Gaza unemployment rate reaches 70% - October 27, 2020

The unemployment rate in the besieged Gaza Strip has hit 70 per cent as a result of Israel's ongoing siege of the enclave and the lockdowns which have resulted from coronavirus, the head of the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions, Sami Al-Ammasi, said. Al-Ammasi said 250,000 people are currently unemployed, with 140,000 of them losing their jobs due to the outbreak of coronavirus. This, he explained, was a loss of $40 million to the economy.