



Situation Report #83: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 192 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 775 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,551 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

According to [UNRWA](#) and [UNOCHA](#), Israeli occupation airstrikes continue across the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties and continued deterioration of living conditions, particularly in displacement sites. Reports highlight severe overcrowding, inadequate sanitation, and an increasing risk of disease outbreaks, compounded by widespread pest infestations. The situation is further exacerbated by [critical shortages of essential supplies](#)—including tires, engine oils, and spare parts—which are disrupting transportation systems and forcing reliance on unsafe alternatives. Moreover, despite the ceasefire, repeated Israeli attacks over the past week have resulted in the martyrdom and injury of many Palestinians. [Four Palestinians, including a child](#), were killed in separate attacks. Israeli occupation forces (IOF) also shot and killed [a 9-year-old boy](#) in the Zaytoun area. In Gaza City, [nine other Palestinians, including another child](#), were also killed in separate Israeli strikes, with several others injured. In Beit Lahia, [another Palestinian was killed, and multiple others injured](#) after the IOF opened fire on tents sheltering displaced families. Meanwhile, [UN Women](#) reports that since October 2023, at least 22,000 women and 16,000 girls have been killed in Gaza, with many more injured or still missing, supposedly buried beneath the rubble.

SETTLEMENT EXPANSION PERSISTS IN THE WEST BANK: ISRAEL CONTINUES TO UPROOT PALESTINIANS TO REPLACE THEM WITH MORE ISRAELI SETTLERS

A [Haaretz report](#) reveals that Israel's so-called security cabinet has approved plans to establish dozens of [colonial settlements](#) across the occupied West Bank, including new settlements, the legalization of existing colonial installations (outposts), and the expansion of existing settlements. The plans include [six settlements planned for the northern West Bank](#), reflecting a qualitative shift in the trajectory of the settlement enterprise toward areas that had previously experienced comparatively lower levels of expansion. Historically less affected by dense settlement activity, the northern West Bank is now emerging as a focal point in a deliberate reconfiguration of settlement geography. Historically less affected by dense settlement activity, the northern West Bank is now emerging as a focal point in a deliberate reconfiguration of settlement geography, contributing to the fragmentation of Palestinian Territory, thereby undermining its geographic contiguity and increasingly dividing it into [disconnected enclaves and separated cantons](#), as well



as contributing to further uprooting the Palestinian people from their land and systematically targeting their very existence.

ISRAEL'S SYSTEMATIC ATTACKS ON PALESTINIAN EDUCATION

In a statement marking Palestinian Prisoners' Day, the [Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education](#) said that approximately 350 Palestinian students are currently held in Israeli prisons under harsh conditions that violate all international laws and convention. It said that detainees are subjected to systematic Israeli policies, including nighttime arrests, intensive interrogations, solitary confinement, deprivation of education, as well as medical neglect and ill-treatment. The Ministry further highlighted the extent of the violations students are subjected to, constituting a blatant breach of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and all norms guaranteeing the right to education, protection, and care. In a separate [Reuters](#) report, Palestinian schoolchildren in the West Bank were prevented from reaching their school in Umm al-Khair in the southern Hebron hills after Israeli colonial settlers blocked the pupils' path to school they usually use with a barbed wire, severely restricting movement and forcing them onto alternative, more dangerous roads.

ISRAEL ESTABLISHES FORTIFIED MILITARY SITES IN GAZA NEAR THE "YELLOW LINE"

According to [Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#), there has been a significant escalation in the establishment of permanent, fortified Israeli military sites near the so-called "Yellow Line" in the Gaza Strip. The organization reports that at least 20 such sites have been constructed in eastern Gaza, often on the ruins of Palestinian homes and agricultural land, following extensive destruction and land-leveling operations. These violations contribute to isolating large areas of Gaza, restricting Palestinian's movement, and impeding access to vital areas and routes. Euro-Med says these acts also involve conduct explicitly prohibited under international humanitarian law, including the forcible transfer or deportation of protected persons from occupied territory.

WIDESPREAD RAIDS, ABDUCTIONS, AND ATTACKS ACROSS THE WEST BANK

IOF carried out a [series of coordinated incursions](#) into multiple areas of the occupied West Bank, including Nablus, Jenin, Qalqilya, Bethlehem, Jericho, Tubas, and Jerusalem. During these incursions, IOF stormed homes, conducted widespread searches, imposed movement restrictions, and abducted several Palestinians, including minors, with military checkpoints and roadblocks continuing to severely restrict Palestinian movement. Over the past week, settlers attacked Palestinians in southern Hebron and set a [Palestinian property ablaze](#). IOF also shot and killed [Mohammad Rayyan \(17\)](#) in Beit Duqqu, northwest of Jerusalem, and withheld his body.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 455 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 449 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 429 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [HAARETZ](#): "Diseases Are Everywhere: Gaza's Catastrophic Healthcare Crisis Is Worsening"
- [AL JAZEERA](#): "As world focuses on Iran, Israel 'engineering starvation policy' in Gaza"
- [MSF](#): "Everyone is suffering in Gaza. It is not limited to those who were injured"

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

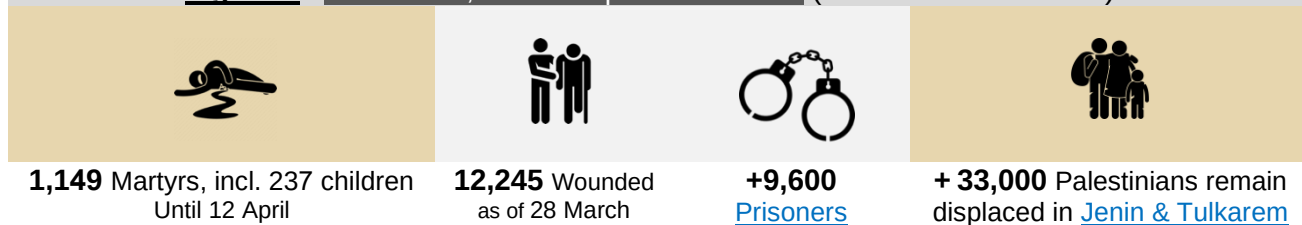
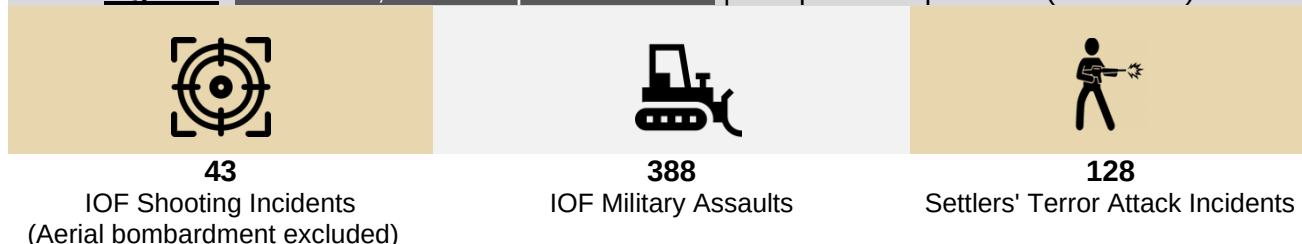


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 13 April - 19 April 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [Report](#): "378 crimes in 40 days: Surge in West Bank Israeli settler state-backed attacks occurring under [Israeli] government cover"
- [Video](#): The right to learn and access education is being systematically undermined for Palestinians.
- [Video](#): Israeli colonial settler terrorism intensified: 129 attacks. 7 days. **17** Palestinian communities.

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



In Focus

On Palestinian Prisoners' Day 2026, a joint report by [Palestinian prisoner institutions](#) documents an unprecedented escalation in the Israeli occupation's policies against Palestinian detainees. The number of prisoners has risen to over 9,600, nearly half of whom are held without charge or trial under the so-called administrative detention. The report highlights a significant rise in mass arrests since October 2023, including the detention of women and children, alongside systematic practices such as ill-treatment, denial of medical care, starvation, and martyrdom behind bars. It also notes the withholding of martyred prisoners' bodies and the continued detention of long-term prisoners dating back decades. These practices are part of a broader system of collective punishment and structural violence against Palestinian prisoners. In a parallel report, [Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#) presents serious concerns of widespread and systematic violations inside Israeli occupation prisons and detention camps, particularly after October 2023. The report documents patterns of torture and sexual violence, including rape and other forms of sexual abuse, which it says are used as tools of humiliation, coercion, and psychological destruction against Palestinian detainees from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. It further describes these abuses as systematic, supported by [testimonies from former detainees](#), and part of an institutional framework of ill-treatment. The report urges international accountability mechanisms, including investigations by the International Criminal Court, and calls on states and the United Nations to take action against these grave violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.

Government Updates

Amid exceptional circumstances and a deepening economic blockade, the Palestinian Government continues to operate across multiple tracks to sustain the delivery of essential services and reinforce citizens' steadfastness on their land. Despite Israel's continued withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues—resulting in a severe fiscal crisis—the [Government was able to disburse a partial salary payment](#) on Monday, 20 April, capped at USD 650 for the January 2026 payroll for all employees, including senior officials and ministers. This measure reflects a commitment to social equity and fairness by applying a unified payment ceiling across all public sector employees from all grads and ranks. Despite these severe constraints, the Government continues to advance social protection services for the most vulnerable groups in both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, while also mobilizing development projects through international partners to implement development projects, focusing on strengthening vital sectors. These projects are aimed at further developing the education system and hospitals, as well as supporting agricultural projects, thereby supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people—particularly in areas facing land confiscation and escalating settler attacks. In parallel, Palestinian Security Services continue to carry out their duties in maintaining public order and combating crime, despite the compounded challenges posed by economic hardship and repeated Israeli occupation incursions and attacks, which are often accompanied by attempts to destabilize the internal environment and fuel disorder.