



Situation Report #39: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 605: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST GAZA

Subjected to bombings, [starvation](#), displacement, and the destruction of all means of life, more than two million Palestinians continue to struggle for survival in the Gaza Strip after over 600 days of Israel's genocide. The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continue to target the health sector and prevent UN aid that meets the basic needs of the population and preserves their dignity. Yesterday, the IOF bombed [Noura Al-Kaabi Dialysis Hospital](#), the only hospital providing such treatment in northern Gaza. Furthermore, with the escalating risk of famine, [UNRWA spokesperson Adnan Abu Hasna](#) explained that hundreds of thousands are starving, estimating that approximately 300,000 Palestinians are in "extreme danger," adding that Palestinians are "either dying of hunger or under bombardment." [UNOCHA spokesperson Jens Laerke](#) said: "Gaza is the hungriest place on earth," where "100 percent of the population [is] at risk of famine." The implementation of the new military mechanism for distributing aid [has put civilians' lives at risk](#). Within less than a week, it has resulted in the killing of [49 Palestinians and injuries to 305 others](#) as the IOF opened fire on Palestinians attempting to access aid at the distribution centers of the Gaza "Humanitarian" Foundation. [UNRWA's Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini](#) said in "Gaza: aid distribution has become a death trap." He previously explained that [Israel's Gaza aid model](#) is a "distraction from atrocities," noting it "does not align with core humanitarian principles." Additionally, in its recent report, [UNOCHA](#) said that over 632,000 Palestinians have been displaced again since 18 March 2025, including more than 195,100 people who were displaced between 15 – 30 May, after Israel issued more than 30 displacement orders. This has resulted in a blockade on the population within an ever-shrinking area, where 81% of the Gaza Strip is now categorized as Israeli military zones or is under displacement orders.

LESS THAN 5% OF GAZA'S AGRICULTURAL LAND IS AVAILABLE FOR CULTIVATION

According to a recent geospatial assessment conducted by [FAO and UNOSAT](#), less than 5% of the agricultural land in the Gaza Strip (6,880 dunams out of 150,530 dunams) is available for cultivation. Approximately 81% of the total agricultural land area (125,370 dunams) has been damaged. Farmers cannot access 78% (117,160 dunams) of agricultural land due to displacement orders and areas under Israeli military control. The governorates of Rafah and North Gaza, where nearly all agricultural land is inaccessible, are the most affected.



ISRAELI SETTLERS' CELEBRATION OF JERUSALEM'S OCCUPATION

Last Monday, Israel turned occupied Jerusalem into a military barracks. Thousands of Israeli settlers, including ministers from the current extremist Israeli government led by Ben Gvir and Smotrich, as well as Knesset members, took to the city streets and the alleys of its Old City to mark the 58th anniversary of its occupation according to the Hebrew calendar. The so-called "[Flag March](#)" was accompanied by widespread raids into the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, attacks on Palestinian citizens, their shops, and journalists. Israeli settlers, led by a Knesset member, also stormed the [UNRWA headquarters](#) in occupied Jerusalem and demanded its occupation.

ISRAELI CABINET DECIDES TO ESTABLISH 22 NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK

[The Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission](#) (CWRC) said that by announcing the transformation of 22 colonial sites and installations (outposts) into full-fledged settlements, the Israeli occupation authorities are placing themselves not only in confrontation with our people but also with the entire world, which condemns colonialism. CWRC head, Minister Muayyad Shaaban, said the new Israeli decision reinforces colonialism in occupied Palestine, noting that the new colonial sites include four in Ramallah, four in Jenin, four in Hebron, two in Nablus, one in Salfit, three in Jericho, three in the Jordan Valley, and one in occupied Jerusalem. [Peace Now](#) explained that this decision is "the most extensive move of its kind since the Oslo Accords, under which Israel committed not to establish new settlements," which "will dramatically reshape the West Bank and entrench the occupation even further."

ISRAEL BANS THE ENTRY OF A HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL DELEGATION TO PALESTINE

Israel blocked an [Arab ministerial delegation](#)'s entry to Palestine, consisting of members from the ministerial committee designated by the extraordinary joint Arab-Islamic summit on Gaza. The delegation consists of the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Bahrain, and Egypt, as well as the Secretary-General of the Arab League. The [Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) said in a statement that the "Israeli government's decision constitutes a blatant violation of its obligations under international law as an occupying power, a breach of signed agreements, and a continuation of its ongoing violations against the Palestinian people."

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has continued for 133 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 127 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 114 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. [Jenin Mayor Mohammed Jarrar](#) said that the direct damages caused by the ongoing Israeli occupation's aggression against the city of Jenin and its refugee camp have reached \$300 million in the governorate, including the town of Qabatiya. Noting that the IOF is preventing municipal crews from entering the refugee camp, Jarrar added that estimates suggest it requires complete reconstruction.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

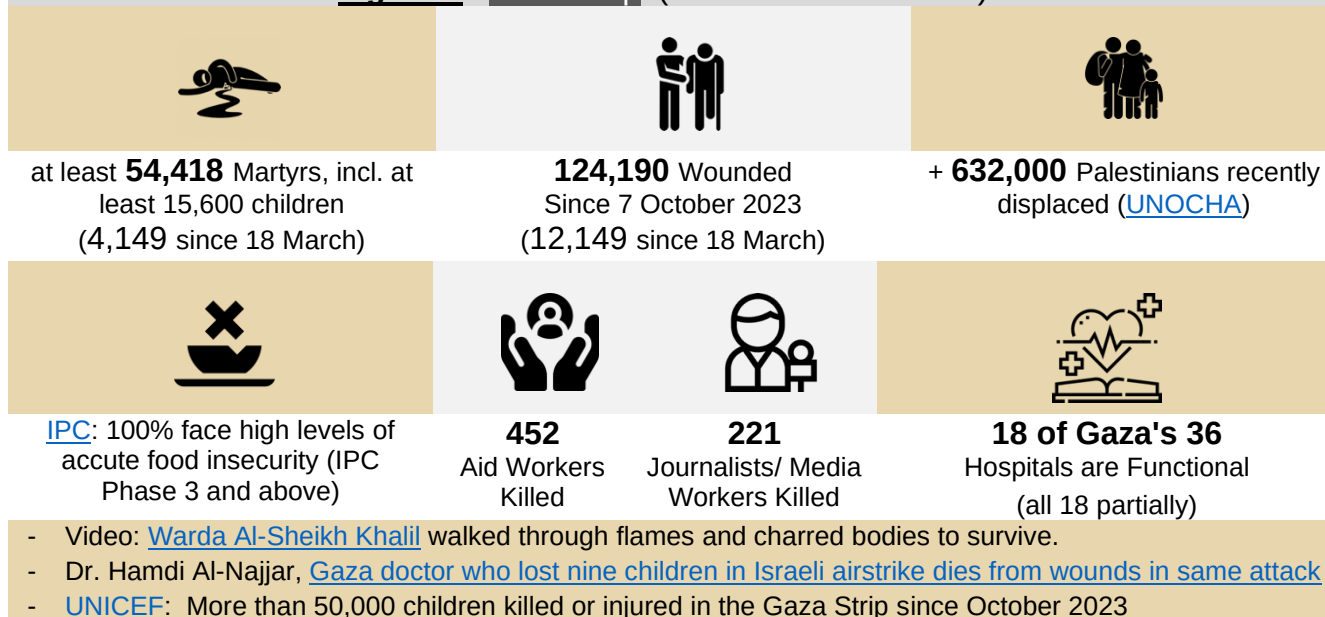
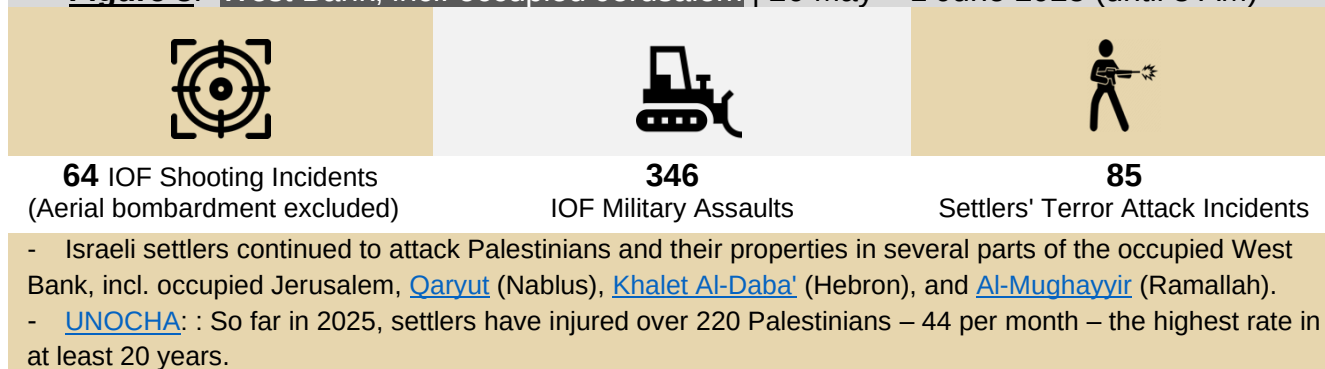


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)



Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 26 May – 1 June 2025 (until 8 AM)



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



In Focus

According to the latest update issued yesterday by the [Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs](#), Palestinian detainees at Israel's "Megiddo" Prison, particularly minors, suffer harsh and inhumane conditions characterized by deliberate starvation and repeated physical assaults. The prison consists of nine sections, with approximately 72 detainees in each. According to the Commission's attorney, 24-year-old Fadi Shami, from Nablus City, who has been detained since 11 May 2023, has lost 22 kilograms due to Israel's systematic policy of inflicting hunger on Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons. He is scheduled for a court hearing on 22 June 2025. The Commission presented two additional cases: one involving a Palestinian minor who was subjected to repeated beatings and another who faced multiple instances of physical abuse during his arrest. The lawyer indicated that the prison administration often reduces the detainees' outdoor time, which is legally required to be at least one hour per day. He added that "outbreaks of scabies are spreading rapidly inside the prison due to severe neglect, unsanitary conditions, and lack of proper ventilation. Even medical treatment has proven ineffective. Food rations are dangerously scarce, barely enough to sustain basic survival."

After nearly 600 days of Israel's genocide in Gaza, the Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs and the Palestinian Prisoner's Society reported in a [joint statement](#) last Tuesday that, during May 2025, legal teams conducted several visits to a group of Gaza detainees, including those in the "Sde Teiman" and "Ofer" detention centers, as part of an ongoing series of visits over the past months. According to the statement, the detainees' testimonies once again highlighted systematic torture crimes, an unprecedented level of ill-treatment, and humiliation methods that degrade human dignity. One of the detainees, who was arrested on 27 December 2024 from Kamal Adwan Hospital, said in his testimony that he was "completely stripped of [his] clothes and photographed using a phone." He added, "Since I arrived at the Sde Teiman camp, I have only changed my clothes once."

Government Update

- Speaking at the [opening session of the Expanded Ministerial Meeting of the Madrid Group on the Question of Palestine \(Madrid+\) hosted in Madrid](#), Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa said that Israel is using the man-made famine it deliberately imposed and weaponized as part of its genocidal war strategy against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip. The Prime Minister stressed that the deliberate denial of food and aid, the relentless bombardment, and the destruction of every element of life constitute clear and ongoing war crimes. He added: "The picture in the West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem, is equally dire." The Prime Minister expressed hope that the recent preparatory meeting for the high-level UN conference on a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian question and the implementation of the two-State solution — held in New York — would lead to a clear path and actions for the implementation and realization of the Palestinian state on the ground.