



Situation Report #67: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 73 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 401 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 70,925 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continued launching attacks across the Gaza Strip in violation of the ceasefire agreement. A senior [UN official](#) briefing the Security Council last Tuesday warned that ongoing Israeli aggression and access restrictions are hampering aid delivery. On Wednesday, Israeli artillery shelling injured [at least 11 Palestinians](#) in Gaza when a shell 'landed' near civilians in the Al-Samer area, from which the Israeli army withdrew under the ceasefire that has been in effect since 11 October. The [Palestinian Civil Defense](#) also reported the martyrdom of a child in the Nuseirat refugee camp after an unexploded object left by the IOF detonated inside a residence. On Friday evening, [at least six Palestinians](#) were killed when Israeli artillery shelled a Ministry of Education training center sheltering displaced families in the Al-Tuffah neighborhood. Additionally, [four Palestinian civilians](#), including a woman, were killed over a 24-hour period in a series of airstrikes targeting Bani Suheila, east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza. Early on Sunday, three Palestinians were killed when the IOF targeted the Shujaiyya neighborhood, according to [local sources](#). Humanitarian conditions are worsening as winter intensifies. [UNRWA](#) warned that heavy rain and cold are exposing displaced families to life-threatening conditions, with shelters collapsing and aid workers struggling amid Israeli restrictions on shelter supplies. Deprived of basic survival items due to the ongoing Israeli blockade, children continue to lose their lives. Last Thursday, a [29-day-old infant died from hypothermia](#), the second such case this winter. [Health needs](#) across the Gaza Strip remain critical. [UN assessments](#) indicate a drastic reduction in medical capacity, with only 74 intensive care unit beds and 215 emergency department beds currently operational. This limited capacity is further compounded by restrictions on essential medical supplies and the killing of about 10 percent of the health-care workforce during the genocide. Since October 2023, over [10,600 patients, including more than 5,600 children](#), have been evacuated for advanced medical care, while thousands more remain on waiting lists. Between July 2024 and November 2025, at least 1,092 patients died while awaiting medical evacuation, a figure widely believed to be an undercount. Moreover, [UNRWA's Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini](#) stated that Gaza remains in a man-made hunger crisis, with 1.6 million people still facing high levels of acute food insecurity.

DEMOLITIONS AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS RESTRICTIONS IN NUR SHAMS CAMP

The humanitarian situation in the northern West Bank continues to deteriorate. According to the Director of [UNRWA Affairs for the occupied West Bank, Roland Friedrich](#), the Israeli occupation authorities issued a new demolition order for Nur Shams refugee camp, threatening at least 25



buildings with imminent destruction starting 18 December, impacting and risking the displacement of hundreds of already forcibly displaced Palestinians. To date, approximately 48% of the camp's buildings have already been damaged or destroyed. Meanwhile, the [Palestinian Red Crescent Society](#) (PRCS) reported that the IOF conducted searches of its teams and volunteers before allowing them to enter the refugee camp to evacuate civilians, further impeding humanitarian efforts and access to those affected.

ISRAELI VIOLENCE IN OCCUPIED WEST BANK CLAIMS MORE PALESTINIAN LIVES

IOF and Israeli settlers' attacks against Palestinians continue to intensify in the occupied West Bank. Last Monday, the IOF opened indiscriminate fire in Tuqu' Village, killing 16-year-old [Ammar Sabbah](#). The following day, after Sabbah's funeral, an Israeli settler shot and killed 16-year-old [Muheeb Jibril](#) in the head as Palestinians gathered near the town's main street. On Saturday evening, Israeli occupation forces killed 22-year-old [Ahmad Zeyoud](#) during a raid on Silat Al-Harithiya, west of Jenin, while another raid in Qabatiya, south of Jenin, claimed the life of 16-year-old [Rayyan Abu Mualla](#). In a separate incident, the [IOF shot a young Palestinian man](#) near the annexation wall in al-Ram, in the north of occupied Jerusalem. He sustained [serious injuries](#) and was hospitalized.

WIDESPREAD ISRAELI ATTACKS AND RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIC SPACE

Coordinated [settler attacks](#) were reported across multiple governorates—including Ramallah, Salfit, Nablus, Hebron, Jerusalem, and the Jordan Valley—targeting villages, agricultural lands, vehicles, religious sites, and private property. These acts, often under the protection of the IOF, involved arson, vandalism, land seizure, uprooting of olive trees, restrictions on worship at Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, and terrorization of Bedouin communities, forcing families to abandon their dwellings and grazing lands. Additionally, settlers set fire to vehicles and spray-painted racist slogans in the village of [Ein Yabrud](#), east of Ramallah. In a further escalation, the [IOF broke into Ramallah's center](#) and extended the closure of Al Jazeera's office for the sixth time, highlighting increasing restrictions on media freedom and civic space in the occupied West Bank.

ISRAEL DENIES CANADIAN MPs ENTRY INTO THE WEST BANK

On Tuesday, a [Canadian delegation of 30 people, including six Members of Parliament](#), was denied entry at Al-Karameh Crossing (King Hussein Bridge) by the Israeli occupation authorities despite having received electronic travel authorizations. The MPs had planned to meet with Palestinian officials and civil society groups before being turned back to the Jordanian side. [Stephen Brown, CEO of NCCM](#), described the decision as "deeply troubling and extremely disappointing," noting that lawful observers, including elected Canadian officials, were ultimately prevented from entering after being labeled as "public safety threats." He added that, while the outcome was regrettable, it reflected a broader pattern by the Israeli government of restricting access to those seeking to independently observe conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 336 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 330 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 310 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Aid agencies](#) warn Gaza response at breaking point as Israel urged to lift new restrictions.
- [Report](#): Israel Turns Gaza 'Yellow Line' into Deadly Boundary.
- [Report](#): The Israeli Knesset's Committee approves the referral of a bill to cut water and electricity from the offices of the UNRWA for a vote.
- [Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa](#) visits Gaza's Holy Family Parish ahead of Christmas.

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

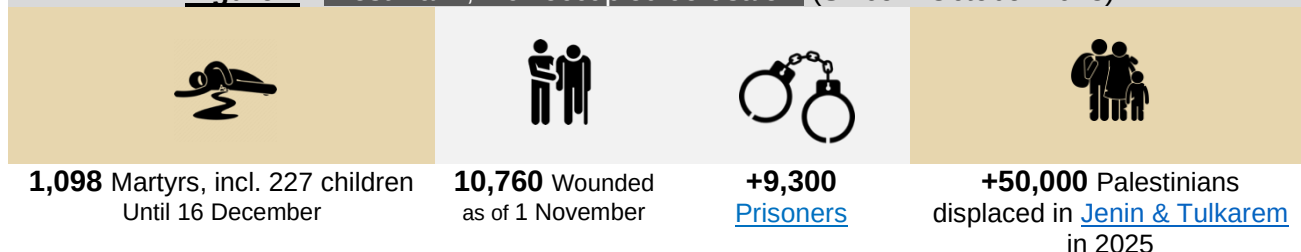
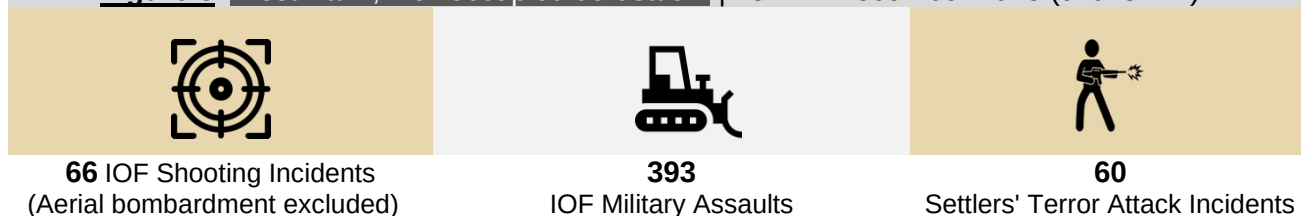


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 15 - 21 December 2025 (until 8 AM)



- [THIS MORNING](#): The occupation authorities demolished a building in Silwan where 100 Palestinians lived
- [Report](#): Palestinian economy remains in deep recession in 2025
- [Video](#): An Israeli settler ran over a Palestinian civilian with his car in Nablus.
- [BBC](#): widespread abuse and torture of Palestinian detainees in Israeli prisons since October 2023.

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



In Focus

Israeli settlement expansion around occupied Jerusalem continues to accelerate, further entrenching de facto annexation policies and altering the city's political, geographic, and religious landscape. According to the [Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission](#) (CWRC), Israeli occupation authorities have released a new plan to modify the "Blue Line" boundaries of the "Mishmar Yehuda" colonial installation (outpost), located southeast of Jerusalem, effectively facilitating its development into a full settlement. Official documents published by the occupation army on 18 December indicate that approximately 472 dunams have been added to the settlement's controlled area. This follows earlier measures dating back to 1 October 1982, when the occupation authorities designated hundreds of dunams in Abu Dis and Al-Sawahra, south of Jerusalem, as state land. These actions form part of a broader strategy to legitimize Israeli colonial installations approved since 2023 and to establish large settlements along the "Ma'ale Adumim–Kedar corridor", further isolating Jerusalem from the southern West Bank. In another concerning development, the [Jerusalem Governorate](#) warned of serious risks posed by a new Israeli law, which passed its preliminary reading in the Israeli Knesset, criminalizing "[interfering with Jewish Orthodox religious practices in public spaces](#)." The Governorate emphasized that the 144-dunam Compound is a solely Islamic endowment and must not be subjected to Israeli domestic legislation or classified as a public space under Israeli law. It added that any attempt to enforce such laws at the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound clearly violates international law, United Nations resolutions, and the internationally recognized legal and historical status quo.

Government Updates

- As part of the [National Program for Reform and Development](#) adopted by the Palestinian Government—and specifically under the Energy Security Initiative—the Palestinian Cabinet approved, during its weekly session held last Tuesday, the [allocation of government-owned land for the establishment of renewable energy projects](#). This decision aims to expand domestic renewable energy production and achieve local energy generation sufficient to meet approximately [30% of national electricity demand by the end of 2030](#), thereby enhancing energy resilience and reducing dependence.
- Regarding reforming and addressing the status of contract employees within the Palestinian Government, the [Cabinet approved the 2025 staffing and job classification tables](#). This includes the various administrative entitlements of civil service employees and outlines a phased approach to the regularization of contract staff, beginning with an initial phase covering 500 employees, based on efficiency criteria and actual institutional needs. This also includes targeted recruitment approvals in accordance with a minimum-recruitment rationalization policy, aimed at addressing staffing needs in critical sectors—particularly health, education, and the judiciary—while ensuring alignment with reform priorities, the continuity of essential public services, and full compliance with the 1.5% ceiling stipulated under the reform program.
- The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) strongly condemned the escalating and organized settler terrorism perpetrated against the unarmed Palestinian civilian population in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem. It reiterated its warning that the [continued impunity](#) enjoyed by perpetrators and those responsible for these crimes fuels further escalation and gravely undermines the foundations of peace, security, and stability in the region.