



Situation Report #70: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 94 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 442 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 71,412 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

According to [UNOCHA](#), the humanitarian situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate due to persistent Israeli violations of the ceasefire and increasingly severe winter conditions. Flooding and extreme cold have further exposed displaced families to life-threatening risks, while the availability of shelter materials remains critically insufficient. Nearly one million people are in urgent need of emergency housing, with humanitarian organizations calling for durable shelter solutions and the rehabilitation of damaged homes. Despite the declared ceasefire, Israeli occupation forces carried out attacks on Thursday that resulted in the martyrdom of [at least 13 Palestinians, including five children](#). Among them was an [11-year-old girl](#) killed in the Jabalia refugee camp—an area from which IOF had previously withdrawn. Additional airstrikes on Saturday resulted in the [martyrdom of three more Palestinians](#) and wounded others across multiple parts of the Gaza Strip. The worsening weather conditions have further compounded the suffering. Extreme cold has claimed the lives of [more than 15 people, including a seven-day-old infant](#) in Deir al-Balah. [The German Red Cross](#) warned that winter weather, coupled with severe shortages of essential supplies, has significantly exacerbated living conditions, with particularly devastating consequences for children, the wounded, and the elderly.

THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION FORCES' MILITARY ASSAULT ON BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY

[The Ministry of Education and Higher Education](#) condemned the IOF military assault on Birzeit University, during which [eleven Palestinian students were wounded](#), including five by live fire, and dozens suffered from tear gas inhalation. The IOF used live ammunition and tear gas within the campus, caused damage to facilities, confiscated student equipment, and detained VP for Academic Affairs Assem Khalil. The Ministry affirmed that such attacks flagrantly violate all international norms and conventions that criminalize the infringement of the sanctity of universities and educational institutions.

IN 2025: THE IOF AND SETTLERS LAUNCHED 23,827 ATTACKS ON PALESTINIANS

The [Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission](#) (CWRC) said that in 2025, the IOF and colonial settlers committed a record 23,827 attacks against Palestinians and their property across the occupied West Bank. These attacks resulted in 14 martyrs, the



widespread destruction of 35,000 trees, 435 fires targeting residential and agricultural areas, the demolition of 1,400 structures, including homes, and the forced displacement of over 1,000 Palestinians in 13 Bedouin communities. The Israeli occupation authorities also seized 5,572 dunums of land, proposed 265 master plans for nearly 35,000 colonial settlement units, and approved the “E1” colonial project on the eastern gateway to occupied Jerusalem.

REPORT: UN HIGHLIGHTS SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

The [report](#) issued by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights highlights the grave and systematic violations of Palestinian rights in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, under Israeli laws, policies, and practices. It details widespread discrimination, encompassing unlawful killings, arbitrary detention, forced evictions, land confiscation, settlement expansion, movement restrictions, and the destruction of water infrastructure. The report warns that these practices, combined with impunity for Israeli colonial settlers and the IOF, amount to a form of apartheid intended to uphold permanent control over the Palestinian people.

ISRAEL IS BULLDOZING RAFAH AND ERASING EVIDENCE - EURO-MED

As Israel proceeds with rubble removal and land levelling in Rafah, [Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#) has called for urgent international intervention to halt these operations until specialized rescue and forensic teams, as well as necessary equipment, are allowed to recover, identify, and ensure the dignified burial of victims' bodies. It said that [Israel is bulldozing and levelling vast areas of Rafah](#) as part of preparations for the so-called “Green City,” effectively destroying material evidence essential for documentation, accountability, and justice, turning the construction of the city into a mechanism for concealing crimes and entrenching forced displacement.

DURING THE PAST WEEK: THE IOF DEMOLISHED MORE HOMES, FARMS, AND A SCHOOL

[IOF carried out a series of demolitions across the West Bank](#) on Wednesday, targeting homes, farms, agricultural facilities, and a school. In occupied Jerusalem, the town of Anata saw the destruction of a steel factory and a farm, while part of Al-Aqsa School and Kindergarten in the Old City was demolished. In Bethlehem, a citizen was forced to demolish his apartment in Al-Walaja, and a retaining wall in Beit Jala was destroyed. In Nablus and Hebron, homes and sheep pens were demolished, and in Deir Qadis, land and olive trees were razed.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 357 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 351 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 331 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Report](#): Despite the ceasefire, Israeli fire along Gaza's "Yellow Line" has killed hundreds.
- [UNOCHA](#): Fuel shortages and road closures are hindering aid delivery in Gaza.
- [PCHR](#): No real ceasefire in Gaza on the ground.

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

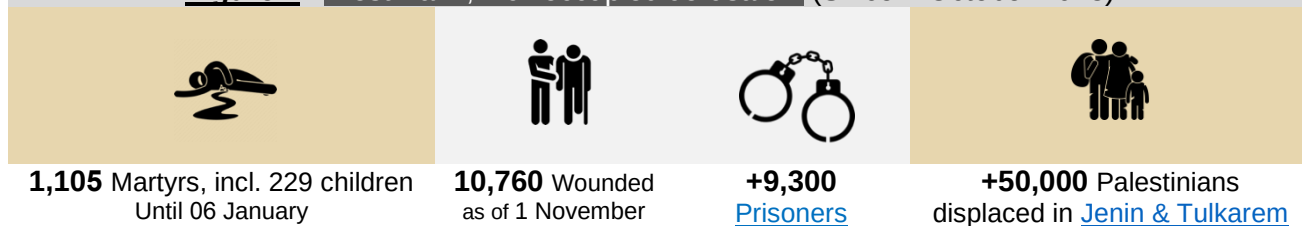


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 05 January - 11 January 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [PJS](#) condemns the continued Israeli ban on foreign media entry into Gaza.
- [Video](#): "Deaf Palestinian man beaten by Israeli settlers"
- [Videos](#): IOF's military assault on Birzeit University, trapping around 8,000 students in campus.
- [Video](#): Israel issues demolition order for football pitch in Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem.

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



In Focus

The [Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission](#) (CWRC) reported that Israeli occupation authorities have appropriated 694 dunums of private Palestinian land in the towns of Kufr Thulth, Deir Istiya, and Bidya, located within the Qalqilya and Salfit governorates. The confiscation was carried out under the pretext that the so-called Commissioner of Government and Absentee Property had designated the land as “state land.” According to the Commission, this seizure marks a dangerous escalation in Israeli land seizure policies, and is part of a systematic approach aimed at re-engineering Palestinian geography by force and utilizing colonial tools to legitimize land theft. The military order authorizing the appropriation of these 694 is directly linked to Israeli plans to establish new settler-colonial installations, including a settlement known as “Dorot,” and reflects a broader policy of blatant disregard for Palestinian property rights. The CWRC stressed that such unilateral military and administrative measures constitute a flagrant violation of international law and international humanitarian law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention, which prohibits an occupying power from confiscating private property or altering its legal status. The Commission further affirmed that it is closely monitoring developments on the ground, remains committed to supporting affected landowners, and will pursue all available legal avenues to thwart these plans while documenting and exposing these policies before the international community and relevant United Nations bodies.

Government Updates

- Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa affirmed, during the first Cabinet session of the new year held last Tuesday, that 2026 will witness a set of [additional reform measures](#), underscoring a policy of zero tolerance toward any attempts to exploit public office or public funds. He highlighted that the Government has already implemented a range of financial, administrative, and institutional governance reforms, alongside expenditure control and efforts to mobilize all available financial resources. The Prime Minister noted that, despite the challenging circumstances, the Government has succeeded in increasing international political and financial support, stabilizing national institutions, and sustaining vital services within the limits of available resources.
- As part of the Government's plan to enhance transparency and ensure access to information, the Cabinet discussed, in first reading, the [draft Law on the Right of Access to Information](#), prepared under the supervision of the Ministry of Justice and the Anti-Corruption Commission, with the participation of various governmental and civil society institutions through more than 45 consultative sessions, in addition to incorporating public feedback submitted via the Ministry of Justice's [Legislation Platform](#).