



Situation Report #50: 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 1 September 2025.

Key Developments

FIRST FAMINE IN MIDDLE EAST HISTORY: ISRAEL-MADE FAMINE IN GAZA

According to the [Integrated Food Security Phase Classification](#) (IPC), a UN-backed organization, [famine](#) has already hit the Gaza Governorate and is expected to expand to Deir al-Balah and Khan Yunis governorates by the end of September. IPC estimates that over 500,000 people "are facing catastrophic conditions characterised by starvation, destitution and death." Additionally, 1.07 million people (54% of the population) are in "Emergency (IPC Phase 4)" of acute malnutrition, while another 396,000 people (20% of the population) are in the "Crisis" stage (IPC Phase 3).

DAY 689: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE, STARVATION, AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF PALESTINIANS IN GAZA

Amid ongoing massacres and in preparation for implementing its [plan to occupy all of Gaza City](#) and forcibly displace and transfer one million Palestinians, the occupying Power, using all types of weaponry, continues its systematic destruction of many important neighborhoods in Gaza, including [Zeitoun](#), [Tuffah](#), and [Shuja'iyya](#). The occupation authorities have also demanded that international organizations and medical personnel [evacuate](#) Gaza City to the south. In this context, the Palestinian Presidency, through its spokesman [Nabil Abu Rudeineh](#), warned of the occupation's broader strategy of genocide and starvation to "forcibly displace the Palestinian people." Meanwhile, extremist Israeli officials, such as [Smotrich](#), have called for cutting off essential services, including electricity, water, and food, to civilians: "Whoever doesn't evacuate [Gaza City], don't let them (...) They can die of hunger or surrender." Moreover, with Israel's continued [use of water as a weapon of genocide](#) against more than two million Palestinians in Gaza, [Forensic Architecture and World Peace Foundation](#) asserted that Israel's approach to aid distribution reflects a plan to facilitate "the forced displacement and re-concentration of Palestinians in areas unsafe for habitation." Until this morning, [medical sources](#) have confirmed the death of 300 Palestinians from starvation, including 117 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 2,095 Palestinians and wounding around 15,430 others since 27 May 2025.



LARGE-SCALE LAND LEVELING IN AL-MUGHAYYIR

Since last Thursday, the IOF has continued bulldozing large areas of Palestinian land in the village of [al-Mughayyir](#), northeast of Ramallah. To protect settlers and facilitate their terrorist attacks against Palestinian villages, Israeli bulldozers and heavy machinery are destroying olive trees ([3,100](#)) and flattening thousands of dunams of agricultural land to build a new colonial road, altering the village's landscape. During its military assault, the IOF imposed a siege on the village, raided and searched dozens of homes, wreaking havoc and destruction. The assault damaged citizens' properties and farmland, and many were arrested, including the [head of the village council, Amin Abu Aliya](#). Israel's destruction of Palestinian land and the construction of settler infrastructure in and around al-Mughayyir are part of its broader colonial strategy to forcibly displace Palestinians from their lands and replace them with more Israeli settlers.

ISRAEL APPROVES THE "E1" COLONIAL PROJECT

The Israeli occupation authorities have approved a colonial construction on the eastern gateway to occupied Jerusalem, labeled as the "E1" colonial project. The [plans](#) include the construction of over 3,401 settlement units, covering 12 km² between East Jerusalem and the "Maale Adumim" settlement. Affirming the objective of this plan, [Smotrich](#) stated: "[t]he Palestinian state is being erased from the table, not just with words but with concrete actions. Every settlement, every neighborhood, every new housing unit is another nail in the coffin of this dangerous idea." Over [20 countries condemned the "E1" colonial project](#) and called for its immediate reversal.

ISRAEL DESIGNATES 63 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN THE WEST BANK AS "ISRAELI"

The [Applied Research Institute ARIJ](#) reported that on 10 August, the Israeli occupation authorities designated 63 sites in the occupied West Bank as "Israeli historical and archaeological sites." These include 59 sites in the Nablus Governorate alone, three in the Ramallah and al-Bireh Governorate, and one in the Salfit Governorate. According to the institute, from 1967 to 2025, the Israeli occupation classified over 2,400 Palestinian archaeological sites in the West Bank as "Israeli archaeological sites," claiming these areas must be "protected and preserved." However, in reality, these sites are used as a pretext to consolidate Israel's colonial project. In this context, the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) called on UNESCO to assume its responsibilities in protecting Palestinian archaeological sites.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 217 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 211 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 198 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. During the past week, the IOF caused significant destruction to the [Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq Mosque](#) in the middle of Nour Shams refugee camp, where severe damage was inflicted on the building and its surroundings.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

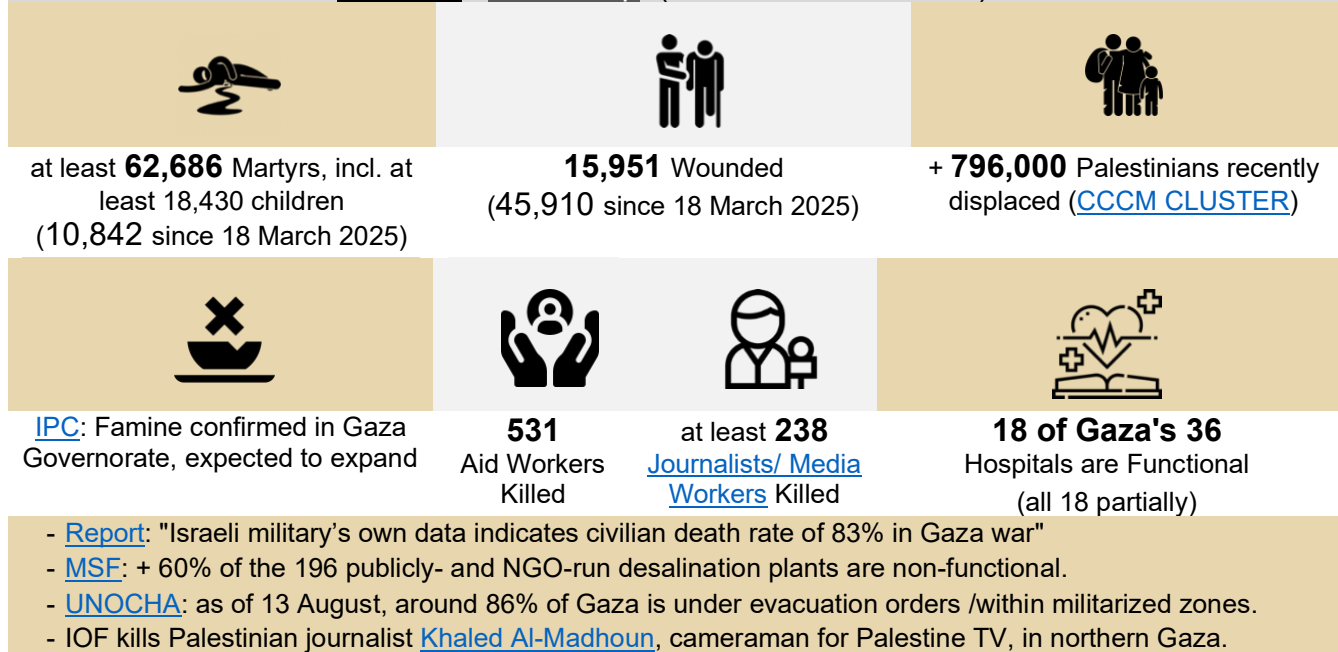


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

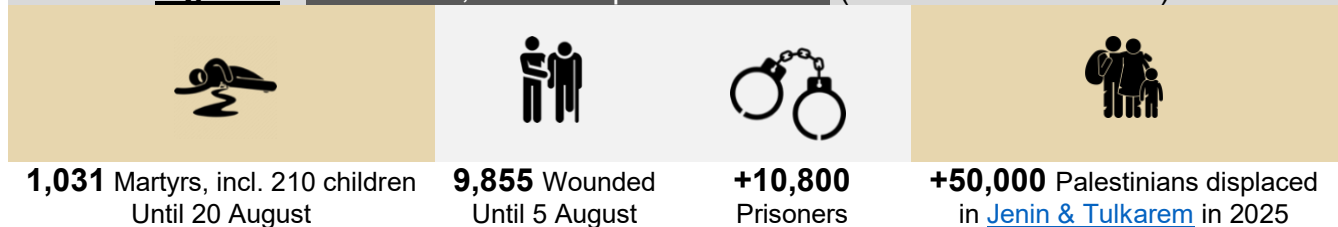


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 18 August – 24 August 2025 (until 8 AM)



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



In Focus

The [Jerusalem Governorate](#) announced last Monday that approximately 7,000 Palestinians living in 22 communities across the Jerusalem Baadiyah face the threat of forced displacement due to the implementation of the ["E1" colonial project](#) and an [apartheid road](#), labelled as the "Sovereignty Road." The Governorate added that this would sever and isolate the Jabal al-Baba and Wadi Jamal Bedouin communities from the town of al-Eizariya (Bethany). According to [UNOCHA](#), the occupation authorities "have demolished more than 500 Palestinian-owned structures in the 18 Bedouin communities located in an area designated for the E1 settlement plan in the eastern Jerusalem governorate, displacing over 900 people." So far in 2025, 68 structures, including nine homes and 52 animal shelters, have been demolished in these communities, with an average of eight structures destroyed per month. UNOCHA added that between 12 and 14 August, the Israeli occupation authorities have issued demolition orders against a "total of 42 structures, mostly residential and animal shelters, including in Jabal al Baba (20 structures) and Wadi al Jimel (12), which are located immediately adjacent to the planned road between Az Za'ayem and Al' Eizariya."

Government Updates

- In a [joint press conference](#) with Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdel Ati at the Rafah border crossing on the Egyptian side last Monday, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa said that the ongoing Israeli aggression should not give any local or international party the legitimacy to impose arbitrary arrangements on the Gaza Strip. He stressed that the government of the State of Palestine is ready and capable of shouldering its responsibilities towards our people in the Gaza Strip, stressing that the government "will soon announce a committee to administer the affairs of the Gaza Strip. This committee is a temporary committee whose authority is vested in the Palestinian government. It is not a new political entity, but rather a reactivation of the work of the institutions of the State of Palestine and its government in Gaza, according to the basic law and as stipulated in the resolutions of the Arab Summit and international bodies."
- Yesterday, the Palestinian Government and its Emergency Operations Room for Interventions in the Gaza Strip called for immediate and effective international action to stop the deepening famine in the Gaza Strip. The [statement](#) reaffirmed a [warning](#) issued by Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa on 7 May 2025 when he declared that Gaza had already entered a state of famine due to Israel's ongoing blockade and denial of humanitarian access. The statement also called on the UN Security Council, international unions, parliaments, and civil society organizations to increase pressure on their governments to end support for Israel and to impose concrete sanctions in response to the ongoing crimes.