



Situation Report #54: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 717: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE IN GAZA

The occupying Power has intensified its brutal attacks on the Gaza Strip, particularly targeting Gaza City with [explosive-laden robots](#) and [intensive fire belts](#) aimed at [demolishing more of the city's homes and high-rise buildings](#). According to Haaretz, [Netanyahu](#) ordered the Israeli army to raze Gaza City "from its roots," while [Ben-Gvir](#) expressed plans to construct a "luxurious" neighborhood for Israeli police officers on the ruins of Gaza. [Katz](#) boasted about burning Gaza, while [Smotrich](#) described it as a real estate "bonanza" that Israel and the US will divide. Moreover, with the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) launching a massive attack on Gaza City, resulting in widespread destruction and horrific massacres, over 55,585 [displacement movements](#) were recorded between 14–17 September—a total of nearly 198,000 movements from northern to southern Gaza since mid-August. [UNRWA](#) estimates the cost of displacement to the south, which is already overcrowded with tent areas, at \$3,180 per family. Ongoing Israeli airstrikes and ground operations in Gaza City continue to cause "heavy losses to exhausted civilians," while the influx of displaced people into southern Gaza increases pressure on "already overstretched" services, [UNOCHA](#) said. After two years of Israel's genocide in the Gaza Strip, [UNICEF](#) stated, "450,000 children in Gaza City are already traumatized and exhausted," adding that the ongoing military offensive will have even more severe consequences for them. Until yesterday, [medical sources](#) confirmed the death of 447 Palestinians from starvation, including 147 children. At the aid distribution centers of the Gaza "Humanitarian" Foundation, the IOF has continued to target [starved Palestinians seeking aid](#), killing 2,523 Palestinians and wounding around 18,473 others since 27 May 2025. Over the past 23 months, Israel has killed nearly 3,000 Palestinian aid seekers, according to [The New Humanitarian](#).

NEW REPORT: "ISRAEL HAS COMMITTED GENOCIDE IN THE GAZA STRIP"

The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, concluded in its [new report](#) that "Israel is responsible for the commission of genocide in Gaza" and that senior Israeli officials, including Netanyahu, "have incited the commission of genocide." The report found that "the State of Israel bears responsibility for the failure to prevent genocide, the commission of genocide and the failure to punish genocide against the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip." [Navi Pillay, Chair of the Commission](#), stated, "It is clear that there is an intent to destroy the Palestinians in Gaza through acts that meet the criteria set forth in the Genocide Convention." In welcoming the report, the [Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) emphasized the need for decisive measures to end the ongoing genocide.



ISRAEL-MADE FAMINE IN GAZA: "I STARVE MYSELF SO MY CHILDREN CAN EAT"

The new [report](#) by the [Women's Refugee Commission](#) documents "The Gendered Impacts of Food Insecurity and Famine in Gaza." The report details how women and girls in Gaza face a disproportionate risk of hunger and starvation, and shows how "aid blockades and militarized food distribution systems" systematically exclude them. It finds that Israel's blocking of a humanitarian response, combined with the massive casualties and displacement, intensifies gender inequalities in Gaza and triggers a "psychological collapse that may last for generations." By the end of September 2025, nearly a third of Gazans are expected to face famine conditions, according to [IPC](#).

FOUR COUNTRIES FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF PALESTINE

The governments of the [UK](#), [Canada](#), [Australia](#), and [Portugal](#) announced yesterday their official recognition of the State of Palestine, a historic decision seen as a victory for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people. H.E. President Mahmoud Abbas welcomed the announcement as a recognition of the Palestinian people's aspirations for a state of their own and as part of coordinated international efforts to create a favorable environment for implementing the two-State solution.

ISRAEL SIEZES THE ROOF OF THE INNER COURTYARD OF THE IBRAHIMI MOSQUE

The [Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission](#) revealed that the Israeli occupation authorities issued a confiscation order last Monday to seize the roof of the inner courtyard of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron. The order stipulates "the confiscation of 288 square meters of the mosque's designated roof." The head of the commission, Moayyad Shaaban, stated that the occupying state is thus embarking on a gradual and escalating trend of targeting religious sites. Shaaban noted that in February 2025, powers over the works at the mosque were transferred from the Palestinian Ministry of Endowments to the occupation's "Civil Planning Authority." In July 2025, the occupation authorities decided to strip the Hebron Municipality of its supervisory authority and transfer it to the religious council in the "Kiryat Arba" settlement, which now manages certain parts of the mosque and implements structural changes. The commission emphasized that these policies violate IHL and UNESCO resolutions, which recognize the Ibrahimi Mosque as a World Heritage Site under threat.

ISRAEL IMPOSES SPECIAL PERMITS ON KHALAYLEH, BEIT IKSA, AND NABI SAMWIL

The Israeli occupation authorities' [new decision](#) affects the Khalayleh neighborhood and the villages of Beit Iksa and Nabi Samwil, where nearly 3,000 Palestinians live. All three communities in the northwest of occupied Jerusalem, surrounded by Israeli settlements, are already restricted from building new homes or delivering essential supplies without special permits and face nearly total isolation due to Israel's annexation wall, military checkpoints, and gates. Under the new decision, anyone without permits will be barred from passing through the military checkpoint at the entrances to these communities, further increasing their isolation and tightening the Israeli occupation's control.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 245 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 239 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 226 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

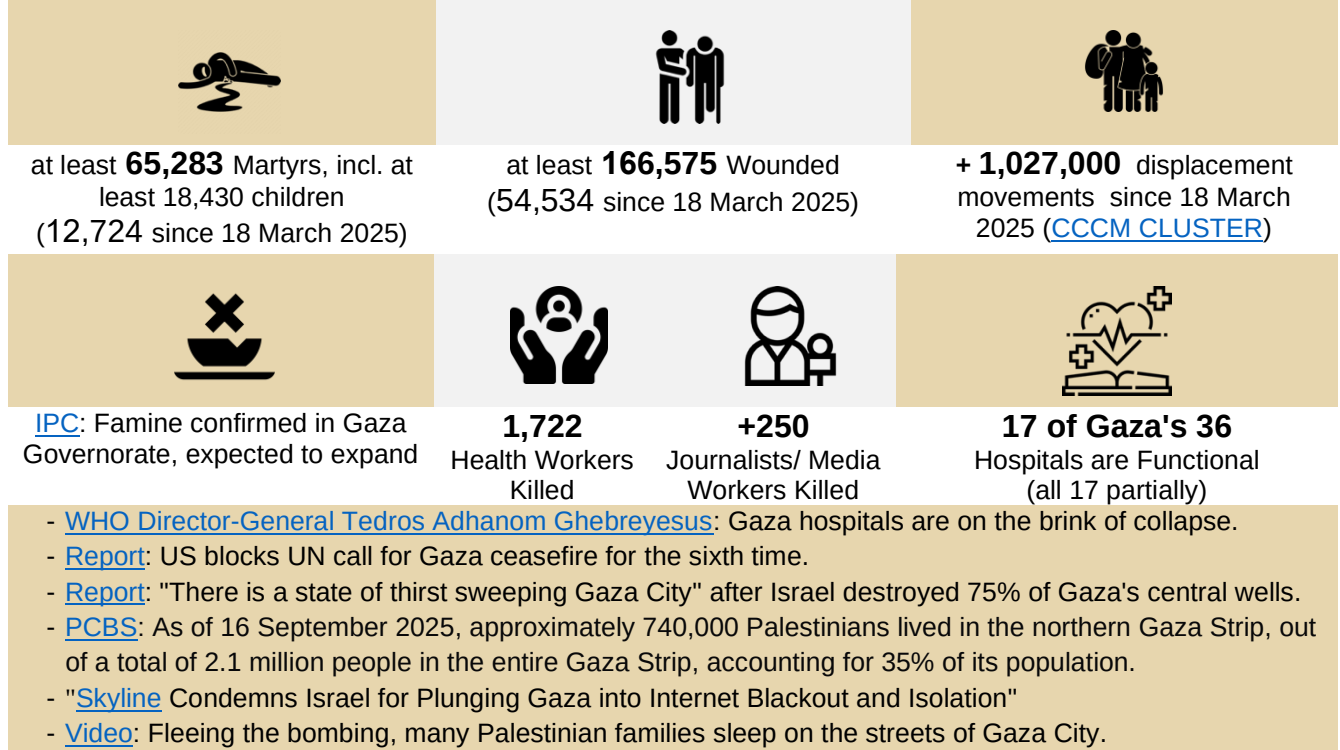


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

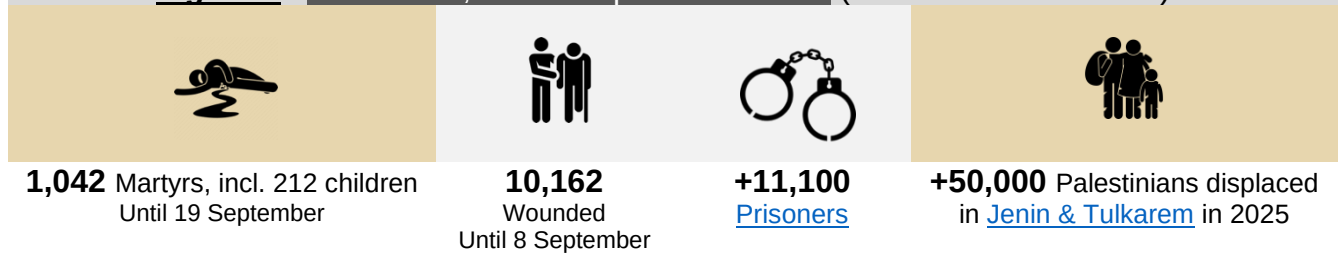
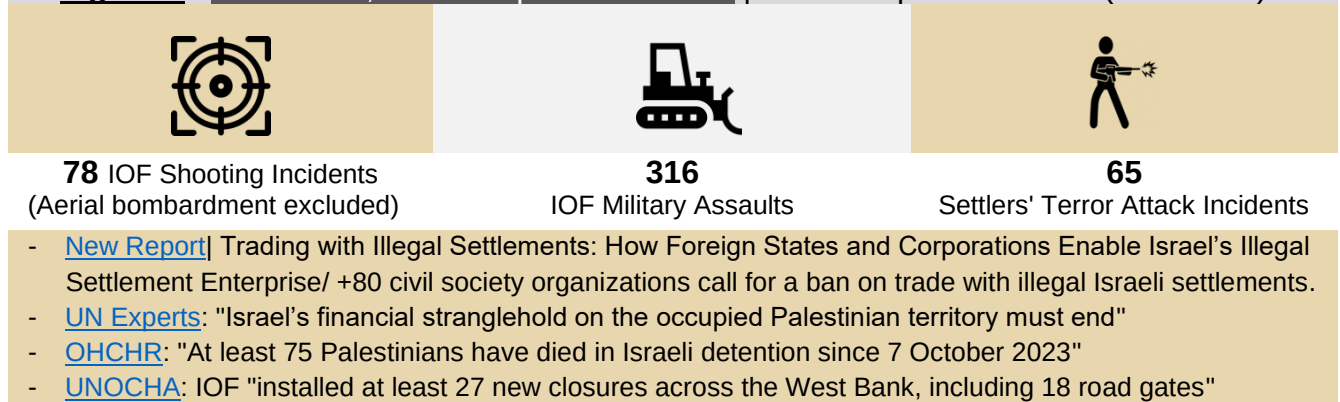


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem |15 –21 September 2025 (until 8 AM)



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



In Focus

Following a visit by its lawyer to "Ofar" Prison, the [Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs](#) (CDA) reported that **PALESTINIAN CHILD DETAINEES** are enduring extremely harsh detention conditions, lacking even the necessities of human life. This reflects a systematic policy targeting Palestinian children and trying to destroy their future. CDA explained that the occupation is holding hundreds of children in detention centers, where they are placed in overcrowded cells and face worsening environmental and health conditions. Child detainees are denied access to education and medical care and are subjected to frequent physical and psychological abuse, along with a daily policy of isolation and searches. CDA confirmed that the Israeli prison administration intentionally neglects the health of Palestinian child detainees, withholds medical care, and serves them poor-quality meals, forcing them to live in an environment that endangers their physical and psychological development. Many of them are also subjected to harsh interrogations and continuous blackmail aimed at breaking their will. CDA called on international organizations, especially the United Nations, to pressure the occupying Power to stop its criminal policies and release all Palestinian child detainees. "Time is running out for them towards a dangerous fate if the world does not act now," CDA added.

Government Updates

- The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) welcomed and deeply commended the decision made by the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and [Portugal](#) to recognize the State of Palestine. The Ministry said: "This bold and principled decision reflects a firm commitment to international law, as well as demonstrates a genuine dedication to ending the occupation and achieving lasting peace; ensuring security, stability, and prosperity for the region and the world at large." The Ministry also underscored "the unwavering readiness and determination of the State of Palestine and its legitimate government to forge strong, substantive, and enduring relations with these countries on all fronts."
- **Governance and Development:** The Palestinian Government continues its relentless efforts to strengthen the pillars of governance and sustainable development. Most recently, it has successfully completed the financial settlements for 104 local authorities and joint service councils, contributing to enhanced financial and administrative stability within these institutions. In the same context, the Government launched [The National Spatial Development Plan 2050 – Palestine's Vision for the Future](#), which presents an integrated strategic vision for statehood. The plan encompasses transportation and communication networks, water and energy resource management, economic development zones, new urban centers, and essential facilities—all reflecting a forward-looking vision for Palestine's promising future. In addition, the Government introduced [electronic signature for Companies' Registration Services](#), marking a significant step toward digital transformation and providing legal protection for electronic transactions. To further strengthen economic governance and reinforce confidence in the national economy, the Government also approved the formation of a specialized committee to regulate cross-border gold trade and curb illicit flows, thereby safeguarding the stability of this market.