



Situation Report #22: Occupied Palestine

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The Government Communication Center at the Prime Minister's Office issues the Situation Report once a week. The next Situation Report will be issued on 3 February 2025.

Key Developments

ISRAEL RELEASES 200 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

On Saturday, the occupation authorities released the second batch of Palestinian prisoners under the ceasefire agreement, which included [121 prisoners serving life sentences and 79 prisoners with long sentences](#). The occupation deported [70 prisoners](#) to Egypt, who will be relocated to other countries. Additionally, 16 prisoners were released to Gaza, while 114 prisoners from various parts of the West Bank arrived in Ramallah. Using live ammunition and tear gas, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) dispersed families of detainees and supporters who had gathered near "Ofer" Prison. At the Ramallah Entertainment Complex, hundreds of Palestinians gathered to welcome the released prisoners.

NEARLY 900 CHECKPOINTS/ GATES IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

Following the release of the first batch of Palestinian prisoners under the Gaza ceasefire agreement, Israel escalated its violations in the occupied West Bank, tightening closures and imposing additional restrictions on Palestinian movement. The Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission reported that the [number of Israeli military checkpoints and gates in the West Bank has risen to 898, including over 173 iron gates](#), since the onset of Israel's genocidal aggression against the Gaza Strip in October 2023 and 17 since the beginning of this year. These checkpoints are positioned at the entrances to Palestinian cities and villages, further isolating the West Bank and dividing it into fragmented areas. Numerous roads have also been closed with earth mounds and gates, obstructing daily movement and severely affecting economic, health, and educational aspects.

THE OCCUPYING POWER'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION ON JENIN

The IOF launched its latest [military aggression against Jenin](#) last Tuesday. Over the past seven days, the IOF's aggression has resulted in the martyrdom of at least [16 Palestinians](#), including [two children](#), and left dozens more injured. The IOF has imposed a strict siege on Jenin City and the refugee camp, erecting checkpoints in several areas while demolishing and burning homes, destroying infrastructure, besieging hospitals, and detaining ambulances. The residents of the Jenin refugee camp are experiencing harsh conditions, which have resulted in [the displacement of 18,000 people](#) so far. Several



villages and towns in Jenin Governorate are experiencing raids, sieges, and arrests, particularly in the west and south of Jenin. Additionally, the IOF continues to convert citizens' homes in the al-Jaberiyat neighborhood into military barracks while forcing residents to evacuate. The occupation authorities are constantly sending military reinforcements into the city of Jenin and at the entrances of the refugee camp while drones fly at low altitudes overhead.

"E1" COLONIAL PROJECT TO BE RENAMED AFTER PRESIDENT TRUMP

The head of the "Ma'ale Adumim" settlement council, [Guy Yifrach](#), announced that the area planned for the "E1" colonial project on the eastern gateway to Jerusalem, located between the "Ma'aleh Adumim" settlement and Jerusalem, will be renamed "T1" in "honor" of US President Donald Trump. Following Trump's decision to lift sanctions previously enacted by the US government against certain Israeli settlers in the West Bank, Yifrach stated his decision was driven by a desire to demonstrate that "he is really a friend of Israel." For years, the "E1" colonial project has drawn widespread international condemnation and rejection for its aim to divide the West Bank into two parts, rendering the achievement of a geographically contiguous Palestinian state nearly impossible.

US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP SUGGESTS TO "CLEAN OUT" GAZA

President Trump on Saturday laid out [a plan to "clean out" Gaza](#), saying he wants [Egypt and Jordan to get the Palestinians out of the Strip to bring peace to the Middle East](#). Trump informed reporters that he wants Jordan and Egypt to accommodate Gaza's population of "probably a million and a half people" (which is [2.1 million](#)), noting that he has already spoken with Jordan's King Abdullah II and plans to discuss this with Egyptian President Sisi. Talking about Palestinians in Gaza, which he called "a demolition site," Trump noted that they should "just clean out that whole thing," stressing that Gaza is "a real mess" and housing Palestinians in neighboring countries "could be temporary" or "could be long-term." In Israel, Minister [Smotrich](#) welcomed the suggestion as "a great idea," adding that "only out-of-the-box thinking with new solutions will bring a solution of peace and security." Former Minister [Ben Gvir](#) said: "When the president of the world's greatest superpower, Trump, personally brings up this idea, it is worth the Israeli government implementing it – promoting emigration now." Correspondingly, the [Palestinian Presidency](#) strongly rejected and condemned any such plans aiming to displace the Palestinian people from the Gaza Strip, "which constitutes a blatant violation of the red lines we have consistently warned against." The Presidency emphasized that the Palestinian people "will not leave their homeland." [Ayman Al-Safadi](#), Jordan's Foreign Minister, and [Egypt's Foreign Ministry](#) stressed their rejection of the proposed transfer plan.



Summary

[Medical sources](#) confirmed yesterday that since the onset of Israel's genocidal aggression on Gaza, the IOF has killed **47,306** Palestinians and wounded **111,483** more. Thousands are still trapped under the rubble. In violation of the Gaza ceasefire agreement, the IOF prevented [thousands of displaced Palestinians waiting on al-Rashid and Salah al-Din streets in the middle of Gaza](#) from returning to the north. Thousands spent two cold nights on the streets waiting for their return, which was finally allowed this morning.



[UNOCHA](#): Gaza Children have been "killed, starved and frozen to death (...) maimed, orphaned, separated from their family."

Figure 1: Gaza Strip

In the occupied West Bank, incl. Jerusalem, since 7 October 2023, the IOF has killed **873** Palestinians, incl. 174 children, and injured more than **6,700** others³. Last week in Alshuhada village in Jenin, an Israeli sniper shot and killed 2-year-old [Laila al-Khatib](#), the sole child of her mother, during a family dinner. The IOF targeted the house next to them, but the bullets also reached Laila. Her grandmother, Ghada Asous, said she shouted at one of the soldiers: "Why did you kill her? She is a little girl!" The soldier replied, "Sorry."



Figure 2: West Bank⁴ | 20- 26 January 2025 (until 8 AM)

¹ UNOCHA, [Reported Impact Snapshot| Gaza Strip](#), 22 January 2025.

² Ibid

³ [PCBS](#) - Last updated on 23 January 2025.

⁴ [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#) | The same incident may result in multiple attacks.



In Focus

The Israeli occupation authorities are advancing [various settlement developments](#) for Israeli settlers in occupied Jerusalem:

- An eight-story ultra-Orthodox yeshiva will be built in the place of a parking lot in the Palestinian neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, the largest public space in the neighborhood. The lot was initially designated for public buildings, including educational and health facilities, before being appropriated by the occupying state.
- A plan for constructing nearly 9,000 Israeli settlement units at the old Jerusalem International Airport site in northeast Jerusalem. The plan, if achieved, would constitute the largest Israeli settlement in Jerusalem since the establishment of the "Har Homa" settlement in the 1990s.
- An expansion of an already approved plan to build a settlement called "Givat Shaked" near the Palestinian village of Beit Safafa in southern Jerusalem. Approval has been granted for the construction of 700 residential units in Givat Shaked, with the committee now evaluating the inclusion of an additional 400 units.

Ir Amim's researcher Aviv Tatarsky said these plans are against Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem, adding that: "The construction of huge Israeli neighborhoods (settlements) in Palestinian urban areas, and in particular the establishment of a Haredi yeshiva in Sheikh Jarrah, come at the expense of Palestinians' fundamental rights to housing and education."

Related Developments:

- The Israeli settler organization "Ateret Cohanim" has achieved multiple court decisions favoring its plans to remove hundreds of Palestinian families from their residences in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood of Silwan. The Israeli judge agreed with all the organization's arguments across five different cases and ruled in its favor. If efforts to reverse these rulings are unsuccessful, 26 families, totaling 154 individuals who have resided in the neighborhood since the 1960s, will face forced eviction within six months. The judge also ordered the Palestinian families to pay 50,000 shekels (\$14,000) in court costs for each of the five cases.
- The [occupation authorities decided to demolish all the houses in Al-Nu'man village](#), east of Bethlehem. The head of the village council, Jamal Al-Dara'awi, said the IOF, accompanied by employees from the occupation municipality in Jerusalem, stormed the village and posted demolition notices on the facades of all the 45 inhabited houses.



Although the occupation says the houses lack building permits, Al-Dara'awi noted that they were built before 1948, and the last house was built in 1993. He added that the occupation policy aims to displace the village's residents and annex it to the borders of the occupation municipality in Jerusalem.

Government Updates

- Under the directives of Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa and the supervision of the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, the Palestinian government has officially launched a comprehensive [damage assessment program in Gaza](#), marking a significant step in early recovery efforts. This program, aimed at revitalizing Gaza and establishing the foundation for long-term rebuilding projects, will involve deploying 700 engineers who will conduct thorough damage assessments throughout Gaza. Additionally, the Ministry of Public Works and Housing will work with the Arab and Islamic Funds Authority to conduct essential activities such as debris removal and providing temporary shelters. This program is part of a broader strategy that includes the government's comprehensive recovery plan, addressing multiple sectors impacted by Israel's genocide in Gaza.
- Yesterday, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa inspected the workflow of the [government operations room for emergency interventions in the Gaza Strip](#). The Prime Minister emphasized that the severity of suffering among our people in Gaza requires collective support for the government's intervention and response plan. This support is needed from civil society, the private sector, and international partners. He stressed President Mahmoud Abbas's directives to enhance the restoration of basic services, relief efforts, and economic recovery, which would lead to comprehensive reconstruction. Dr. Mustafa also emphasized the importance of addressing the needs of our people in the West Bank, particularly in the north, through the Ministerial Committee for Emergency Action. The government operations room comprises representatives from over 20 official institutions. It functions through work teams from various ministries and agencies in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, seeking support from additional institutions as necessary.
- Last Monday, the Palestinian Government mourned the passing of the [late Minister of State for Relief Affairs, Basil Nasser](#), who passed away in Amman, Jordan. Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa and the Government ministers extended their deepest condolences to his wife and family. In its statement, the Government noted that Minister Basil Nasser exemplified loyalty, commitment, and national belonging to issues concerning our people. To serve our people, he endeavored to enhance relief work in every way he could.