



Situation Report #56: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 731: ISRAEL'S ONGOING GENOCIDE IN GAZA

Israel's systematic erasure of various parts of the Gaza Strip, including the ongoing destruction of Gaza City, is effectively "wiping out thousands of years of Palestinian and Arab heritage," which constitutes "a crime against history itself," as described by [+972 magazine](#). Over the past week, [UNRWA's Philippe Lazzarini](#) warned of "planned large scale massacres" in Gaza City. As tens of thousands of Palestinians face repeated displacement under extremely harsh conditions, [UNRWA](#) explained that about half a million Palestinians are trapped in Gaza City within an area of no more than eight square kilometers. This means that "approximately 70,000 people will be crowded into each square kilometer" in the southern areas to which Israel is demanding civilians evacuate, amid a catastrophic humanitarian situation. Also, the [Government's Emergency Operations Room](#) warned of a worsening humanitarian catastrophe as time runs out and deaths from hunger and malnutrition increase, especially among children. Furthermore, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) [continued bombarding different parts of Gaza](#), including [al-Shifa and al-Helou hospitals in Gaza City](#), despite patients and displaced persons being present. A newborn at Al-Helou Hospital died, and three premature infants were transferred to another hospital in the south. As of 5 October, [medical sources](#) confirmed the death of 460 Palestinians from starvation, including 154 children. At the aid distribution centers of the Gaza "Humanitarian" Foundation, the IOF has continued to target [starved Palestinians seeking aid](#), killing 2,605 Palestinians and wounding around 19,124 others since 27 May 2025.

STATE OF PALESTINE WELCOMES PRESIDENT TRUMP'S CEASEFIRE CALL

[H.E. President Mahmoud Abbas](#) welcomed President Trump's [announcement](#) on ending the war in Gaza. The President also welcomed Hamas's positive statements "as they signal a willingness to release all hostages and adopt a constructive approach during this critical stage, which requires everyone to exercise the highest level of national responsibility." Praising the efforts of Arab and Islamic countries, especially Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, UAE, Turkey, Indonesia, and Pakistan, in supporting peace, the President reaffirmed the State of Palestine's readiness to work constructively with President Trump and all Arab and international partners, including the International Peace Conference and the United Nations Security Council, to achieve stability and a just, lasting peace in line with international law.



PCBS: UNPRECEDENTED DECLINE IN GAZA STRIP POPULATION

According to the latest report by the [Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics](#), since the start of the ongoing Israeli aggression on 7 October 2023, the Gaza Strip has experienced an unprecedented population decline. This is due to the high number of martyrs and missing persons, as well as thousands of Palestinians leaving the Strip, in addition to a significant drop in birth rates. Recent population estimates show that the population of the Gaza Strip was about 2,129,724 in 2024, representing a 6% decrease from mid-2024 estimates. It further declined to 2,114,301 in mid-2025, a 10% drop from earlier estimates made before the Israeli aggression.

ISRAEL ATTACKS THE GLOBAL SUMUD FLOTILLA, ARRESTS & DEPORTS ACTIVISTS

The Israeli navy intercepted all ships of the [Global Sumud Flotilla](#) in international waters, which aimed to break the siege on Gaza. GSF statement said: "462 peaceful activists from around 45 countries were on board the intercepted vessels(...). They were kidnapped and brought to Israel against their will, along with their ships, which were unlawfully seized and brought to Israel." The statement added that [some activists](#), including the acclaimed climate activist [Greta Thunberg](#), who was reportedly forced to kiss the Israeli flag, "were subjected to degrading treatment and water cannons," emphasizing that "the activists' humanitarian mission was violently crushed."

SETTLERS CUT OFF WATER ACCESS TO 19 COMMUNITIES IN RAMALLAH

Israeli settlers once again attacked the water wells near Ein Samiya, disrupting control and monitoring of several wells. [Firas Al-Maliki, the Director of Media and Public Relations at the Jerusalem Water Undertaking](#) (JWU), confirmed that the recent attack involved cutting off communication and internet lines, as well as the main lines that enable JWU crews to operate the water pumps. He added that this attack led to a complete halt in water pumping, negatively impacting the water supply for affected citizens and the overall distribution system. Al-Maliki stressed that these wells are the sole water source for 19 Palestinian communities east and north of Ramallah, as well as 14 residential communities that partially rely on them.

PALESTINIAN FAMILIES FACE THREAT OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN JERUSALEM

Six Palestinian families, comprising approximately 40 individuals, face the [imminent risk of forced displacement from their homes in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood of Silwan](#) after receiving [eviction orders](#) from the "Israeli Enforcement and Collection Authority." Under these orders, evictions could take place at any time between 19 October and 4 November 2025. Among those threatened with eviction are women, children, the elderly, the sick, and people with disabilities. The families—[al-Rajabi, al-Shuweiki, and Odeh](#)—have exhausted all legal avenues after an Israeli court rejected their appeals and ruled in favor of the settler organization "Ateret Cohanim."

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 259 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 253 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 240 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

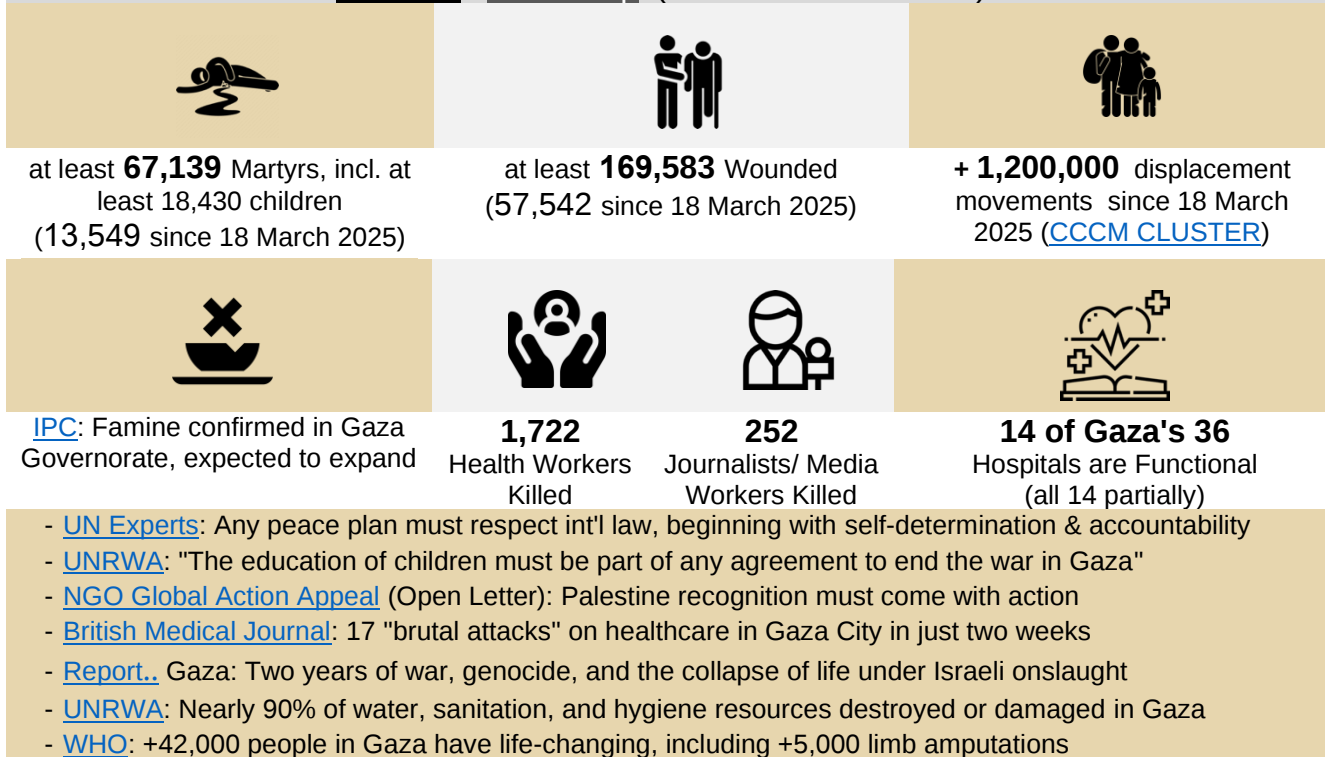


Figure 2: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem (Since 7 October 2023)

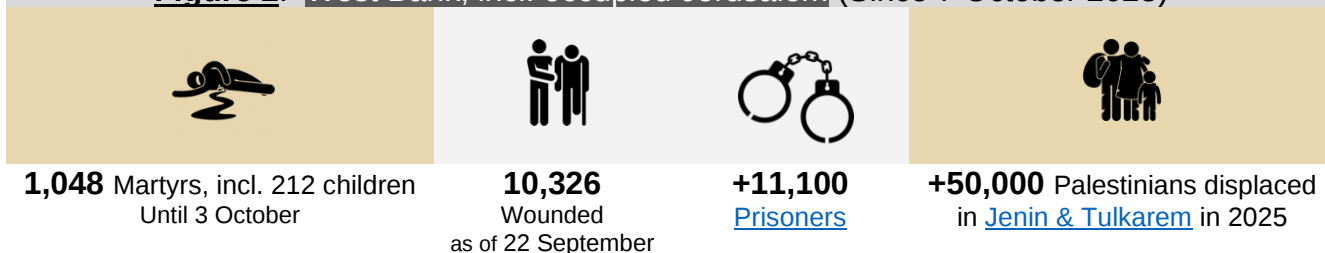
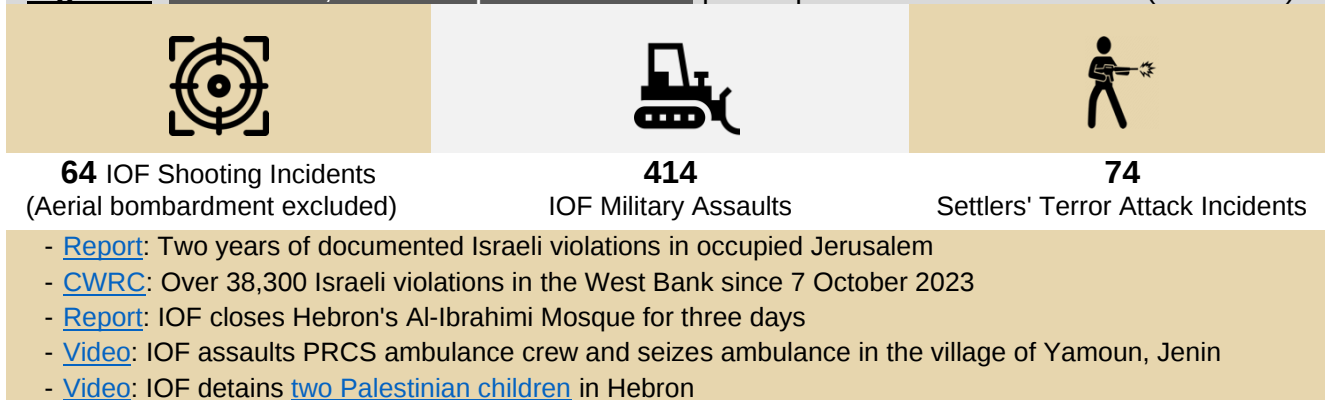


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 29 September – 6 October 2025 (until 8 AM)



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



In Focus

The [Palestinian Prisoner's Society](#) (PPS) reported that the Israeli occupation continues to escalate its targeting of Palestinian prisoners released in the latest prisoner exchange deals, carrying out arrests and field interrogations against them. The most recent of these was the re-arrest of released prisoner Hanan Barghouthi, who was detained last Tuesday from her home in Kobar, near Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank. PPS added that this escalation is part of a systematic policy and a clear breach of the prisoner exchange deal. It sends a message to all released prisoners that they remain within the scope of targeting and persecution. According to PPS documentation of ongoing arrests, the occupation has re-arrested at least 40 former prisoners released in the most recent exchange deal in early 2025, with 16 still in detention, including three women. Most have been placed under administrative detention without trial or charge. One notable example is Wael Al-Jaghoub from Nablus, who previously spent 23 years in Israeli prisons. PPS noted that some released prisoners have been targeted multiple times through arrests, interrogations, and field questioning. The occupation has intensified its targeting of released Palestinian prisoners through various means, including military orders that provide broader legal cover, along with laws and proposed legislation.

Government Updates

- As part of the 19th Palestinian Government's ongoing efforts to promote transparency, uphold accountability, and combat corruption, and upon the request of the competent legal authorities, the Government has decided to lift the immunity of two senior officials, allowing for their appearance before the relevant bodies to address matters related to their official duties. The Government affirms that this step is fully consistent with its declared commitment, since its formation, to upholding the principles of accountability and transparency, and represents a concrete expression of its genuine political will to consolidate the foundations of good governance and rule of law. Additionally, it has recently approved the National Cross-Sectoral Strategy to Strengthen Governance and Combat Corruption (2025–2030) and executive plan of the Palestinian Anti-corruption Commission, ensuring coordinated national efforts toward an institutional environment grounded in integrity, transparency, and accountability.
- The Government continues to intensify efforts to advance the pillars of reform, sustainable development, and digital transformation. Moving from political recognition toward the realization of statehood requires steady progress along advanced reform and development paths aligned with modern standards—by building capable state institutions grounded in the principles of sound governance and empowered by digital technologies. This approach aims to meet the aspirations of the Palestinian people and the requirements of international legitimacy. In addition, and as part of its efforts to realize statehood on the ground, and part of implementing the first phase of the National Program for Development and Reform, the Government has launched the first phase of the functional review of several government departments. This process represents a core component of institutional readiness and a practical embodiment of the Government's commitment to reform and good governance. It aims to enhance the efficiency of government bodies, ensure optimal use of financial, human, and digital resources, and align their organizational structures and functions with national priorities and policies, thus enhancing institutional performance; reinforcing public and international trust in state institutions.