



Situation Report #36: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 584: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST GAZA

During the past week, [Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa](#) declared Gaza a "famine zone" and urged the entire UN system to promptly activate its mechanisms in response. This comes as the Israeli occupation persists with its 10-week blockade of Gaza (since 2 March) and has intensified its aerial, land, and sea bombardment across the Strip since 18 March, including bombing of buildings and airstrikes on residential buildings and tents sheltering displaced Palestinians. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ([UNRWA](#)) warned of the risks of Israel prolonging the blockade on the Gaza Strip, noting that thousands of trucks are ready to enter and that starvation in Gaza is "manmade and politically motivated" and "an expression of absolute cruelty." For its part, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ([UNOCHA](#)) warned that: "Children are starving, and dying. Community kitchens are shutting down. Clean water is running out." In an earlier post on the X platform, [UNOCHA](#) confirmed that 70% of the Gaza Strip is "within Israeli-militarized zones, under displacement orders or both." Furthermore, the Palestinian Water Authority ([PWA](#)) issued an urgent humanitarian appeal on Saturday, urging the international community to take decisive action to stop what it called "a deliberate and systematic campaign to exterminate the civilian population of Gaza through thirst, hunger, and disease."

GAZA GENOCIDE HAS SO FAR LED 1,500 PALESTINIANS TO LOSE THEIR SIGHT

[Medical sources](#) reported a critical shortage of medical supplies and equipment for eye surgeries in the Gaza Strip. They confirmed that 1,500 citizens have lost their sight due to Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza, with another 4,000 at risk. The ongoing genocide is causing a near-total collapse of surgical services, endangering patients' lives and preventing their rescue. Medical staff warned that the Eye Hospital is on the verge of declaring its inability to provide surgical services without immediate and urgent intervention. In its latest report, [UNOCHA](#) confirmed that the "capacity of health facilities is shrinking," adding that the number of public trauma hospitals has decreased from seven to five. Additionally, access for international medical staff to support emergency medical teams (EMT) has become more restricted, resulting in a 45% reduction in international EMT staff.



ISRAEL'S PLAN TO CONTROL AID DISTRIBUTION IN GAZA

The [plan](#) seeks to shift responsibility for delivering and overseeing humanitarian aid in Gaza from the United Nations and existing relief agencies to a new system managed by the Israeli occupation. The plan involves strict Israeli military control over all aspects of aid through centers run by private contractors. The [Palestinian Cabinet](#) rejected this proposed Israeli plan and considered it an attempt to circumvent UN agencies. At its weekly session held in the northern West Bank city of Jenin last Monday, the Cabinet called for immediate international action to pressure Israel to open the crossings and allow aid into the besieged Strip. On Friday, the United Nations reiterated its rejection of the plan. [Deputy Spokesman for the Secretary-General Farhan Haq](#) said the "UN will not engage in any arrangement that fails to uphold the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, independence and neutrality." Also, [UNICEF's spokesperson James Elder](#) stressed that Israel's plan will increase the ongoing suffering in Gaza," adding that "it further entrenches forced displacement."

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression against Jenin and its refugee camp has persisted for 112 consecutive days, 106 days against the city of Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 93 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. [Jenin Mayor Mohammad Jarrar](#) stated that the Jenin refugee camp has currently become an unlivable area, as all housing units have been partially or completely destroyed. He emphasized that addressing the worsening water shortage crisis in Jenin City is a key priority, attributed to the Israeli occupation's deliberate targeting of water carrier lines. Moreover, as part of the occupation's plan to demolish 106 homes and residential buildings in the [Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps](#), the number of buildings demolished by the occupation bulldozers over the past week has reached 15, according to local estimates. These buildings included residential apartments, whose owners were forcibly displaced.

ISRAEL FORCIBLY SHUTS UNRWA SCHOOLS IN OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

As the decision to close six UNRWA schools in occupied Jerusalem took effect, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) raided three of them in the Shuafat refugee camp on Thursday, forcing over [550 students](#), along with teaching and administrative staff, to evacuate immediately. [Roland Friedrich, Director of UNRWA Affairs for the West Bank, including East Jerusalem](#), said, "As a precautionary measure, UNRWA evacuated its three other schools" in the city. [UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini](#) said: "Now, nearly 800 girls & boys - some as young as 6 years old- are left in shock and trauma," adding that "Storming schools and forcing them shut is a blatant disregard of international law. These schools are inviolable premises of the United Nations. By enforcing closure orders issued last month, the Israeli authorities are denying Palestinian children their basic right to learn."



Summary

During the past week, the IOF has killed at least 284 Palestinians and injured over 1,060 others. Many remain trapped under the rubble.

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

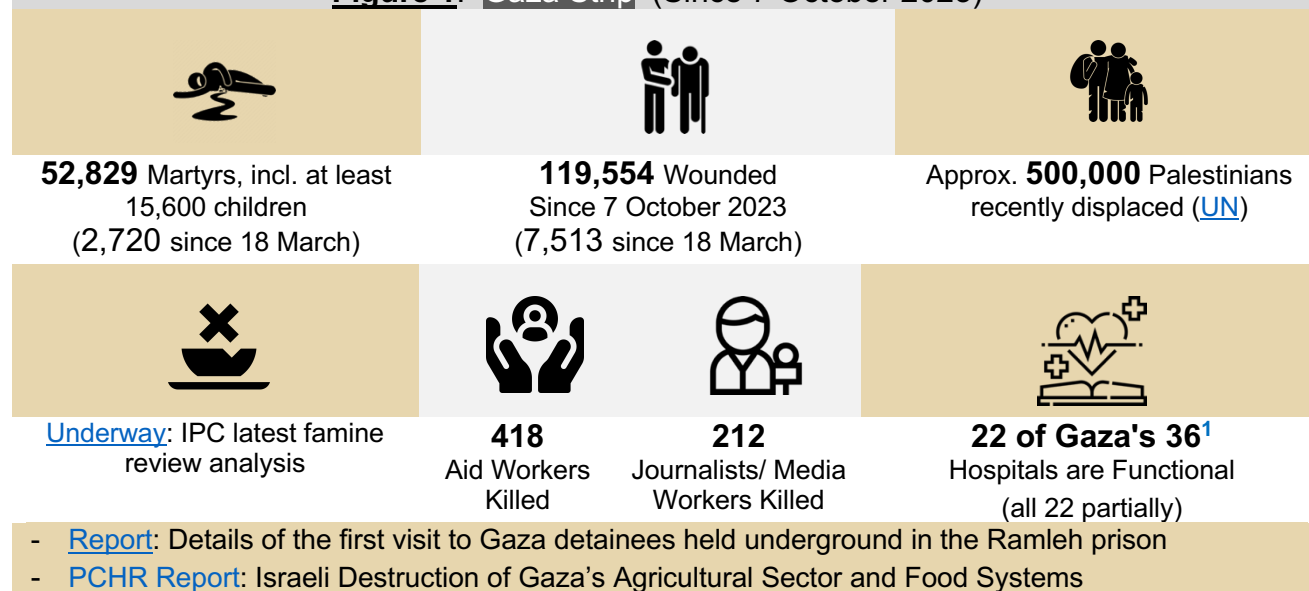
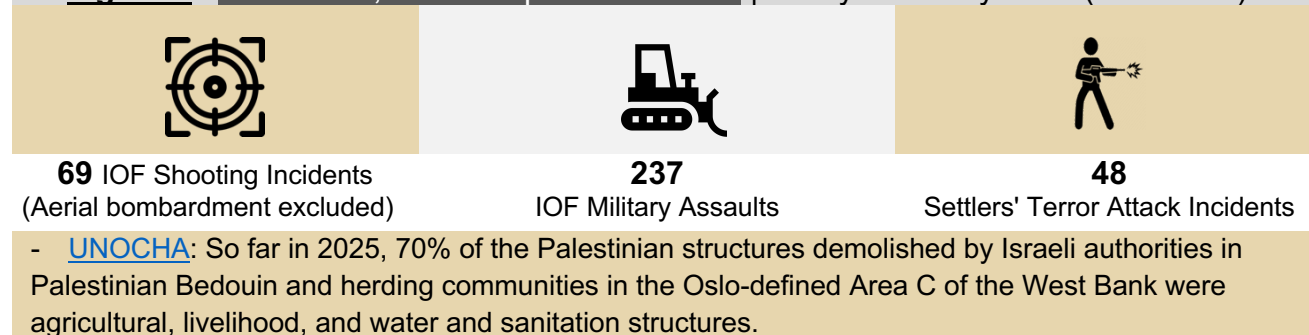


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)



Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 5 May – 11 May 2025 (until 8 AM)



Sources: Ministry of Health, [Wafa](#), [UNOCHA](#), [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#), [Palestinian Prisoners' Society](#), [Palestinian Journalists Syndicate](#)

¹ [Note from UNOCHA](#): The two hospitals that were previously merged are no longer counted separately.



In Focus

Last Monday, the IOF demolished [39 structures](#) in the Khalet Al Daba' village in Masafer Yatta, south of Hebron. These structures included 14 homes (including six caves), five animal shelters, six water cisterns, the community center, the water network, and the communal electricity solar system with the electricity room. [Khalet Al Daba'](#) covers an area of approximately 3,000 dunams, of which 250 dunams are designated for residential use. The population comprises approximately 120 people (14 families) from the Dababseh clan. They rely on agriculture and livestock as their primary source of income. Some also work in the cities of Hebron and Yatta, and others practice handicrafts such as embroidery and woven fabrics.

According to [UNOCHA](#), the occupation authorities demolished over 85% of homes and other structures in the village, displacing approximately 50 people, half of whom were children. Consequently, the community has been left without access to water or electricity. Activist Osama Makhamreh reported that the IOF evacuated the village of Khalet Al Daba' of its residents before carrying out the demolition. They prevented the owners from retrieving their belongings. In 2022, an Israeli court issued a demolition order and directed the displacement of Palestinians in the village. The order, based on the claim that the "area is located in a firing zone," aims to seize Palestinian citizens' land for Israel's colonial settlement expansion. The village has faced ongoing threats from the Israeli occupation, including the demolition of homes and structures. In February 2025, the IOF demolished seven homes, three caves, and a water well in the village, displacing many families. Israeli settlers have also perpetrated attacks against villagers, including the destruction of their crops and the grazing of livestock on their lands, resulting in significant damage to agricultural produce.

During April 2025, according to the [latest report](#) published by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission, the IOF and its settlers carried out 1,693 attacks against Palestinian citizens, their lands, and their properties. Most attacks were concentrated in Hebron, Ramallah, and Nablus governorates. Regarding the rise in settlers' terrorist attacks against Palestinians, [UNOCHA](#) documented 13 settler-related incidents between 29 April and 5 May 2025, which resulted "in the injury of four Palestinians, the displacement of two families comprising six people, the burning of two residential tents, the vandalism of three vehicles, five livelihood-related assets and three water tanks, and damage to or uprooting of approximately 50 olive and fig trees." Over the past three weeks, UNOCHA noted five cases involving the abduction and detention of Palestinians by Israeli settlers in the governorates of Nablus, Ramallah, and Hebron. In one incident, Israeli settlers wielding knives and stones chased Palestinian children in the village of Beit Furik, east of Nablus. They abducted a 13-year-old girl and her 3-year-old brother, whose parents found them tied to a tree inside the village 15 minutes later.



Government Updates

- In a [press conference](#) on the worsening humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, held with the participation of the Government Operations Room for Emergency Interventions in the Gaza Strip teams, Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa called on the entire United Nations system to immediately activate its mechanisms and to treat Gaza as a famine-stricken zone. The Prime Minister called on the UN Security Council and the UN Secretary-General to take immediate action by invoking Article 99 of the UN Charter. He also called upon all UN Member States to fulfill their legal obligations under international humanitarian law, recognize the catastrophe and famine, and provide the political and logistical support needed to end the siege, ensure unimpeded aid delivery, and activate accountability and international justice mechanisms.
- Speaking during the [Europe Day](#) in Ramallah last Thursday, in the presence of EU Representative to Palestine Alexandre Stutzmann and a host of diplomatic, official, and public figures, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa extended his gratitude to the EU and its Member States for their consistent and longstanding political, financial, and economic support for Palestine, including backing the Palestinian Government and its programs. He welcomed the EU's leadership, together with Saudi Arabia and Norway, of the Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, culminating in the upcoming international conference in New York on 17 June, co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia. In denouncing the occupation's closure of UNRWA schools in occupied Jerusalem, the Prime Minister stressed it is a deliberate attempt to deny Palestinian children their right to education.
- During a [meeting](#) on Sunday in Ramallah with German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepful, held in the presence of Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Varsen Shaheen and German Representative to Palestine Oliver Owczar, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa stressed that ending the Israeli occupation, ensuring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and realizing the establishment of the independent Palestinian state are the only path to achieving peace and stability in the region. Prime Minister Mustafa reiterated the Palestinian Government's unwavering commitment to all peaceful and diplomatic avenues to achieve the legitimate and inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. He also emphasized the importance of Germany's participation in next month's Peace Conference in New York.