



Situation Report #37: Occupied Palestine

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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 26 May 2025.

Key Developments

DAY 591: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST GAZA

For the 79th consecutive day, the occupying Power, Israel, continues to maintain its blockade of the Gaza Strip, denying the entire Palestinian population access to life-saving aid, including food, medicine, and medical equipment. Israel's continued bombardment of the Strip since it resumed its genocidal aggression against Gaza on 18 March is intensifying, targeting Palestinians everywhere, particularly and systematically, hospitals, schools, and displacement tents. On Friday, the [Israeli newspaper Maariv](#) reported that the Israeli Air Force has intensified its bombardment of Gaza, dropping a bomb every four minutes. The newspaper added that in recent days, the scope of Israeli attacks has escalated more rapidly than during the initial strikes in October 2023. In his briefing to the UNSC, [Tom Fletcher](#), Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, called what's happening in Gaza "the 21st century atrocity," and asked the UNSC, "[W]hat more evidence do you need now? Will you act – decisively – to prevent genocide (...)" In outlining the present situation in Gaza, UN Human Rights Chief [Volker Türk](#) stated: "This latest barrage of bombs, forcing people to move amid the threat of intensified attacks, the methodical destruction of entire neighborhoods, and the denial of humanitarian assistance underline that there appears to be a push for a permanent demographic shift in Gaza that is in defiance of international law and is tantamount to ethnic cleansing."

IPC: "IMMEDIATE ACTION IS ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT FURTHER DEATHS, STARVATION AND ACUTE MALNUTRITION, AND A DESCENT INTO FAMINE"

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) [snapshot](#) on the Gaza Strip, released on 12 May, projects that the entire population of 2.1 million people will experience high levels of acute food insecurity between 11 May and the end of September 2025, with half a million people (one in five) facing starvation. The results indicate a significant deterioration compared to IPC's previous analysis in October 2024. IPC warned that "in light of the announced large-scale military operation across the Gaza Strip and the persistent inability of humanitarian agencies to deliver essential goods and services, there is a high risk that Famine (IPC Phase 5) will occur in the projection period (11 May – 30 September). The latest announcements suggest that this worst-case scenario is becoming more likely." On the



long-term impact of malnutrition, the [World Health Organization](#) has confirmed that it "can last a lifetime," warning that "Without enough nutritious food, clean water, and access to health care, an entire generation will be permanently affected."

ISRAEL KILLED SEVEN PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS IN ONE WEEK

During the past week, Israel killed Palestinian journalist [Hassan Islaih](#) while he was receiving treatment at Nasser Medical Complex, following a prior assassination attempt. Israel also killed journalist [Hassan Samour](#) along with 11 members of his family, and journalist [Ahmad Al-Hilo](#), who was killed alongside his brother. [Four other journalists](#) and their families were also killed: Abdel Rahman Abadleh, Aziz Al-Hajar, who was killed with his wife and children, and journalist Nour Qandil, along with her husband (who is also a journalist), Khaled Abu Sief, and their daughter.

PCBS REPORT ON THE 77TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE NAKBA

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics [report](#) examined the reality of the Palestinian people on the 77th anniversary of the Nakba, when 957,000 Palestinians were displaced from a population of 1.4 million in 1948. More than 70 massacres were committed during the 1948 Nakba, resulting in the martyrdom of over 15,000 Palestinians. After 77 years, the number of Palestinians has multiplied tenfold, reaching 15.2 million Palestinians worldwide by mid-2025, including 5.5 million in Palestine (3.4 million in the West Bank and 2.1 million in Gaza), and 7.8 million outside of historic Palestine. The number of Palestinians and Israelis in historic Palestine is approximately 7.4 million each. The number of martyrs since the Nakba has exceeded 154,000, including more than 52,600 martyrs during Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza (34% of the total martyrs since the Nakba). In the West Bank, the number of Israeli occupation sites and military bases, including settlements, reached 551, and the number of settlers reached 770,420 (23.4 settlers for every 100 Palestinians).

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression against Jenin and its refugee camp has persisted for 119 consecutive days, 113 days against the city of Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 100 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. The town of [Kafr Al-Dik and Brugin](#) village, located west of Salfit, have also faced ongoing Israeli aggression for several days, including raids, arrests, shootings, and land leveling. The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) imposed a strict siege, established military checkpoints, enforced curfews, and detained dozens of citizens, resulting in a severe shortage of essential food supplies. Following a shooting incident in which a female settler was killed near the "Bruchin" settlement, [Smotrich called for the destruction of Brugin and Kafr Al-Dik, similar to what occurred in Gaza.](#)



Summary

Medical sources confirmed yesterday that [every hospital](#) in the northern Gaza Strip is now out of service.

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

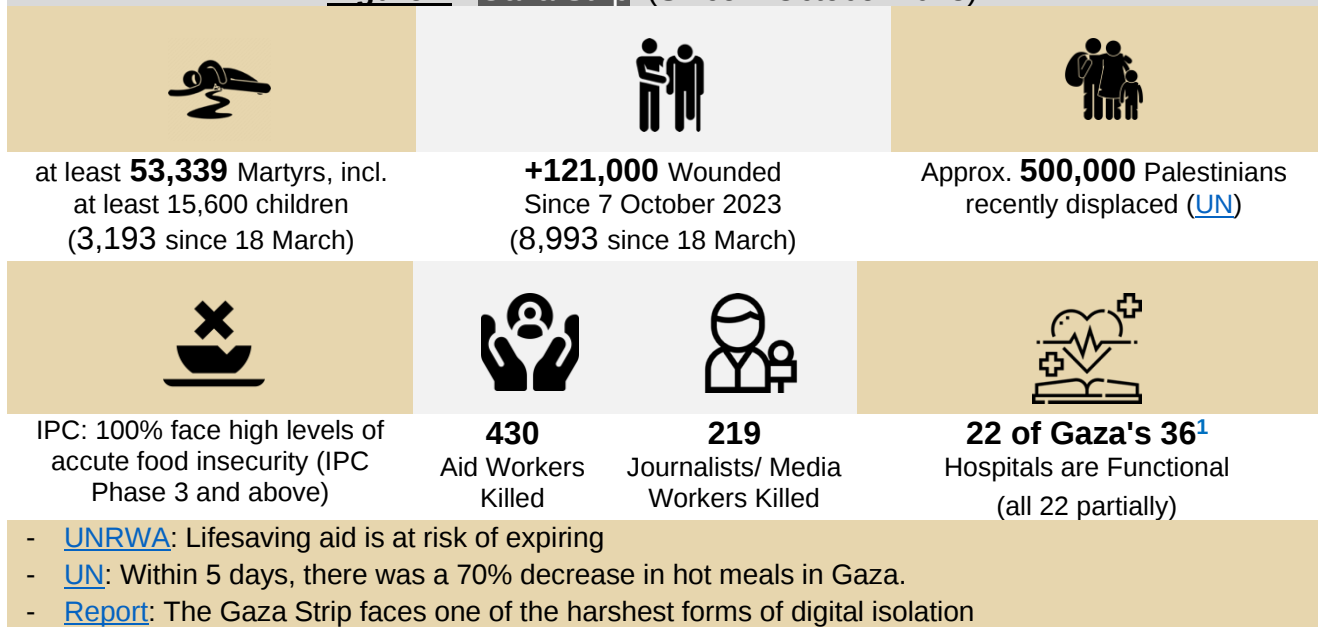


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

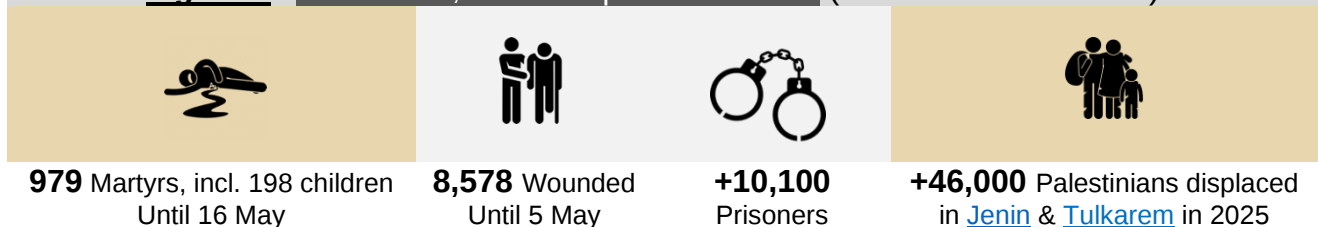


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 12 May – 18 May 2025 (until 8 AM)



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

¹ Last updated on 14 May 2025. Latest reports from last week indicate that the following hospitals were rendered inoperable: the [European](#) hospital in southern Gaza and the Indonesian, Beit Hanoun, and Kamal Adwan in the north.



In Focus

In its latest [report](#), the National Bureau for Defending Land and Resisting Settlements highlighted the dangerous [decision by the Israeli Security Cabinet to resume land registration in the Oslo-defined Area C of the occupied West Bank](#) and halt what they described as the Palestinian National Authority's "illegal attempts to seize land" in Area C. The report said that according to the text of this decision, the occupation government will resume official procedures for land registration in the West Bank. All actions taken by the Palestinian National Authority in these areas, including maps, documents, and approvals, will be considered illegal and without legal effect within Israel. Furthermore, the Israeli security establishment will prevent Palestinian construction and hinder any foreign support for Palestinians in this area. To prevent the right of the State of Palestine to exist, Smotrich said that this decision provides a stable "legal" foundation that enables the allocation of land reserves for Israeli settlement expansion and undermines the Palestinian National Authority's efforts to control open lands. The report concluded that with this decision, the occupying state is moving forward with its most dangerous colonial projects to entrench annexation as a de facto reality on the ground.

Government Updates

- In his [interview with Qatar TV](#) in Baghdad, Iraq, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Mohammad Mustafa highlighted the importance of coordination and collective action among all members of the Arab Summit to address regional issues, particularly the Palestinian issue, and to achieve stability and security. He emphasized the need for a ceasefire and the delivery of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip, noting that plans have been made for the Gaza Reconstruction Conference to take place immediately after the ceasefire is declared. The Prime Minister added that now is the time to shift from discussing the importance of establishing a Palestinian state to emphasizing the need for its implementation on the ground.
- In delivering the President's speech during [the Fifth Arab Development Summit](#), Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa emphasized the exceptional circumstances facing the region, particularly the ongoing aggression against the Palestinian people amidst the continuing Israeli crimes of genocide, starvation, blockade, and the systematic destruction of infrastructure. The Prime Minister affirmed that the State of Palestine presented its comprehensive vision for stability and peace to the summit, which begins with a ceasefire towards launching economic development operations within the framework of the plan adopted by the emergency Arab Summit. The Prime Minister reiterated the State of Palestine's commitment to working with its brothers and friends around the world to establish a just and comprehensive peace in accordance with international legitimacy resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative.