



Situation Report #72: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 108 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 484 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 71,657 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ([UNOCHA](#)), Israeli airstrikes, shelling, and gunfire have continued across the Gaza Strip despite the ceasefire agreement. The [United Nations Human Rights Office](#) in the occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt) has expressed grave concern about ongoing killing of civilians by the Israeli occupation forces (IOF), documenting at least [11 Palestinian martyrs](#) in a series of attacks on 21 January alone. These incidents included an Israeli airstrike on a civilian vehicle that killed three Palestinian journalists: Anas Ghunaim, Abdel Raouf Shaath, and Mohammad Qishta, bringing the total number of journalists killed in Israeli attacks since the onset of the Israeli genocide in Gaza to at least [259](#). In northern Gaza, Israel killed [two children](#) in a drone strike near Kamal Adwan Hospital, while 10-year-old [Sarhan al-Rajoudi](#) was fatally shot by Israeli gunfire east of Deir al-Balah. Medical sources also reported the death of a six-month-old infant, [Youssef Omar Abu Hammala](#), who succumbed to hypothermia after freezing to death inside his family's displacement tent in Khan Younis. The number of children who have died from extreme cold since the start of the current winter season has now risen to 11, amid acute shortages of humanitarian aid, shelter supplies, and inadequate heating—if any.

SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND HUMANITARIAN IMPACTS ON DISPLACED CHILDREN

One year on since the IOF displaced tens of thousands of Palestinians, including 12,000 children, from the Jenin, Tulkarm, and Nur Shams refugee camps in the occupied West Bank, children continue to suffer significant psychological and humanitarian impacts. According to [Save the Children](#), displaced children show signs mental deterioration, including bedwetting, refusing to eat, and declining academic performance, while families remain unable to return because of extensive destruction of homes and critical infrastructure.

ISRAELI ASSAULT ON UNRWA AND SYSTEMATIC DISMANTLING OF UN HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS IN EAST JERUSALEM

According to [UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini](#), IOF stormed and demolished the UNRWA Headquarters in occupied Jerusalem, following an earlier raid and the forced closure of an UNRWA health center on 12 January. Israeli occupation authorities



have also announced plans to cut water and electricity supplies to UNRWA facilities, including health and education buildings, further impairing the agency's humanitarian operations. The [Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#) reported that Israel's far-right "National Security" Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir publicly endorsed these actions, calling it a "historic day" and expressing political support for the dismantling of a United Nations humanitarian agency.

ISRAEL VIOLATED THE CEASEFIRE BY PUSHING ITS LINE OF CONTROL IN GAZA

According to a [Reuters investigation](#), satellite imagery and citizen testimonies indicate that the IOF violated the US-backed ceasefire agreement by unilaterally advancing its line of control deeper into Gaza neighborhoods, notably in Al-Tuffah, east of Gaza City. The analysis indicates that the IOF moved the so-called "Yellow Line" roughly 200 meters further in, resulting in the destruction of at least 40 civilian buildings and the forced displacement of Palestinian citizens who had taken shelter there following the October 2025 ceasefire. Similar expansions of the Israeli-controlled zone were documented in Khan Younis, where additional land was cordoned off, buildings were demolished, and displacement sites were dismantled.

ISRAEL'S ONGOING DISPLACEMENT OF PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

The occupied [West Bank is experiencing its most severe humanitarian crisis](#) since 1967. One year after Israeli so-called "Iron Wall" military operation, which the IOF began on 21 January 2025, at least 33,000 people remain forcibly displaced from northern Palestinian refugee camps. In Hebron, around 25,000 citizens have been subjected to curfew and severe movement restrictions since 19 January. Recent weeks have seen settler attacks and terror, displacing over [100 Palestinian Bedouin and herding households](#). Additionally, more than 72,000 farming and herding families urgently need emergency agricultural support to stabilize livelihoods and prevent further deterioration of food security. In 2025, [Israeli demolitions in East Jerusalem](#) reached a record high, with 256 structures destroyed and 577 people displaced. Recent demolitions have also targeted Palestinian homes in [Shuqba](#), [Kufr al-Dik](#), and [southern Hebron](#).

ISRAELI ATTACKS ON EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN PALESTINE

The [Ministry of Education](#) condemned Israel's prevention and detention of an [international delegation of education](#) unions from 15 countries, calling it a blatant attack on academic freedom and another example of "intellectual annihilation." it said the move aims to isolate Palestinian education from international solidarity and conceal Israel's escalating violations, including the destruction of schools in Gaza and repeated disruptions in the West Bank.

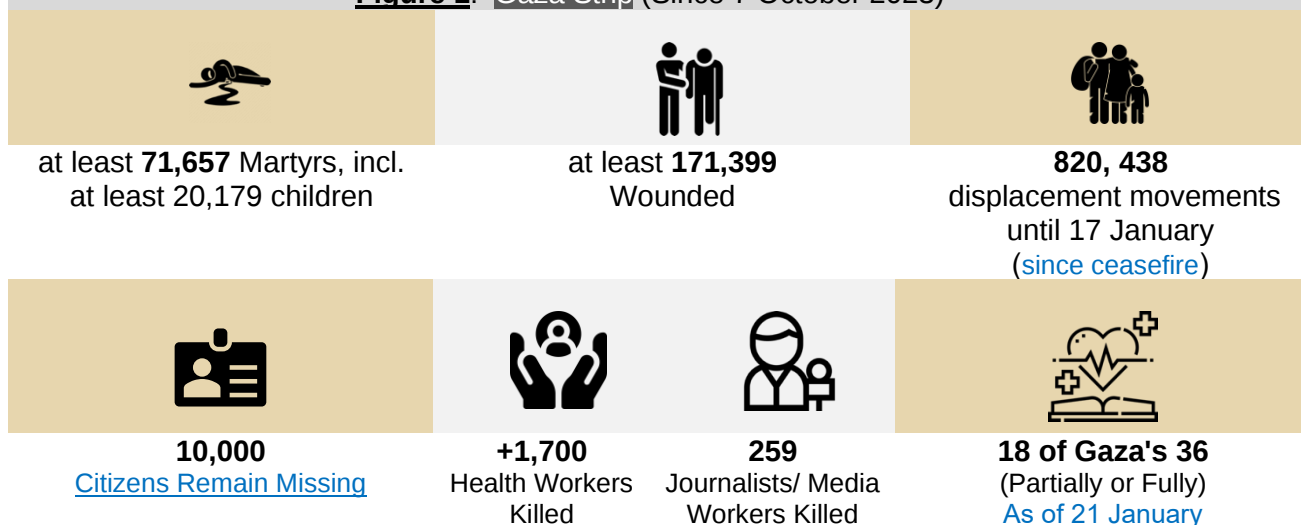
ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 371 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 365 days against Tulkarm and its refugee camp, and 345 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Video](#): "Palestinians in Gaza face deadly asbestos risk from toxic war rubble"
- [Video](#): Gaza's dire conditions are fueling the spread of infections and disease
- [Video](#): "If Israel stops MSF from working here, where can these people go for treatment?"
- [UNRWA](#): 600,000 children in Gaza have been without formal schooling for two years

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

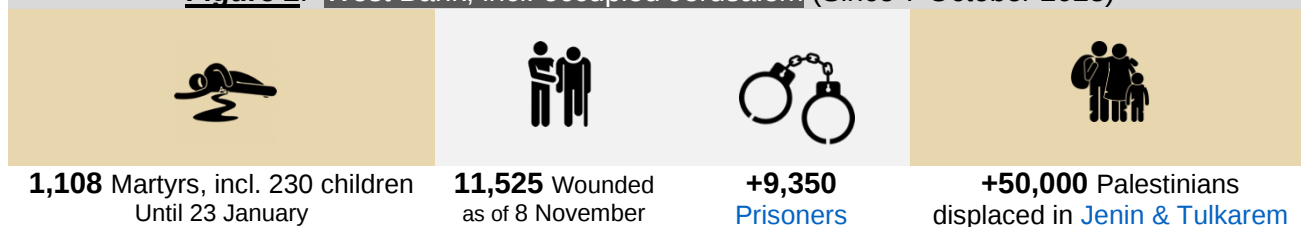
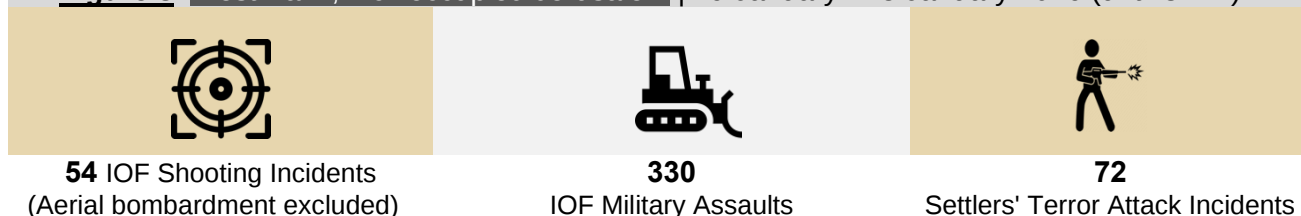


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 19 January - 25 January 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [Report](#): "Palestinians Mark One Year Since Start of Largest Assault on Jenin and Tulkarem Since Al-Aqsa Intifada (2000)"
- [Report](#): "'Permits of Humiliation': How Israel Strangles Christian Education in Jerusalem"
- [Video](#): "Israel demolishes UNRWA buildings in occupied East Jerusalem"

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



In Focus

According to a report by the [Commission of Detainees' and Ex-Detainees' Affairs](#), the Israeli occupation so-called "Prison Service" continues to pursue a policy of deliberate medical neglect against Palestinian prisoners, in an apparent attempt to slowly kill them, further compounding their suffering during incarceration. Diseases ravage prisoners in plain sight while occupation prison authorities refuse to provide treatment, alongside systematic starvation, thirst, and deprivation of even the most basic necessities of humane living. This is compounded by brutal and indiscriminate repression of prisoners, without distinction between the sick, children, the elderly, or even women. The report documents multiple cases in which detainees suffering from serious illnesses and injuries were denied medical examinations, treatment, or pain relief, including young, elderly, and sick prisoners held in Gilboa, Shatta, and Megiddo prisons. Reported conditions include untreated infectious diseases, chronic illnesses, severe injuries, and significant weight loss, alongside overcrowding, inadequate hygiene, and shortages of basic necessities. In its January 2026 report, "[Living Hell: The Israeli Prison System as a Network of Torture Camps](#)," B'Tselem exposed how Israeli prisons and detention facilities operate as a network of torture camps targeting prisoners, including minors. It documents the continued systemic abuse of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. It reports that at least 84 Palestinian prisoners, including one minor, have been martyred in Israeli custody since October 2023, with other sources documenting at least 94 martyrs. Testimonies indicate widespread torture, sexual violence, prolonged shackling, starvation, and denial of medical care—practices that have caused irreversible harm and, in some cases, death.

Government Updates

During a conversation at the [World Economic Forum](#) in Davos, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa reaffirmed the Government's firm commitment to comprehensive reform, underscoring that [strong, transparent, and well-functioning institutions](#) are among the most important assets any country can have. He noted that, since assuming office, the [Government](#) has launched a detailed reform program that includes a reform matrix comprising more than [60 concrete measures](#) and is structured around four pillars—Fiscal Policy and Public Finance Management; Governance and Rule of Law; Investment and Business Environment; and Basic Service Delivery Improvement. While stressing that reforms are a national priority undertaken for the benefit of the Palestinian people and not in response to external conditionality, the Prime Minister emphasized that their effective implementation requires an enabling environment. In this context, he highlighted how [Israel's systematic actions](#)—including the withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues, restrictions on movement through at least 1,000 military checkpoints across the occupied West Bank, [undermining the banking system](#) and the disruption of banking relations, mass suspension of Palestinian workers, and the erosion of agreed economic arrangements under existing accords—severely undermine institutional functionality, economic stability, and reform sustainability. The Prime Minister reiterated that without Israel meeting its obligations and respecting established agreements, reform efforts risk being rendered ineffective despite the Government's demonstrated commitment and readiness.