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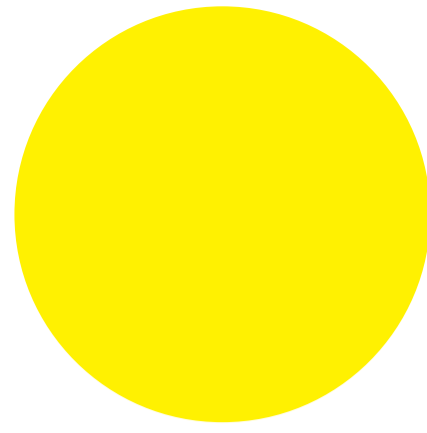
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The American news channel CNN has revealed in a damning report that US-made munitions were used in Sunday's deadly Israeli strikes targeting displaced Palestinians in a tent camp in the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah.

The strike, killed at least 45 people and injured over 200 others, most of whom were women and children, as reported by the Gaza Health Ministry. CNN cited four explosive weapons experts as saying that they had identified the tail of a US-made GBU-39 and its small diameter bomb (SDB) at the strike site. The bomb, manufactured by Boeing, is designed for high precision with minimal collateral damage.

Trevor Ball, a former US Army senior explosive ordnance disposal team member, identified the fragment as being from a GBU-39.

"The warhead portion [of the munition] is distinct, and the guidance and wing section is extremely unique compared to other munitions. Guidance and wing sections of munitions are often the remnants left over even after a munition detonates. I saw the tail actuation section and instantly knew it was one of the SDB/GBU-39 variants," Ball said.

He added that while there is a variant of the GBU-39 known as the Focused Lethality Munition (FLM) which has a larger explosive payload but is designed to cause even less collateral damage, this was not the variant used in this case.

Richard Weir, senior crisis and conflict researcher at Human Rights Watch, and Chris Lincoln-Jones, a former British Army artillery officer and weapons and targeting expert, also identified the fragment as being part of a US-manufactured GBU-39, when reviewing the video of the strike. Chris Cobb-Smith, a former British Army artillery officer, also noted that the GBU-39 is a high-precision bomb "designed to attack strategically important point targets" and using it in a densely populated area will incur risks.

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Haley greenlights Rafah carnage



Nikki Haley, the failed US Republican presidential nominee, is seen writing a message on an Israeli shell in the north of the occupied territories on May 27, 2024. AP



Iranian artists join 'All Eyes On Rafah' as Israel ramps up deadly attacks

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