



Situation Report #34: 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 5 May 2025.

Key Developments

ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE AGAINST GAZA

For the past 57 days, Israel, the occupying Power, has persisted in bombarding and depriving the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip of life-sustaining necessities. During the past week, Israeli bombardment targeted various parts of Gaza, including displaced Palestinians living in tents. According to [UNOCHA](#), attacks targeting tents that shelter displaced Palestinians have significantly increased. From April 15 to 21, at least 23 tent strikes were recorded, resulting in the killing of 78 Palestinians, including women and children, and injuring dozens of others. Israeli bombardment also destroyed 30 heavy equipment vehicles that were essential for "search-and-rescue operations, waste removal, sewage maintenance, and water supply." Last Tuesday, [UNOCHA spokesperson Jens Laerke](#) said the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip is at its worst since October 2023, adding, "You can see a clear tendency towards total disaster." In describing the current crisis in the Strip, [UNRWA Commissioner Philippe Lazzarini](#) said: "Hunger is spreading and deepening, deliberate & manmade. Gaza has become a land of desperation," noting that "Humanitarian aid is being used as a bargaining chip + a weapon of war." [UNRWA](#) said that around half a million people have been newly displaced over the last month, adding that Israel's displacement orders "leave Palestinians with less than a third of Gaza's area to live in. That remaining space is fragmented, unsafe, and barely livable. Overcrowded shelters are in a terrible condition, service providers are struggling to operate, and the last resources are being depleted." On Friday, the [WFP](#) declared that it had completely exhausted its food reserves in Gaza. [UNRWA](#) similarly reported that its flour supplies are entirely gone.

ISRAEL BOMBED AL-DURA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, RENDERING IT INOPERABLE

Since the beginning of Israel's genocide in Gaza, the Israeli occupation has deliberately targeted the health system in the Gaza Strip by directly bombing hospitals and health centers. During the past week, it targeted [Al-Durra Children's Hospital](#) east of Gaza City, causing extensive damage to the intensive care unit and the hospital's alternative energy system, rendering the hospital out of service. [Dr. Munir Al-Bursh](#) noted that the hospital provided medical services to children in the eastern areas of Gaza City, specializing in treating emergency, chronic, and surgical diseases for children.



INVESTIGATION: GAZA PARAMEDICS WERE EXECUTED AT POINT-BLANK RANGE

The "Golani" force in the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) targeted the paramedics and relief workers in Rafah last March by shooting them at point-blank range without justification, as reported by a recent [Haaretz](#) investigation. The massacre took place in three stages: At 3:57 am, the "Golani" force opened fire on an ambulance at point-blank range, killing two people and arresting a third. Later, at 5:06 am, a relief convoy arrived, consisting of ambulances and fire trucks, all equipped with warning lights and crews wearing high-visibility vests. Despite this, the deputy commander ordered the force to continue firing for 3.5 minutes until all 12 aid workers were killed. It was about 12 minutes after this attack ended when a UN vehicle arrived with its lights on, carrying an UNRWA employee. Israeli soldiers again opened fire, killing him.

GAZA'S CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY: PRICES HAVE RISEN BY 527%

In a statement issued yesterday, [Gaza's Chambers of Commerce and Industry](#) reported on the collapse of the economic system, noting a staggering 527% increase in prices. The statement emphasizes that starvation and thirst are deliberately being used as weapons against civilians in Gaza today. It adds that the Israeli blockade has catastrophic and unprecedented effects on every aspect of life in Gaza. Additionally, the statement addresses the deteriorating health conditions among the general population, particularly the high malnutrition rates affecting children, the ill, and the elderly. It also points out the worsening of chronic health issues due to dependence on limited nutritious meals, such as canned food, and unsafe drinking water. This has culminated in critical living conditions marked by an unemployment rate exceeding 85%, poverty rates surpassing 90%, and a total lack of income sources to ensure a basic standard of living. The Gaza Chambers of Commerce stated that this collapse jeopardizes the current economy and foreshadows a long-term social and humanitarian disaster.

ISRAEL CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

For 98 days in [Jenin City and its refugee camp](#), the IOF has continued to destroy the infrastructure and homes amid ongoing military assaults, arrests, and forced displacement of Palestinian citizens. To isolate the refugee camp and suffocate the people under escalating restrictions, the IOF has deployed military reinforcements and [installed iron gates at the entrances during the past week](#). The IOF's aggression against the city of [Tulkarem](#) and its refugee camp has continued for 92 consecutive days, and 79 days against the Nour Shams refugee camp. The two refugee camps in Tulkarem are witnessing heavy IOF deployment amid a tight siege, with their entrances blocked by earth mounds, accompanied by raids and vandalism of homes, forcing the remaining families out of their homes at gunpoint. So far, Israel's aggression against Jenin and Tulkarem has displaced more than 46,000 Palestinians.



Summary

The majority of Palestinian martyrs in Gaza are women, children, and the elderly. Until 22 March 2025, 50,021 martyrs were identified, of whom 15,613 are children, 8,304 are women, and 3,839 are elderly people. Many remain trapped under the rubble.

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Report](#): Horrific testimonies from Gaza detainees in the "Negev Prison and "Ofer Camp."
- [UNOCHA](#): The widespread destruction has resulted in an estimated 50 million tons of debris.
- [UN News](#): "The coming days in Gaza are going to be critical."

Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

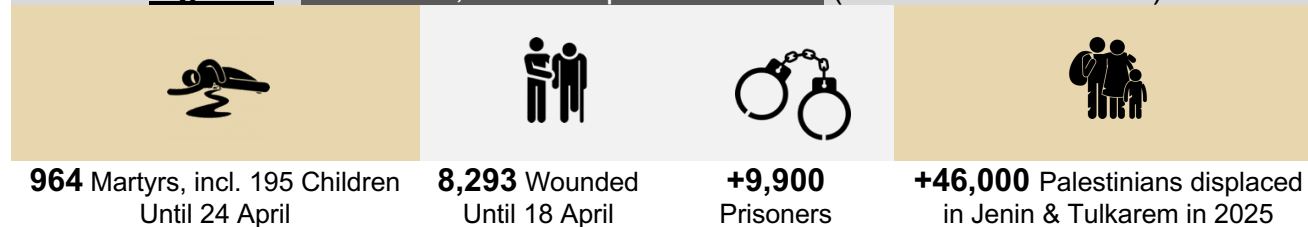
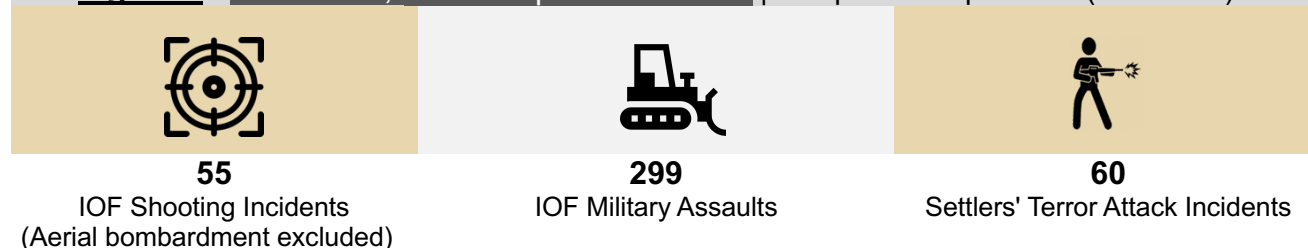


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 21 April – 26 April 2025 (until 8 AM)



- [Report](#): Israeli violations against the Palestinian environment escalate during the first quarter of 2025.
- [Wael Ghafri](#) (48) from Sinjil was killed by tear gas canisters fired by IOF, accompanied by Israeli settlers.
- [UNOCHA](#): So far in 2025, Israeli authorities have advanced plans for +15,000 settlement housing units.

Sources: Ministry of Health, [Wafa](#), [UNRWA](#), [UNOCHA](#), [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#) | [Palestinian Prisoner's Society](#), [Palestinian Journalists Syndicate](#)



In Focus

[Dror Etkes](#), the director general of the Israeli organization [Kerem Navot](#), said that last week, Israeli settlers began setting up a new colonial installation (outpost) in the southwest Hebron Hills, near Palestinian villages along the Green Line. Kerem Navot's data indicate that several colonial installations have recently been established in the Oslo-defined "Area B" of the West Bank, including in western Ramallah, in a nature reserve in Hebron, in the mountains west of Jericho, in the northern Jordan Valley, and another near Salfit. Establishing these colonial installations has become a widespread phenomenon since the formation of the current Israeli government. They are being built in areas where no Israeli settlements existed previously. The establishment of densely populated Israeli settlements in these areas would create geographical contiguity between Israel and its settlements, erasing the Green Line and advancing the "creeping annexation" of the West Bank. Etkes emphasized that the annexation plan is the goal of establishing these colonial installations, noting that settlers are looking to expel Palestinians from these areas or make their lives difficult and force them to leave. Etkes remarked that the Israeli occupation army is collaborating in the development of these colonial installations to restrict Palestinian access. The Israeli occupation army is effectively transferring the duties and responsibilities of guarding the annexation wall to the settlers, resulting in a form of "privatization," Etkes concluded.

Government Updates

- During his opening remarks in the Cabinet weekly session last Tuesday, [Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa](#) stressed the urgent need to expedite the implementation of the government's decision to provide dignified and temporary shelter for displaced families in the northern West Bank, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarem. He also instructed all relevant authorities to elevate preparedness levels in response to the ongoing Israeli aggression, which systematically targets Palestinian cities and refugee camps. The Prime Minister urged international parties, particularly the United Nations, to act swiftly to protect civilians and stop the ongoing violations of international humanitarian law.
- In a [statement](#) issued last Monday, the Government of Palestine viewed with extreme concern the arbitrary decision by the Israeli occupation authorities to ban the Minister of Jerusalem Affairs, Dr. Ashraf Al-Awar, from entering the West Bank for a period of six months. The Government considered this decision a "direct assault on its ability to perform its duties, and a deliberate attempt that seeks to further tighten the isolation of Jerusalem from its national and institutional surroundings," adding that "it is a calculated effort and part of a broader, systematic policy aimed at eroding the official Palestinian presence in the city and imposing unlawful fait accompli realities that serve Israel's annexation and Judaization schemes."