



Situation Report #68: 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 5 January 2026.

Key Developments

DAY 80 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 410 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 70,945 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

According to [Haaretz](#), recent satellite images reveal that Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continue their systematic demolition of buildings in areas under their control, even after the ceasefire took effect. [UNOCHA](#) reported that between 22 and 23 December, Israeli military activity intensified across North Gaza, Gaza City, Deir al Balah, Khan Younis, and Rafah, involving shelling, airstrikes, tank fire, and small-arms fire, resulting in casualties and extensive damage. [Local sources](#) indicated that Al-Awda Hospital in Nuseirat refugee camp lost power after its generator fuel was depleted, amid ongoing Israeli restrictions on the entry of essential supplies, in direct violation of the ceasefire agreement. [President Mahmoud Abbas](#) emphasized the urgent need to enforce the ceasefire and ensure the immediate and unobstructed flow of humanitarian aid, including food, medicine, and shelter supplies. "While famine has been [temporarily] pushed back in Gaza," the [World Food Programme](#) warns that over 100,000 people across the Gaza Strip continue to endure catastrophic levels of food insecurity. Furthermore, and with Israel weaponizing winter, the [Euro-Med](#) warned of an imminent catastrophe with the onset of winter, including the potential collapse of hundreds of severely damaged homes on their inhabitants due to the absence of safe shelters. This situation is further exacerbated by the ongoing Israeli blockade and the prohibition on the entry of temporary housing units, leaving thousands of families trapped in unsafe structures as well as obstructing reconstruction, rubble clearance, and the restoration of basic services.

"NO PLACE UNDER HEAVEN": FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN THE GAZA STRIP, 2023-2025

According to the latest report by [B'Tselem](#), most of Gaza's population has experienced repeated forced displacement since October 2023. Approximately 1.9 million Palestinians—about 90% of the Strip's citizens—have been forcibly displaced at least once, often multiple times, following repeated forced displacement orders, with Israel concentrating civilians in ever-shrinking areas that were later subjected to bombardment despite being designated as "safe zones." Given these foreseeable consequences, the report concludes, "displacement must be understood as a central tool Israel used to destroy Palestinian society in Gaza as a group, in other words, to commit genocide against Palestinians."

ISRAEL APPROVES 19 NEW SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

[Israel has approved the recognition of 19 new settlements](#) in the occupied West Bank. The decision, promoted by far-right officials, was described as intended to prevent the realization of the State of Palestine. The United Nations Secretary-General warned that continued settlement



expansion fuels tensions, restricts Palestinian access to land, and undermines the viability of a two-State solution. [The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) strongly condemned the decision as a dangerous escalation aimed at entrenching colonial control over the entirety of the Palestinian Territory, stressing that it represents a direct extension of apartheid, settlement expansion, and annexation policies, undermining the inalienable rights of the people of Palestine. The Ministry underscored that this decision officially declares the commission of a war crime in accordance with international law, including the Rome Statute, the Geneva Conventions, and relevant Security Council resolutions, emphasizing the need for accountability and the end of impunity.

ISRAELI OCCUPATION ASSAULTS AND DEMOLITIONS ACROSS THE WEST BANK, INCLUDING OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

During the past week, the IOF continued conducting military assaults and demolition activities across the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem. Last Tuesday, they withdrew from [Qalandia refugee camp and Kafr Aqab](#), north of occupied Jerusalem, after hours of assaults that caused multiple injuries, tear-gas suffocation cases, property damage, and detentions, according to the Palestinian Red Crescent. On Wednesday, Israeli forces and bulldozers demolished a house in the [town of Bazariya](#), northwest of Nablus. In occupied Jerusalem, four residential apartments and agricultural facilities were destroyed in [Al-Issawiya](#), along with two homes in [Jabal al-Mukaber](#).

CHRISTMAS UNDER SIEGE: ISRAEL'S ONGOING AGGRESSION AGAINST PALESTINE

The [PLO-NAD media brief](#) describes how Israel's occupation and settler-colonial policies are systematically and severely threatening the Christian presence in occupied Palestine. It further highlights Israeli oppressive measures, including settlement expansion, settler terrorism, the annexation wall, permit and checkpoint regimes, and the rebranding of Christian sites, which restrict Palestinians' access to holy sites and undermine their freedom of worship. The media brief also documents attacks targeting churches, church properties, clergy, and pilgrims, alongside the extensive destruction of Christian institutions in Gaza. It concludes that these actions constitute serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, potentially amounting to the crime of persecution under the Rome Statute, and urges urgent international intervention to implement the 2024 ICJ advisory opinion and safeguard Palestine's religious and cultural diversity.

CHURCH LEADERS URGENTLY DEMAND ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN GAZA

The [Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem](#) issued a joint humanitarian appeal urging Israeli occupation authorities to promptly issue permits for children with cancer from Gaza to receive life-saving treatment at Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. They highlighted the severe consequences of movement restrictions on access to essential healthcare and reiterated the Churches' continued commitment to defending human dignity, and protecting the most vulnerable.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 343 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 337 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 317 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Euro-Med](#): "United States' shielding of Israel perpetuates status quo and genocide in Gaza"
- [Statement](#): "MSF's vital humanitarian activities in Gaza at risk from Israeli registration rules"
- [Israeli Minister, Israel Katz](#): Israel "will never leave the Gaza Strip"
- [In Pictures](#): "2025 in Gaza: 12 months, 12 pictures"

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

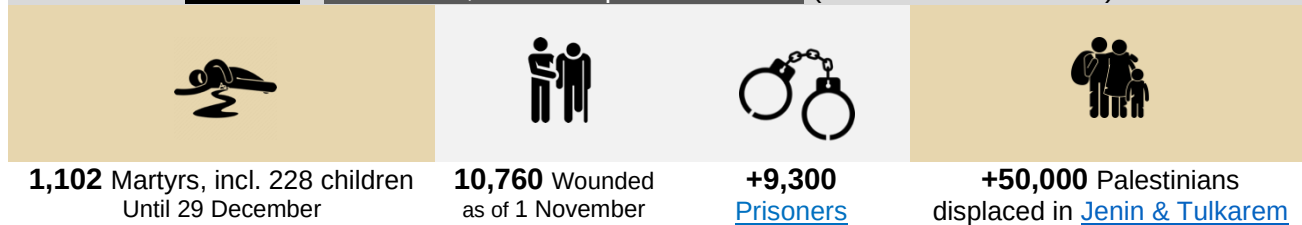


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 22 - 28 December 2025 (until 8 AM)



- [Video](#) (in Arabic): An Israeli soldier trains settler children to fight.
- [CNNVideo](#): Israeli reservist rams vehicle into Palestinian man praying in West Bank.
- [Report](#): Israeli settlers assault two Palestinians, steal 150 sheep in attack east of Ramallah.
- [MFAE](#): Palestine reaffirms support for Somalia's unity and rejects Israel's recognition of 'Somaliland.'
- [Peace Now](#): 1,033 settlement housing units are set to advance across the West Bank.

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



In Focus

A recent report by the [Palestinian Journalists Syndicate](#) (PJS) revealed a systematic and escalating Israeli pattern of lethal targeting of Palestinian journalists, reaching its most extreme level in 2025. The report stressed that this period marks a clear shift from sporadic Israeli violations to an entrenched policy aimed at silencing the press through killing, injury, and permanent disability. According to the Syndicate, Palestinian journalists are no longer treated as “potential targets,” but rather as confirmed and repeatedly targeted individuals. It affirmed that in 2025, the Israeli occupation shifted from policies focused on restricting journalistic work to a policy of violent neutralization of the press, with the explicit aim of silencing witnesses, preventing the documentation of crimes, and breaking the Palestinian narrative on the ground. The PJS noted that 2025 represented the bloodiest year on record for journalists in Palestine, describing it as a year of repeated mass targeting, particularly in journalists’ tents, hospitals, and media gatherings, alongside a surge in lethal and permanently disabling attacks. The report noted that strikes frequently targeted the head, neck, chest, abdomen, and spine, resulting in amputations, loss of eyesight, and life-long disabilities. In a related statement, the Syndicate said that, beyond direct attacks on journalists themselves, [706 family members of journalists](#) were killed in Gaza during Israel’s genocide, underscoring that the targeting of journalists has expanded far beyond killings, injuries, detentions, or restrictions on reporting. The Syndicate emphasized that the Israeli occupation’s attacks on journalists have escalated to a more dangerous and brutal level, targeting journalists’ families and relatives in an apparent attempt to turn journalism into an existential burden, paid for by children, spouses, and parents. The report emphasized that hundreds of children, women, and elderly family members have been killed solely because of their relation to a journalist, constituting a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and norms protecting civilians and the press. Documented cases show multiple forms of targeting, including direct strikes on journalists’ homes, killing many family members, and in some cases, entire families; targeting displacement areas and tents where families fled after home destruction; and repeated shelling of areas known to house journalists and their families without effective warnings.

Government Updates

- As part of the Government’s ongoing efforts to implement the National Program for Development and Reform, particularly to advance and improve the justice system, the Government has worked to strengthen and empower the [High Judicial Council](#) by approving a set of legislations aimed at expediting judicial procedures and reducing litigation duration. These measures include introducing electronic notification services, accelerating adjudication in backlogged cases, and ongoing preparations to roll out remote litigation services. Preparations are also underway to launch the updated version of the “[Mizan III](#)” case management system, ensuring more streamlined, effective, transparent, and reliable [case management](#). In this context, Prime Minister Mohammad Mustafa met with the President of the High Judicial Council to discuss additional steps to deepen cooperation and further support the development of the justice system in Palestine. He reaffirmed the Government’s full support for the judiciary, its independence, and its institutional empowerment, commending the qualitative transformation taking place across the judicial system through the expanded use of modern technologies in services provided to citizens.
- Within the framework of the Government’s Energy Security Initiative, which seeks to enhance domestic energy production and reduce dependency, the Cabinet approved the [National Energy Efficiency Plan](#). The Plan sets out a comprehensive package of practical measures aimed at improving energy efficiency across homes, buildings, and institutions. It aims to reduce electricity consumption by 7.9% by 2030, achieving estimated annual savings of USD 120 million upon full implementation.