



Situation Report #101: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 325 SINCE THE "CEASEFIRE": ISRAEL KILLED 1,318 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 73,454 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continue to kill and injure the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, despite a supposed "ceasefire." Ongoing Israeli airstrikes, military attacks, and destruction continue to expose civilians to persistent risks, underscoring that the agreement intended to halt the genocide has not translated into sustained civilian safety. [UNOCHA](#) reported persistent Israeli airstrikes, shelling and gunfire impacting residential areas and civilian infrastructure, while [UNICEF](#) documented at least four Palestinian children killed and many others injured in separate attacks during the five days to 28 August, including children hit by live ammunition and strikes. Specifically, on Monday, Israeli warplanes [killed three Palestinians and injured several others](#) in a strike near an UNRWA school sheltering displaced people in Jabalia refugee camp, northern Gaza. On the same day, [IOF killed eight Palestinians, including two children](#), and two more succumbed to their wounds from the attack. On Tuesday, another Palestinian succumbed to injuries sustained in an Israeli strike west of Khan Younis. On Thursday, separate Israeli strikes killed three more Palestinians and injured several more after targeting a home in Al-Shati refugee camp and a tent sheltering displaced people in Al-Mawasi, Gaza Strip. On Friday, [Israeli strikes killed three more Palestinians from the same family](#) in Al-Qarara, east of Khan Yunis. The attacks continue to compound an already severely dire humanitarian situation: 58 per cent of the Palestinian people in Gaza face severe or catastrophic shelter deficiencies, while around two-thirds of the Strip remains inaccessible or subject to severe access restrictions, confining civilians to overcrowded and insecure areas, amid depleted stocks of shelter and non-food items, as well as continued restrictions on the entry of critical supplies. On 24 August, Israeli attacks severely damaged a UNICEF-supported water well and desalination facility in Deir Al Balah, disrupting safe drinking-water access for over 4,000 people, including around 2,000 children. A day after, a nearby Israeli strike destroyed a warehouse containing more than US\$770,000 worth of nutrition supplies. The vital nutrition supplies were intended to support more than 40,500 vulnerable children, aged between 6 and 23 months, as well as 4,900 pregnant and breastfeeding women. At the same time, UNICEF's 24 August nutrition survey found [persistent chronic malnutrition](#), poor dietary quality and inadequate infant feeding, underscoring that limited improvements in food and nutrition outcomes have not restored normal living conditions.

ISRAELI OCCUPATION ESCALATES ATTACKS ON UNRWA, CHALLENGING INTERNATIONAL MANDATE

Under Israeli Prime Minister [Netanyahu's directives](#), [IOF carried out a military incursion into the UNRWA Qalandia Vocational Training Center](#) in occupied Jerusalem, forcibly seized the UN premises, expelled its staff, and prevented them from returning, before raising the Israeli flag over the compound. Extremist Israeli 'National Security Minister' [Itamar Ben-Gvir](#) personally took part in the incursion and released footage of himself sitting in the director's chair while wearing a military vest, publicly boasting that, "[Under my watch, there is no UNRWA and no director. They will not return here.](#)" The [UN Secretary-General](#) condemned the incursion, stressing that it constituted the "fifth unauthorized entry by Israeli occupation authorities into the Centre since May 2026, following other unacceptable breaches of the inviolability of UNRWA premises" and repeated interference with the Agency's operations in occupied Jerusalem. The [Palestinian Presidency](#) called for an urgent UN Security Council session to address Israel's attacks on UN facilities and demanded international measures to protect UNRWA personnel and



ensure the continuation of its operations. The [Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) likewise condemned the incursion, describing it as part of Israel's broader campaign to undermine UNRWA's international mandate and dismantle its presence in occupied Palestine.

ISRAEL ACCELERATES ANNEXATION, TIGHTENS RESTRICTIONS, ESCALATES INCURSIONS & ATTACKS

Israeli occupation authorities further intensified settlement expansion, land seizures, movement restrictions, incursions, arrests, and settler attacks and pogroms across the occupied West Bank, deepening measures that undermine Palestinian lives and constrain access to and development of their land. The [Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission](#) (CWRC) reported that, on 25 August 2026, Israeli occupation authorities approved 18 new or amended settlement jurisdiction areas covering new settlements, existing outposts slated for formalization, and expansions of established settlements. These areas provide the administrative and planning framework for future settlement expansion, infrastructure and road construction, and the allocation of government funding, and additional restrictions, all at the expense of Palestinian land. Separately, CWRC reported the seizure, under a military order, of 15,342 dunams belonging to Al-Bireh to establish a 3.835-kilometre "security route" around the illegal settlement of "Psagot", creating a colonial "buffer zone" that would restrict Palestinian access to more than 380 dunams between the settlement and planned route. Concurrently, IOF and settlers intensified their crimes targeting the Palestinian people, their livelihoods, and property, including through terror attacks, military incursions, arrests, shootings, home invasions, property seizures, demolition orders, road closures and attacks on Palestinian land and infrastructure. IOF [wounded at least three Palestinians, including a 14-year-old girl](#), and arrested Palestinians across several governorates. In Al-Karmil, south of Hebron, soldiers opened fire on a vehicle carrying Palestinian women, seriously injuring two women and another girl, while damaging homes and using them as military positions. Settlers also expanded an outpost near Beit Sahour, damaged agricultural property, cut olive trees and [targeted water infrastructure](#). IOF installed [military gates](#) and closed roads, including in Qusra, further restricting movement, while preventing Palestinian father Handhala Issa from crossing a military checkpoint at the entrance to his village of Beit Ikhsa, northwest of occupied Jerusalem, northwest of occupied Jerusalem, forcing him to [share a meal with his children on the street](#), under the pretext that he did not have a permit.

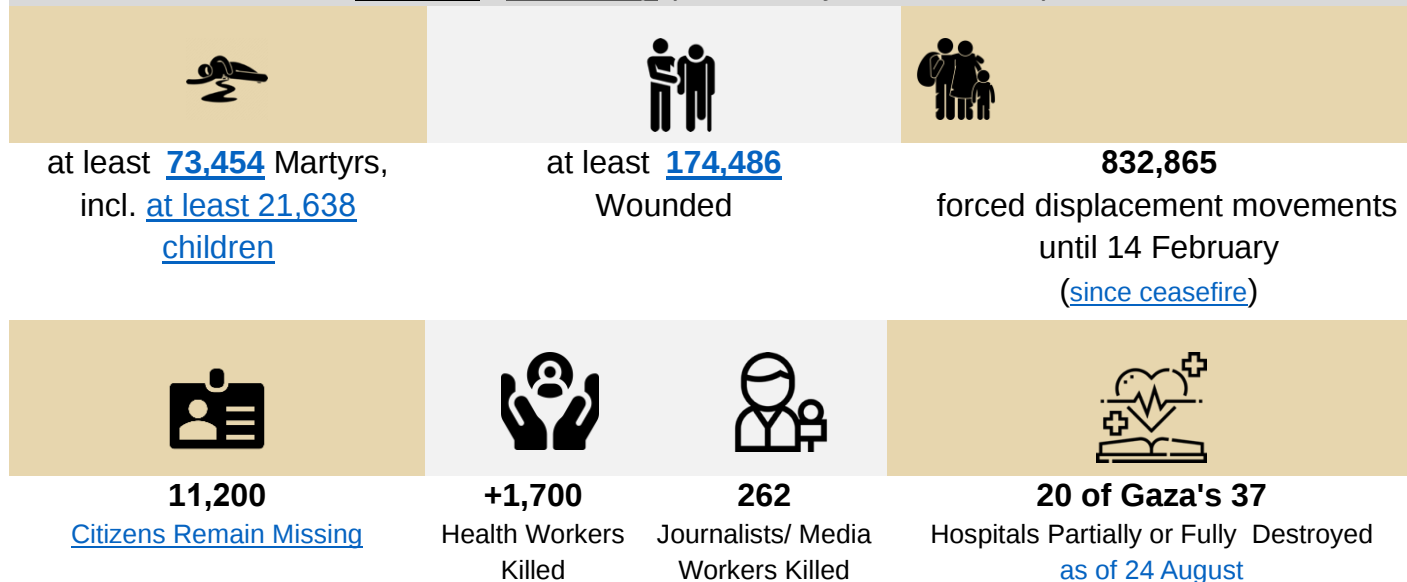
799 SETTLER ARSONS AND 30 NEW OUTPOSTS: ISRAELI COLONIZATION INTENSIFIES

Israeli colonial settlers continue to expand their territorial control and encroachment across the occupied West Bank, including into Oslo-defined "Areas A and B," while settler terrorism continues to increasingly target Palestinians, their homes, property, livelihoods, and land. A recent investigation by the [Israeli newspaper Haaretz](#) concluded that settlers have established at least 30 colonial installations (outposts) across the occupied West Bank over the past two and a half years, most of them in "Area B." The outposts have been strategically established along roads, on hilltops, and near Palestinian construction sites, enabling settlers to restrict Palestinian movement, impede development, and expand their territorial control. According to the investigation, this expansion has continued with the involvement or support of IOF and political authorities, despite repeated Israeli claims that these outposts are 'unauthorized'. Their continued growth therefore reflects not merely isolated "[criminal acts of violence](#)," but an expanding system of territorial, state-backed encroachment facilitated by Israeli occupation authorities. At the same time, data from [CWRC](#) documented 900 arsons targeting Palestinian homes, property, vehicles, and facilities between the beginning of 2023 and 10 July 2026. Settlers were responsible for 799 of these fires, or 88.8%, while Israeli occupation forces were responsible for the remaining 11.2%. The frequency of these attacks has increased steadily, with 217 fires recorded in 2023, 264 in 2024, and 307 in 2025, compared with 112 incidents during the first seven months of 2026 alone. The expansion of colonial outposts alongside the systematic targeting of Palestinian property through arson further demonstrates how settler terrorism, territorial encroachment, and Israeli state policies operate in tandem to undermine Palestinian very existence, livelihoods, and access to land across the occupied West Bank.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since Early October 2023)

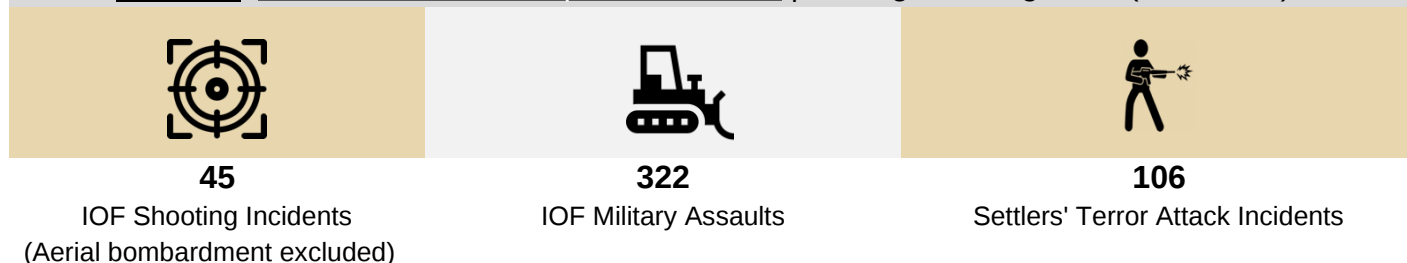


- [Video](#): "An Israeli soldier documents the destruction left behind by Israel's war in Gaza."
- [United Nations](#): "Four children killed as separate attacks in Gaza destroy aid supplies."
- [Video](#): Israel moves to classify balloons and kites in Gaza as military drones, further denying children even moments of joy amid the ongoing genocide.

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



Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 24 Aug - 30 Aug 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [Video](#): A Palestinian spring now fills an Israeli settler pool — a look at how water has become a tool of Israeli control.
 - [The Guardian](#): "Fake US think-tank set up and funded by Israel sought to game AI for propaganda."
 - [Report](#): "Socialist-Zionist Israeli group plans Jordan Valley settlement to ensure left-wing 'presence'."
 - [Report](#): "What's behind Israel's growing assault on West Bank healthcare."
 - [Video](#): IOF, colonial settlers raid Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, destroy worshippers' property.
- Sources: Ministry of Health, [Wafa](#), [UNOCHA](#), [PJS](#), [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#).



In Focus

Palestinian organizations reported deteriorating health and living conditions for Palestinian detainees held in Israel's Gilboa Prison, citing medical neglect, inadequate food, and severe shortages of basic hygiene supplies. The [Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs](#) documented cases involving prisoners suffering from untreated injuries, infections, skin conditions, gastrointestinal problems, and significant weight loss. Detainees also reported limited, inadequate food in both quantity and quality, restricted time outdoors, insufficient cleaning and personal hygiene supplies, and shortages of clothing, with some having only one set of clothes. Amid these inhumane conditions imposed on Palestinian prisoners, Israeli far-right 'National Security Minister' Itamar Ben-Gvir [stormed the cells of Palestinian female prisoners](#) and told them that "summer camp days are over," while threatening to reduce their detention conditions to an absolute minimum and rejecting conditions he claimed as a "five-star hotel." Separately, Palestinian organizations reported that [Israeli occupation authorities continue to withhold the bodies of at least 799 identified Palestinians](#), including 81 children and 10 women, while around 1,700 Palestinian bodies remain in Israeli custody, many of them unidentified. The organizations described the withholding of bodies as a longstanding Israeli policy that prevents families from viewing their loved ones, conducting funeral rites, and laying them to rest, while also citing Israeli restrictions imposed on funerals when bodies are returned. They further called for independent investigations into the circumstances surrounding Palestinian martyrs and the treatment of bodies in Israeli occupation custody. In a separate case, Israel agreed to [return the body of 15-year-old Jadallah Jihad Jumaa](#), whom IOF shot and killed during a military incursion into Al-Fara'a refugee camp in November 2025 and whose body had been withheld for more than nine months.

Key Government Updates

The Palestinian Government, in cooperation with a number of international partners, [continues to work on the ground to provide essential services to citizens](#) in the Gaza Strip to the greatest extent possible and respond to growing needs across vital sectors, despite the exceptional circumstances facing the Strip. In less than two weeks, the new academic year will begin in the Gaza Strip following the establishment of approximately 700 educational sites, aimed at providing learning spaces for around 500,000 students, in partnership with a number of national and international institutions, foremost among them the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). With more than 85% of schools in the Strip destroyed, the Government and its partners are making intensive efforts to establish suitable educational spaces that will enable students to resume learning and safeguard their right to learn. In parallel, government teams in Gaza continue working with international organizations to provide other essential services. In this context, the Palestinian Water Authority operated the water desalination plant in the Al-Mashtal area north of Gaza City last week, with support from [Médecins Sans Frontières \(MSF\) – Netherlands](#), alongside efforts to improve water supply operations and repair transmission lines and wells, helping strengthen water supplies for Palestinians across the Strip. In the area of employment and municipal services, the Ministry of Labour continues to provide temporary employment opportunities in Gaza through waste and debris removal activities. During the past week alone, approximately 5,900 cubic meters of waste were collected and transported, while the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), continued clearing debris from vital sites. The Ministry of Social Development, in cooperation with partners, is also continuing relief interventions targeting the most vulnerable families. During the past week, these efforts included the distribution of tens of thousands of bread bundles, more than 17,000 food parcels and hot meals, as well as the provision and distribution of more than 135 cubic meters of safe drinking water, as part of ongoing efforts to address growing humanitarian needs.