

## Kadyrov's Teenage Son Tapped to Oversee Gaza Aid Distribution

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Adam Kadyrov. grozny-inform.ru

The 17-year-old son of Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov has been appointed to oversee the distribution of humanitarian aid collected in the North Caucasus republic for the Gaza Strip, regional authorities <u>said</u> on Tuesday.

The appointment came days after Chechen authorities ordered all local charities to halt Gaza fundraising, citing a lack of transparency and oversight.

"There is a risk that some of the aid may not reach those in need or could end up in the hands of outlawed organizations," Chechen Information and National Policy Minister Akhmed Dudaev <u>said</u> last week.

The only organization exempt from the suspension was the Akhmat Kadyrov Foundation, a powerful charity previously <u>described</u> by Russian investigative journalists as Ramzan Kadyrov's "personal wallet," allegedly funded through forced donations from businesses and citizens.

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Tuesday's appointment of Adam Kadyrov to oversee Gaza aid coincided with the resumption of aid activities by three other charities, according to local officials.

Chechen authorities say the region has <u>sent</u> 600 million rubles (\$7.4 million) worth of aid to Gaza since the start of Israel's assault on the Palestinian territory, which has <u>killed</u> over 60,000 people, according to local health officials.

Israel's blockade and military offensive have made it nearly impossible to safely deliver aid, as UN experts have <u>warned</u> that Israel is orchestrating a campaign of deliberate mass starvation in Gaza.

Adam Kadyrov, who has served as his father's personal bodyguard since 2023, has been <a href="mailto:appointed">appointed</a> to several senior roles in recent months, including secretary of Chechnya's Security Council.

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