up to the war. (Mahmud Hams/AFP/Getty Images)
Members of the Saraya al-Quds put on a repelling demonstration at an Islamic Jihad rally in Gaza City marking the official end of 6-month Gaza cease-fire, 19 December 2008. (Mohammed Abed/AFP/Getty Images)

Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, many in green caps, attend a Gaza City rally celebrating Hamas’s 21st anniversary, 14 December 2008. (Abid Khatib/AFP/Getty Images)