



Situation Report #55: 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 6 October 2025.

Key Developments

DAY 724: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE IN GAZA

Over the past week, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) have [completely encircled Gaza City](#). Most neighborhoods and areas are now [under Israeli military control](#), with ground forces and tanks moving toward [al-Shifa Medical Complex](#). This rapid advance has displaced tens of thousands of Palestinian citizens to the southern and central parts of the Strip, amid heavy traffic jams and a lack of vehicles for many families, who have been forced to sleep on the ground near the IOF presence, despite the enormous risks. Still, [hundreds of thousands of people remain in Gaza City](#) "facing daily bombardment, famine and compromised access to means of survival," according to [UNRWA](#). The [New York Times](#) published a report with satellite images showing how Israel has destroyed parts of Gaza City, the largest urban center in the Strip, with the IOF destroying neighborhood after another. Furthermore, the IOF's massacres continue inside civilian homes, displacement camps, and [sites supposedly declared "safe"](#) for civilians, resulting in the martyrdom of entire families, including [Dr. Ismail Abu-Rkab](#), his wife, and their 16-year-old daughter. According to [Haaretz](#), Israel's own data confirms the credibility of the documented death toll in Gaza, which indicates that the number of civilians killed in Gaza since October 2023 is the highest in any war in the 21st century. As of 21 September, [medical sources](#) confirmed the death of 447 Palestinians from starvation, including 147 children. At the aid distribution centers of the Gaza "Humanitarian" Foundation, the IOF has continued to target [starved Palestinians seeking aid](#), killing 2,566 Palestinians and wounding around 18,769 others since 27 May 2025.

UNOCHA: FOUR HOSPITALS IN NORTHERN GAZA FORCED TO CLOSE IN SEPTEMBER

[UNOCHA](#) reported that since 1 September, four hospitals in North Gaza and Gaza governorates have been forced to shut down, reducing the total number of operational hospitals in Gaza to just 14. These include eight in Gaza City, three in Deir al-Balah, and three in Khan Younis. However, none of these hospitals are operating at full capacity. With the "Zikim" crossing in the northern Gaza Strip remaining closed since 12 September, combined with the halt of cargo entry from Jordan and the closure of all Gaza crossings on 23 and 24 September due to Jewish holidays, UNOCHA reported that "supply lines to the Gaza Strip, particularly to the famine-struck Gaza city, have been unpredictable." UNOCHA explained that ongoing bombardment, displacement, and the lack of necessary supplies are threatening lifesaving services in Gaza City, including healthcare facilities. Furthermore, [UNRWA](#) has reported that at least 370 of its employees have been killed in Gaza, and the destruction of most of its premises, including schools and health clinics.



IRC: ONE IN THREE CHILDREN IN GAZA WENT A FULL DAY WITHOUT FOOD

A needs assessment conducted last month by the [International Rescue Committee](#) among 469 displaced families in Gaza City, Deir al-Balah, and parts of Khan Younis shows that 70% of children experience sleep problems, and nearly 20% are withdrawn or silent. IRC noted that one in three children under the age of three did not eat any food in the 24 hours before the survey, and nearly 75% of surveyed families with children under five reported "visible signs of malnutrition." IRC added: "With just one percent of households considered food secure, families are skipping meals, reducing portions, and surviving with little or no access to protein or fresh produce."

ELEVEN COUNTRIES FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF PALESTINE

Within the past ten days, eleven countries have officially recognized the State of Palestine, including the [UK](#), [Canada](#), [Australia](#), [Portugal](#), [France](#), [Belgium](#), [Luxembourg](#), [Malta](#), [Monaco](#), [Andorra](#), and [San Marino](#), bringing the total number of nations that recognize Palestine to 159 out of 193 UN member states. In his addresses before the [High-Level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution](#), as well as to the [80th United Nations General Assembly](#), H.E. President Mahmoud Abbas praised the countries that have recognized the State of Palestine and urged others to do the same, while also calling for support for Palestine's full membership in the United Nations. The President emphasized that "[t]here will be no peace without justice, and no justice without Palestine's liberation."

UN: 158 COMPANIES OPERATE IN ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK

On [Friday](#), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) released an update to its [database of all business enterprises operating in illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestine](#), including Jerusalem, listing 158 firms from 11 countries. The report was first published in 2020, and Friday's update is the second of its kind, following the Office's 2023 update, which added 68 new companies to the list. Seven companies were removed because they no longer engage in the activities in question, bringing the total to 158. The companies in the 2025 update mainly focus on activities related to construction, real estate, mining, and quarrying.

ISRAEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARTYRDOM OF 40 PALESTINIAN WORKERS

[Shaher Saad, Secretary-General of the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions](#), said that since 7 October 2023, the IOF has caused the martyrdom of 40 Palestinian workers and detained over 30,000 of those working inside the 1948 territories. In a statement, Saad said that workers are targeted daily near the apartheid & annexation wall, during their commutes, at work, or while on duty, facing live ammunition, brutal violence, and repeated raids on their dormitories and workplaces. He explained that the arrest methods are brutal, with some workers being held for up to four months and facing fines of over ten thousand shekels (about \$3,000 USD), along with other fees for their release.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 252 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 246 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 233 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

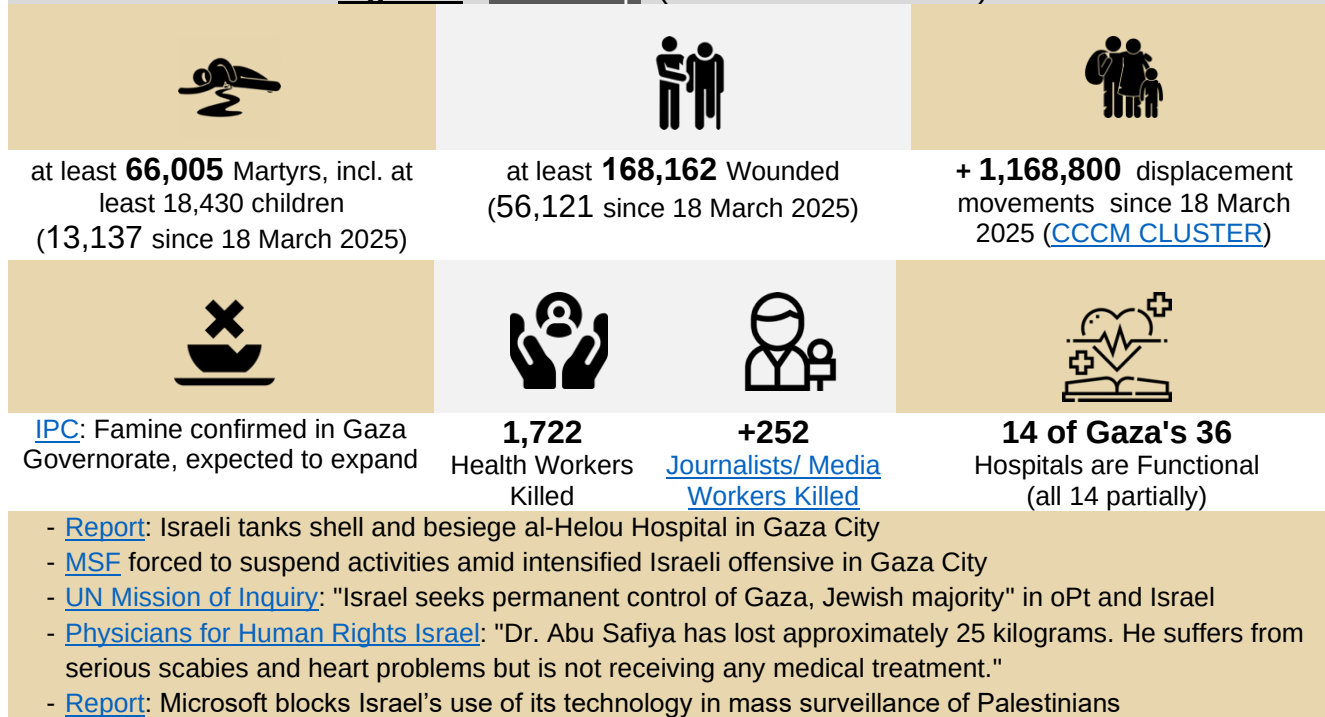


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

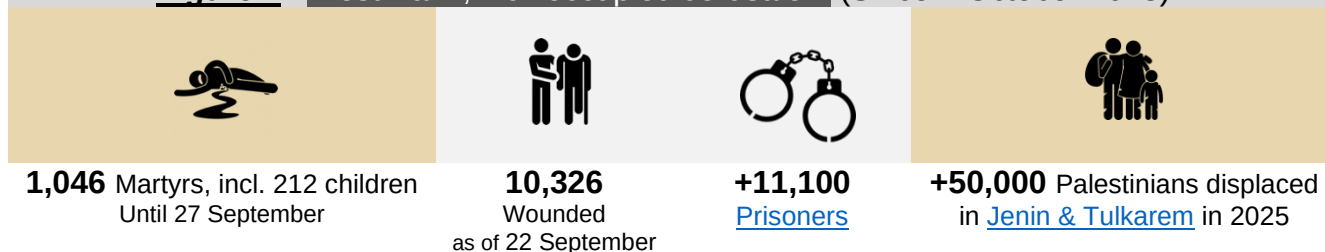
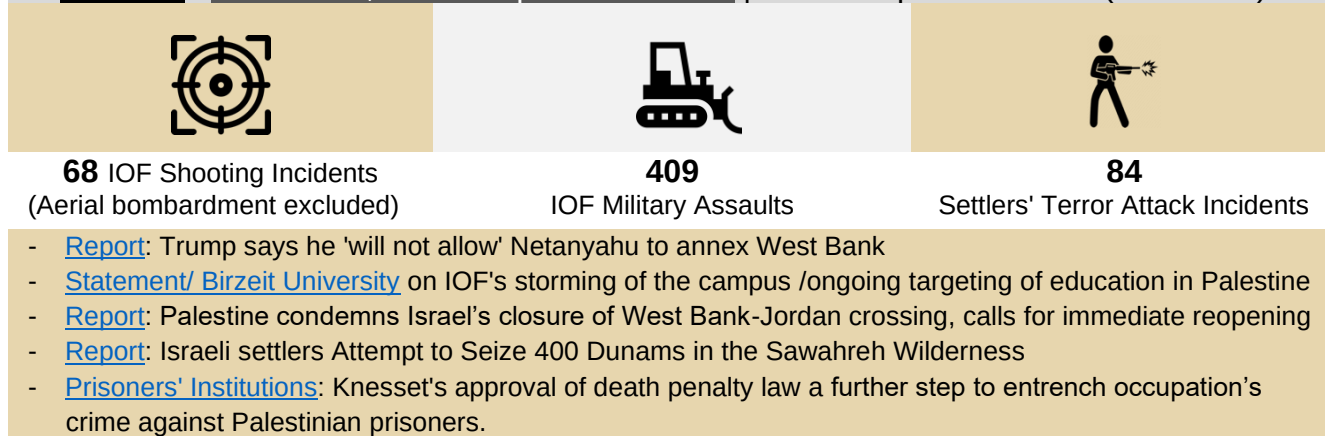


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem |22 –28 September 2025 (until 8 AM)



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



In Focus

Several Christian religious leaders in Palestine issued a [statement in response to Benjamin Netanyahu's remarks about Palestinian Christians during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly](#). The signatories, including Patriarch Michel Sabbah, Archbishop Atallah Hanna, Archbishop Munib Younan, and others, emphasized that the Israeli occupation is the main cause of the worsening conditions for Christians in Palestine, not the Palestinian National Authority. They rejected what they considered a distortion of facts in Netanyahu's speech, stating, "Mr. Netanyahu does not speak on behalf of Palestinian Christians, and we cannot allow him to distort the facts." The statement clarified that Bethlehem was a Christian-majority city until 1948, but the Nakba and the subsequent creation of refugee camps and demographic shifts caused significant changes in the population. It also pointed out that the Israeli occupation of the West Bank since 1967, along with restrictions, closures, denial of permits, and revocation of residency rights, has directly led to the emigration of many Christians and Muslims alike. The signatories added that Bethlehem has suffered for years due to the harsh living conditions under occupation. Over the past two years, tourism and pilgrimage have nearly come to a halt, leading to worsened economic conditions and forcing hundreds of Palestinian citizens to leave the city in recent months. The statement explained that Christians and Muslims in Palestine are one people living together and enduring the same suffering under Israel's occupation.

Government Updates

- The [Palestinian Government](#) welcomed the outcomes of the donor meeting in New York, which reflected broad international consensus in support of Palestine and rejection of Israel's unilateral policies, including its withholding of Palestinian tax revenues. It also highly valued the announcement of an Emergency International Alliance to support the financing of the Palestinian National Authority.
- As part of the Government's agenda and its National Program for Development and Reform, the Palestinian Cabinet approved on 23 September the launch of a [functional review](#) of State institutions to advance three key objectives: improving efficiency and resource use across government departments; aligning organizational structures and functions with national priorities and policies; and developing reform and development recommendations to enhance institutional performance and strengthen public trust. This step underscores Palestine's commitment to a comprehensive, gradual reform process grounded in the principles of good governance and builds on more than 60 reform measures implemented over the past eighteen months.
- Despite the Israeli occupation's continued withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues and the severe financial stranglehold it imposes on the State of Palestine and its people, the Palestinian Government last week implemented a number of infrastructure development projects in support of municipalities. It also provided financial and in-kind assistance to farmers and low-income families, while advancing the maintenance and rehabilitation of several schools and signing new contracts for the construction of additional schools and the expansion of existing ones across multiple governorates.