



Situation Report #31: 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 14 April 2025.

Key Developments

ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST GAZA

The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip has continued to deteriorate since Israel started a new chapter of its genocide against Gaza on 18 March 2025. Israel's resumption of its full-scale military aggression against Gaza, the ongoing blockade, and the prevention of humanitarian and medical supplies from entering have strangled Gaza, endangering the lives of 2.2 million Palestinians. Since 18 March, [Israel killed 1,350 Palestinians, including 490 children](#), while many remain trapped under rubble. Until 4 April 2025, [more than 280,000 people were displaced, including nearly 100,000 from Rafah](#). [UNOCHA](#) reported that "Two-thirds of the Gaza Strip are under Israeli displacement orders or in 'no go' zones," adding that "nowhere is safe." The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continue to target Palestinian civilians, journalists, and aid workers. Since October 2023, Israel has killed [409 aid workers](#) and at least [206 journalists and media workers](#). This morning, the [IOF struck the journalists' tent near Nasser Hospital](#), killing ten civilians, including one journalist, and wounding others. In the words of an Israeli commander addressing his unit, he said: ["Everyone you see is an enemy. You identify a figure, you open fire, destroy, and move on. Do not get confused about this."](#) Palestinians in Gaza are enduring unbearable living conditions; they confront the threat of [severe hunger and malnutrition](#) (following the [closure of all the bakeries in Gaza](#) after running out of flour and cooking gas), limited access to clean water ([after Israel cut 70% of Gaza's water supply](#)), and a healthcare system teetering on the brink of collapse, with hospitals overwhelmed by casualties and critical shortages of medical supplies. [The destruction of critical infrastructure has led to extensive pollution, loss of agricultural productivity, and severe public health risks.](#)

VIDEO: RELIEF WORKERS KILLED IN GAZA UNDER ISRAELI GUNFIRE BARRAGE

On 5 April, the [New York Times](#) published a video that revealed the horrific details of the Israeli massacre that targeted relief workers while attempting to rescue civilians lying on the streets of Rafah on 23 March. A [mass grave](#) was found in Rafah on 30 March containing the bodies of 14 people, including eight Red Crescent workers, five Civil Defense personnel, and a UN officer. [They were buried in the sand along with their damaged emergency vehicles, including five ambulances, a fire truck, and a UN vehicle.](#) The [video](#), obtained from a senior diplomat at the United Nations and recovered from the mass grave in Rafah, documents the final moments



before the relief team was targeted. It indicates that the emergency vehicles were identifiable, invalidating the occupation's claims. The IOF intentionally targeted the ambulances and fire truck that were displaying their emergency lights.

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "MORAG CORRIDOR" IN GAZA

As part of Israel's strategy to divide the Gaza Strip and forcibly displace the Palestinian population, Israel announced the establishment of a new corridor in Gaza, intended to isolate Rafah to the south. Netanyahu explained that the "[Morag Corridor](#)" will extend between Rafah and Khan Yunis, comparing it to the "Philadelphi Corridor" on the Egyptian border. This announcement is part of Israel's larger strategy to enforce the occupation's control over the Gaza Strip. The Israeli "Defense" Minister earlier said that "Israel would seize 'large areas' and add them to its security zones." The new corridor aims to strengthen the geographical isolation between the different parts of Gaza after Israel previously recaptured the Martyrs' Intersection (Netzarim Corridor), which isolates northern Gaza.

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

Israel's aggression against the northern West Bank continues, especially in Jenin and Tulkarem. The IOF's aggression on [Jenin](#) City and its refugee camp continues for the 77th consecutive day amidst the bulldozing of infrastructure, the destruction and burning of homes, and the conversion of others into military barracks. Estimates indicate that in the Jenin refugee camp, 21,000 Palestinians were displaced, 600 homes were destroyed, and nearly 3,000 housing units became uninhabitable. After losing their homes, jobs, and businesses, the situation for the displaced is worsening, resulting in rising poverty rates in Jenin. Moreover, the number of martyrs in the Jenin governorate has increased to 36 as the occupation continues to carry out extensive daily raids and arrests in the governorate's villages and towns. The IOF's aggression against the city of [Tulkarem](#) and its refugee camp has continued for the 71st consecutive day and the 58th day against the Nour Shams refugee camp, involving an increasing number of forced evictions of citizens, destruction of homes, military assaults, and arrests of Palestinian citizens, along with widespread destruction of infrastructure. The ongoing aggression in the city and its two refugee camps has resulted in the martyrdom of 13 citizens, including a child and two women, one of whom was eight months pregnant. Dozens have also been injured or arrested, and more than 4,000 families have been forcibly displaced, along with dozens of families from the city's northern neighborhood.

ISRAELI SETTLERS LAUNCH A TERROR ATTACK AGAINST DUMA VILLAGE

Last Tuesday, three Palestinian citizens were shot and wounded, and two livestock farms and five vehicles were burned in a [terrorist attack launched by about 300 Israeli settlers protected](#)



[by the IOF on the village of Duma](#), southeast of Nablus City. The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that the attack resulted in injuries to a young man (35 years old) from live bullets in his foot, another man (45 years old) from shrapnel in his eye and hand, and a child (17 years old) from a rubber bullet in his eye, all of whom were transferred to the hospital. The head of the Duma village council, [Suleiman Dawabsheh](#), confirmed that this is the second attack on the village since the beginning of 2025. Dawabsheh remarked, "The greatest threat to Duma village is the expansion of pastoral settlements, which spread like cancer and consume the village lands, originally estimated at around 28,000 dunams before 1967. Today, only 940 dunams of the village's total area remain, following the appropriation of the most fertile lands for (Israeli) colonial projects and the bypass road, along with confiscating water sources and springs, particularly in the areas overlooking the Jordan Valley."

ISRAEL DECIDES TO CLOSE THE HEART OF THE WEST BANK TO PALESTINIANS

[Peace Now](#) reported that Israel approved a 335 million NIS budget to construct a road between Eizariya town and Za'ayyem village, which Israel calls the "Fabric of Life Road" or the "Sovereignty Road." The construction of this apartheid road "will allow Israel to close off a vast area in the heart of the West Bank to Palestinians by diverting Palestinian traffic to a special bypass," effectively annexing the entire area of the "Ma'ale Adumim" settlement to Israel. Settlement expert [Khalil Al-Tafakji](#) said the project is being implemented in successive sections and rings. This part of the project is the final link separating the Palestinians from the Jordan Valley and Jerusalem's northern and southern *Badiyah*. It serves as a prelude to the implementation of the E1 colonial plan at the eastern gate of occupied Jerusalem, aiming to isolate the city from the West Bank in the final circle. [Al-Tafakji](#) noted that this plan was announced in 2020, and the recent development is about its approval.

PALESTINIAN CHILDREN SITUATION ON THE EVE OF THE PALESTINIAN CHILD DAY

On Palestinian Child Day, 5 April, the [Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics \(PCBS\)](#) issued a detailed report highlighting that 43% of Palestine's population (2.38 million) are children, with Gaza's child population reaching 47%. In Gaza, after 534 days of Israel's genocidal aggression (Oct 2023–Mar 2025), 17,954 children were killed, 69% of 113,274 injuries were women/children, and over 1,055 children were arrested, with 350 still detained. Also, 39,384 children are now orphans, of which 17,000 are fully orphaned and struggling to survive without support. Health crises include 846 child amputations and 60,000 children expected to suffer severe acute malnutrition, risking death, while 12,441 students were killed, and 700,000 students are deprived of education. In the West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem, 188 children were killed, 660 injured, and 301 students arrested, with 806,000 students deprived of safe access to education.



Summary

Since the onset of Israel's genocidal aggression on [Gaza](#), the IOF has killed at least **50,695** Palestinians, majority of whom are women and children, and wounded **115,338** more. Since the ceasefire took effect on 19 January, approximately [900 bodies](#) have been retrieved (until 3 April). On 4 April 2025, [Philippe Lazzarini](#), the UNRWA Commissioner-General, posted on X platform: "Harrowing. At least 100 children are reported killed or injured every day in Gaza, since the strikes resumed (on 18 March) according to UNICEF."



[Urgent Call to Action](#): Extermination by starvation and collapse of life in Gaza

[WFP](#): Hundreds of thousands of people are again at risk of severe hunger and malnutrition.

[Haaretz](#)/ An anonymous senior Israeli officer: "In Gaza, human shields are used by Israeli soldiers at least six times a day."

Figure 1: Gaza Strip

In the occupied West Bank, incl. Jerusalem, since 7 October 2023, the IOF has killed **952** Palestinians, incl. **188** children, and injured at least **8,072** others³. [During the holy month of Ramadan](#), Israeli settlers stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound 21 times, while the occupation authorities prevented the call to prayer at the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron 52 times.



[Peace Now](#): Israel advances 2,545 settlement units in the West Bank

Last night: Israel killed Palestinian-American citizen [Omar Rabea](#) (14) in Turmus Ayya town

Figure 2: West Bank⁴ | 22 March – 6 April 2025 (until 8 AM)

¹ UNOCHA, [Reported Impact Snapshot| Gaza Strip](#), 3 April 2025.

² Ibid

³ Killings: [PCBS](#), last updated on 5 April 2025 at 21:00 – Injuries: UNOCHA as of 18 March 2025.

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



In Focus

Marking Palestinian Child Day on 5 April, a [joint report](#) by the Palestinian Prisoner's Society, the Commission of Detainees' Affairs, and Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association revealed alarming abuses against Palestinian child detainees in Israeli prisons.

At least 350 Palestinian children are currently imprisoned, including over 100 held without trial or charge under Israel's unlawful administrative detention system. Since October 2023, at least 1,200 children in the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem, have been arrested. The report added, "As for Gaza, Israeli authorities have blocked the ability of Palestinian lawyers and prisoner groups from gaining access to information on the number of cases of arrest among children as well as the number who remain in custody with many subject to the severe crime of enforced disappearance." The report documents systematic torture, starvation, and medical neglect, culminating in the martyrdom of [17-year-old Walid Ahmad](#) in Megiddo prison on 22 March 2025—the first child detainee killed since Israel's Gaza genocide began. Walid's autopsy confirmed starvation and untreated scabies as causes of death, reflecting broader abuses. Dozens of children suffer from scabies and other diseases due to deliberate denial of medical care and hygiene. Testimonies detail violent night raids, physical assaults, and coercion into signing documents written in Hebrew.

In prisons, children endure beatings, denial of medical treatment, and food deprivation, with meals reduced to scraps. Israel's military courts further institutionalize abuse, imposing sham trials and house arrest—effectively turning homes into prisons for Jerusalem's children. By early April 2025, administrative detention has surged to 3,498 Palestinians (including 100+ children under 15), a historic high.

Government Updates

- On 3 April, the [Palestinian Cabinet](#) strongly condemned the brutal escalation of the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, warning that the Israeli occupation forces' control over what they call the "Morag Axis" and the separation of Rafah and Khan Yunis is but a criminal scheme aimed at entrenching the occupation and fragmenting the Strip. It stressed that this constitutes a blatant defiance and a flagrant violation of international law, which clearly affirms that Gaza is an integral part of the State of Palestine. The Cabinet urged the swift activation of international accountability mechanisms and the implementation of international legitimacy resolutions to bring an immediate and unconditional end to Israel's illegal occupation without any delay.



- Marking Palestinian Child Day on 5 April, the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) said the world has failed Palestinian children by remaining silent on their endless suffering caused by the occupation's crimes. The ministry added that Palestinian children's suffering cannot be ignored, as they endure the gravest violations and crimes due to the ongoing illegal Israeli occupation and its criminal measures, which have stripped them of their most fundamental rights to life, peace, and security. The ministry urged the international community, human rights organizations, and the United Nations to fulfill their legal and moral responsibilities and take immediate action to halt the Israeli genocide and the crimes committed against our people. Moreover, it urged them to ensure international protection for the Palestinian people, particularly children, and to take the necessary legal measures to hold Israel, the occupying Power, accountable for its crimes against our people.
- The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) confirmed that the video segment published by an American media outlet regarding the IOF's deliberate execution of 15 relief and ambulance workers on 23 March in Rafah refutes the occupation's claims that it did not randomly attack the ambulances, asserting that they were not recognized under the pretext of lacking lights or emergency signals. The ministry views this egregious crime as part of the war of extermination and displacement against our people, which highlights the daily brutality of the IOF against Palestinian civilians, as well as humanitarian, UN, medical, and journalistic crews, adding that this crime aims to intimidate them and prevent them from providing any assistance to our people in the Gaza Strip. The ministry indicated that the occupation intends to destroy all forms of life in the Gaza Strip and render it unlivable for humans, thereby imposing the forced displacement of Palestinian citizens.
- On the eve of World Health Day, the [Ministry of Health](#) issued a statement affirming that, while the world commemorates this day (today) under the slogan "Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures," this occasion comes to Palestine amidst a tragic health crisis facing our people, particularly in the Gaza Strip, and the near-total collapse of the health system, at a time when medical and humanitarian needs are escalating at an unprecedented rate. The ministry urged the international community, the World Health Organization, and international and human rights organizations to assume their legal and humanitarian responsibilities and take urgent action to save what remains of the Palestinian health system, affirming that "Palestinian health is not a luxury, but a fundamental right guaranteed by international law. It is time for the international community to assume its responsibilities and end this health and humanitarian catastrophe facing our people."