



Situation Report #100: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 318 SINCE THE "CEASEFIRE": ISRAEL KILLED 1,286 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 73,420 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Amid worsening humanitarian conditions, Gaza continues to face critical shortages, including fuel, spare parts, and other essential supplies, severely disrupting healthcare, water, sanitation, and other life-saving services. These shortages have forced the [suspension of several operations](#), while 95 percent of its WASH fleet is deteriorating or malfunctioning. Meanwhile, around 82 percent of structures across the Gaza Strip have been damaged, with two-thirds assessed as destroyed. At the same time, [PCHR](#) warned of the accelerating collapse of Gaza's medical oxygen system, with only 12 of 34 oxygen generation stations and four of 30 cylinder-filling devices remaining operational. It stressed that shortages of equipment and spare parts are threatening essential life-saving services and placing the lives of patients dependent on medical oxygen at grave risk. Meanwhile, a [FAO and UNOSAT](#) assessment found that only 3 percent of Gaza's cropland remains accessible and undamaged, while shortages of essential agricultural supplies continue to hinder food production. FAO called for urgent action to restore safe access to farmland and prevent further deterioration of Gaza's already devastated food security. In a separate case, [BBC](#) highlighted the plight of 21-year-old Ahmed al-Madhoun with Down's syndrome, who disappeared in Gaza in May 2025. His mother continues to live with the agonizing uncertainty of not knowing whether her son is alive or buried beneath the rubble, reflecting the profound human toll of the destruction and displacement inflicted on Palestinian families. The Israeli-inflicted humanitarian catastrophe continues to deepen as Israeli officials publicly call for further killings and the forced displacement of Palestinians from Gaza. Israeli 'National Security Minister' Itamar Ben-Gvir advocated for the [killing of 30 to 40 people in Gaza every night](#), calling for the mass expulsion of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, according to AP. On Tuesday, an [Israeli strike on Gaza City's port killed six Palestinians](#) and injured several others, while the attack also sent several people into the port basin. On Wednesday, another airstrike on Gaza City [killed at least nine Palestinians and injured 15 others](#). In a further development, for the first time since the attack, the Israeli occupation military [admitted that its troops opened fire on the vehicle carrying five-year-old Hind Rajab and six members of her family](#) in Gaza in January 2024, killing everyone inside. It stated that it had ordered a "criminal investigation" into this heinous crime, more than two years after the killing.

PERSISTENT ISRAELI MEDICAL NEGLECT, ABUSE OF PALESTINIAN PRISONERS CONTINUES UNABATED

Israeli occupation prison authorities continue to expose Palestinian prisoners to conditions that facilitate the spread of disease, while severely restricting access to adequate medical care. According to the [Palestinian Prisoner's Society \(PPS\)](#), at least 10 of more than 90 Palestinian women detained in Damon Prison have contracted scabies, amid severe overcrowding, poor ventilation, high humidity, shortages of clothing and hygiene supplies, and inadequate medical treatment. PPS reported that scabies has continued to spread among Palestinian prisoners since May 2024, with some detainees suffering from the disease for months, resulting in severe inflammation, skin ulcers, persistent pain, and other complications. It further documented cases in which untreated infections led to serious deterioration in prisoners' health, including that of child detainee Mohammad Hamid, whose scabies infection developed into a bacterial infection, causing organ damage and ultimately resulting in the amputation of one leg. Separately, [The Times of Israel](#) and [Al Jazeera](#) reported that IOF marked Palestinian detainees with numbers on their foreheads during a military incursion into Qabatiya on 17 August 2026. IOF acknowledged the practice, describing it as "poor judgement," rather than a deliberate effort to [dehumanize the Palestinian people](#), especially following similar footage



that emerged in April showing IOF marking [Palestinian women with numbers](#) on their hands during an earlier incursion on Jenin.

ISRAEL'S FINANCIAL SIEGE DEEPENS HEALTHCARE STRAIN AND ECONOMIC COLLAPSE RISKS

Israel, the occupying Power, has intensified financial and economic measures against the State of Palestine, with far-reaching consequences for public revenues, employment, banking operations, the movement of goods, and access to essential services. According to [The New York Times](#), Israel has withheld hundreds of millions of dollars in Palestinian clearance revenues each month since May 2025, while restrictions on Palestinian workers and the movement of goods have contributed to rising unemployment and declining economic activity. The report noted that the Palestinian National Authority has, as a result, reduced public-sector salaries and shortening school weeks, while pharmacies and hospitals continue face growing shortages of medicines and essential medical supplies. In its recent position paper, [Physicians for Human Rights - Israel](#) examined how Israel's prolonged and escalating withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues is accelerating the collapse of healthcare in the occupied West Bank and undermining Palestinians' right to health, leaving healthcare workers with partial salaries, reducing hospital capacity, placing medicines and medical supplies at severe shortages, and limiting and limiting access to essential treatment.

ESCALATING IOF CRIMES AND SETTLER TERRORISM DRIVE PALESTINIAN DISPLACEMENT IN THE WEST BANK

According to [Human Rights Watch](#), settler terrorism has completely or partially displaced Palestinians from 107 villages and communities—nearly 5,900 people—since January 2023, while UNOCHA recorded an average of 6.6 settler terror attacks per day in 2026 that resulted in casualties or property damage. HRW documented killings, physical assaults, arbitrary detention, arson, [property destruction](#), theft, and attacks on livestock and agricultural land. In many cases, IOF were present or did not intervene. [Livestock theft has also become a recurring form of dispossession](#): from January through May 2026, 17 cases of sheep theft from Palestinian shepherds were documented, with IOF securing settlers and using gunfire and tear gas against Palestinians who attempted to protect their property. Settlers have increasingly targeted Palestinians in Oslo-defined "Area B", while Israeli occupation authorities have imposed access restrictions and military measures that have further disrupted citizens' livelihoods. In [Taybeh, the West Bank's last entirely Christian village](#), settlers have repeatedly harassed citizens, damaged property, released livestock into private compounds, and restricted access to agricultural land, while IOF declared the village a closed military zone. In the northern Jordan Valley, [IOF and settlers cut water pipelines serving 47 Palestinian families](#), affecting more than 300 people, amid the construction of the 22-kilometer "[Chrismon Thread](#)" colonial project that has [damaged farmland, crops, and water infrastructure](#), according to B'Tselem. [US House Democratic Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries](#) also called on The Trump Administration to take action against Israeli lawbreaking settlers besieging Palestinian homes, describing the attacks as "unacceptable" and urging the administration to compel the Israeli government to protect the lives, property and livelihood of innocent Palestinian civilians.

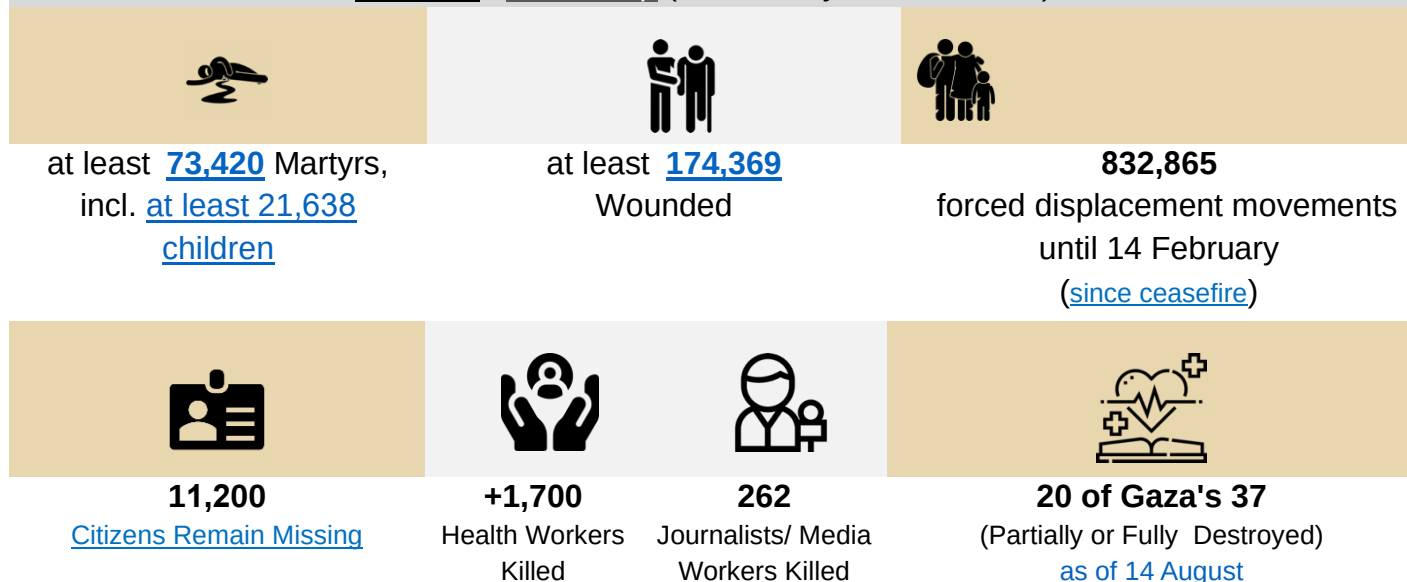
SETTLER TERROR IN QUSRA AMID ISRAEL'S EXPANDING ANNEXATION PLANS

The escalating attacks on [Qusra](#) come amid broader moves that could further entrench [Israeli control over the occupied West Bank](#). Israeli "Defense Minister" [Israel Katz](#) has instructed the IOF to draw up a plan within two weeks to transfer "civilian law-enforcement responsibilities" in the West Bank to the Israeli Police, while also advancing the legalization of settlement outpost farms. Meanwhile, "National Security Minister" [Itamar Ben-Gvir](#) described the proposed transfer as a "significant step" toward Israeli sovereignty in the West Bank. At the same time, [Israel has advanced plans](#) to build more than 1,200 settlement units as part of the E1 settlement project, which the [UN](#) has warned would sever the territorial link between the northern and southern West Bank and threaten the viability of a contiguous Palestinian state. The developments have drawn [strong international condemnation](#), with France, Italy, Britain and Germany urging Israel to halt the colonial project and end settlement expansion. [Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim](#) "unreservedly denounced" Israel's decision to issue construction tenders for E1, warning that the settlement project would divide the West Bank.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since Early October 2023)

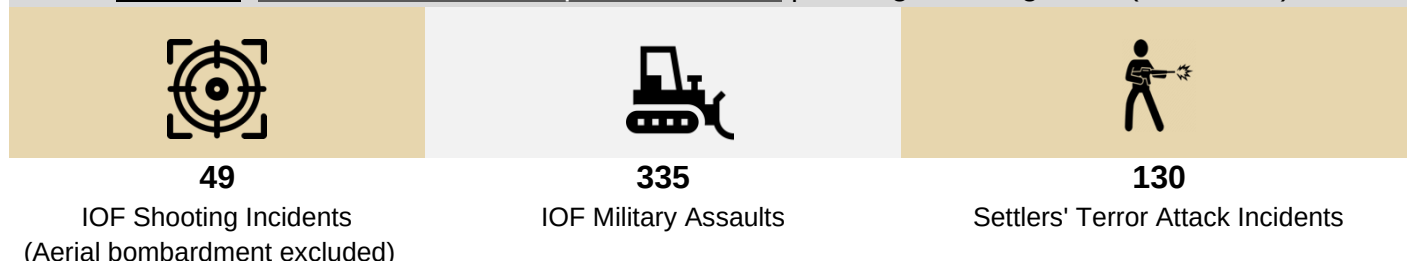


- [Report](#): "Palestinian Children Risk Their Lives Clearing Gaza's Rubble for a Few Dollars a Day"
- [BBC](#): "Australia 'outraged' after Israel decides not to open criminal investigation into killing of aid worker in Gaza"
- [Video](#): "A reminder to everyone: Gaza has yet to heal from genocide, displacement, tents, destruction, orphan hood, and loss of life"
- [Over Gaza](#): Israel bars two Swedish MEPs from entering occupied Palestinian territory

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



Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 17 Aug - 23 Aug 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [UNICEF](#): "Children in West Bank Seek Safety as Settler Violence Surges"
- [MSF](#): "Escalating violence and movement restrictions continue to drive medical needs in Hebron"
- [Video](#): A terrorist Israeli settler assaulting an elderly Palestinian amputee who is leaning on crutches, striking him with a metal bar.
- Sources: Ministry of Health, [Wafa](#), [UNOCHA](#), [PJS](#), [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#).



In Focus

[Israeli occupation forces continue to demolish, clear, and transport rubble](#) from thousands of destroyed homes and structures across the Gaza Strip, including areas under their control behind the so-called “Yellow Line.” Palestinian citizens report seeing Israeli bulldozers and trucks operating at night and moving rubble to undisclosed locations, while Israeli occupation authorities continue to restrict journalists and other observers from accessing these areas. The removal has also affected sites where Palestinians remain buried under destroyed buildings. According to the [UN](#), “efforts to remove rubble and retrieve bodies in Gaza remain limited by restrictions on the entry of heavy machinery, spare parts, lubricants and other critical supplies as well as by restrictions on access to vast areas within the Gaza Strip”. Palestinian lawyers and citizens report that the removal of rubble risks destroying physical evidence, including remains of victims, personal belongings, identity documents, and possible remnants of missiles and other weapons. Lawyer Omar Shalouf, whose parents remain buried under the rubble in Gaza City, said IOF destroyed homes without warning in several cases, leaving victims and their possessions beneath the ruins. He said he fears that continued clearance operations could remove his parents’ remains before Palestinian teams can recover and bury them. Citizens have also reported cases in which bodies disappeared after IOF cleared temporary burial sites. IOF also restrict access to destroyed areas, limiting Palestinian efforts to recover bodies, document destruction, and retrieve personal property. The destruction has also removed large sections of Gaza’s built environment. Local and UN assessments indicate that Israel has damaged or destroyed more than 70% of buildings across Gaza, while UN estimates cited in the report put the figure for damaged or destroyed homes at approximately 92%, or around 436,000 homes. The resulting debris amounts to an estimated 50 million tons, further complicating recovery, reconstruction, and the retrieval of human remains and property.

Government Updates

During its weekly session last Tuesday, the [Palestinian Cabinet](#) affirmed that all necessary measures would be taken to ensure the successful holding of the general elections scheduled for November 28, while continuing to work with local and international partners to create the necessary conditions for their conduct. It also called on citizens to update their records and complete the required registration procedures. On the ground, the Palestinian [Government continues to implement essential interventions](#) across occupied Palestine despite Israel’s continued withholding of Palestinian tax revenues for the 16th consecutive month, depriving the Palestinian Treasury of revenues that account for approximately 68% of the Ministry of Finance’s total revenues. This is also taking place amid an unprecedented escalation in settler terror attacks, frequently carried out with the protection and IOF, alongside the continued deployment of more than 900 military checkpoints and metal gates that severely restrict Palestinian movement, disrupt access to essential services and livelihoods, and further fragment the Palestinian governorates. In the Gaza Strip, the Government and its partners, through the Palestinian Water Authority, continue efforts to strengthen water and sanitation services. Over the past week, these interventions included drilling a well with a capacity of 60 cubic meters per day in Deir al-Balah; providing and servicing electricity generators; extending water pipelines; and rehabilitating pumping stations and wastewater networks, benefiting approximately 100,000 people. Work is also continuing to develop the water system in the Al-Iqleemi and Bir 19 areas of Al-Mawasi, Khan Younis, serving approximately 6,700 families, or around 36,850 people, through increasing pumping capacity, constructing a desalination plant with a production capacity of 176 cubic meters per day, providing two electricity generators, expanding the water network, and establishing more than 90 water points. In parallel, the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, in partnership with UNDP, continues to remove debris from vital sites across the Gaza Strip and work on establishing shelter centers using locally made tents. The Ministry of Social Development, in cooperation with its partners, also continues to provide displaced Palestinians in Gaza with available essential and relief supplies. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education is finalizing preparations for the launch of the new academic year in both the West Bank and Gaza, in partnership with local and international institutions, to ensure the continuity of education and uphold students’ right to education despite the exceptional circumstances.