



Situation Report #84: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 199 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 811 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,587 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

According to [UNRWA](#), the escalation by the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) in Gaza has led to further casualties and widespread destruction of critical facilities. Humanitarian conditions continue to deteriorate due to the sustained Israeli occupation blockade on aid, the spread of disease, and severe shortages of essential supplies. Airstrikes, shelling, and gunfire persist across residential areas—particularly in northern and central Gaza—alongside restrictions that hinder the clearance of unexploded ordnance. [UN](#) says attacks in Gaza increased by 46% in a single week, marking the highest level of violence since the ceasefire agreement. Repeated IOF attacks over the past week have resulted in mounting martyrdom and injury of many Palestinians. On Tuesday, an Israeli drone strike killed [Palestinian man was killed](#) in southern Gaza. On Wednesday, Israel killed [two more Palestinians, and injured four others](#) in the Gaza Strip. On Thursday, more Israeli drone strikes and shelling in Gaza have killed [four more Palestinians, and injured five others](#). In Deir al-Balah, IOF also shot and killed a [Palestinian child](#), while eight additional Palestinians were killed in airstrikes across northern and southern Gaza. Meanwhile, a report by [The Guardian](#) says that IOF have moved the so-called “yellow line” westward deeper into the Gaza Strip over the six months since the ceasefire, expanding their zone of control. This creeping shift has further entrenched a “state of limbo” and made it ever more dangerous for Palestinians.

GAZA DEVASTATION AND URGENT RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS

The European Union, the United Nations, and the World Bank released the final [Gaza Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment](#) (RDNA), detailing the extensive impact of 24 months of Israel's genocidal war on Gaza. The report estimates total recovery and reconstruction needs at \$71.4 billion over the next decade, including \$26.3 billion required in the first 18 months to restore essential services, rebuild infrastructure, and support economic recovery. Physical damages are valued at \$35.2 bn, with an additional \$22.7 bn in economic and social losses. Critical sectors such as housing, healthcare, education, and agriculture have been severely affected, with over 371,000 housing units damaged or destroyed, more than half of hospitals non-functional, and nearly all schools impacted. Human development has regressed by an estimated 77 years, while around 1.9 million people have been displaced, and over 60% have lost their homes.



DEADLY SETTLER TERROR ATTACKS AND SYSTEMATIC, STATE-BACKED TARGETING OF PALESTINIANS IN OCCUPIED WEST BANK

Recent developments across the occupied West Bank underscore a pattern of escalating settler terrorism carried out with the backing and coordination of IOF, resulting in killings, destruction and theft of property, and the disruption of daily life. [In the village of Al-Mughayyir](#), northeast of Ramallah, armed settler militias carried out a terrorist attack targeting a local school, killing 14-year-old Aws al-Naasan and 32-year-old Marzouq Abu Naim. Eyewitnesses reported scenes of panic among students and staff as live fire and tear gas spread through the area. [During the martyrs' funeral procession](#), IOF fired live ammunition, stun grenades, and tear gas at mourners. According to the Ministry of Health, [16 Palestinians](#), aged between 13 and 60, have been killed by colonists' gunfire since the beginning of 2026. Among them was [Awda Awawdeh](#), who succumbed to gunshot wounds during a settler attack on Deir Dibwan, where armed settlers opened fire as IOF simultaneously sealed the town's entrance. In another attack, teenager [Mohammad Al-Jaabari](#) was killed after being run over by a settler near Hebron. Beyond heinous crimes of killing, systematic efforts to undermine Palestinian life continue. Israeli settlers demolished [Al-Maleh School in the northern Jordan Valley](#) following prolonged harassment, while in Um al-Khair in Masafer Yatta, settlers—backed and joined by IOF—continue to block students' access to their school for the second straight week. According to the Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission, IOF and colonists carried out 1,819 attacks in March alone. The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) strongly condemned these acts as systematic crimes carried out in full coordination with the IOF, stressing that such practices—including killings, destruction, and property theft—constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity, and form part of a broader policy of forced displacement targeting the Palestinian people, and part of ongoing attempts to reproduce the Nakba across the occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

RISING DETENTION OF PALESTINIAN WOMEN AMID ESCALATING ARREST CAMPAIGNS

[The Palestinian Prisoner's Society](#) reported that the number of Palestinian women held in Israeli occupation prisons and military camps has risen to 90 (a total of 700 arrests since Oct. 2023), amid ongoing mass arrest campaigns across occupied Palestinian Territory. PPS said that most of the detainees are held at 'Damon Prison,' and include minors, a pregnant woman, administrative detainees held without charge or trial, journalists, and prisoners with serious medical conditions such as cancer. The report also highlights harsh detention conditions, including medical neglect, starvation, abuse, and solitary confinement.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 462 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 456 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 436 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Video](#): An Israeli Rabbi perpetrator of war crimes, honored during "Independence Day" ceremonies.
- [Interactive feature](#): "Gaza: Inside the War" documents testimonies from 7 Oct 2023 to 1 Jan 2026 on the impact of Israel's genocide in Gaza.
- [Al Jazeera](#): "Gaza's unseen casualties: A surge in stillbirths and birth defects"

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

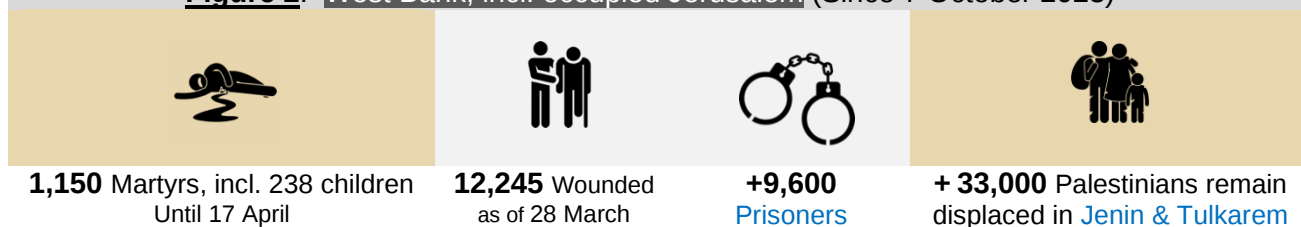
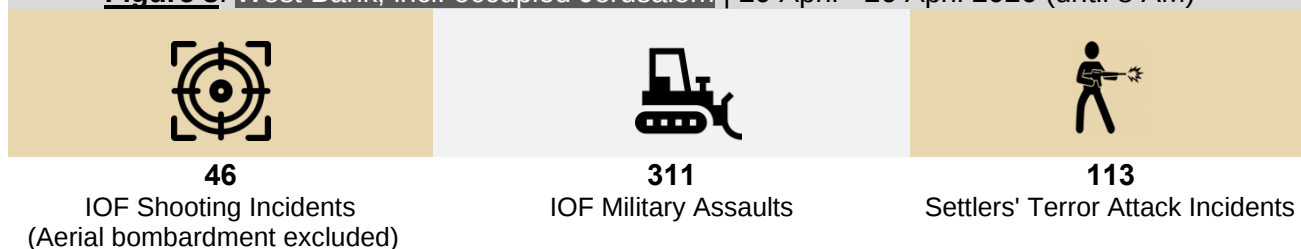


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 20 April - 26 April 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [Video](#): Palestinian schoolchildren protest restrictions blocking their way to school by ioF and settlers in Masafer Yatta
- [Report](#): "925 movement obstacles – highest ever recorded."
- [Video](#): The reality of Palestinian prisoners, including students, teachers, and academics.

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



In Focus

According to [the Guardian](#), human rights and legal experts highlight that the IOF and settlers have been using gender-based violence, including sexual assault and harassment, as a tactic to force Palestinians out of their homes in the occupied West Bank. Numerous Palestinian women, men, and children have reported Israeli attacks, forced nudity, invasive, painful and degrading body cavity searches. They also recount cases where IOF exposed their genitals, including in front of minors, and issued threats of sexual violence. A human rights organization cited in the report states that sexual violence is employed to intimidate communities, influence their decisions to stay or leave, and disrupt daily life. Additional abuses include urinating on Palestinians, taking humiliating photographs of bound and nude detainees to circulate, pursuing women at toilets, and threatening sexual violence against women. The report concludes that such violations are fueling forced displacement, with over two-thirds of surveyed families noting escalating violence against women and children, including sexual harassment targeting girls. Many families describe sexual harassment as the breaking point that made persistent fear intolerable; some have married off girls as young as 15 to 17 in response to these threats. Meanwhile, the [Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#) reports a systematic pattern of property appropriation and seizure across large areas of the West Bank. These practices occur during home raids, searches, and at military checkpoints, either directly carried out by the IOF or through settler attacks under the protection of the IOF.

Government Updates

The [Central Elections Commission](#) announced, in a press conference on Sunday, the final results of the [local elections](#) held in the West Bank, in addition to the city of [Deir al-Balah](#) in the Gaza Strip, including the number of votes and seats won by each list. During the conference, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa said that local elections were held at a highly important time, under complex challenges and exceptional circumstances. However, their successful conduct in the West Bank—and partially in the [Gaza Strip](#)—represents an important step within a broader national process aimed at consolidating democratic life, strengthening the resilience of national institutions, leading toward the achievement of other national entitlements and ultimately national unity. He said that the circumstances over the next six months are going to be undoubtedly difficult, in light of the ongoing crimes of the Israeli occupation, its sustained withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues, and settler crimes, alongside global preoccupation with regional crises. The Prime Minister further reaffirmed that the crisis and the financial hardship we are experiencing are not institutional in nature, nor are they related to administrative or institutional performance. Rather, they stem fundamentally from an occupation that withholds our revenues and practices all forms of oppression against our people, institutions, and leadership, who remain committed to their principles and national constants.