



Situation Report #48: 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 18 August 2025.

Key Developments

DAY 675: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE, STARVATION, AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF PALESTINIANS IN GAZA

Describing Gaza from the air, a [Guardian](#) article said it "looks like the ruins of an ancient civilization, brought to light after centuries of darkness." The occupying Power, Israel, continues to systematically inflict genocide and starvation on Gaza, amidst international inaction to stop this carnage. During the past week, the [Israeli Cabinet approved Netanyahu's proposal to occupy Gaza City](#), which has been described as dangerous and illegal and would cause "[certain death](#)." The [Palestinian Presidency](#) said that this plan aims to forcibly displace nearly one million Palestinians from Gaza City and northern Gaza to the south, calling it a complete crime that represents a continuation of the policies of genocide, systematic killing, starvation, and siege. "Israel is exterminating the people of Gaza by any and all means," [UN experts](#) said, adding that "Israeli proposals to further forcibly transfer Gaza's population to a so-called 'humanitarian city' on the border with Egypt can only be seen as an attempt to create a concentration camp with conditions so dire that Gazans will ultimately be forced from their homeland." Furthermore, [UN agencies](#) warned that the number of deaths caused by malnutrition continues to rise. [UNOCHA's coordination director Ramesh Rajasingham](#) clearly stated: "**This is no longer a looming hunger crisis – this is starvation, pure and simple.**" A recent update showed that almost 12,000 Palestinian children aged 6 to 59 months were found to be acutely malnourished, the highest number recorded so far. Until 10 August, [medical sources](#) have confirmed the death of 217 Palestinians from starvation, including 100 children. At the aid distribution centers of the Gaza "Humanitarian" Foundation (GHF), the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) have continued to target starved Palestinians seeking aid, [killing at least 1,778 Palestinians and wounding around 12,894 others](#) since 27 May 2025. [UN experts](#) called for the immediate dismantling of GHF.

ISRAEL ASSASSINATES ANAS AL-SHARIF AND MOHAMMAD QREIQEA

The IOF acknowledged in an [official statement](#) that it had targeted Al Jazeera correspondent Anas al-Sharif in the Gaza Strip. Al Jazeera journalists, including Anas al-Sharif and Mohammad Qreiqea, along with two cameramen and the driver, were killed Sunday evening after a targeted Israeli airstrike hit a journalists' tent near Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. The attack burned and killed [seven Palestinians](#), including [Al-Jazeera crew members](#) and journalist [Mohammad Khaldi](#).



ISRAEL KILLED "PALESTINE'S PELÉ," SULEIMAN AL-OBEID

Without mentioning [how, where, or why he died](#), the [Union of European Football Associations](#) bid farewell to Palestine's renowned footballer, describing him as "[a] talent who gave hope to countless children, even in the darkest of times." [Suleiman al-Obeid](#) (41), a father of two sons and three daughters, was killed by the IOF while trying to secure aid for his family. According to [his brother](#), Suleiman bled for three hours before he died. Since 7 October 2023, Israel has killed 325 members of Palestine's football community, including players, coaches, administrators, referees, and club board members, according to the [Palestinian Football Association](#).

THREE DEATHS FROM GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME IN GAZA

Amid serious warnings of a rising number of acute flaccid paralysis cases among children, the [Ministry of Health](#) announced three deaths due to Guillain-Barré syndrome, including two children under 15. This is linked to the worsening health and environmental conditions in the besieged Gaza Strip, which is facing a severe shortage of medicines and medical supplies, leading to the ongoing spread of infectious diseases and a lack of necessary treatment. The Ministry confirmed that the worsening health conditions are endangering a large-scale outbreak of the syndrome, calling on relevant authorities and international organizations to act swiftly to deliver life-saving treatments and to lift the blockade on Gaza. The Ministry warned that these are not just isolated deaths but a sign of a possible infectious health disaster.

AFTER HOLDING HIS BODY FOR TEN DAYS, ODEH HATHALIN WAS LAID TO REST

After 70 women from Umm al-Khair village launched [an open-ended hunger strike](#) demanding the release of his body, the IOF handed over the body of martyr Odeh al-Hathalin in Yatta, south of Hebron. The IOF enforced [strict security measures](#) during Odeh's funeral, including setting up checkpoints, closing all roads leading to the villages and communities of Masafer Yatta, and preventing citizens, press crews, and many foreign supporters from attending and covering the funeral. Despite these restrictions, the family and many foreign supporters managed to attend the activist's funeral.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 203 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 197 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 184 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. In a statement released yesterday, [Israeli Minister Katz](#) said the Israeli army will stay in the refugee camps in the northern West Bank until the end of the year. According to [UNOCHA](#): "Between 1 January and 4 August 2025, Israeli forces have killed 168 Palestinians in the West Bank, including 37 children. Of those killed, over 80 per cent (139) were in the northern West Bank governorates and over a third (60) took place in Jenin governorate." In Jenin and Tulkarem, UNOCHA said "families are resorting to harmful coping mechanisms such as child labour, early marriage, and school dropout."



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

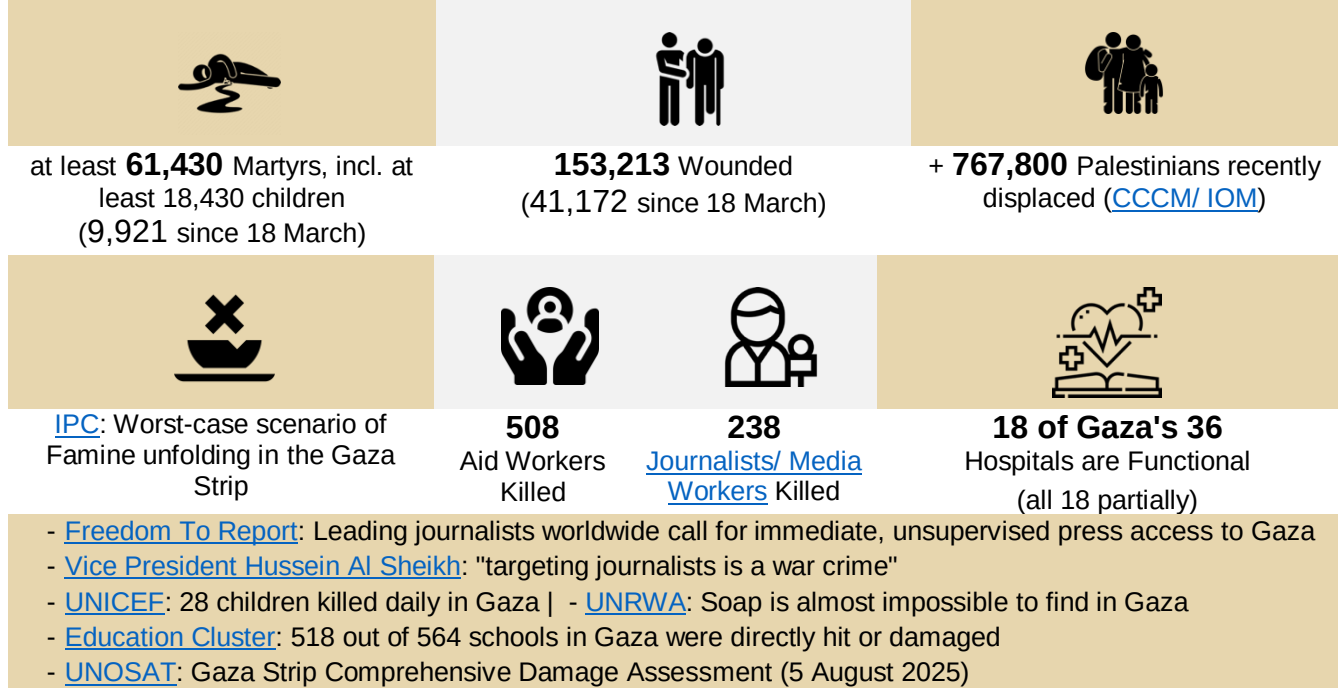


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

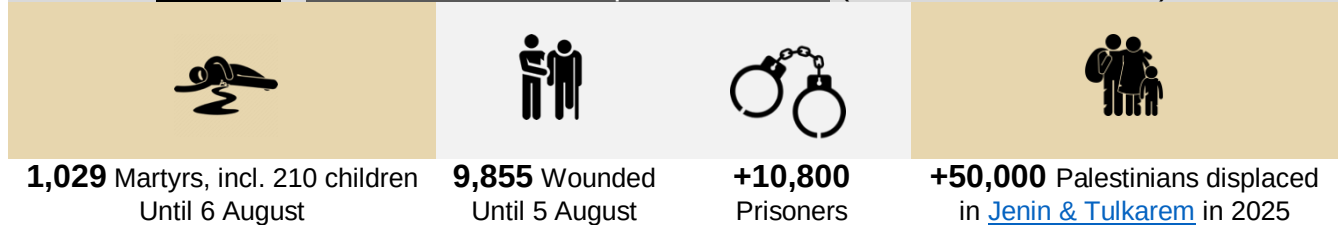
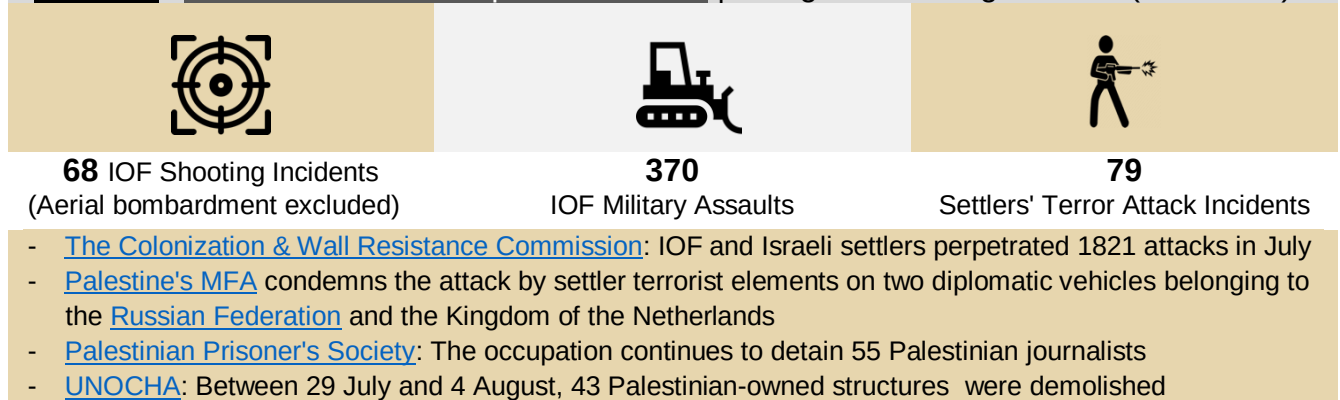


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 4 August – 10 August 2025 (until 8 AM)



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



In Focus

Palestinians in the West Bank are facing a [severe and worsening water crisis](#) that extends from Beitunia, southwest of Ramallah, to Hebron, Bethlehem, and the northern Jordan Valley. This crisis has been caused by a systematic occupation policy since 1967. Israel controls over 85% of the Mountain Aquifer water, leaving Palestinians with less than 15%. Water reaches homes infrequently, sometimes every ten days or even every two and a half months. People get less water than the internationally recommended minimum, forcing them to buy water tanks at high prices. The occupation hinders drilling, restoration, and well collection, while motivating settlers to pursue large-scale agricultural projects. Since October 2023, Israeli settler attacks on water resources in the West Bank have doubled. The attacks have included the destruction of networks, seizure of springs, sabotage of irrigation networks, and theft of agricultural equipment. Water has become a tool of collective punishment and a means of colonial domination, in violation of international humanitarian law. While settlements enjoy abundant water, Palestinians struggle daily to secure a drop of water.

Government Updates

- Speaking at the start of the [weekly Cabinet meeting](#) last Tuesday, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa said that Israel does not want to see a Palestinian state and continues to wage war on our people, not only through killing and destruction but also through economic blockade. The Prime Minister emphasized that the suffering of the Palestinian people continues with "(t)he ongoing delay in enforcing the will of the international community through the implementation of hundreds of UN and legal resolutions, and Israel's continued impunity," adding that it's leading to "the tragic situation of killing, starvation, and forced displacement."
- The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) announced a global campaign urging the international community to confront the serious impact of the Israeli cabinet's decision to fully occupy and control the Gaza Strip. The Ministry warned that these actions threaten the survival of Palestinian civilians, calling for urgent international intervention to halt the war and immediately implement the New York Declaration.
- The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) strongly condemned the U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson's visit to the "Ariel" settlement, along with his provocative and inflammatory statements in support of annexation. The Ministry said that "such actions encourage settlement expansion and settler crimes and clearly contradict the U.S.'s declared position on settlements." The Ministry also reaffirmed that "all settlements are illegal, illegitimate, and a major threat to the two-state solution and prospects for peace."