



Situation Report #66: Occupied Palestine

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The Government Communication Center at the Prime Minister's Office issues the Situation Report once a week in English, Arabic, Spanish, and French. The next Situation Report will be issued on 22 December 2025.

Key Developments

DAY 66 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 391 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 70,663 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

The occupying Power, Israel, continues to commit crimes in the Gaza Strip, bringing the total to [391 martyrs and 1,063 injuries](#) since the declared ceasefire of 11 October. Last Wednesday, [three Palestinians were killed in Jabalia refugee camp](#), including a woman and a child. According to the [Euro-Med](#), the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) deliberately ran over 16-year-old Zaher Shamia with a military bulldozer, crushing him while he was still alive. Reports also indicated that an Israeli sniper shot and killed a [35-year-old civilian](#) in the Al-Atatra area of Beit Lahiya. In addition, [several Palestinians were killed or injured](#) on Saturday when an IOF drone targeted a vehicle near Nabulsi junction, west of Gaza. Furthermore, the ongoing Israeli aggression is further worsening the humanitarian situation in Gaza. [UNICEF](#) reported that starvation among mothers in Gaza is causing underweight and premature births, with babies dying in intensive care or struggling to survive due to acute malnutrition. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall and extremely low temperatures are worsening conditions for displaced families who lack electricity, fuel, and adequate shelter, affecting at least [465 households living in 260 tents](#). With 87% of housing units destroyed by Israel's genocide in Gaza, recent heavy rains, winds, and floods have resulted in the [deaths of 14 Palestinians](#) within less than 24 hours, including eight-month-old [Rahaf Abu Jazar](#) and two other children who died from extreme cold. The [Civil Defense teams](#) reported that at least 15 buildings have collapsed so far, and more are expected to fall as [Israel continues to block 6,500 trucks](#) carrying essential humanitarian and winter supplies into Gaza, according to [Oxfam](#). [UNOCHA](#) further warns that nearly 850,000 Palestinians are at risk of flooding, while the [WHO](#) said there has been "a surge in acute respiratory infections." [UNRWA](#) emphasized that "(t)his suffering could be prevented by unhindered humanitarian aid, including medical support and proper shelter." Moreover, the [United Nations](#) has firmly rejected claims by the Israeli Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir that the "yellow line" in Gaza constitutes a "new border," emphasizing that any changes to the borders of Gaza and Israel are unacceptable and contrary to "the spirit and the letter of the Trump peace plan."

ISRAEL ADVANCES 19 NEW ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

The [Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission](#) condemned Israel's Cabinet approval to establish and legalize 19 new settlements across the occupied West Bank, calling it a "dangerous escalation" in Israel's colonial settlement project. Minister Moayyad Shaaban warned of a broader policy led by Netanyahu and Smotrich aimed at legalizing Israel's colonial installations (outposts), expanding Israeli control, and fragmenting Palestinian land, thereby undermining prospects for a contiguous State of Palestine. He emphasized that these decisions violate international law and



UN resolutions, particularly UNSCR 2334, and urged the United Nations and the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions to take urgent action to halt Israel's settlement expansion. Shaaban reaffirmed the resilience of the Palestinian people against attempts to erase their presence and rights.

REPORT: ISRAEL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 43% OF JOURNALIST DEATHS WORLDWIDE

A recent report by [Reporters Without Borders](#) indicates that 2025 saw an increase in journalist killings worldwide, with 67 journalists murdered in a single year—nearly half of them by Israel in Gaza last year. Since October 2023, nearly 220 Palestinian journalists have been killed by the IOF, with at least 65 of them murdered either because of "their work or while they were working."

THE WEST BANK IS A MASSIVE DUMPING SITE FOR TOXIC ISRAELI INDUSTRIAL WASTE

The [West Bank is being used as a dumping site for Israeli industrial and hazardous waste](#). Israeli settlements transfer toxic materials into the occupied West Bank, particularly into the Oslo-defined "Area C," to evade environmental regulations. This practice has led to land, water, and air pollution, posing risks to the environment and public health. Bahjat Jabarin, Director of the Control and Inspection Department at the Environmental Quality Authority: "What is documented of these violations represents a very small part (...) due to the difficulty of accessing dumping sites and the limited monitoring capabilities."

REPORT: THE IOF KILLED TWO PALESTINIAN BROTHERS WITHOUT ANY JUSTIFICATION

A joint investigation by [B'Tselem and Index Investigation](#) revealed that two Palestinian brothers, Nidal (40) and Khaled Amirah (35), were killed by Israeli soldiers in Nablus last June without any justification. Video footage and eyewitness accounts show that both brothers, unarmed and posing no threat, were shot during an IOF military raid while trying to help other civilians: "Nidal was shot in the back at close range while unable to flee," and "Khaled was executed with a point-blank shot to the head while pinned to the ground and surrounded by armed soldiers." Medics were prevented from providing aid, and residents nearby were intimidated by live fire and stun grenades.

ISRAEL REPLACES THE UN FLAG WITH AN ISRAELI FLAG AT UNRWA HEADQUARTERS

The IOF stormed the [UNRWA headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah](#) in occupied Jerusalem, forcibly entering the compound, seizing equipment, and replacing the UN flag with Israel's flag. [UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini](#) condemned the raid, stating, "To allow this represents a new challenge to international law, one that creates a dangerous precedent anywhere else the UN is present across the world." While the Israeli occupation authorities claimed the operation was related to a "[municipal matter](#)," [UN officials](#) described it as part of ongoing harassment, including "anti-UNRWA legislation," disinformation campaigns, and intimidation targeting the agency.

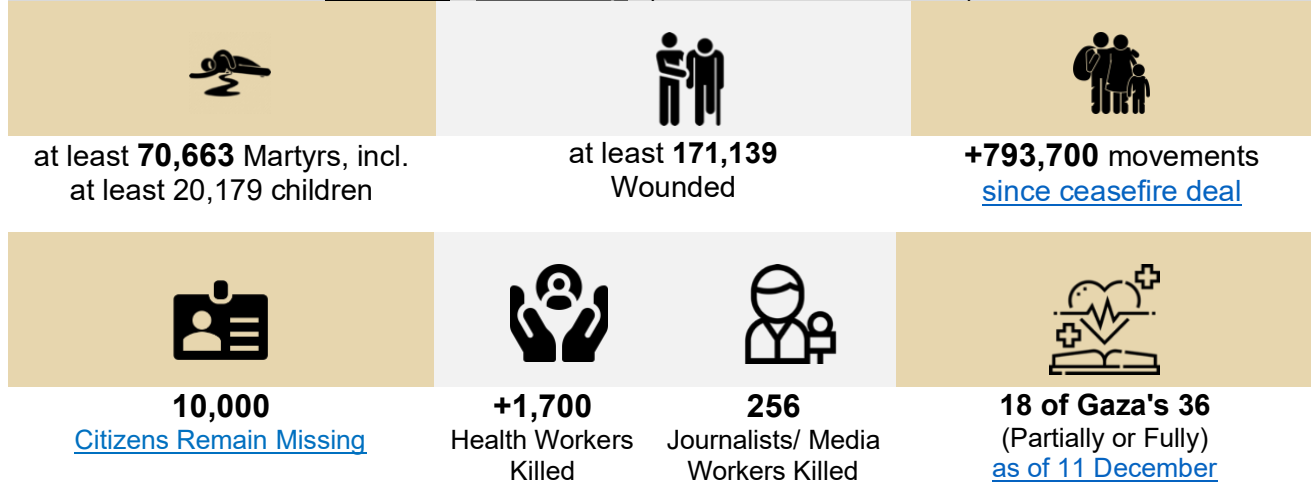
ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 329 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 323 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 303 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Save the Children](#): "Gaza storms amid Israeli aid restrictions cut off vital services for children"
- [UN](#): "More than 9,000 children in Gaza treated for acute malnutrition in October"
- [UN](#): Children in Gaza are most at risk from unexploded ordnance

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

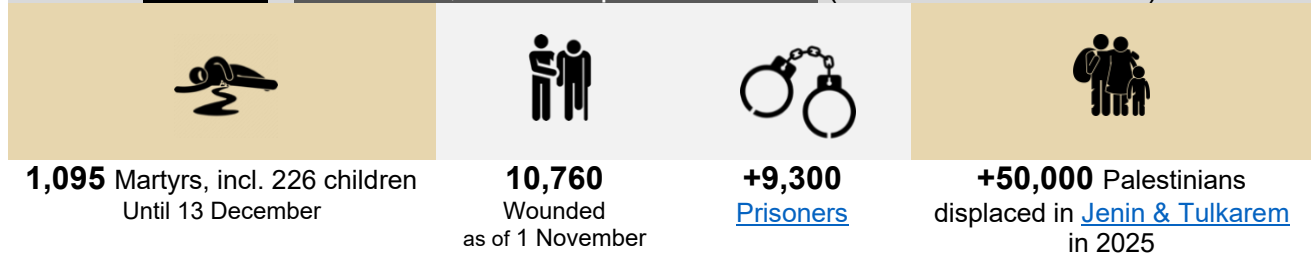
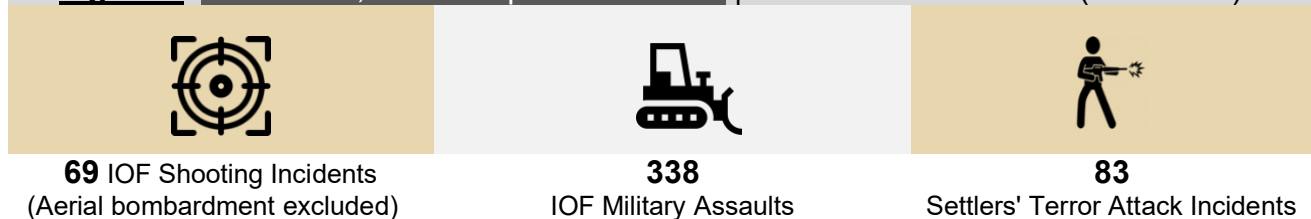


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 08-14 December 2025 (until 8 AM)



- [Report](#): IOF detained nearly 100 Palestinians in the occupied West Bank last Wednesday
- [Video](#): IOF raided two Palestinian Universities, Birzeit and Al-Quds
- [CNN/ Video](#): "Why a short trip in the West Bank can take all day"
- [PCHR](#): "Worsening Conditions for Displaced Persons in Gaza Due to Continued Israeli Restrictions on the Entry of Adequate Shelter Supplies"
- [Report](#): Palestinian kid killed by IOF gunfire in west of Jenin

Sources: Ministry of Health, [Wafa](#), [UNOCHA](#), [PJS](#), [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#)



In Focus

[Palestinian prisoner institutions](#) reported the martyrdom of 21-year-old detainee Abdul Rahman Al-Sabateen from Husan village near Bethlehem. He died while in Israeli custody amid escalating violations against Palestinian prisoners. Al-Sabateen, detained since June 2025 and awaiting trial, passed away in an Israeli hospital amid serious concerns of medical neglect. His martyrdom adds to a rapidly growing list of detainees who have lost their lives since October 2023. Palestinian prisoner institutions described his death as part of a broader pattern of systematic abuse inside Israeli prisons, including torture, severe physical assaults, starvation, denial of medical care, and the deliberate use of detention conditions as tools of punishment and repression. With the start of winter, Israel is intentionally [exposing detainees to severe cold](#) by confiscating blankets and winter clothing and confining them in damp, unheated cells, which has led to widespread illness and increased the risk of death. The unchecked spread of diseases such as scabies highlights Israel's commission of [medical crimes](#) that cause incremental harm to Palestinian prisoners. [Female detainees](#), particularly in "Damon Prison," are reportedly subjected to additional violations, including physical and verbal abuse, enforced isolation, restrictions on communication, and denial of necessary medical treatment. These practices—along with deaths in custody, enforced disappearances, and the ongoing withholding of detainees' bodies—constitute a systematic assault on prisoners' lives and dignity.

Government Updates

During its weekly session held last Tuesday, the [Palestinian Cabinet](#) adopted a set of reform decisions that underscore the Government's commitment to implementing the National Program for Reform and Development and fulfilling the pledges of the State of Palestine.

Among these decisions, the Government initiated a comprehensive functional review for the Ministry of Transport, joining six other government institutions for which the Government has launched similar processes. This initiative aims to advance institutional reform and development and to ensure alignment between national priorities and institutional mandates, organizational structures, and human resource allocations. In the same context, the Cabinet approved the [Regulation on the Organization of Hajj Affairs](#), with the objective of improving the quality of services provided to pilgrims while enhancing efficiency and rationalizing public expenditures and costs.

Furthermore, in line with the commitments of the State of Palestine and under the guidance of H.E. President Mahmoud Abbas, a Palestinian delegation, headed by [Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr. Amjad Barham](#), met with UNESCO Director-General Dr. Khaled Al-Anany on Thursday, 11 December, in Paris. The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation between the State of Palestine and UNESCO in support of the Ministry's efforts to further develop the education system and align Palestinian curricula with UNESCO's standards.