



Situation Report #80: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 171 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 702 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,278 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

For the third consecutive year, Palestinians in Gaza faced a [deadly Eid al-Fitr](#). Over five months after the "ceasefire," families in Gaza, according to [UNRWA](#), continue to suffer amid worsening humanitarian conditions. Meanwhile, [UNOCHA](#) reports that humanitarian operations remain severely constrained due to ongoing restrictions imposed by Israel, with thousands remain displaced in shelters, facing increasingly dire conditions as Israel is [tightening its siege on Gaza](#), pushing civilians closer to "renewed famine". Recent incidents underscore the continued toll on civilians: An Israeli drone strike targeted a vehicle in the Nuseirat refugee camp, killing [three Palestinians and injuring ten](#). In Gaza City, Israeli shelling killed [one Palestinian and injured](#) several others. [Khaled Saif al-Din Arada](#), a 13-year-old Palestinian boy, was killed by Israeli gunfire in the al-Mawasi area. Additionally, [four Palestinians were killed](#), and several others wounded in an Israeli airstrike north of Az-Zawayda village. [Abdulrahman Qanbour](#), 22, was killed, and seven others injured when Israeli warplanes struck the "Umm Amira" camp. At the same time, severe weather has compounded the suffering. Heavy rains have flooded tents and shelters housing at least 120 families, while ongoing Israeli strikes have damaged [45 shelters](#) in Deir al-Balah, further worsening living conditions. [UNFPA](#) warned that children and youth in Gaza are experiencing a severe mental health crisis, marked by widespread trauma, fear, and high rates of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and anxiety. Girls are particularly vulnerable, with rising rates of child marriage linked to deepening poverty and insecurity.

SYSTEMATIC DISPLACEMENT OF PALESTINIAN FAMILIES IN OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

According to a [Peace Now](#) report, Israeli occupation authorities have carried out forced evictions in the Batan al-Hawa neighborhood of Silwan, uprooting Palestinian families from their homes and replacing them with Israeli settlers. It said that at least 37 Palestinian families have already been forcibly uprooted, with around 60 additional families currently at risk of forced displacement. Concurrently, the [United Nations Humanitarian Country Team](#) has warned that such practices constitute a serious violation of international humanitarian law and are part of a broader pattern of forcible transfer in occupied Jerusalem. The United Nations has urgently urged the Israeli occupation authorities to immediately stop evictions, halt and reverse settlement expansion, and ensure the protection of Palestinian civilians, emphasizing the need to allow displaced families to return to their homes and to receive full legal remedies.



IOF TORTURES ONE-YEAR-OLD CHILD IN FRONT OF HIS FATHER IN GAZA

[Osama Abu Nassar was forced at gunpoint](#) to leave his 18-month-old son and approach a military checkpoint, where he was detained, stripped, and interrogated. During this time, Israeli occupation forces (IOF) [subjected the child to torture in front of his father](#), including burning his leg with cigarettes and inflicting puncture wounds by inserting a nail, according to medical reports, in grave breaches of international humanitarian and human rights law. The child was released after ten hours through the International Committee of the Red Cross in Al-Maghazi, while the father remains in Israeli detention.

ORGANIZED SETTLER TERRORISM AND IMPUNITY IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK

According to an analysis published by [the Guardian](#) in March 2026, no Israeli individuals have been prosecuted since the start of this decade for killing Palestinian civilians in the occupied West Bank, revealing a persistent pattern of impunity and state-backed terrorism. Former Israeli occupation military, police, and intelligence officials described settler violence as increasingly organized and systematic, with some describing it as "organized Jewish terrorism", demanding urgent action to stop "almost daily" attacks on Palestinians. Attacks have spurred former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert to call for an intervention by the ICC, to "save the Palestinians and [Israelis]" from state-backed settler violence, carried out with the complicity and sometimes participation of the police and military. This ongoing impunity is reflected in continued terror attacks by settlers and the IOF, including a deadly attack south of Hebron, where [a Palestinian worker was killed](#), and others were injured after their vehicles were targeted with live fire, causing them to overturn. Additional [violations](#) include raids on Palestinian homes, road closures, and the storming of [a school in Huwara](#), where settlers vandalized property and issued death threats.

"URGENT APPEAL: STOP THE EXECUTION OF PALESTINIAN PRISONERS' LAW"

[Palestinian prisoner organizations have issued an urgent appeal](#) to the international community to prevent the imminent passage of the "Prisoner Execution Law," warning that, if enacted, this bill will mark a historic escalation—a new phase of openly sanctioned, politically motivated executions of Palestinian prisoners. The institutions emphasize that Israeli prisons have long been sites of systematic torture and slow executions, with over one hundred Palestinian prisoners martyred behind bars since the start of Israel's genocidal war, and dozens subjected to enforced disappearance. [A recent UN report](#) confirms that Israel's prison system has become a "laboratory of calculated cruelty," adding that "What once operated in the shadows is now practiced openly: a regime of organized humiliation, pain and degradation, sanctioned at the highest political levels." Since October 2023, over 18,500 Palestinians have been detained throughout occupied Palestine, including at least 1,500 children.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 434 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 428 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 408 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)



- [Euro-Med](#): "Israel capitalises on global distraction with Iran war to intensify Gaza starvation"
- [PRCS study](#): "Displacement and conflict behind spread of scabies and impetigo among Gaza children"
- [Euro-Med](#): "Israel systematically destroyed over 93% of Gaza Strip cemeteries amid ongoing genocide"
- [Fact Sheet](#): The "Execution of Palestinian Prisoners' Law" is a dangerous escalation requiring urgent global action.

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

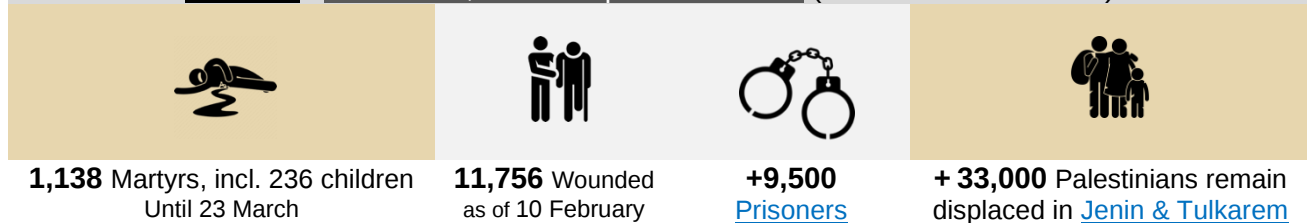
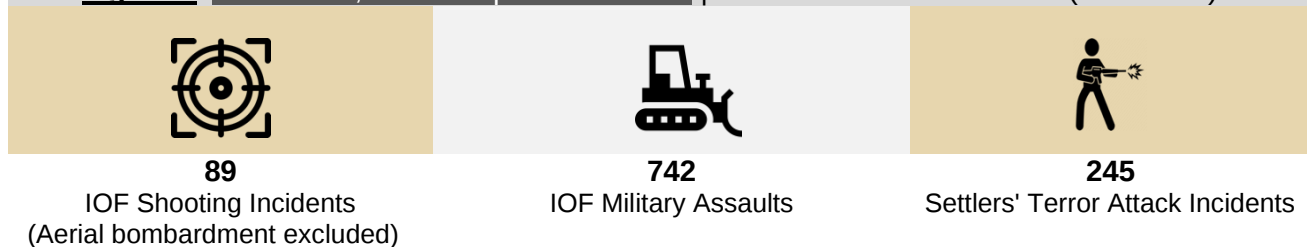


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 16 March - 29 March 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [UNICEF](#): Palestinian children in the West Bank face increasing settler terror and forced displacement.
- [MSF](#): "Palestinian daily life (in the West Bank) consumed by new wave of violence as world looks elsewhere"
- [Video](#): 24 Palestinian villages targeted in just four days — a dangerous and escalating pattern of state-backed terrorism.

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



In Focus

Israel's accelerated expansion of settlements across the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is driving a sharp increase in forced displacement and raising serious concerns over the emergence of a systematic policy of territorial consolidation. According to recent UN findings, the scale, pace, and coordination of these developments mark a significant escalation, with over 36,000 Palestinians displaced within a single year. This trend reflects not isolated incidents, but a broader structural shift with far-reaching humanitarian, legal, and political implications. A recent report by the [United Nations Human Rights Office](#) reveals a sustained and intensifying pattern of violence and coercion accompanying settlement expansion. Over the reporting period, 1,732 incidents of settler violence were recorded, a marked increase from the previous reporting period, characterized by harassment, intimidation, and the destruction of homes and agricultural assets. Notably, the report states that settler violence continued in a coordinated, strategic and largely unchallenged manner, with Israeli [occupation] authorities playing the central role in directing, participating in or enabling this conduct, making it difficult to distinguish between State and settler violence. The blurring of lines between state and settler violence, compounded by entrenched impunity, has created an environment in which attacks are both facilitated and normalized. Peak periods, such as the olive harvest season, have seen particularly acute escalations, further undermining livelihoods and access to land. The report also reveals the approval of tens of thousands of new settlement units and the establishment of dozens of new colonial installations (outposts), along with practices such as land confiscation, forced evictions, and home demolitions. Additionally, [B'Tselem](#) documentation describes escalating attacks by armed settler militias against the Palestinian people and their assets, often under Israeli occupation military protection, in systematic violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.

Government Updates

In light of the escalating and ongoing war in the region, and the continued Israeli measures aimed at undermining state institutions—including the imposition of more than 1,000 military checkpoints and iron gates fragmenting the occupied West Bank, as well as the illegal withholding of Palestinian tax revenues—[Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa has directed all government institutions to enhance and develop their operational methodologies](#) to ensure greater flexibility and responsiveness to rapidly evolving developments. The Prime Minister also instructed ministries and public bodies to conduct comprehensive reviews of their programs to ensure that available resources are strategically redirected toward the most vulnerable areas and groups, as part of an effective and targeted response to current conditions. These directives come within the broader framework of the Government's policy orientation under the 2026 draft emergency general budget, which includes a significant increase in allocations for emergency and rapid response allocations—from approximately NIS 40 million to NIS 516 million—to strengthen institutional preparedness in addressing crises and unforeseen emergency situations, while ensuring the continuity of essential services to citizens. Prime Minister Mustafa reaffirmed that strengthening citizens' steadfastness and improving the quality of public services will remain at the forefront of the government's priorities, despite the challenges, reflecting its commitment to enhancing quality of life and reinforcing the foundations of steadfastness on the ground.