



Situation Report #27: 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 10 March 2025.

Key Developments

ISRAEL RELEASES THE 7TH BATCH OF PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

The Israeli occupation authorities released the seventh batch of Palestinian prisoners on Wednesday night after delaying the release initially scheduled for 22 February per the ceasefire agreement. According to the [Palestinian Prisoners' Society and the Commission of Detainees' Affairs](#), this batch consists of 641 prisoners, including 151 serving life and lengthy sentences, 445 detainees from the Gaza Strip arrested after 7 October 2023, and 45 women and children from Gaza. Among the 151 prisoners, 42 were released to the West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem, 97 were deported, and 12 from the Gaza Strip who were arrested before 7 October 2023. As part of the first phase of the prisoners' exchange under the ceasefire agreement, [1,700 Palestinian prisoners were released](#), including 700 prisoners serving life and lengthy sentences and 1,000 prisoners from Gaza.

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST JENIN FOR THE 42ND DAY

[Jenin Governor Kamal Abu Al-Rub](#) stated that the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) are conducting extensive digging operations reaching over three meters in various locations within the Jenin refugee camp. Abu Al-Rub explained that the IOF is filling these holes with reinforced concrete and placing electric generators next to them, raising questions about the occupation's future goals. The IOF has also installed barbed wire around the refugee camp, tightening the siege and preventing the displaced from returning home. The [IOF's aggression against Jenin City and its refugee camp](#) continues for the 42nd consecutive day, resulting in the martyrdom of 27 Palestinians, dozens of injuries, and arrests, amidst widespread destruction of property and infrastructure. The IOF persisted in its operations with tanks around the Jenin refugee camp and in various neighborhoods, setting homes ablaze, bulldozing roads, and expanding others.

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST TULKAREM FOR THE 36TH DAY

[The IOF persisted in their aggression against Tulkarem city and its refugee camp for the 36th consecutive day and against Nour Shams refugee camp for the 23rd day](#), during which it killed 13 Palestinians, including a child and two women, one of whom was eight months



pregnant. Under a tight siege, the IOF raided homes, vandalized their contents, and converted some into military barracks, utilizing them as sniper and surveillance sites. They escalated the forced displacement of Palestinian citizens after forcing them to leave their homes at gunpoint. During the past week, Palestinian citizens—men, women, and children—were seen carrying some of their belongings as they fled the refugee camp on foot in the bitter cold as the IOF fired live bullets intensively to terrorize them. The head of the Popular Committee for Tulkarem Camp Services, [Faisal Salama](#), said last Tuesday that the IOF completely destroyed no less than 40 residential buildings, including 100 apartments, burned no less than 10 homes, destroyed no less than 300 shops, and partially destroyed hundreds of homes. Since the outset of the Israeli aggression, the Tulkarem refugee camp has experienced a significant displacement movement among its residents, with the number exceeding 5,500 individuals who sought refuge in shelters and the homes of relatives in the city, its suburbs, and surrounding areas.

SEVEN PALESTINIAN NEWBORNS DIE OF HYPOTHERMIA IN GAZA

As of late February 2025, [seven Palestinian newborns](#) have died of hypothermia in Gaza because of freezing temperatures and inadequate shelter. These deaths occurred over a two-week period, with reports highlighting the lack of heating, electricity, and proper housing for displaced families living in tents and damaged buildings. Medical officials also noted that many more infants are at risk due to the harsh winter conditions, compounded by Israel's blockade on the entry of sufficient humanitarian aid, including mobile homes and fuel. Gaza's healthcare system is under great strain. Barely operating with destroyed facilities, [neonatal intensive care units](#) lack incubators and medical equipment. Consequently, many newborns are in danger of developing cold-associated diseases. [A total of 15 children have died from the cold since the start of the winter.](#)

ISRAEL TO ENACT LEGISLATION FOR ANNEXING SETTLEMENTS SURROUNDING OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

A bill set to be approved by Israel's Ministerial Committee for Legislation proposes [the annexation of West Bank settlements around occupied Jerusalem](#), creating a "metropolitan Jerusalem" that integrates these areas into Israel. Introduced by Likud MK Dan Illouz, the legislation law is considered "a major step towards full sovereignty" over the entire West Bank. The Israeli non-governmental organization Ir Amim said, "The bill seeks to promote an illegal annexation under international law and is a gross breach of international law by Israel." The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) described this plan as a major crime intended to annex the occupied West Bank, displace Palestinian citizens, and undermine the foundations for their continued presence in their homeland.



Summary

Since the onset of Israel's genocidal aggression on Gaza, the IOF has killed **48,348** Palestinians and wounded **111,761** more.¹ Approximately [722 bodies](#) have been recovered until 25 February since the ceasefire came into effect on 19 January.



[Video](#): IOF soldiers watch stray dogs feeding on a Palestinian martyr

[Reuters](#): ICC prosecutor's office says Palestinian probe continues with urgency

[WHO- Report](#): Public Health Situation in the occupied Palestinian Territory

Figure 1: Gaza Strip

In the occupied West Bank, incl. Jerusalem, since 7 October 2023, the IOF has killed **923** Palestinians, incl. **180** children, and injured at least **6,700** others⁴. On the first day of the holy month of Ramadan, and during a raid on the Al-Fawwar refugee camp, southwest of Hebron in the occupied West Bank, the [IOF assaulted a Palestinian man with disabilities](#). In occupied Jerusalem, the IOF raided [Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound](#) and forced worshipers to leave the compound following Ramadan night prayers (Taraweeh).



[UNRWA](#): 50 Palestinians killed in the West Bank in five weeks

In [Hebron](#): IOF soldiers drew the Star of David and wrote the word "Israel" on Palestinian children's hands.

Figure 2: West Bank⁵ | 24 February – 1 March 2025 (until 8 AM)

¹ [UNOCHA](#), Last updated on 25 February 2025

² UNOCHA, [Reported Impact Snapshot| Gaza Strip](#), 25 February 2025.

³ Ibid

⁴ [PCBS](#) - Last updated on 24 February 2025 at 21:00

⁵ [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#) | The same incident may result in multiple attacks.



In Focus

In Hebron, the IOF shot and killed 12-year-old Ayman al-Hammouni. Ayman, together with his mother and brother, was visiting his grandfather and uncles in Jabal Jawhar, a part of Hebron under Israeli occupation's full control. During their last phone call, two days earlier, Ayman told his father, Nasser, that he had joined a local football team and planned to join a karate club. He told Nasser that he wanted to become a doctor or an engineer so that he could help him with the construction work that kept him away from their home. A video analysis by the [Guardian](#), based on footage from two security cameras, showed Ayman's last moments and how the IOF killed him. The Guardian said, "So far this year, about two children a week have been killed, slightly over the average rate for 2024 when 93 children were killed," adding that the IOF has increased the intensity of its operations in the occupied West Bank since the Gaza ceasefire agreement in January of this year. Human rights advocates worry that the numbers might keep rising as the IOF applies "Gaza techniques" in the West Bank. This will result in "loosening further the 'rules of engagement' covering when a soldier is permitted to open fire." The Guardian said, "They are calling it "Gazafication" and it is becoming the new normal."

Government Updates

- The [Government Operations Room for Emergency Interventions](#) in the Southern Governorates (Gaza Strip) warned yesterday about the rapidly worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza, caused by the continued closure of border crossings and the ongoing blockade on the entry of life-saving aid imposed by the Israeli occupation. The Government Operations Room called upon the international community and all relevant human rights and humanitarian organizations to take urgent and decisive action, stressing that the immediate and unimpeded entry of relief aid must be ensured, along with the need for concerted international pressure to promptly open all border crossings and end the policy of collective punishment that harms innocent civilians.
- The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) condemned the Israeli government's decision to block the entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip. It warned of the grave risks and catastrophic consequences of this decision, particularly amid the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza. The Ministry called upon the international community and all relevant parties to uphold their responsibilities and take decisive action to compel the Israeli government to allow the unconditional entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. It further demanded an end to the exploitation of Palestinian suffering and the weaponization of starvation for political gain.