



## Situation Report #99: Occupied Palestine

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### Key Developments

#### **DAY 311 SINCE THE "CEASEFIRE": ISRAEL KILLED 1,262 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 73,391 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN**

Amid worsening humanitarian conditions, the Gaza Strip continues to face critical shortages of fuel and essential supplies, severely disrupting the provision of food, healthcare, water, and sanitation services. According to [UNRWA](#), shortages are also affecting essential equipment required to maintain these services, while about 82 percent of structures across the Gaza Strip are damaged. At the same time, the Commission for Detainees reported that [Palestinian prisoners from Gaza held in Ofer and Janot prisons](#) continue to face severe overcrowding, inadequate food and healthcare, beatings, and punitive measures and restrictions. It renewed its call for urgent international action to halt the ongoing violations and ensure Palestinian prisoners are afforded their internationally guaranteed rights. Amid shortages that threaten the continuity of essential services, [MSF](#) warned that Israel is putting thousands at risk by blocking crucial supplies for healthcare in Gaza. It said that Israeli restrictions on the entry of engine oil and spare parts are placing hospitals, ambulances, and water systems across Gaza at further compounded risk. MSF said the price of engine oil has increased 20 times over the past six months, while existing shortages have already disrupted the provision of medical services. The Israeli-inflicted humanitarian catastrophe continues to deepen as Israeli occupation forces (IOF) maintain their attacks, killing Palestinians and destroying critical infrastructure across the Gaza Strip. On Thursday, Israeli attacks [killed two Palestinians and injured several others](#) in separate drone strikes targeting Khan Younis and Gaza City. On the same day, [IOF killed another Palestinian man and injured several others](#) in a bombing targeting a vehicle in Sheikh Ajleen, southwest of Gaza City. On Friday, [Israeli naval boats and drones opened fire on a Palestinian fishing boat](#) west of Gaza City, injuring three fishermen. Meanwhile, at least [22 of Gaza's 34 oxygen stations have ceased operating](#), while shortages of spare parts and maintenance equipment threaten the functioning of the remaining 12 stations. This sustained situation is placing the lives and well-being of Palestinian civilians at ever greater risks.

#### **SYSTEMATIC SETTLEMENT EXPANSION AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT ACROSS THE WEST BANK**

Israeli occupation authorities and colonial settlers continue to intensify systematic efforts to expand settlements, seize more Palestinian land, and create conditions that undermine Palestinians' ability to remain on their land across the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem. In [Umm Tuba](#), "Israeli planning authorities" advanced a plan for approximately 650 settlement units on 27 dunums at the village's main entrance. The plan threatens Palestinian citizens' movement and further restricts the area's urban development, amid continued Israeli severe restrictions on Palestinian construction and the issuance of demolition and eviction orders. In [Salfit](#), IOF issued a military order to seize 2.224 dunums of land in Marda under the pretext of "military purposes." The targeted land is located in a strategic area near "Route 505" and the colonial settlement of "Ariel," where the seized area is intended for the construction of a communications and observation facility or tower. Around [Sinjil](#), Israeli occupation authorities approved the jurisdiction of the "Giv'at Hare'el" colonial outpost, advancing its transformation into a permanent settlement



with independent planning, infrastructure, and budgetary powers. The move also builds on earlier measures that designated 465.4 dunums of Palestinian land as “state land.” Meanwhile, Israeli settlers in [Qusra](#) have escalated their terror attacks into prolonged sieges of [Palestinian homes](#) in the Ras al-Ain area, blocking roads, cutting water and electricity supplies, restricting access to food and medicine, and seeking to establish a permanent colonial fait accompli. The experience of the [al-Toubasi family](#) in nearby Jalud illustrates the danger posed by this strategy. Israeli settlers besieged the family’s home for more than three months, cut off essential services, restricted access, and ultimately forced the family out before taking control of the property in July 2026.

### **63% SURGE IN ISRAELI SETTLER TERRORISM IN THE WEST BANK IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2026**

Israeli settlers have sharply escalated terrorist attacks against Palestinians across the occupied West Bank, while IOF continue to provide protection and backing and, in many cases, facilitate and enable the expansion of settler terrorism. The Israeli newspaper [The Times of Israel](#) recorded 660 serious settler terror attacks during the first half of 2026, a 63% increase from the same period in 2025. These attacks killed at least six Palestinians and injured a further 140 during the said period. [In Ein el-Hilweh](#), IOF, settlers, and “Civil Administration” officials demolished Palestinian homes despite court injunctions, forcibly displacing families and severing their access to their livestock, land, and essential resources. Israeli settlers have also increasingly [involved minors in terror attacks against Palestinians](#), deploying armed settler youth to intimidate citizens and drive them from their villages, while IOF, if not directly involved as in most cases, provide protection during these attacks. Meanwhile, Israeli occupation authorities continue to use planning and administrative measures that restrict Palestinian construction in Oslo-defined “Area C”, while allowing and enabling the Israeli unrestricted expansion of Israeli settlements and outposts.

### **ISRAEL DECLARES TAYBEH A CLOSED MILITARY ZONE AMID ESCALATING SETTLER TERROR**

Israeli occupation authorities have declared [Taybeh](#), the West Bank’s only remaining entirely Christian village, a closed military zone amid continuing settler attacks and growing restrictions affecting its Palestinian Christian community. Home to around 1,200 Christians, Taybeh has faced repeated attacks by Israeli settlers, including shootings, arson, property damage, and harassment of citizens. According to [the World Council of Churches](#), settlers previously set fire arson to part of the historic Church of Saint George, while armed settlers have entered the village and moved through private properties, heightening fear among families and children. The village is surrounded by Israeli settlements and numerous settler outposts, placing additional pressure on citizens and restricting their access to surrounding areas. Children have been particularly affected, with many travelling along unsafe roads where they encounter the settlers on their way to schools in Ramallah. During a summer camp in 2025, the reported incursion of around 15 armed settlers into the village caused panic among children and families, with several children crying in fear, with some of the terrified children needing “more than two hours to calm down.” [The Higher Presidential Committee for Church Affairs in Palestine](#) called for continued action in defence of justice, dignity, accountability, the protection of sacred sites, and the preservation of the Palestinian Christian presence.

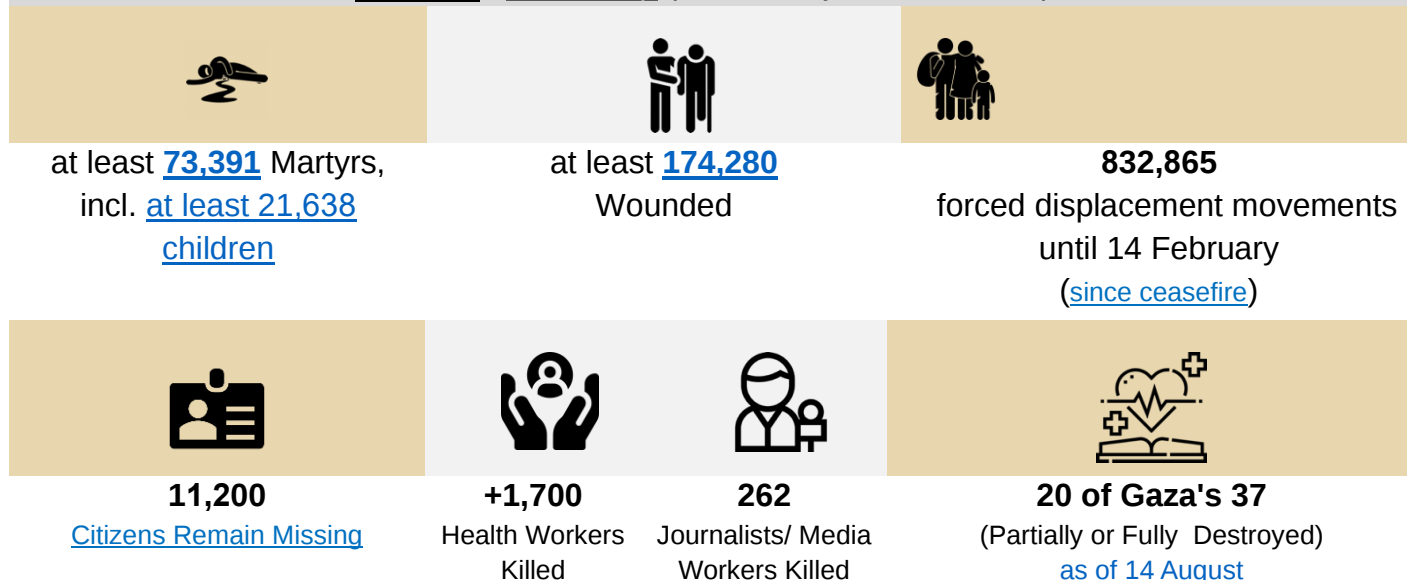
### **108 VIOLATIONS AGAINST PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS DOCUMENTED IN JULY 2026**

[The Palestinian Journalists’ Syndicate](#) documented 108 Israeli occupation crimes against Palestinian journalists and media workers in July 2026, with 90% occurring in the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem. The crimes included 58 cases of detention and obstruction of media coverage, 11 settler attacks, 12 incidents involving tear gas and sound bombs, six physical assaults, two arrests, and four interrogations. Around [40 Palestinian journalists, including five females](#), remain imprisoned, while more than 250 have been arrested or detained since the Israeli genocidal war on Gaza began.



## Summary

**Figure 1: Gaza Strip** (Since Early October 2023)

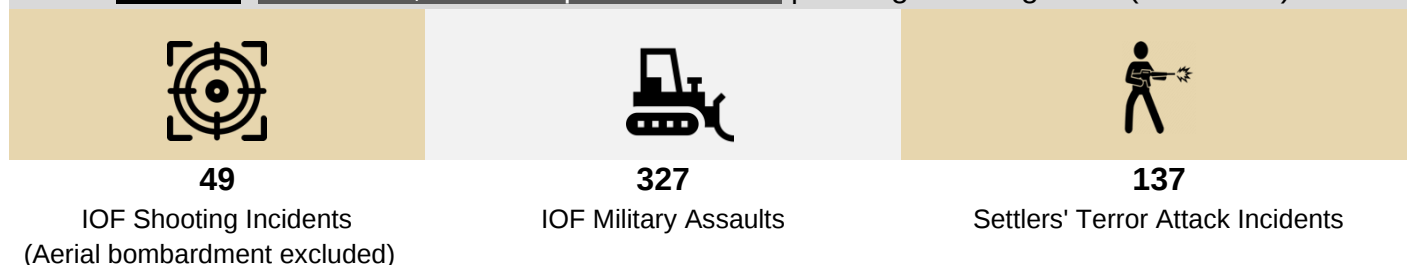


- [Report](#): "Israeli general says Gaza should remain 'destroyed for generations'."
- [Video](#): A child in Gaza sleeps outdoors to escape the scorching heat inside the tent he has been forced to shelter in.
- [Video](#): Full story of how IOF abducted renowned Palestinian surgeon Dr. Adnan al-Bursh from inside a hospital in Gaza and deliberately killed inside an Israeli prison during Israel's genocidal war on Gaza.

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



**Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem** | 10 Aug - 16 Aug 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [Video](#): Israeli settlers dumped Palestinian families' water in Ein al-Hilweh, after seizing the main spring.
- [Press releases](#): "UN experts condemn escalation in attacks against Palestinians in Gaza and West Bank"
- [Video](#): IOF forcibly displaced three Palestinian families in Ya'bad, seized their home, and turned it into a military barracks.

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



## In Focus

Israeli occupation authorities have intensified measures aimed at weakening the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and expanding Israeli control into Oslo-defined “Areas A and B” of the occupied West Bank. According to [Peace Now's August 2026 report](#), Israeli settlers have established at least 26 settlement installations (outposts) in “Area B”, seized more than 100,000 dunums across both areas through terror and threats, and forcibly displaced at least 19 Palestinian “communities or clusters in ‘Area B’.” Israeli occupation authorities have also issued 15 military seizure orders covering approximately 200 dunums inside “Area A” to facilitate a transportation route serving new settlements; expanded “Civil Administration” powers over environmental, water, and archaeological matters; allocated NIS 113 million for archaeological projects in the West Bank, including sites in “Areas A and B”; and stripped the Palestinian Municipality of Hebron of planning and construction powers in parts of the city. Since June 2025, Israel has continued withholding Palestinian clearance revenues, depriving the PNA of a major source of its income and severely undermining its ability to provide public services and pay its public employees. [Yedioth Ahronoth](#), a leading Israeli daily, reported on these measures on August 11, 2026, describing them as part of a broader Israeli government policy to dismantle the Oslo framework without formal legislation and advance de facto annexation. A separate report by +972 Magazine, [Engineered Lawlessness: How Israel Uses Chaos to Quietly Annex the West Bank](#), further documents how IOF restrictions on the PNA, selective intervention in internal Palestinian family disputes, and direct interference in local governance—including threatening municipal candidates to withdraw from elections and raiding municipal buildings—have weakened Palestinian institutions and undermined their ability to maintain public order. The report highlights cases in Beit Ummar, Qarawat Bani Hassan, and Deir Istiya, where Israeli occupation restrictions have contributed to growing insecurity and the erosion of Palestinian civilian authority. Taken together, these developments demonstrate a broader and systematic pattern in which Israeli territorial, administrative, economic, security, and settlement measures progressively erode Palestinian self-governance while expanding Israeli control across areas designated for Palestinian governance under the Oslo Accords.

## Government Updates

Prime Minister As part of the [Government's ongoing interventions to support our people in the Gaza Strip](#) and strengthen the humanitarian response in vital sectors, particularly health, shelter, water and education, Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mustafa, via video conference, inaugurated the sixth hospital operated by the Palestine Red Crescent Society in the Gaza Strip. He also met with the Society's medical teams in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip and inspected its warehouses in Ramallah, which contain thousands of boxes of medicines and medical supplies earmarked for delivery to the Gaza Strip as soon as conditions allow their entry. In the shelter sector, the Government, through the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and in partnership with UNDP, has opened the 19th shelter cite in the Gaza Strip. The cite consists of tents made of fibre-reinforced plastic (FRP), as part of ongoing efforts to provide shelter for forcibly displaced families, alongside sanitation facilities and water tanks. In the water and sanitation sector, the Government, through the Palestinian Water Authority and in partnership with international partners, continues to implement a package of urgent interventions to secure essential services. These include drilling and rehabilitating wells, repairing water connections and networks, rehabilitating wastewater pumping stations, and carrying out essential maintenance on existing networks. While ahead of the start of the new school year, the Government, in cooperation with UNICEF and other partners, continues to prepare around 700 educational sites across the Gaza Strip, with the aim of providing a learning environment for approximately half a million students and ensuring the continuity of their right to education despite the exceptional circumstances facing the Strip.