



Situation Report #69: Occupied Palestine

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The Government Communication Center at the Prime Minister's Office issues the Situation Report once a week in English, Arabic, Spanish, and French. The next Situation Report will be issued on 12 January 2026.

Key Developments

DAY 87 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 420 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 71,386 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

As severe winter weather swept across the Gaza Strip, 18 residential buildings previously damaged by Israeli shelling collapsed entirely. Nearly 90 percent of displacement tents were either blown away or flooded, [thousands of families without shelter](#) and exposing them to extreme weather conditions. Displaced civilians continue to endure unimaginable hardships in waterlogged, makeshift shelters, as living conditions further deteriorate amid heavy rainfall, strong winds, and severe storms. At the same time, Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continued to carry out strikes across the Gaza Strip, in [repeated violation of the ceasefire agreement](#). Israeli strikes and gunfire resulted in the killing of several Palestinian civilians, including a child in northern Gaza, a [young man](#) east of Khan Younis, and [two others](#)—one of whom was a fisherman—off the coast of Khan Younis while injuring others more off the coast and in the Al-Mawasi area. Meanwhile, Israeli occupation authorities have persisted in blocking [UNRWA](#) from delivering humanitarian aid to Gaza, including essential shelter supplies urgently needed by hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians. The combination of harsh winter conditions and unsafe shelters has also resulted in tragic civilian martyrdom. [A woman and her daughter, along with a three-week-old infant](#), were martyred when a fire rapidly ripped through their makeshift shelter, leaving five other individuals with severely burned.

ISRAEL REVOKES 37 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS' LICENSES

Israel has decided to [revoke the licenses of 37 international non-governmental organizations](#) operating in the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank, effectively suspending their activities within 60 days. This draconian and unlawful measure, which impacts major humanitarian actors providing health, shelter, water, and protection services, seeks to worsen an already critical humanitarian crisis, increase civilian suffering, and obstruct access to life-saving aid. The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) of the State of Palestine issued a statement condemning the decision, asserting that "Israel has no sovereignty over the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and that the State of Palestine welcomes the work of these nationally and internationally recognized institutions."

BLAMING PALESTINIAN EDUCATION WHILE UNDERMINING PALESTINIAN GOVERNANCE

The [Haaretz opinion piece](#) contends that Israel and its allies frequently blame the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), especially its school curricula, while overlooking Israel's longstanding role in weakening it. It highlights the hypocrisy of criticizing Palestinian governance after systematically restricting its power, resources, and legitimacy. Additionally, it points out that Israeli



media and political discourse display far more “defamation and incitement against the Palestinians than all of the Palestinian textbooks have against the Israelis,” often dehumanizing them.

ISRAELI KNESSET PASSES LEGISLATION RESTRICTING UNRWA OPERATIONS

The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) strongly condemned the Israeli Knesset's approval of new legislation that restricts UNRWA's operations. The law deprives [UNRWA](#) properties of water, electricity, fuel, and communications, grants the Israeli occupying authorities the power to seize UNRWA lands as well as properties managed by the Agency in occupied Jerusalem. The Ministry stressed that this legislation constitutes a dangerous violation of international law, including the UN Charter, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (1946), and international humanitarian law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention, which obligates the occupying power to ensure basic services for civilians and prohibits collective punitive measures. It explicitly excludes the Agency from Israeli law enacting Israel's obligations under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

ISRAELI SETTLERS AND IOF ARE NOW EXPELLING PALESTINIANS FROM "AREA B"

Israeli colonial settlers, supported by the IOF, have begun [expelling Palestinian families from their homes in the Oslo-defined "Area B"](#) of the occupied West Bank, which falls under Palestinian administrative control. Recent developments in Tarqumiyah northwest of Hebron have included settlers blocking access to homes with gates and preventing homeowners from returning, while the IOF either remained inactive or actively facilitated the expulsion of Palestinians. Recent cases demonstrate how Israeli settlers are increasingly displacing Palestinians from their homes and lands in "Area B." Previously, Israeli terror attacks had caused the displacement of Palestinians in the Oslo-defined "Area C," which remains under Israeli administrative and military control.

INVESTIGATION: ISRAEL TARGETED A WEDDING CELEBRATION IN RAFAH LAST YEAR

[Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#) documented an Israeli airstrike on 17 February 2024 that killed 15 members of the Abu Nahal family, including women and children, in Rafah, southern Gaza. The strike targeted a chalet, rented by the family after they were displaced from their original home. It was located in an open agricultural area, making its identification as a civilian place easy and clearly visible. The investigation revealed that the attack involved two heavy precision bombs, completely destroying the structure and causing numerous casualties. Survivors reported the martyrdom of family members and the destruction of their burial site during a subsequent ground invasion.

GAZA'S DIGITAL ECONOMY CRIPPLED BY BLOCKADE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE

A [Tamleh report](#) shows that Israel's blockade and destruction of Gaza's telecommunications and power infrastructure since October 2023 have devastated the digital economy. Young freelancers and remote workers face lost income, canceled contracts, and disrupted communication, with internet traffic down by more than 80%. The report calls for restoring infrastructure, protecting civilians' access to information, and ensuring corporate accountability.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 350 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 344 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 324 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [MSF](#): "Israel's threat to withhold registration for NGOs: A grave blow to humanitarian aid in Gaza and the West Bank"
- [PCBS](#): Unprecedented humanitarian and demographic catastrophe in Palestine by the end of 2025.
- [Video](#): Gaza entered 2026 amid ongoing Israeli ceasefire violations.

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

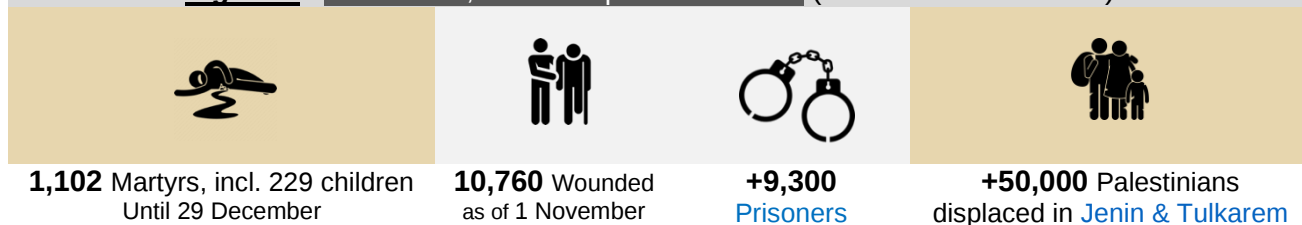
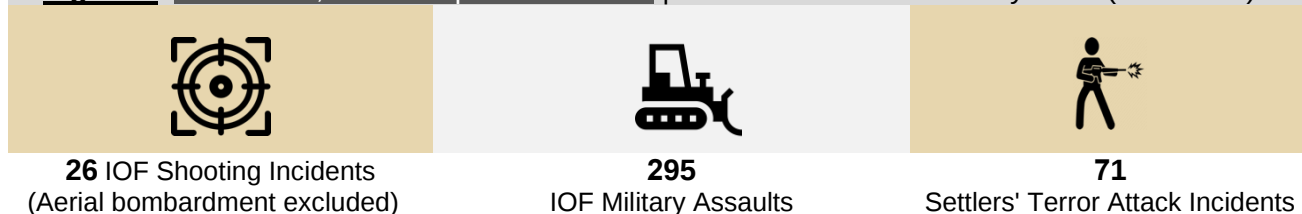


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 29 December - 04 January 2025 (until 8 AM)



- [Haaretz](#): "Netanyahu Downplays 'Bloated' Israeli Settler Violence in West Bank"
- [Report](#): "Israeli high court upholds eviction orders against Jerusalemite families in Silwan"
- [Video](#): "Palestinian prisoner starves to death in Israeli detention"
- [AI Video](#): Israeli settlers depicting the destruction of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound.

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Sources: Ministry of Health, [Wafa](#), [UNOCHA](#), [PJS](#), [NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group](#)



In Focus

The new report by the [Palestinian Prisoners Society](#) documents systematic and grave violations committed by Israeli occupation authorities against Palestinian prisoners and detainees, amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity. Throughout 2025, Israeli occupation prisons and detention camps operated as sites of organized abuse, where torture, deliberate starvation, denial of medical care, prolonged solitary confinement, enforced disappearances, and collective punishment were widely documented. At least 32 prisoners, including a child, were martyred in Israeli prisons during the past year, contributing to a death toll exceeding 100 since the onset of Israel's genocide in Gaza. Nearly half of all detainees are held without charge or trial under administrative detention or the so-called "unlawful combatant" law, while thousands have been subjected to arbitrary arrest campaigns, including children, women, journalists, and medical workers. These practices are reinforced by discriminatory legislation, expanded emergency detention powers, and the systematic absence of accountability, as investigations into deaths and abuse are routinely closed without consequence. Collectively, these policies reflect a deliberate, institutionalized framework of repression aimed at destroying the physical and psychological integrity of Palestinian prisoners, in clear violation of the Geneva Conventions and international human rights law.

Government Updates

- The Government of Palestine continues to advance its reform agenda, including strengthening [governance of the Hajj affairs](#) through the formation of the Hajj and Umrah Committee, with the participation of multiple institutions, including the State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau. This step aims to ensure the delivery of high-quality services to pilgrims and safeguard the integrity of procedures. In parallel, and as part of broader reform efforts to [develop the justice system](#), expedite judicial procedures in settlements courts, and to modernize long-standing legislation that has remained in place for decades, the Cabinet has referred to the President a draft decree-law on Settlement Courts for approval. Despite the severe financial crisis caused by the Israeli occupation's continued withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues—now in its eighth consecutive month—which account for approximately 68 percent of the Ministry of Finance's revenues, the Government remains firmly committed to sustaining essential public services. This commitment is reflected in the opening of new schools and advancing infrastructure development, including roads, water networks, and power grids. Simultaneously, the Government continues to implement emergency and relief interventions in the Gaza Strip, including partial rubble removal at critical sites such as schools and hospitals, repairs to damaged water networks, and the provision of other essential services. Further details are outlined in the [Government Communication Center's weekly report](#).
- The Government Operations Room for Emergency Interventions in the Gaza Strip, in partnership with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, have launched the ["#RightToShelterGaza"](#) campaign, calling for the immediate entry of prefabricated housing units as an urgent, temporary humanitarian solution, as hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians continue to suffer.