



Situation Report #33: Occupied Palestine

14 April – 21 April 2025 (until 10:00 AM)

The Government Communication Center at the Prime Minister's Office issues the Situation Report once a week. The next Situation Report will be issued on 28 April 2025.

Key Developments

ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST GAZA

Amid the ongoing bombing and suffering without food, water, electricity, or medicine- even the air tainted with the smell of explosives and shell dust- the occupying Power, Israel, has continued to tighten its comprehensive siege of the Gaza Strip, preventing the entry of essential supplies and humanitarian aid since 2 March and even [obstructing the distribution of available humanitarian assistance](#). Gaza is once again on the brink of famine, as the limited supplies delivered during the temporary ceasefire have now been completely depleted, [UNRWA](#) said. Additionally, the [World Food Program](#) confirmed that two million people in Gaza, the majority of whom are displaced and lack a source of income, are completely dependent on aid. Regarding the worsening humanitarian and health catastrophe in Gaza, [Dr. Marwan Al-Hams](#), director of field hospitals in the Gaza Strip, warned of the complete collapse of the health system, as the occupation is not exempting any medical facility from continued targeting and bombing. He noted that hospitals can no longer take in any additional wounded people. Over the past week, the occupation targeted the gate of the [Kuwaiti Field Hospital](#) west of Khan Yunis, killing one hospital worker and wounding others. In its latest report, [UNOCHA](#) said, "the Gaza Strip is now likely facing the worst humanitarian crisis" since October 2023. The [Red Cross Chief](#) described Gaza as "hell on earth," while [Doctors Without Borders](#) stated it "has been turned into a mass grave of Palestinians and those coming to their assistance." In emphasizing the urgency of international responsibility, the [Palestinian Foreign Ministry](#) said, "The occupation continues to kidnap and strangle our people due to the absence of an international force to compel it to implement international legitimacy resolutions."

ISRAEL BOMBED & BURNED ALIVE PALESTINIANS IN MAKESHIFT TENTS

The [Civil Defense in the Gaza Strip](#) announced on Thursday that 25 people, including children, were martyred in a series of Israeli airstrikes on tents housing displaced people. The Civil Defense spokesperson, Mahmoud Basal, confirmed to AFP that two missiles from Israeli warplanes directly targeted several tents of displaced people in the [Al-Mawasi area of Khan Yunis](#), killing 16 Palestinians, most of whom were women and children, and wounding more than 20 others. He added that two others were martyred- a child and his father- while 13



others were wounded due to an Israeli attack on a tent housing displaced Palestinians in an area near Al-Mawasi. In northern Gaza, seven people were killed when an airstrike targeted tents in the town of Beit Lahia, Basal added. Another shocking [video](#) documented Israeli warplanes striking the tents of the displaced in the Al-Mawasi area, west of Khan Younis. During the past week, [Israel has entirely wiped out three Palestinian families from the civil registry](#): Abu Roos (10 members), Al-Atal (6 members), and Asalieh (7 members).

PALESTINIAN JOURNALIST FATIMA HASSONA: "IF I DIE, I WANT A LOUD DEATH"

In August 2024, Palestinian journalist [Fatima Hassona](#) posted a [picture](#) of herself and wrote, "If I die, I want a loud death." Last Wednesday, an Israeli airstrike killed Fatima together with ten members of her family, including her pregnant sister. Fatima, 25 years old, was killed just days before her wedding. Twenty-four hours before Israel killed her, it was revealed that a documentary titled "Put Your Soul on Your Hand and Walk," highlighting her life in Gaza, was set to debut at the [Cannes ACID festival](#).

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

Israel's aggression against the northern West Bank continues, displacing so far 45,000 Palestinians in [Jenin](#) and [Tulkarem](#). For 91 days in Jenin City and its refugee camp, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) have continued to bulldoze infrastructure, burn homes, convert others into military barracks, and storm and raid homes in villages and towns in the governorate. During the past three months, the IOF has killed 38 Palestinians in the governorate, in addition to wounding and arresting tens of others. The IOF's aggression against the city of [Tulkarem](#) and its refugee camp has continued for 85 consecutive days, and 72 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. This has resulted in widespread destruction of infrastructure, including homes, shops, and vehicles, and the martyrdom of 13 Palestinians, in addition to dozens of injuries and arrests.

THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIAN PRISONERS FACE ANOTHER FORM OF GENOCIDE

Marking the Palestinian Prisoner Day on 17 April, the prisoners' institutions stated in a [joint statement](#) that at least 63 detainees have been martyred in Israeli occupation prisons since the beginning of Israel's genocide in the Gaza Strip, including 40 martyrs from Gaza. Meanwhile, the occupation continues to conceal the identities of dozens of martyrs and withhold their bodies. The number of documented martyr prisoners since 1967 has reached 300, the most recent of whom was the child Walid Ahmed from Silwad. During the past week, two more Palestinians were martyred inside Israeli prisons: [Musab Adaili](#) (20 years old) and [Nasser Radaideh](#) (49 years old). More than [9,900](#) Palestinians remain incarcerated in Israeli prisons, including over [5,000](#) prisoners who are injured or ill.



Summary

Since the onset of Israel's genocidal aggression on [Gaza](#), the IOF has killed at least **51,201** Palestinians, majority of whom are women and children, and wounded **116,869** more. Since [18 March](#), Israel has killed 1,827 Palestinians and injured 4,828 others. Many remain trapped under the rubble. Between 18 March and 16 April, nearly 420,000 people have been forcibly displaced, as reported by [UNRWA](#).



- [UNOCHA](#): At least 417 aid workers killed, including 294 UN staff, 44 PRCS staff & volunteers
- [Palestinian Journalists Syndicate](#): 210 journalists and media workers killed
- [UNMAS](#) estimates that between one in 10 and one in 20 bombs fired into Gaza did not go off
- [Video](#): IOF soldiers celebrate Passover in a Palestinian home they took over in Rafah
- [Testimony of Monther Abed](#), the sole survivor of the Israeli attack on the paramedic team in Rafah

Figure 1: Gaza Strip

In the occupied West Bank, incl. Jerusalem, since 7 October 2023, the IOF has killed **954** Palestinians, incl. **193** children, and injured at least **8,072** others². Promoted under the title "Next Year in Jerusalem," Hebrew websites published a [video clip](#) created using artificial intelligence that shows the bombing of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound and the construction of the alleged "Temple" in its place.



- [Haaretz](#): Legislation, Land Grabs Point to Expedited Israeli Annexation in the West Bank
- [Masafer Yatta](#): A settler shot Sheikh Saeed at point-blank range, resulting in the [amputation of his leg](#)

Figure 2: West Bank³ | 14 April – 20 April 2025 (until 8 AM)

¹ UNOCHA, [Reported Impact Snapshot| Gaza Strip](#), 15 April 2025.

² Killings: Ministry of Health as of 13 April 2025 – Injuries: UNOCHA as of 18 March 2025.

³ [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#) | The same incident may result in multiple attacks.



In Focus

During the past week, over 7,000 settlers and other intruders under the guise of tourism stormed the courtyards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound. During their provocative tours, they performed various rituals, including the so-called "epic prostration," dancing, and singing. They also tried to bring in and slaughter animals for sacrifice. According to the [Jerusalem Governorate](#), on 17 April alone, the fifth day of the Jewish Passover holiday, 2,258 settlers stormed the courtyards of the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound under heavy IOF protection. This was the first time since 1967 that so many intruders had entered the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound in a single day. The [Palestinian Cabinet](#) condemned in the strongest terms the continued incursions by Israeli settlers, accompanied by extremist ministers and under heavy IOF protection, into the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound in occupied Jerusalem and the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron. Moreover, the Israeli occupation transformed occupied Jerusalem's Old City neighborhoods into a military barracks surrounded by checkpoints and weapons pointed at [Palestinian Christian worshippers](#) during Easter holy days. On Holy Saturday, journalist [Rafi Ghattas](#) posted a [video](#) from the courtyard of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, highlighting that Israeli police far outnumbered the worshippers present. He noted that strict restrictions had led to the Church and its surrounding square being mostly deserted. And in a dangerous precedent as described by the [Palestinian Foreign Ministry](#), the occupation prevented the Apostolic Nuncio, the Vatican Ambassador to the State of Palestine, from entering the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to observe Holy Saturday.

Government Updates

- Minister of Local Government, Dr. Sami Hijjawi, told [Voice of Palestine](#) that the proposed amendments to the Local Councils' Elections Law aim to strengthen democratic participation and voter choice. Under these amendments, village council voters can select individual candidates from lists, moving away from the previous system that required voting for an entire list. In municipalities, the closed proportional list system will be replaced by an open proportional list, allowing voters to prioritize and select up to five candidates. Additional landmark amendments would include lowering the minimum nomination age from 25 to 23 years and increasing the quota for women's representation from 25% to 30%.
- The [Palestinian Foreign Ministry](#) considered the occupation's practices against Palestinian Christians as "racist and discriminatory, falling within the broader context of targeting Jerusalem and its Christian and Islamic holy sites, and constituting a blatant violation of the freedom of worship and the freedom of access to religious sites." Regarding Israeli attacks against the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, the [Ministry](#) warned of Israeli settler organizations' plans and called for effective international intervention to stop them.