



Situation Report #49: 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 25 August 2025.

Key Developments

DAY 682: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE, STARVATION, AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF PALESTINIANS IN GAZA

While the Israeli occupation continues its threats to occupy the entire Gaza Strip, the humanitarian catastrophe there is worsening at an unprecedented rate, with [starvation reaching its worst level since October 2023](#). Meanwhile, Israeli aggression against residential areas continues, especially in the [Zeitoun neighborhood](#) southeast of Gaza City, which has been subjected to heavy shelling and home demolitions for days, resulting in massacres and widespread displacement. [Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor](#) reported that the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) destroyed more than 400 homes in this neighborhood over six days using aerial bombardment and booby-trapped robots. Over [780,000 Palestinians were displaced in Gaza between 18 March and 12 August](#), including over 12,500 displacement movements between 29 July and 12 August. Nearly 70 percent of these movements originated from the Gaza governorate. Moreover, [UNRWA](#) said that most of the children being examined in Gaza are severely emaciated and at risk of death if they do not receive urgent treatment. UNRWA noted that over 50,000 children have been killed or injured since 7 October, while [one million women and girls face the risk of mass starvation](#). [UNICEF spokesperson Kazem Abu Khalaf](#) warned of an alarming rise in malnutrition rates among children, with 112 children entering the malnutrition cycle every day in the Gaza Strip, an increase of 180% between February and June. Until 17 August, [medical sources](#) have confirmed the death of 258 Palestinians from starvation, including 110 children. At the aid distribution centers of the Gaza "Humanitarian" Foundation, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) have continued to target starved Palestinians seeking aid, killing at least 1,938 Palestinians and wounding around 14,420 others since 27 May 2025.

AHARON HALIVA: PALESTINIANS "NEED A NAKBA FROM TIME TO TIME"

In a leaked recording broadcast by Israel's Channel 12, [Aharon Haliva](#), who was the head of the Military Intelligence Directorate at the time of 7 October 2023, stated: "The fact that there are already 50,000 dead in Gaza is necessary and required for future generations. For everything that happened on October 7, for every person on October 7, 50 Palestinians need to die. It does not matter now if they are children. I am not speaking from revenge. I am speaking to future generations. They need a Nakba from time to time to feel the price."



THE PALESTINIAN PRESIDENCY SLAMS NETANYAHU'S "GREATER ISRAEL" REMARKS

The [Palestinian Presidency](#) rejected and condemned Netanyahu's statements on the so-called "Greater Israel" vision, deeming them contrary to international legitimacy resolutions and international law, and a violation of the sovereignty of states, regional security, and stability. The Presidency said that these provocative and dangerous statements stem from the occupying state's expansionist colonial policies and its refusal to respect the sovereignty of states and international agreements governing relations between them.

ISRAEL ADVANCES + 3,400 SETTLEMENT UNITS IN THE "E1" COLONIAL PROJECT

Israeli Minister Smotrich announced plans to approve the construction of [more than 3,400 settlement units in the "E1" colonial project](#) located on the eastern gateway to Jerusalem between occupied Jerusalem and the "Ma'ale Adumim" settlement. This project, which had been on hold for years due to international pressure, aims to isolate and separate Jerusalem from the remaining West Bank, sever the geographical contiguity between the northern and southern West Bank, and strengthen Israeli control over the area, which, according to Smotrich himself, will "[bury the idea of a Palestinian state](#)." During his visit to the "Ofra" settlement, [Netanyahu](#) yesterday said he kept his promise "to prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state."

UNPRECEDENTED ATTACK TARGETING CHURCHES IN THE HOLY LAND

The [Higher Presidential Committee for Church Affairs in Palestine](#) warned of an unprecedented attack targeting churches in the Holy Land, specifically the Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem. The committee explained that the occupation authorities have frozen the Patriarchate's bank accounts and imposed [exorbitant taxes on its properties](#), threatening its ability to fulfill its spiritual and humanitarian role. It also pointed to the aggressive settlement expansion targeting "lands belonging to the Orthodox Church around the [Monastery of Saint Gerasimus](#) (Deir Hijleh) near Jericho," adding that "in the past two years, new illegal settlement outposts have been established in the Jericho area, posing a direct threat to its historic and sacred character and forming part of a broader plan to erase Palestine's Christian and historical identity."

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 210 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 204 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 191 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. According to [local sources](#), the IOF has so far completely demolished more than 620 homes in the Jenin refugee camp, while the rest have been partially damaged and are now uninhabitable. Deputy Governor of Tulkarem Faisal Salama said that the IOF has completely destroyed the refugee camps, making life there extremely difficult. He added: "We may need years to rebuild." Salameh noted that the IOF has destroyed about 2,000 housing units in the Tulkarem and Nour Shams refugee camps, along with thousands of homes that were damaged, partially destroyed, or burned.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

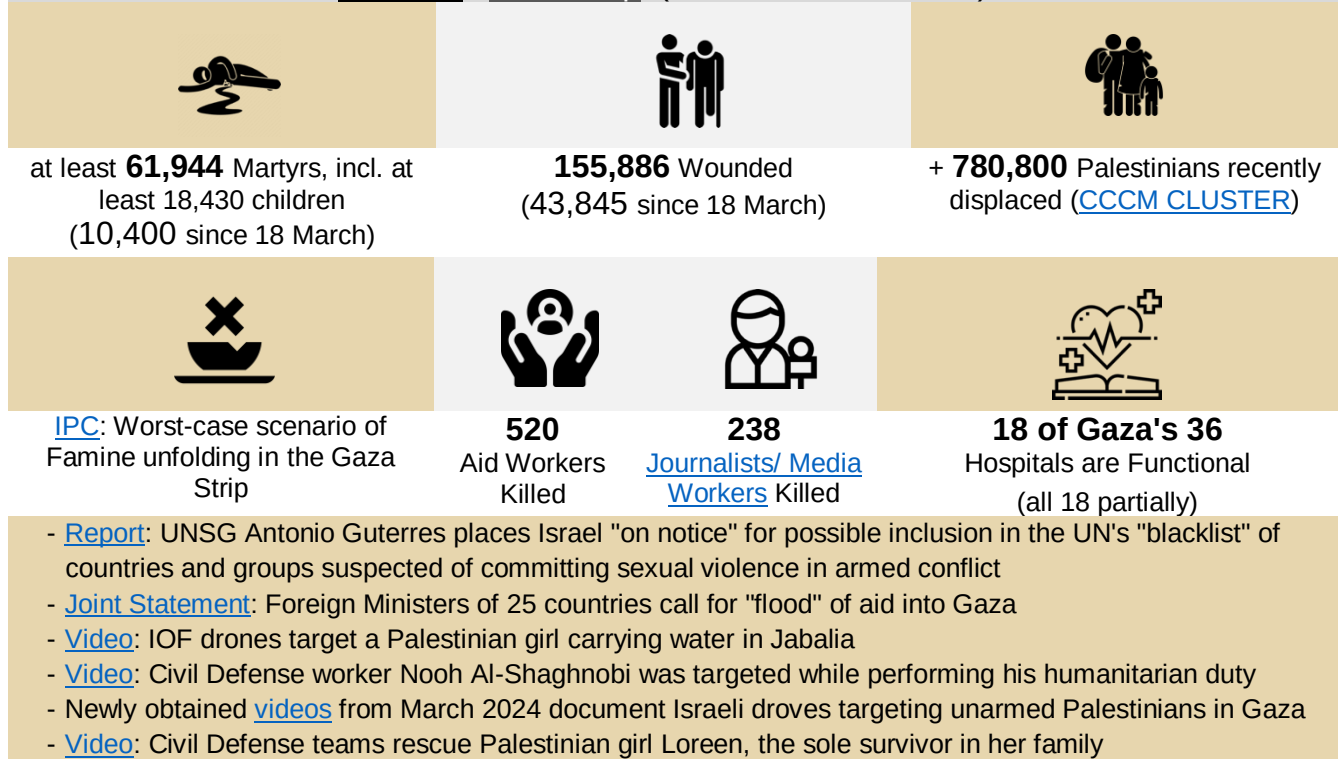


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

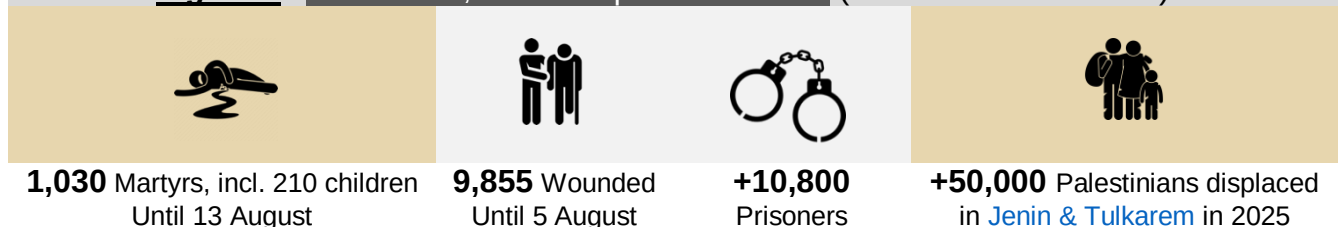
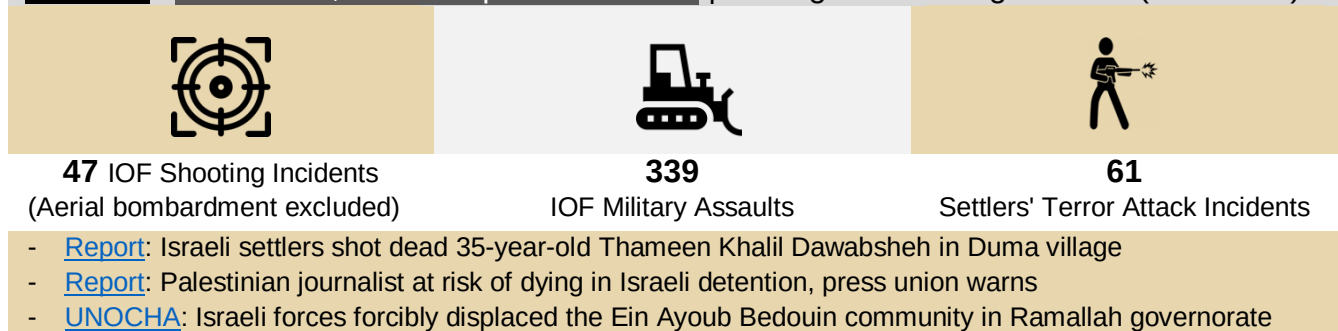


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 11 August – 17 August 2025 (until 8 AM)



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



In Focus

The [Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission](#) disclosed recent information about the systematic transformation of major colonial installations (outposts) around the "Eli" settlement, built on land belonging to Palestinian citizens in the villages of al-Sawiya, al-Lubban, and Qaryut, "into large colonial neighborhoods" linked to this settlement. The head of the commission, Minister Mu'ayyad Sha'ban, said that the occupying state had recently approved several major master plans to expand the "Eli" settlement, aiming to separate the central West Bank from its northern part. This separation is feasible through a series of settlements stretching between "Shilo" and "Eli," along with the colonial installations surrounding them in the area between Ramallah and Nablus governorates. Sha'ban pointed out that the occupying state's planning authorities reviewed 39 master plans in July of last year—34 for the West Bank and five for occupied Jerusalem. Sha'ban emphasized that the occupying state continuously imposes facts on the ground across Palestinian geography through measures designed to fragment Palestinian land and enforce a system of isolated cantons, thereby eliminating any chance of achieving a Palestinian state in the future.

Government Updates

- On [Sunday](#), Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa met with his Egyptian counterpart, Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, at the Egyptian Cabinet headquarters in the city of Alamein. The two leaders discussed the latest political developments, efforts to halt the Israeli genocidal war against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, and the urgent need to reach an immediate, comprehensive, and lasting ceasefire. The Prime Minister reaffirmed the readiness of the State of Palestine to fully assume its responsibilities in the Gaza Strip under one political system, one law, and one legitimate weapon, and to reunify it with the West Bank. He also stressed the importance of building on the outcomes of the UN International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution.
- Today, [Monday](#), during his official visit to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa is [scheduled to visit](#) the crossing area and warehouses designated for humanitarian and relief aid destined for Gaza. The visit will also include a tour of the field hospital operating in the area. Additionally, the Prime Minister will hold a joint press conference with Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty at the Rafah Border Crossing. In his meeting with Minister Abdelatty, the Prime Minister will focus on the catastrophic humanitarian and medical situation in Gaza, Egypt's ongoing efforts to reach a ceasefire, and ensuring the entry of humanitarian aid into the Strip.