



Situation Report #45: 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 28 July 2025.

Key Developments

DAY 654: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST GAZA

As starvation worsens in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli killing machine continues to target Palestinians, bombing their tents and schools across the Strip, and attacking those seeking aid, food, and water. Last Thursday, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) bombed [the Holy Family Catholic Church in Gaza City](#) just minutes after worshippers, including children, had left the church following prayers. The attack resulted in the martyrdom of three people and the injury of at least ten others, including the church's parish priest, Father Gabriel Romanelli. And with Israel, the occupying Power, continuing to prevent the entry of fuel and life-saving aid, the health sector, water and sanitation systems, and other essential services critical to humanitarian efforts are at risk of total collapse. According to [MSF](#), many babies are being born prematurely because of widespread malnutrition in pregnant women and inadequate water and sanitation. [Gaza's premature babies are overcrowding hospitals](#), with "four to five babies sharing a single incubator" amid a severe shortage of fuel, respirators, and medical supplies, with hospitals warning of service disruptions. According to the [WFP](#), the current operational challenges are unsustainable, especially with the ongoing risk of famine, the spread of acute watery diarrhea and other diseases, the accumulation of garbage, and the overcrowding in an area that accounts for less than 14 percent of the Gaza Strip. Furthermore, and in [a new massacre](#) that confirms the truth about the Gaza "humanitarian" foundation (GHF) as a system of killing and starvation, the IOF and the US special forces affiliated with GHF used live fire, pepper spray, stun grenades, and tear gas against crowds of Palestinian aid seekers, killing at least 21 of them on 16 July. Since 27 May, at least [995 Palestinians have been killed, and over 6,000 others injured at GHF's aid centers, along with 45 people reported missing](#).

ISRAEL IS STARVING PALESTINIANS IN GAZA TO DEATH

Due to the Israeli blockade and the ongoing genocidal war, the Gaza Strip is experiencing a humanitarian disaster, with widespread thirst and famine, high death rates from starvation, and hospital emergency rooms overwhelmed by unprecedented numbers of starving people under extreme stress and exhaustion. [Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights](#) warned that Israel's systematic use of starvation as a weapon has worsened significantly in recent weeks, adding that critical shortages of food, water, and medicine threaten the very existence of all civilians



without exception. "Malnutrition is surging," according to the [WFP](#). Recent figures show that about [17,000 children in Gaza suffer from severe malnutrition](#), over [650,000 children under five](#) are at immediate risk of malnutrition, and about [60,000 pregnant women](#) face serious health threats due to inadequate food and healthcare. With most bakeries still closed, fuel and gas shortages persisting, and food prices skyrocketing, reports indicate that approximately [one-third of Gaza's population goes without food for days](#). In the past 24 hours, starvation has killed 18 Palestinians. The total number of deaths caused by hunger and malnutrition has reached [86 people so far, including 76 children](#), most of them in the northern Gaza Strip.

ISRAEL'S ADVANCEMENT OF THE "E1" COLONIAL SETTLEMENT PLAN

According to the Israeli organization [Peace Now](#), Israel plans to construct more than 3,000 settlement units in the area designated for the "E1" colonial settlement plan. This area is located on the eastern gateway of occupied Jerusalem. Peace Now affirmed that "Advancing the E1 plan could be a generational disaster that would make peace even harder to achieve in the future." The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) warned about the dangers of this plan, emphasizing that it would permanently divide the West Bank into separate areas, deepen the separation of Jerusalem, and pose a significant threat to the two-State solution.

ISRAEL ASSUMES CONTROL OVER THE IBRAHIMI MOSQUE IN HEBRON

[Hebrew media](#) reported that the Israeli "Civil Administration" transferred the management of the Ibrahimi Mosque from the Hebron Municipality to the Religious Council of the "Kiryat Arba" settlement. The media report described this move as a "significant change (...) to the long-standing status quo" at the mosque. [Hebron Mayor Tayseer Abu Sneh](#) called this step "an attack on the city's civilization," emphasizing that the mosque is entirely Palestinian property. The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) considered this unprecedented move an attempt to take control of the mosque, Judaize it, and completely alter its identity in clear violation of international law and relevant UN resolutions. The Ministry urged [UNESCO](#) and the international community to intervene and halt the implementation of this decision immediately.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 182 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 176 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 163 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. In recent weeks, the [Nour Shams refugee camp](#) has been subjected to extensive demolition operations, including dozens of residential buildings, as part of the occupation's plan to demolish 106 buildings in Tulkarem and Nour Shams refugee camps. On 15 July, the [OHCHR](#) released a statement stressing that "the demolition of hundreds of homes and forced mass displacement of Palestinians" is "contributing to the ongoing consolidation of annexation" of the West Bank, in violation of international law.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

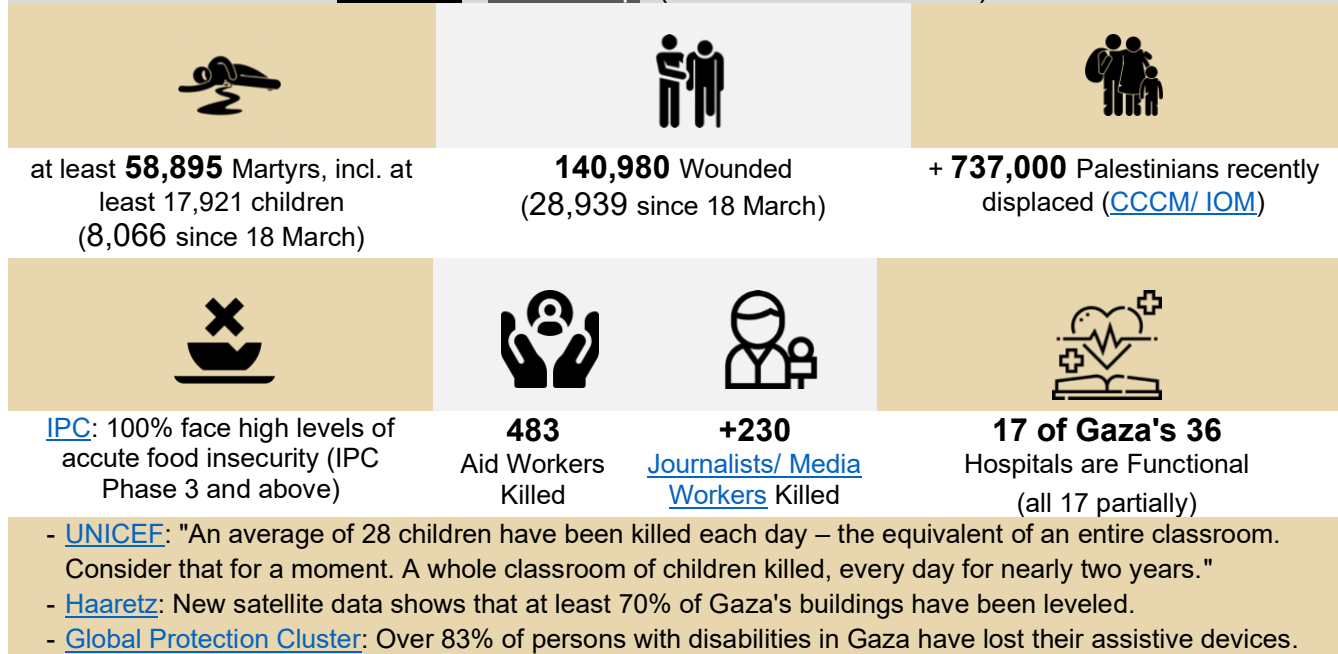


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)



Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 14 July – 20 July 2025 (until 8 AM)



- [UNOCHA](#): Between January 2023 and mid-July 2025, at least 2,895 Palestinians from 69 communities across the West Bank have been displaced due to intensifying settler violence and access restrictions.
- The Israeli occupation sentences the [child Abdullah Abu Diab](#) (15) from Jerusalem to four years in prison.
- Palestinian prisoner [Samir Al-Rifai](#) (53), father of five, dies in Israeli prisons.
- [Video](#): Israeli settlers attack CNN crew's vehicle near Sinjil, smashing the rear windshield of their car.
- [Israel's FM](#) decided not to extend the residence visa to [Jonathan Whittall](#), UNOCHA head of office in oPt.

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



In Focus

On 13 July 2025, lawyer Ghaid Ghanem Qassem posted an update about [Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya](#) on her [Facebook page](#). Qassem stated she visited Dr. Abu Safiya in prison on 9 July, noting that he had lost more than 40 kilograms—over a third of his body weight. When he was first detained, he weighed 100 kilograms, but now he weighs no more than 60. Qassem added that Dr. Abu Safiya was severely beaten in the rib cage on 24 June when his room (specifically Room 1/Section 24 in "Ofer" prison) was raided. He sustained severe bruises on his face, head, back, and neck. The beating lasted approximately 30 minutes. Dr. Abu Safiya requested medical treatment, the necessary tests, and a referral to a cardiologist; however, his request was denied. Qassem noted that currently, Dr. Abu Safiya suffers from an irregular heartbeat, and his glasses, which were recently provided by his lawyer, are broken. Dr. Abu Safiya is still wearing winter clothes amid conditions of starvation, torture, isolation, and suffering. He is confined underground with no exposure to sunlight. Qassem emphasized that Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya and all other Palestinian prisoners are not well.

Government Updates

- During a meeting with the Palestinian Bar Association Council yesterday, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa expressed deep dismay over the [global silence in the face of the worsening humanitarian catastrophe in the Gaza Strip](#). Dr. Mustafa stated, "It is incomprehensible and beyond belief that the situation in the Gaza Strip has been allowed to deteriorate to this appalling level. Humanity itself appears on the verge of collapse. That the world would tolerate our people dying of hunger—in this century, in this era—is absolutely unacceptable and unequivocally rejected. We will continue to raise our voices and do everything within our power to end this intolerable situation, which is not only inhumane but morally and politically unacceptable."
- During an [emergency session](#) held last Thursday evening, the Palestinian Cabinet warned of the grave and mounting consequences of the ongoing all-out Israeli war against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including Jerusalem; continued settler violence; restrictions on movement at border crossings; and the ongoing withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues. The Cabinet cautioned that the Government's continued inability to fulfill its obligations—including the payment of public sector salaries—will inevitably degrade service delivery and institutional performance. As a result, the Government may be forced to consider the temporary suspension of certain departments and a reduction in working hours across public institutions. Accordingly, the Cabinet directed public institutions to adjust their work arrangements to ensure the continuous delivery of essential public services.