



Situation Report #87: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 220 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 871 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,763 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Israeli occupation attacks in Gaza intensified, inflicting further civilian casualties and expanding militarized zones, according to [UNRWA](#). On Monday, Israeli occupation forces (IOF) killed [two Palestinians and injured eight others](#) in separate attacks across Gaza despite the ceasefire agreement supposedly in place. The following day, an Israeli tank strike near Al-Tayeb clinic in Beit Lahia [injured twelve people](#), including a 6-year-old child and a pregnant woman. IOF also struck northern Gaza City, killing two Palestinians, [Tamer and Mohammad al-Mutawaq](#), and injuring several others. While on Friday, Israel killed [seven Palestinians and injured dozens more](#) in an airstrike targeting an apartment and a civilian vehicle at Abu Al-Kas junction in the Al-Rimal neighborhood. Israel also continues to severely restrict humanitarian aid access by limiting critically needed supplies, imposing restrictions at border crossings, obstructing the delivery of life-saving assistance, and sustaining infrastructure destruction, according to [UNOCHA](#). According to [Haaretz](#), Israel now controls around 60% of Gaza. Palestinian officials, rights groups, and GIS specialists say Israeli-controlled areas have gradually expanded beyond the original so-called "yellow line," including into zones referred to as the "orange line." Meanwhile, a report by [Doctors Without Borders \(MSF\)](#) highlights a severe decline in water, sanitation, and hygiene services in Gaza since October 2023, a consequence of Israeli policies and practices that have caused widespread deprivation of essential services for about 2.1 million people. The situation is further compounded by the spread of disease-carrying rodents and insects, driving a growing public health crisis and worsening already catastrophic living conditions. "The current spread of rodents and infections is not merely a health issue, but a clear sign of Gaza's vulnerability and near collapse of its health system," warned [UNRWA's Director of Health](#).

TESTIMONIES OF TORTURE, RAPE, AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN ISRAELI DETENTION EXPOSE SYSTEMATIC, WIDESPREAD ABUSE OF PALESTINIAN DETAINEES

A report by [The New York Times](#) documented testimonies from Palestinian detainees about being subjected to rape, sexual assault, torture, and other forms of abuse in Israeli occupation detention facilities since October 2023. The investigation, based on interviews with former detainees, detailed sexual violence, forced nudity, physical assault, threats, degrading inhumane treatment, and denial of legal protections during detention and interrogation. The report corresponds with findings documented by multiple international, [Palestinian](#), and Israeli human rights organizations, including [Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#), United Nations bodies, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, [B'Tselem](#), and Physicians for Human Rights. According to these organizations, documented crimes include rape with objects, genital assault, sexual humiliation, threats of rape, forced strip searches, denial of medical care, and other forms of cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment against Palestinian detainees. Human rights groups and UN experts have called on multibed occasions for independent international investigations, unrestricted access for monitoring bodies and the International Committee of the Red Cross to detention facilities, as well as the preservation of medical records and other evidence related to the abuses.



LIFE-CHANGING INJURIES OVERWHELM GAZA'S COLLAPSING HEALTH SYSTEM

The Israeli genocide and Israel's persistent violations of the ceasefire in Gaza continue to generate catastrophic long-term health consequences, with the [World Health Organization](#) estimating that nearly 43,000 Palestinians have sustained life-changing injuries since October 2023, including around 10,000 children. More than 172,650 people have been injured overall, while over 50,000 require long-term rehabilitation care. The injuries include severe limb injuries and trauma, amputations, spinal cord injuries, burns, and traumatic brain injuries. While thousands of Palestinians have suffered amputations, yet only a fraction have received permanent prosthetics due to severe shortages of medical supplies and rehabilitation equipment. Gaza's rehabilitation system remains critically overwhelmed. No rehabilitation facility is fully functional, with overstretched, partially functioning hospitals facing severe shortages, and hundreds of patients remain on waiting lists for specialized care. Restrictions on the entry of wheelchairs, prosthetics, medicines, and rehabilitation equipment have further deepened the crisis, leaving thousands without adequate treatment or mobility support.

ESCALATING IOF CRIMES DEEPEN DISPLACEMENT & RESTRICTIONS IN THE WEST BANK

[UNICEF spokesperson James Elder](#) underscored, at a press briefing in Geneva, a sharp increase in violence against Palestinian children in the occupied West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem, with at least 70 children killed and more than 850 injured since January 2025. 93% of the slain children were killed by the IOF, with most of them killed or wounded using live ammunition, noting that all this comes amid historic levels of settler terror attacks, displacement, and restrictions. The briefing also highlighted widespread attacks on schools, home demolitions, movement restrictions, and the destruction of water infrastructure, all of which are severely impacting children's safety, education, and wellbeing. More than 1,100 children were displaced in the first months of 2026 alone, while 350 Palestinian children are being held in Israeli military detention, with more than half held without trial under the so-called 'administrative detention.' In a related development reflecting broader restrictions in the West Bank, [Israeli occupation authorities expelled Father Louis Salman, the parish priest of the Latin Church in Beit Sahour](#), after refusing to renew his residency permit. The measure comes as part of increasing pressure on Palestinian churches, Christian institutions, and clergy, amid wider restrictions, settler attacks, and measures targeting the Palestinian Christian presence in occupied Palestine.

ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH MILITARY FACILITIES ON UN SITE IN OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

The Israeli occupation cabinet on Sunday approved a plan [to build military and security facilities on the site of UNRWA's premises](#) in Sheik Jarrah, occupied Jerusalem. The project includes a military museum, a recruitment office, and defense ministry facilities, and involves allocating approximately 36,000 square meters of land to Israel's 'Ministry of Defense' without public tenders. [The site, previously demolished and confiscated](#) in January 2026, is a UN property protected under the international law and [Convention on the Privileges And Immunities](#).

ISRAELI ORDERS FACILITATE SETTLEMENT EXPANSION IN THE WEST BANK

A report by the [National Bureau for Defending Land and Resisting Settlements](#) said Israeli military orders have increasingly been used to legalize and expand Israeli colonial installations (outposts) across the West Bank, including in areas designated as "firing zones." It stated that these measures, along with land seizures and road construction, have contributed to the displacement of Palestinian communities and the expansion of settlements, with most military orders issued between 2023 and 2025 supporting settlement-related infrastructure projects.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 483 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 477 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 457 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since Early October 2023)



- [Photo](#): Palestinian child fighting for his life due to malnutrition in Gaza.
- [B'Tselem](#): Summer is here; the genocide is not over | Israel has created an extreme water shortage in Gaza.
- [Report](#): Gaza sisters win prize for turning rubble into reusable bricks.

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

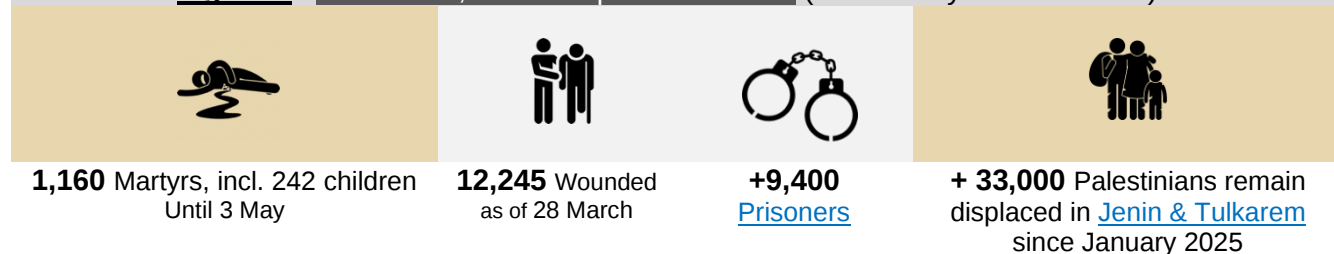
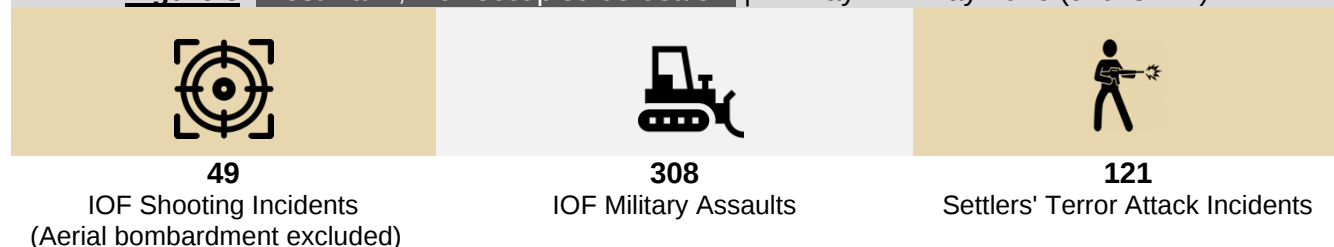


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 11 May - 17 May 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [Press Release](#): The 78th annual commemoration of the Palestinian Nakba.
- [Video](#): From Gaza to West Bank's Sinjil: Palestinian woman donates to support victims of settler terrorism.
- [Jerusalem Governorate](#): Israel moves to seize historic Palestinian properties near al-Aqsa mosque; intensifying forced displacement; consolidating its colonial control.
- [Video](#): Terrorist Israeli settler brutally assaults a Palestinian family's helpless dog.

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



In Focus

According to the [Palestinian Prisoner's Society \(PPS\)](#), Israeli occupation authorities have detained nearly 23,000 Palestinians from the occupied West Bank since October 2023, in addition to thousands detained from Gaza Strip, many of whom remain subjected to enforced disappearance, with their whereabouts undisclosed. In a statement marking the 78th commemoration of the Nakba, PPS stated that the current period marks the deadliest phase in the history of the Palestinian prisoner movement since 1967. It said that detention practices during Israel's ongoing war have been accompanied by torture, starvation, sexual assault, humiliation, enforced disappearance, and denial of medical treatment inside prisons and military detention camps. PPS said that 89 Palestinian detainees whose identities have been confirmed have died in Israeli custody since the beginning of the war, including prisoners who were subjected to torture, starvation, or deliberate medical crimes. It added that the total number of known Palestinian prisoner-martyrs in Israeli custody since 1967 has risen to 326. More than 9,400 Palestinians remain imprisoned, including women, administrative detainees held without charge or trial, and individuals classified as "unlawful combatants," while Israel continues withholding information regarding dozens of detainees from Gaza. Meanwhile, the [Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs](#) documented inhumane conditions faced by Palestinian female detainees held in 'Damon' Prison, including overcrowding, inadequate living conditions, limited access to food and medical treatment, and repeated prison raids. It also documented cases of strip searches, physical abuse, prolonged restraints, threats, and punitive treatment during arrest, interrogation, and detention procedures. In a related development, [four physicians from Gaza](#)—Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, Dr. Muhammad Ubaid, Dr. Murad Alkuka, and Dr. Akram Abu Odeh—currently detained without charge in "Ktzi'ot" Prison, reported severe overcrowding, inadequate food, confiscation of personal belongings, untreated medical conditions, recurring skin diseases, and limited access to hygiene supplies. According to their testimonies, detention orders were repeatedly extended during brief hearings, lasting only a few minutes, and without legal representation in some cases.

Government Updates

The Israeli occupation authorities continue, for the thirteenth consecutive month, to withhold the entirety of Palestine's external tax revenues, exploiting their control over crossings and borders. This has deepened the financial crisis to unprecedented levels and threatens the Palestinian Government's ability to continue providing essential services to citizens, particularly amid ongoing strikes in vital sectors, including medical unions, teachers, and engineers. In the health sector, the financial strangulation and continued withholding of Palestinian funds have caused severe shortages in medical supplies, with more than 35% of essential medicines and medical consumables unavailable in public health centers. The shortages include medications for cancer and chronic illnesses, as well as specialized infant formula, placing the lives of thousands of patients at risk and undermining the fundamental right to healthcare. In the education sector, the fiscal crisis has directly disrupted the regularity of the educational process, amid significant reductions in working hours and declining attendance among both teachers and students, threatening students' right to stable and adequate education. Simultaneously, IOF have intensified restrictions on Palestinian movement across the occupied West Bank. Israel currently



imposes approximately 930 military checkpoints and iron gates that obstruct or prevent movement between Palestinian governorates across an area estimated at around 2,380 square kilometers, representing the entirety of the Oslo-defined “Area C”. In parallel, the current Israeli right-wing government has announced the establishment of 103 new settlements— an unprecedented figure in the history of the settlement enterprise as a whole — in an effort to deepen occupation control, consolidate the fragmentation of Palestinian geography, and further isolate Palestinian areas across nearly 60% of the West Bank. These measures are aimed at effectively undermining the possibility of realizing a Palestinian state, in flagrant violation of international legitimacy resolutions, foremost among them UN Security Council Resolution 2334.

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