



Situation Report #74: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

UNPRECEDENTED: THE LATEST ISRAELI CABINET'S PACKAGE OF ILLEGAL MEASURES AIMS TO DEEPEN ATTEMPTS TO ANNEX THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

Yesterday, the Israeli security cabinet approved a series of [unprecedented and dangerous measures](#) that will alter the legal and civil status of the West Bank. These decisions aim to expedite Israeli settlement activities in the occupied West Bank by removing restrictions on the sale of Palestinian property to Israelis, authorizing the demolition of Palestinian properties in areas under Palestinian control, and transferring control of key Palestinian historic sites in Hebron and Bethlehem to Israeli administration. In response, the [Palestinian Presidency](#) condemned this dangerous escalation, which aims to [deepen the annexation of the West Bank](#), calling it a continuation of a comprehensive war targeting the Palestinian presence and its national and historical rights.

DAY 122 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 576 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,027 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Israeli occupation forces (IOF) have continued to violate the ceasefire in the Gaza Strip through deadly military operations and restrictive measures on civilian movement. According to [Reuters](#), Israeli tank shelling and airstrikes have killed at least 24 Palestinians, including seven children, in a single day, with [further attacks](#) reported in northern and central Gaza, where civilians have been injured or killed by gunfire. Among the victims was medic [Hussein Hassan Al-Samiri](#), who was killed while on his duty to provide emergency medical assistance to casualties in Khan Younis after a second strike targeted the same location. Meanwhile, the [Al Mezan Center for Human Rights](#) reported that, after nearly two years of complete closure following Israel's seizure of Rafah Crossing, the crossing has been reopened under a highly restrictive and militarized system requiring prior Israeli approval, effectively subjecting Palestinians to screening, humiliation, and collective punishment. Local [medical sources](#) reported that thousands of patients and wounded individuals face an unknown fate amid the collapse of Gaza's healthcare system, as the few remaining hospitals function merely as overcrowded waiting points with no clear prospects for evacuation or treatment.

CRITICAL HEALTH RISKS FOR CHILDREN IN THE GAZA STRIP

According to [UNICEF](#), children in the Gaza Strip continue to face serious health risks amid a collapsing health system and ongoing access restrictions. Since the ceasefire came into effect on 11 October 2025, more than 120 Palestinian children have been martyred, and many more have



been injured or martyred by airstrikes and live fire. At least 11 children have also succumbed to hypothermia as a result of extreme cold and the lack of adequate shelter, with no hospital in Gaza fully operational. Widespread damage to water and sanitation infrastructure, shortages of medical supplies, and restrictions on humanitarian access have contributed to an increase in infectious diseases, malnutrition, and severe mental and physical health issues for children, many of whom urgently need medical evacuation or long-term rehabilitation.

SYSTEMATIC LAND THEFT TARGETS PALESTINIANS IN OCCUPIED EAST JERUSALEM

According to [Haaretz](#), Israeli occupation authorities are exploiting the land registration process in occupied East Jerusalem as a tool to systematically undermine and violate Palestinian property rights. The expedited land registration campaign—largely financed by the Israeli government—primarily targets areas earmarked for Israeli settlement expansion, resulting in the transfer of extensive tracts of Palestinian land to Israeli colonial settlers while marginalizing or disregarding Palestinian ownership rights. Central to this process is the involvement of the so-called “Custodian of Absentee Property,” which enables the confiscation of Palestinian land on the basis that one or more heirs reside in what it defines as an “enemy state,” referring to many neighboring Arab nations. This mechanism significantly heightens the risk of land seizure and effectively deters Palestinians from engaging in the registration process altogether, fearing dispossession rather than legal protection.

THE RAPID ISRAELI SETTLEMENT EXPANSION IN THE WEST BANK

[Peace Now](#) emphasizes that the expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank is accelerating at an unprecedented rate. In 2025, the Higher Planning Council advanced nearly 28,000 settlement housing units. By 2026, weekly approval meetings have become routine, enabling simultaneous approval of hundreds of units, with 910 units already scheduled for discussion. This development, alongside the 2023 removal of the defense minister's oversight, expedites settlement construction, diminishes transparency, and minimizes international scrutiny.

SEVERE MEDICAL NEGLECT AND VIOLENCE AGAINST DETAINEES IN "NEGEV" PRISON

The [Commission of Detainees' and Ex-Detainees' Affairs](#) reports that detainees in "Negev" Prison face severe medical neglect and violent treatment. Izz al-Din Abu Hamdi (25) lost his vision again after being beaten, while Rami Abu Khalil (37) suffers from spinal and knee injuries without any medical care. Mohammad Waked (47) was shot with rubber bullets and beaten, along with other prisoners, during a "Keter" unit crackdown. Prison conditions remain harsh and inhumane, with detainees deprived of urgent medical attention.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 385 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 379 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 359 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

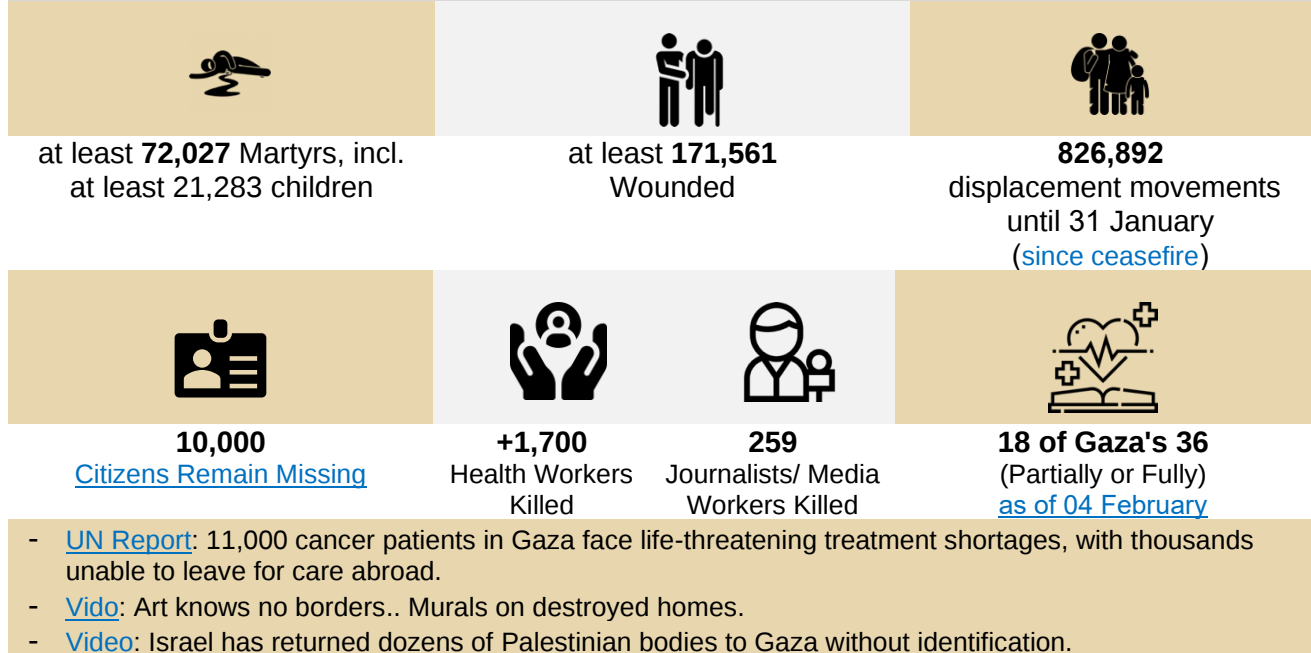


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

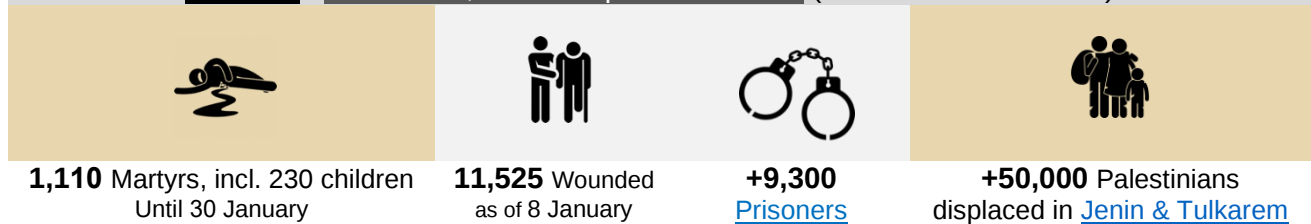
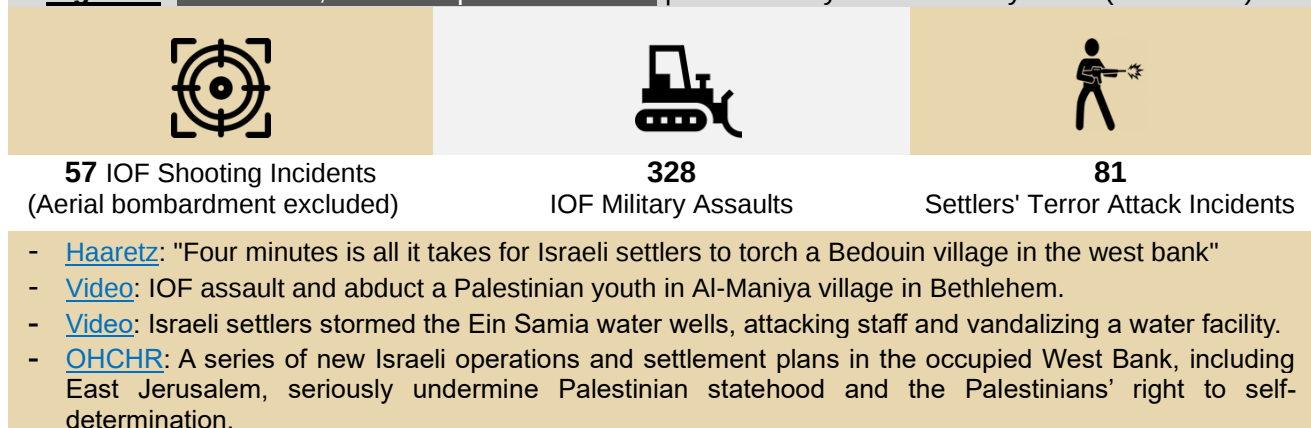


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 02 February - 08 February 2026 (until 8 AM)



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



In Focus

According to the latest [monthly report](#) issued by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), IOF and Israeli colonial settlers carried out a total of 1,872 attacks across the occupied Palestinian territory during January 2026 alone. CWRC Head Mu'ayyad Shaa'ban highlighted that the IOF was responsible for 1,404 attacks, while colonists carried out 468 attacks, with the highest concentration recorded in Hebron (415 attacks), followed by Ramallah and al-Bireh (374) and Nablus (328). Documented violations included armed assaults on Palestinian villages, field executions, land and property seizures, home and agricultural facility demolitions, the uprooting and burning of crops, and the imposition of closures and movement barriers that severely restricted Palestinian mobility and access to their lands and livelihoods. Settler attacks in particular led to the forced displacement of 125 Palestinian families from three Bedouin communities, including the complete displacement of the Shalal al-Auja community. These attacks also resulted in extensive agricultural destruction, including the destruction of 1,245 olive trees and 151,000 tobacco seedlings. [UNOCHA](#) confirmed that 694 Palestinians, including about 350 children, were forcibly displaced in January 2026 alone, marking the second highest single-month displacement since the October 2023 peak, with displacement due to settler attacks exceeding the total for all of 2024. Taken together, these coordinated actions reflect a systematic pattern of grave violations of international humanitarian law, including forcible transfer, collective punishment, and the widespread destruction of civilian property in occupied territory.

Government Updates

- During its weekly meeting last Tuesday, the [Palestinian Cabinet](#) tasked the Ministries of National Economy and Agriculture with developing a plan to establish a national strategic food reserve system, in partnership with the private sector, in line with the recommendations of the Permanent Ministerial Committee for Economic Development.
- The Cabinet also reviewed proposals related to the draft Public–Private Partnership (PPP) Law, which will be circulated to relevant government institutions for study and feedback prior to its publication on the Ministry of Justice's Legislation Platform for public consultation.
- In addition, the Cabinet discussed, in first reading, the draft Insolvency Decree-Law, which seeks to establish a comprehensive legal framework for addressing financial distress and bankruptcy in accordance with international standards. The proposed decree-law aims to safeguard creditors' rights, regulate repayment priorities in a fair and balanced manner, and enable debtors to restructure their businesses and financial obligations to avoid liquidation whenever possible, while taking into account the humanitarian and social dimensions of financial hardship faced by financially distressed individuals.