



Situation Report #82: 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 20 April 2026.

Key Developments

DAY 185 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 750 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,329 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

[Palestinians in Gaza remain unsafe](#) as Israeli attacks continue, killing hundreds over the past six months despite the ceasefire. Mass displacement and severe shortages persist, with major restrictions continue blocking and hindering aid delivery, according to [UNRWA](#). Citizens across Gaza are facing [severe sanitation challenges](#) due to the extensive destruction of infrastructure and blockade on the entry of essential supplies, including toilet seats and basic sanitation materials. Many families are forced to rely on unsafe, improvised facilities that lack privacy and basic hygiene, increasing public health risks. Recent incidents underscore the ongoing toll on civilians. Over the past week, [three Palestinians were killed](#) in Israeli strikes on Gaza City and Khan Younis, with additional injuries reported in separate attacks. Nine-year-old Palestinian girl, [Ritaj Rihan](#), was shot dead while attending class alongside around 40 classmates. Last Thursday, [five Palestinians were also killed](#) across the Strip in a single day, while on early Saturday, [six more were killed, and several others injured](#), in an Israeli drone strike on the al-Bureij refugee camp and Khan Younis. The humanitarian situation remains dire, particularly for children. According to [UNICEF](#), 28 children have succumbed to hypothermia over the past two years due to extreme cold and inadequate shelter, underscoring the severe and deteriorating living conditions across Gaza.

SYSTEMATIC TARGETING AND KILLING OF PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS

According to the [Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate \(PJS\)](#), Israeli occupation forces (IOF) committed 53 violations against Palestinian journalists in March 2026 alone, including two killings, underscoring a pattern of escalating restrictions on media work. Alongside killings, these violations encompassed a wide range of abuses, including arrests, physical assaults, detention, confiscation and destruction of journalistic equipment, restrictions on coverage, and home raids. PJS also strongly condemned the assassination of journalist [Mohammad Washah](#) in Gaza last Wednesday, noting that his killing brings the total number of journalists killed to 262. It stressed that targeting Palestinian journalists is part of a systematic campaign by the occupation to silence the Palestinian voice in an attempt to obscure the truth and undermine the Palestinian narrative.

SEVERE WATER CRISIS AND SYSTEMATIC DEPRIVATION IN PALESTINE

The [Palestinian Water Authority](#) has issued an urgent international appeal warning of an unprecedented deterioration in water and sanitation conditions across occupied Palestine, particularly in Gaza, where the situation has reached catastrophic levels. The appeal describes a systematic pattern of water deprivation amounting to "water starvation," driven by Israeli occupation policies, including the targeting and destruction of critical water infrastructure and the continued [closure of crossings](#). As a result,



hundreds of thousands of the displaced Palestinians in Gaza lack [access to safe water](#), with the majority dependent on water trucking under unsafe and unsustainable conditions. This crisis has triggered severe humanitarian consequences, especially impacting women, children, and the elderly, while contributing to the spread of waterborne diseases. The appeal highlights that approximately 700,000 women and girls face severe challenges in managing personal and menstrual hygiene, in conditions that lack privacy, dignity, and safety. Concurrently, most households experience significant insecurity when using sanitation facilities, largely due to overcrowding and the deterioration of war-ravaged infrastructure.

HEALTHCARE COLLAPSE IN GAZA AND RESTRICTED ACCESS IN THE WEST BANK

According to the [Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics](#), the healthcare system in Gaza Strip has reached a state of severe collapse, with 94% of hospitals destroyed, resulting in all 36 hospitals being unable to operate at full capacity, while 18 hospitals are operating only partially; primary healthcare services have also witnessed a catastrophic decline in performance, falling to less than half of their operational capacity, with only 1.5% operating at full capacity; and with 51% of essential medicines are at "zero stock." In the West Bank, continued movement restrictions further hinder access to medical services, compounding existing challenges and constraints. Meanwhile, the [Ministry of Women's Affairs](#) reported a deterioration in women's health conditions—particularly in Gaza—due to reduced access to essential and reproductive healthcare services.

ELDERLY PALESTINIAN WOMAN MARTYRED DURING IOF RAID IN QALQILYA

According to local reports, IOF carried out a pre-dawn raid east of Qalqilya last Tuesday, during which an elderly Palestinian woman, Sabriya Amin Shamasneh, was martyred. Her husband said that an Israeli soldier [pushed her with a weapon](#) during the raid, causing her head to strike a wall. The raid involved the forced entry into Palestinians' homes, triggering fear and panic among residents. In a separate incident in a nearby area, the IOF arrested [seven Palestinians](#), adding to the daily arrest campaigns carried out by the Israeli occupation across the occupied West Bank.

DCIP CLOSURE AND REPORTED CHILD DETENTION ABUSE

[Defense for Children International - Palestine](#) announced the cessation of its operations after 35 years, citing sustained operational challenges resulting from Israel's targeted criminalization of Palestinian human rights organizations. DCIP said that Palestinian children deserve protection and the fulfillment of all their human rights as they continue to live through genocide, apartheid, military occupation, and the rapid expansion of illegal Israeli settlements. They are imprisoned in Israel's torture dungeons, buried under the rubble, and adapting to lifelong disabilities. Moreover, ten Israeli female soldiers sexually [assaulted Ahmed al-Helou](#) and about 15 other children. Accounts describe severe mistreatment and psychological trauma that have affected Ahmed's condition and his ability to speak.

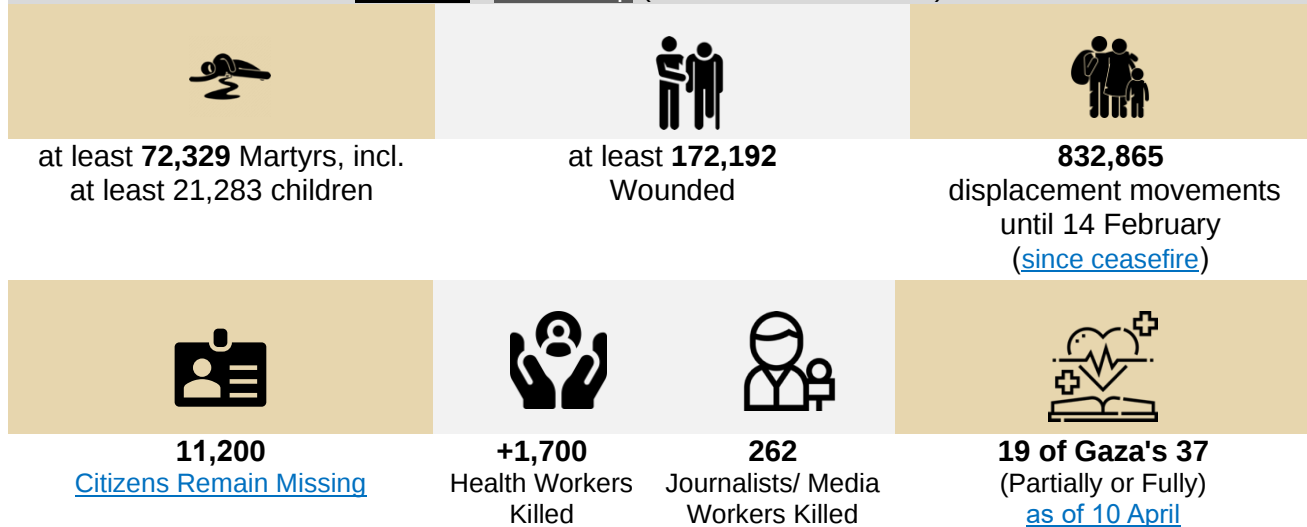
ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 448 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 442 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 422 days against Nour Shams refugee camp



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [MSF](#) warns of severe burn cases in Gaza, with children most affected, amid critical shortages of medical supplies.
- [Save the Children](#): Gaza children face severe harm, urging a permanent ceasefire and urgent aid access.
- [Video](#): Palestinians queue for bread in Gaza amid deepening hunger.

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

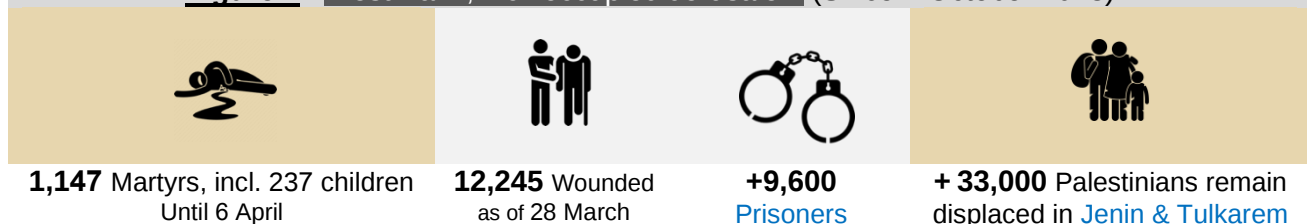
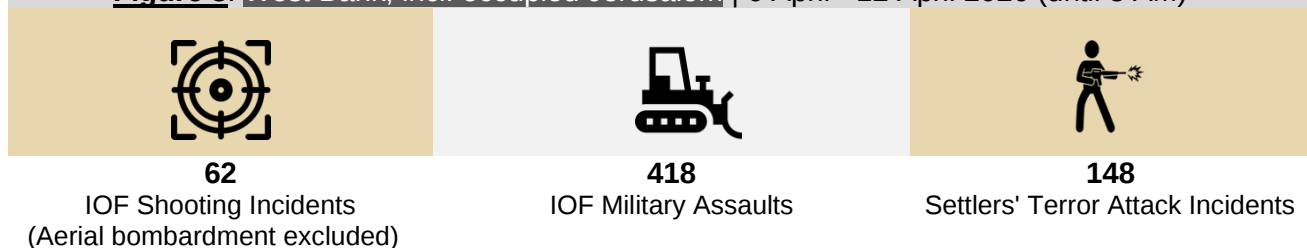


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 6 April - 12 April 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [UN Commission of Inquiry](#): regional conflict is masking rising violations against Palestinians and urgent need for accountability.
- [Euro-Med](#): Israel exploits emergency to alter Jerusalem's status quo and impose discriminatory measures.
- [Prisoners Center](#): Ben-Gvir's remarks suggest expanded use of execution law against Palestinian detainees.
- [HAARETZ](#): "A Palestinian Family Reported Settler Attacks – and Ended Up in Jail."
- [Video](#): Resource exploitation and shaping a distorted narrative.

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



In Focus

The latest [Peace Now](#) update reports that Israel's "Security Cabinet" secretly approved the establishment of 34 new settlements in the West Bank on 1 April 2026. To avoid angering the Americans, the decision was deliberately withheld from public disclosure until after a ceasefire was reached between Israel, the US, and Iran. The plan includes legalizing ten existing colonial installations (outposts)—previously considered illegal even under Israeli law—and constructing 24 entirely new settlements, all within the Oslo-defined Area "C," thereby deepening Israel's control over belonging to the State of Palestine. The report indicates that this step is part of a broader policy under which more than 100 settlements have been approved since the current government took office, marking a substantial escalation in settlement activity. Such expansion is a violation of international law and contributes to the further fragmentation of Palestinian land while restricting Palestinians' access to their land and resources. Furthermore, the secrecy and timing of the decision suggest an attempt to avoid international scrutiny, reinforcing concerns that such measures are aimed at creating irreversible facts on the ground, consolidating territorial control, and undermining the realization of the two-State solution. In a statement, the [Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission](#) said that the dangerous decision made by the so-called Israeli "Cabinet" to secretly approve the establishment of dozens of new colonies in the West Bank represents an extremely perilous leap within the accelerating colonial settlement project on Palestinian lands, and a crude attempt to impose irreversible facts on the ground.

Government Updates

The severe financial crisis facing the institutions of the State of Palestine continues to deepen, driven by the Israeli occupation authorities' full withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues for over a year, as well as their partial and escalating withholding since 2019. These revenues account for approximately 68% of Palestine's total public income, making their suspension a critical blow to fiscal stability. The impact on daily life has been profound. Public sector employees have received reduced salaries—approximately half-pay in recent months, while sharp shortages of medicines and essential healthcare services have intensified. In the West Bank, unemployment has exceeded 35%, and the majority of citizens—including public employees—are increasingly unable to regularly access their workplaces due to financial hardship. These challenges are compounded by Israel's imposition of more than 1,000 military checkpoints and iron gates, severely restricting movement between Palestinian towns and villages. Despite these constraints, the Palestinian Government continues to operate under a financial emergency plan while simultaneously advancing its development programs and plans. During its weekly session last Tuesday, the Cabinet reviewed progress on the Ministry of Education's plan to [develop the education system](#), which focuses on three key tracks: expanding interactive learning, increasing the share of vocational and technical education, and developing the General Secondary Education system through specialized streams that open new opportunities for students and better prepare them for higher education and labor market needs. In this context, the Cabinet instructed the Ministry of Education and Higher Education to ensure broad public participation in reviewing the draft development plan for the General Secondary Education system, while also drawing on relevant international best practices and benefiting from other experiences.