



Situation Report #78: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 150 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 648 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,133 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Despite the declared ceasefire, [Israeli attacks](#) on Gaza continue unabated, resulting in the martyrdom of Palestinian civilians at the hands of the Israeli occupation forces (IOF). Among those killed are 43-year-old [Maher Sammour](#) in Khan Younis in southern Gaza and a [13-year-old Palestinian child](#) in Beit Lahia. Meanwhile, [UNRWA](#) has warned that Israel has once again banned the entry of supplies into Gaza, describing the measure as “a new chokehold on Gaza” amid widespread shortages of basic necessities. The [World Health Organization](#) has also cautioned that Gaza's medical supplies have reached critically low levels, while fuel shortages restrict hospital operations and the continued closure of the Rafah crossing prevents medical evacuations. In addition, [World Central Kitchen](#) has warned that rapidly depleting supplies may soon force it to suspend its meal distribution operations.

WEST BANK TODAY: ESCALATING SETTLER TERROR, FORCED DISPLACEMENT, AND CRUSHING MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS

[Under cover of war](#) and exploiting ongoing regional escalation, the IOF have imposed a [comprehensive closure](#) across the West Bank. In the village of Qaryut in the Nablus Governorate, military-backed armed Israeli settlers, raided the area and killed two Palestinian brothers, [Mohammad and Faheem Ma'ammr](#). The IOF also arrested more than 20 Palestinians and prevented ambulances from reaching the wounded for over an hour by blocking the roads. In a related incident, Israeli settlers carried out a [brutal attack on the village of Abu Falah](#), east of Ramallah, killing two Palestinians and injuring several others with live fire, while a third Palestinian died from tear gas inhalation during a subsequent Israeli military raid. Additionally, the [IOF detained 40 Palestinians](#) across the West Bank while conducting house searches and inspections in multiple neighborhoods. Reports also document further settler attacks across various areas, where settlers assaulted citizens, attacked shepherds, and attempted to steal livestock. Escalating settler terror attacks, combined with the declaration of closed military zones, have forcibly displaced the remaining families near Duma from their homes, resulting in the forcible transfer of an [entire Bedouin community](#). [The sweeping closure](#) and escalating measures have also led to the shutdown of military checkpoints, disrupting supply chains and basic services across occupied Palestine.



TOXIC TRANSFER: THE DELIBERATE ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME OF SMUGGLING HAZARDOUS ISRAELI WASTE INTO OCCUPIED PALESTINE

According to a recent media brief by the [PLO's Negotiations Affairs Department](#), the Israeli occupation authorities transfer hazardous waste from Israel and illegal settlements into Palestinian areas in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Estimates indicate that approximately 350,000 tons of hazardous waste are smuggled annually, including industrial chemicals, electronic waste, medical waste, sewage sludge, and used oils. These violations predominantly occur in areas under IOF military control and are facilitated by Israeli settlements' industrial zones. At the same time, the occupying Power's restrictions prevent Palestinians from establishing adequate waste treatment facilities. The brief said that waste smuggling contaminates soil, air, and water resources, resulting in long-term environmental degradation, agricultural losses, and increased health risks for the Palestinian people.

ISRAEL'S SYSTEMATIC TORTURE & GENOCIDAL PRACTICES AGAINST PALESTINIANS

In a recent report submitted to the [61st session of the United Nations Human Rights Council](#), the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 examined the systematic use of torture against Palestinians since 7 October 2023. It concluded that these practices amount to genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, highlighting consistent patterns of physical and psychological abuse in detention. It further underscored the broader context of oppression, including mass displacement, deliberate destruction of homes and critical infrastructure, and widespread deprivation of essential services, all of which threaten the survival, security, and rights of the Palestinian people.

WIDESPREAD SETTLER ATTACKS AND EXPANSION OF ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS

According to the [Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission](#), the IOF and settlers carried out 1,965 attacks against Palestinians in February 2026. These included 1,454 by the IOF and 511 by settlers, primarily in Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah and Al-Bireh, and occupied Jerusalem. These violations involved assaults on civilians, property vandalism, demolition of homes and agricultural facilities, and the uprooting or destruction of 1,314 trees, mostly olive trees. During the same period, settlers attempted to establish five new colonial installations (outposts), while Israeli occupation authorities seized 2,022 dunams of Palestinian land, carried out demolition operations affecting 122 Palestinian structures, and advanced settlement plans for hundreds of new colonial housing units.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 413 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 407 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 387 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Report](#): "How Israel's siege of Gaza is deepening the water and public health crisis"
- [UN](#): Gaza faces catastrophic humanitarian crisis as Israel keeps crossings closed.
- [Video](#): IOF conducting large-scale demolitions east of Khan Yunis, Gaza.
- [MSF](#): Israeli attacks on Gaza's healthcare have killed staff and destroyed hospitals.
- [Report](#): 1,007 members of Gaza's sports community killed & 265 facilities destroyed since October 2023.

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

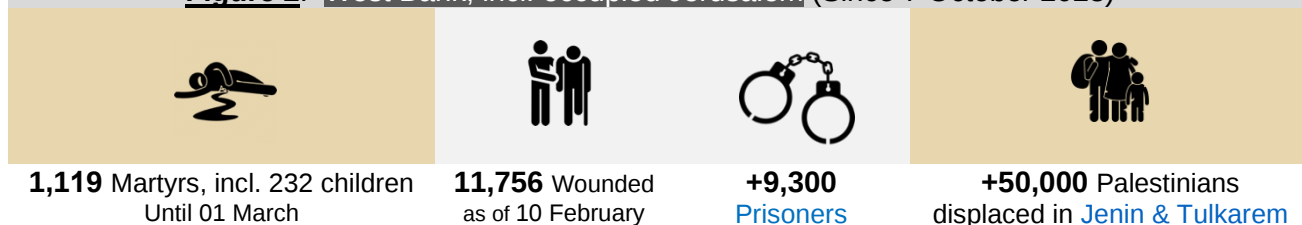
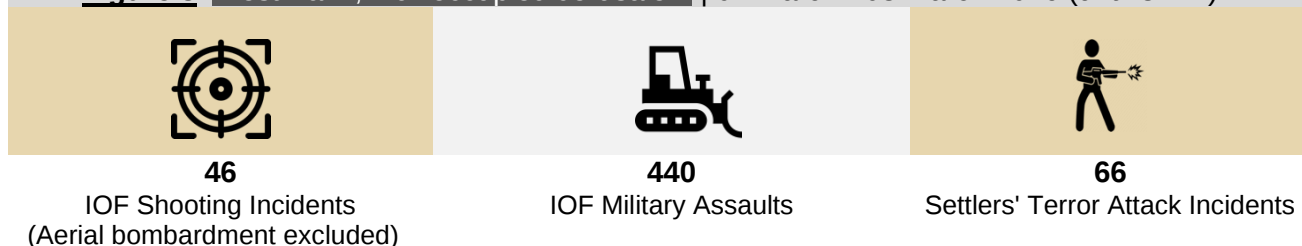


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 02 March - 08 March 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [Brief](#) explaining the decisions made by the Israeli security cabinet & government in February 2026.
- [Fact Sheet](#): Jordan Valley in 2026/ Lost Opportunities for the State of Palestine
- [UN experts](#) warn Israel's aggression in occupied Jerusalem is causing irreversible 'de-Palestinisation'.

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



In Focus

The holy month of Ramadan has once again highlighted the deteriorating conditions faced by Palestinian detainees held in Israeli prisons and detention centers. For thousands of Palestinians behind bars, including more than 70 women and over 350 children, the spiritual significance of Ramadan has been overshadowed by severe Israeli restrictions that limit both religious practice and access to basic necessities. [Testimonies from prisoners](#) and reports by Palestinian institutions indicate that the prison environment during Ramadan has become increasingly restrictive, raising serious humanitarian and legal concerns regarding the treatment of prisoners under international standards. Detainees across several Israeli prisons are facing harsh limitations that undermine their ability to observe Ramadan's basic rituals. Reports indicate that meals intended for the daily fast-breaking meal, or iftar, are sometimes confiscated or discarded by prison authorities, leaving detainees with insufficient food to sustain them after long hours of fasting. In many cases, the limited portions provided fall far below the nutritional needs of prisoners, particularly during a month that requires careful management of food intake between sunset and dawn, leading to severe weight loss. Beyond food restrictions, reports also indicate significant limitations on their ability to practice core elements of their faith during Ramadan, including congregational prayers. According to [Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs](#), prisoners held in "Ofer" Prison do not receive announcements or notifications indicating prayer times. This absence of basic information creates confusion for detainees attempting to observe religious obligations, particularly during the early morning meal (suhoor) and the sunset meal (iftar), which are essential components of Ramadan fasting.

Government Updates

Escalating regional developments and Israeli occupation measures continue to intensify the suffering of Palestinian citizens in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as the occupation persistently obstructs the entry of essential food, medical, and shelter supplies. Despite these severe constraints, the [Palestinian Government](#) continues its efforts to maintain critical services. Technical teams from the Palestinian Water Authority are working tirelessly to sustain water supply lines serving the Gaza Strip under extremely challenging conditions. In the education sector, the Ministry of Education continues to expand in-person learning points across Gaza, currently serving more than 180,000 students. However, this figure represents only about one-third of the total number of students, meaning that nearly two-thirds of Gaza's students have not received regular education for more than two years, while some have only had intermittent learning sessions alternating between online and in-person formats. As part of preparations for recovery and reconstruction, the Government, in partnership with UNDP and other international partners, continues debris removal operations despite limited resources and the absence of heavy machinery. To date, about 614,000 tons of debris have been cleared, including 118,000 tons crushed for recycling and reuse, while around 2,000 tons of rubble have been processed in the central area, contributing to a total of 3,000 tons reused in road works. In the West Bank, Israeli settlers are exploiting the international community's preoccupation with regional developments to



escalate policies of ethnic cleansing in Oslo-defined Area C, including forced displacement of Palestinian families, shootings, and daily killings. These measures are compounded by the presence of more than 1,000 checkpoints and military gates, severely restricting movement between cities and towns and suffocating Palestinian's daily life. Amid these conditions, the Palestinian government is struggling to ensure the continued delivery of services to citizens, despite the occupation's illegal withholding of Palestinian tax revenues since May. This has led to a severe shortage of medicines and medical supplies in hospitals and has prevented the government from paying full salaries to its employees. These measures are also accompanied by ongoing statements and threats from Israeli officials aimed at pushing toward the collapse of the Palestinian National Authority and creating a state of chaos in occupied Palestine.

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