



Situation Report #85: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 206 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 830 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,610 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

According to [UNRWA](#), Israeli attacks, including airstrikes, shelling, and gunfire, continue across the Gaza Strip, further worsening an already dire situation. On Tuesday, Israeli strikes and shelling across Gaza [killed four Palestinians](#), including a child. The following day, a [paramedic was killed](#) in an Israeli airstrike near Al-Tuwam Junction in northern Gaza, and a woman was injured by gunfire in Beit Lahia. On Thursday, [three Palestinians were killed](#), and another was injured in an Israeli drone strike in the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood southeast of Gaza City, near Salah al-Din Road. In the Egyptian Camp area in northern Gaza, a [49-year-old woman](#) was seriously injured after being shot by the Israeli occupation forces (IOF). Conditions in Gaza continue to deteriorate, marked by the spread of disease, poor sanitation, severe water shortages, and ongoing restrictions on humanitarian aid. Public health concerns are intensifying, with significant increases in ectoparasitic skin diseases such as scabies, as well as chickenpox, with documented cases tripling between January and March. A report from [Médecins Sans Frontières](#) indicates that Israeli occupation authorities are still using water as a weapon, systematically depriving Palestinians in Gaza of access to water, in a campaign of collective punishment against the Palestinian people, and as an integral part of Israel's genocide. Meanwhile, the [Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics](#) reports the situation in Gaza Strip has been catastrophic. Labor market indicators reveal a near collapse, with unemployment rates rising to approximately 68% in the fourth quarter of 2024, compared to about 45% prior to the Israeli aggression.

EXPANDING ISRAELI MILITARY ZONES HEIGHTEN RISK FOR PALESTINIANS IN GAZA

In March 2026, Israel issued new maps indicating an expansion of restricted "no-go" military areas in the Gaza Strip, placing thousands of displaced Palestinians under military-controlled access zones, and leaving them with an ever-shrinking space for survival. According to a [Reuters](#) report, the newly defined "orange line" extends beyond the previously established "temporary ceasefire line—or the so-called "yellow line"—effectively increasing Israeli control over significant parts of Gaza. These developments have intensified risks for the displaced Palestinian people, as movement becomes more constrained and access to basic necessities increasingly uncertain. Aid organizations report growing [operational challenges](#) in delivering humanitarian assistance—if access is possible at all—while Palestinians on the ground describe widespread confusion regarding the location and boundaries of these newly imposed zones.



SEVERE HEALTH RISKS IN GAZA DISPLACEMENT SITES

[Save the Children](#) reports worsening living conditions in displacement sites across the Gaza Strip, where approximately 1.4 million people are living in overcrowded shelters. Data from the [United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#) shows that over 80% of assessed sites reported frequent rodent and pest infestations, along with widespread cases of skin infections, lice, and other health issues. The organization highlights that waste accumulation, damaged sanitation systems, and limited access to pest control measures have increased health risks, especially among children, who comprise a significant portion of the displaced population. [Interviews with families](#) revealed fears of rodent infestations threatening their safety, [especially at night](#), amid broader challenges related to access to water, sanitation, and essential services.

DISCRIMINATORY DEATH PENALTY LAW RAISES SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS

The [UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) has expressed serious concerns about Israel's recently adopted "Death Penalty for Terrorists Law," warning that it institutionalizes discriminatory policies and practices against Palestinians, warning it amounts to a grave erosion of, and a severe blow to, human rights. The Committee expressed alarm that the law mandates capital punishment, specifically by hanging, as a default penalty in certain cases before Israeli military courts. These courts have exclusive jurisdiction over Palestinians in occupied Palestine, but do not apply to Israelis. According to the Committee, these measures raise issues regarding equal treatment under the law, due process rights, and compliance with international obligations under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

THE IOF IS CONDUCTING WIDESPREAD LOOTING OF PALESTINIAN PROPERTY

[Israeli reports indicate a growing, systematic pattern of looting by Israeli occupation forces](#). One Israeli commander reported witnessing multiple instances of looting, describing how soldiers seized a variety of items, from weapons and souvenirs to jewelry, blankets, and personal photographs in Gaza and other areas. In one reported case in the Gaza Strip involved a soldier loading a sofa onto a military truck, sparking a fight among soldiers. He also noted that units had designated areas filled with equipment taken from Gaza, resembling furnished living spaces. According to his testimony, these actions were carried out openly and without concealment.

ATTACKS ON PALESTINIAN CHRISTIAN CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Earlier this week, an Israeli settler attacked [a French nun](#) in occupied Jerusalem, shoving her from behind, and causing her to hit her head on a stone block. The [attack](#) comes amid broader [documented attacks](#) against Christian presence, clergy and religious institutions. According to Israeli media reporting, 61 attacks on clergy members or individuals displaying Christian religious symbols were recorded in 2025. In addition, 52 incidents targeting church properties were documented, along with 28 cases of restrictions imposed on Christian religious processions during the same year.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 469 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 463 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 443 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



at least **72,610** Martyrs, incl.
at least 21,283 children



at least **172,448**
Wounded



832,865
displacement movements
until 14 February
([since ceasefire](#))



11,200
[Citizens Remain Missing](#)



+1,700
Health Workers
Killed



262
Journalists/ Media
Workers Killed



19 of Gaza's 37
(Partially or Fully)
[as of 24 April](#)

- [New Report by UNICEF](#): "The Gaza Child-Focused Assessment"
- [Video](#): "Israeli occupation soldier shows Gaza's Beit Hanoun completely flattened"
- [Video](#): Professor Honors Student Activists at Graduation for "Opening Our Eyes on the Injustices and Inhumanity of Israel's war in Gaza."

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



1,157 Martyrs, incl. 241 children
Until 25 April



12,245 Wounded
as of 28 March



+9,600
[Prisoners](#)



+ 33,000 Palestinians remain
displaced in [Jenin & Tulkarem](#)

Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 27 April - 10 May 2026 (until 8 AM)



40
IOF Shooting Incidents
(Aerial bombardment excluded)



360
IOF Military Assaults



119
Settlers' Terror Attack Incidents

- [Channel 4 News](#): Israeli settlers celebrate "newly cleansed" land after displacing 600 Palestinians.
- [Video](#): IOF detained and assaulted a Palestinian child with special needs in the Shuafat refugee camp.
- [Video](#): Itamar Ben-Gvir's wife gifts him a cake with a noose symbol referencing his proposed execution legislation against Palestinian prisoners.
- [Video](#): Standing firm against Israeli apartheid as IOF raid and expel Palestinians in Hebron.

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



In Focus

On the occasion of the International Workers' Day, [Palestinian prisoners' organizations](#) released a report documenting a pattern of systematic measures targeting Palestinian workers under Israeli occupation. These measures include widespread arbitrary arrests, detention campaigns, and physical and psychological ill-treatment from apprehension through detention. The report describes harsh conditions, including overcrowded facilities that fail to meet basic humanitarian needs, alongside broader restrictions on movement, employment, and economic access, in violation of international human rights law, particularly protections against arbitrary detention and guarantees of personal liberty. While on World Press Freedom Day, [Palestinian prisoner and human rights institutions](#) highlighted an intensified pattern of targeting journalists, describing it as part of a broader effort to suppress the Palestinian narrative. According to the institutions, the Israeli occupation has killed more than 260 journalists since October 2023, detained over 240 others, including around 40 who remain behind bars—20 of them under “administrative detention” without charge or trial, under the pretext of “secret files,” including four women journalists. The Institutions further said the targeting has included direct killings, arbitrary detentions, systematic harassment, and threats, marking one of the most lethal periods in the history of Palestinian journalism. The report also documented testimonies from detained journalists describing a systematic campaign of torture inside Israeli occupation prisons and detention centers, including physical and psychological abuse, starvation, sexual violence, humiliation, denial of medical care, and harsh detention conditions, including isolation and denial of Red Cross visits.

Government Updates

During its weekly session last Tuesday, the [Cabinet called on the international community and mediators to shoulder their full responsibilities](#) and work toward compelling Israel, the occupying Power, to implement the ceasefire agreement in the Gaza Strip. This includes ensuring the protection of civilians, halting all forms of attacks, reopening border crossings, lifting restrictions on the entry of humanitarian assistance, and putting ongoing violations to an end. In a related context, and as part of the Government's efforts to enhance coordination and integration with various sectors—particularly civil society organizations—Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa convened a virtual meeting with representatives of dozens of institutions across the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The meeting focused on [strengthening joint relief efforts](#), improving coordination in field-level program implementation, and addressing administrative and technical challenges. The meeting resulted in the formation of a joint committee aimed at enhancing coordination and response effectiveness. Within the same framework, the [Government continues its engagement with the Federation of Trade Unions to address the escalating unemployment crisis](#), which has exceeded 35% in the West Bank. This increase is driven by restrictive Israeli occupation measures, including the imposition of more than 1,000 military checkpoints and iron gates that fragment governorates, the continued withholding of Palestinian tax revenues, and restrictions preventing thousands of workers from accessing their workplaces.