



Situation Report #32: 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 21 April 2025.

Key Developments

ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST GAZA

With its ongoing refusal to allow the entry of aid into the Gaza Strip, the occupying Power continues to commit the most heinous crimes and massacres, including by deliberately targeting civilians in multiple airstrikes on the [Shuja'iyya neighborhood](#) east of Gaza City and the [Al-Ahli Arab Baptist Hospital](#), which was rendered [completely inoperable](#). [The attack on this hospital on the eve of Palm Sunday was the fifth since October 2023](#). During the past week, [UNRWA](#) announced the displacement of 400,000 people since the start of the current chapter of Israel's genocide in Gaza on 18 March. In a [joint statement](#), top UN officials affirmed that they "are witnessing acts of war in Gaza that show an utter disregard for human life," adding that "no one is safe." With the diminishing aid, the [World Health Organization](#) announced that medicine stocks are dangerously low, making it difficult for hospitals to continue operating, even partially. Also, the [UN Secretary-General António Guterres](#) warned that "the floodgates of horror have re-opened," adding that "civilians are in an endless death loop." Regarding clean water scarcity, the [government operations room for emergency interventions in the southern governorates](#) has warned of the worsening health situation due to a shortage of potable water, noting that the per capita share has fallen to just 3 liters per day, heightening the risk of disease outbreaks. [UNICEF](#) warned that without aid, water, and shelter, "malnutrition, diseases, and other preventable conditions will likely surge, leading to an increase in preventable child deaths." On 8 April, [UNOCHA](#) reported that 36% of Gaza (130.8 km²) is "under active displacement orders," and when combined with the area designated by Israel as a "no-go" zone, the total percentage increases to 66% of Gaza.

ISRAEL COMPLETES RAFAH'S ENCIRCLEMENT

The Israeli occupation forces (IOF) have completed the [encirclement of Rafah](#) as part of their plan [to turn it into part of the buffer zone](#) to seize more land in Gaza. As has been the case in several areas in the Gaza Strip, the IOF has repeatedly issued evacuation orders to hundreds of thousands of Palestinians across Rafah since 18 March, further diminishing the space for Palestinians to live. Last Saturday, the Israeli military announced that it had completed the establishment of the "Morag" corridor, which separates Rafah and Khan Yunis. Now, [the Israeli occupation controls more than 50% of the Gaza Strip](#).



NEW REPORT ON HOW THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION ARMY "TRANSFORMED CULTIVATED FARMLANDS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS INTO THE NEW BUFFER ZONE"

The Israeli non-governmental organization Breaking the Silence issued a [report](#) highlighting testimonies from Israeli soldiers and officers involved in creating a "new buffer zone separating Gaza from Israel." They called this area the "perimeter," which they transformed into "a zone of total destruction" in the process. To create this area, Breaking the Silence said that Israel "entirely reshaped about 16% of the Gaza Strip (roughly 55-58 square kilometers), an area previously home to some 35% of Gaza's agricultural land. The perimeter extends from the coast in the north to the Egyptian border in the south, all within the territory of the Gaza Strip and outside of Israel's internationally recognized borders." One of the testimonies highlighted how Israel instructed its soldiers that "there is no civilian population" in Gaza and that "all of them" are "terrorists," and how Israeli commanders instructed their forces to raze "everything" in the area declared a buffer zone. In response to a question about how the area looked after its destruction, one soldier answered, "Hiroshima."

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

Israel's aggression against the northern West Bank continues, especially in Jenin and Tulkarem. In [Jenin](#) City and its refugee camp, the IOF continues to bulldoze infrastructure, destroy homes, and convert others into military barracks for the 84th consecutive day. Jenin Governor Kamal Abu al-Rab said the 21,000 displaced persons were spread across the governorate; in the city, the Arab American University housing, and the village of Burqin. The Palestinian government has approved a plan to provide 200 units in the first phase of distributing mobile homes to displaced people. The IOF's aggression against the city of [Tulkarem](#) and its refugee camp has continued for 78 consecutive days and 65 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. This has resulted in widespread destruction of infrastructure, including homes, shops, and vehicles, which have been completely or partially demolished, burned, vandalized, looted, and stolen. Approximately 400 homes were completely destroyed, and 2,573 were partially destroyed in both refugee camps, in addition to the closure of their entrances and alleys with earth mounds.

ISRAEL ORDERS THE CLOSURE OF 6 UNRWA SCHOOLS IN OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

On 8 April, the IOF forcibly entered six UNRWA schools in occupied Jerusalem, serving closure orders that take effect in 30 days. [UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini](#) said these schools provide education to some 800 students, adding that these unauthorized entries and closure orders "are a violation of these protections and represent a revocation of Israel's obligations under international law."



Summary

Since the onset of Israel's genocidal aggression on [Gaza](#), the IOF has killed at least **50,993** Palestinians, majority of whom are women and children, and wounded **116,450** more. Since the ceasefire took effect on 19 January 2025, approximately [901 bodies](#) have been retrieved (until 8 April). Since [18 March](#), Israel has killed 1,574 Palestinians and injured 4,115 others. Many remain trapped under the rubble.



As reported by [UNOCHA](#):

- 91% of households have experienced water insecurity between 24 February and 10 March.
- 1 Million children in need of mental health and psycho-social support (UNICEF).
- At least 412 aid workers killed, including 291 UN staff, 44 PRCS staff & volunteers
- 110 Civil Defence staff killed while on duty (Palestinian Civil Defence)

Figure 1: [Gaza Strip](#)

In the occupied West Bank, incl. Jerusalem, since 7 October 2023, the IOF has killed **954** Palestinians, incl. **193** children, and injured at least **8,072** others³. According to prisoners' institutions, the Israeli occupation authorities conducted [16,400 arrests between October 2023 and the end of March 2025](#). In March 2025 alone, 800 arrests were recorded, including 84 children and 18 women. This does not include the thousands of other arrests in Gaza.



[Significant Development](#): The IOF places locks on the doors of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron

Figure 2: [West Bank](#)⁴ | 7 April – 13 April 2025 (until 8 AM)

¹ UNOCHA, [Reported Impact Snapshot| Gaza Strip](#), 8 April 2025.

² Ibid. Considering that Al-Ahli Arab Baptist Hospital was rendered completely inoperable on 13 April 2025.

³ Killings: Ministry of Health as of 9 April 2025 – Injuries: UNOCHA as of 18 March 2025.

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



In Focus

Yesterday, the Israeli occupation authorities prevented thousands of Palestinian Christians from the West Bank, as well as Palestinian Christians in the Gaza Strip, from reaching occupied Jerusalem to observe [Palm Sunday](#). Israeli military checkpoints in and around the city, as well as inside the Old City, restrict access to places of worship for both Muslim and Christian Palestinians. The occupation authorities require Palestinians to obtain permits and hold a card they issue after conducting what they call a "security check" on the applicants. Palestinians must then download a special application on their mobile devices and submit a permit request, which is often denied. The [Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) condemned the Israeli occupation measures. It called for international pressure on Israel to ensure it fulfills its obligations towards the occupied Palestinian people and their rights under international law and the Geneva Conventions, primarily their right to freedom of worship and access to holy sites.

Government Updates

- On Saturday, [President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, received Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Mohammad Mustafa on the sidelines of the 4th Antalya Diplomacy Forum](#). The Prime Minister highlighted the current dangerous situation in occupied Palestine, emphasizing the urgent need for intensified international pressure to halt the ongoing genocide against our people in the Gaza Strip, warning that famine threatens to expand as border crossings are closed and aid is obstructed.
- [During a high-level panel organized by the Arab-Islamic Ministerial Contact Group on the future of Gaza and Palestine](#), held as part of the 4th Antalya Diplomacy Forum, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa reiterated the Palestinian government's determination to "reunify the West Bank and Gaza under one government and unified national institutions in the State of Palestine." He added that "our people continue their struggle for independence and remain steadfast in defending their land, no matter the cost."
- [During a joint press conference in Antalya, held alongside Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan and Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan](#), Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Mohammad Mustafa said: "We urgently need collective international action to end our people's suffering, preserve the viability of the two-State solution, and help build a more secure and hopeful future for the entire region."