



Situation Report #88: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 227 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 890 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,783 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Israeli occupation strikes across Gaza continue to inflict more civilian casualties and damage essential infrastructure, according to [UNRWA](#). On Monday, an Israeli airstrike near the Bani Suheila roundabout east of Khan Younis killed [one Palestinian and injured another](#). The following day, another Israeli airstrike struck [a civilian vehicle](#) near Palestine Tower on Ash-Shuhada Street west of Gaza City, killing another Palestinian. On Thursday evening, an Israeli quadcopter drone opened fire on civilians in the Al-Mahatta area east of Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza, killing 26-year-old [Fatima Al-Zahraa Ramzi Al-Ma'ani](#). The same day, Israeli gunfire and drone strikes across Gaza, including in Rafah, Khan Younis, and Beit Lahia, killed [four more Palestinians, and wounded several others](#), while another Palestinian was injured in Jabalia. On Friday, another Israeli drone strike near Rafah killed 42-year-old Palestinian sheep herder [Rafat Adel Ibrahim Breika](#). Meanwhile, [UNICEF](#) says that Gaza's health system is nearing collapse amid severe shortages of medical supplies, electricity, and medical personnel, while hospitals struggle to care for premature and vulnerable newborns. According to [UNOCHA and the World Health Organization](#), Gaza's health system remains under extreme pressure due to ongoing attacks, shortages of medicines and fuel, and restrictions preventing patients from accessing treatment. At the same time, [Human Rights Watch](#) said that Israeli is curbing aid and killing civilians during ceasefire, underscoring that Gaza's humanitarian infrastructure remains in peril, with aid restrictions and shortages severely undermining hospitals and basic services.

GLOBAL SUMUD FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS REPORT ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AFTER ISRAELI INTERCEPTION

The "Global Sumud Flotilla," which was attempting to reach the Gaza Strip on a noble humanitarian mission to break the siege imposed on the Strip, was subjected to abuse by the Israeli occupation forces (IOF), following Israeli interception. According to testimonies cited by [CNN](#), several activists reported physical assaults, degrading treatment, and sexual violence while in Israeli custody. In addition, Israel's 'National Security' Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir appeared in a [video](#) taunting detained activists at Ashdod port, where they were held in a makeshift detention facility surrounded by barbed wire and shipping containers. Detainees were shown restrained and forced to kneel as the Israeli national anthem played, with Ben-Gvir overseeing their detention while publicly boasting about the humiliation and mistreatment. Flotilla organizers also reported [widespread abuse](#), including multiple cases of sexual violence, beatings, forced strip searches, and physical mistreatment, with some detainees telling [Reuters](#) they were "stripped, thrown to the ground, kicked," subjected to taser use, and denied legal access. The [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) condemned the treatment of the activists, stating that the degrading and



inhumane treatment of detainees reflects the official policy of the Israeli occupation, stressing that it has lost any connection to law, ethics, and human dignity.

ISRAELI SEIZURE OF UNRWA HEADQUARTERS IN OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

The Israeli occupation authorities have approved [plans](#) to convert the UNRWA headquarters in Sheikh Jarrah, in occupied East Jerusalem, into Israeli military and security facilities, including an army museum and offices linked to the Israeli Ministry of Defense. The [Palestinian Cabinet](#) and the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates](#) condemned the move, warning that converting UN premises into military facilities is as a flagrant violation of international law and an attack on the work, immunity, and presence of the United Nations and its institutions in the occupied Palestine, and a precedent threatening the framework of international law.

SETTLEMENT EXPANSION AND RESTRICTIONS ON PALESTINIAN CONSTRUCTION

Recent reporting indicates a continued tightening of Israeli planning and land-registration policies affecting the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem. According to [Haaretz](#), only 7% of housing approvals in occupied Jerusalem during 2025 were granted to Palestinian citizens, despite Palestinians constituting about 40% of the city's population. Palestinians continue to face increasing obstacles in obtaining building permits, including stricter requirements for land ownership and inheritance, leading to fewer permits and the demolition of thousands of homes. Land registration in Jerusalem has also resulted in large areas being registered under Israeli state bodies, the Jewish National Fund, or settler organizations. Meanwhile, the so-called Israeli 'Yesha Council' (an umbrella organization of Israeli settlements in the West Bank) has launched a [campaign to recruit settler families](#) to help establish new settlement installations (outposts) aiming to construct [18 new settlements](#) across the northern West Bank, with support from the Israeli Ministry of Settlements.

ISRAEL'S SYSTEMATIC TARGETING OF HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTATION

A report by [Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#) highlights an escalating campaign targeting independent human rights organizations and journalists documenting abuses against Palestinians, particularly in Gaza and military detention centers. The report states that groups like Euro-Med face systematic efforts aimed at discrediting their findings and hinder their work, including smear campaigns and intimidation tactics that undermine their credibility rather than engaging with the evidence.

NEW WAVE OF SCABIES SKIN DISEASE SWEEPS PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS' CELLS IN ISRAELI OCCUPATION PRISONS

The [Palestinian Prisoner's Society](#) reported a dangerous, rapidly spreading outbreak of scabies in several Israeli prisons, including "Ofer", "Megiddo", "Naqab", and "Janot" prisons, based on lawyer visits conducted during April and May 2026. According to the organization, overcrowded prison cells, inadequate hygiene conditions, limited ventilation, and restricted access to medical treatment have contributed to the sweeping spread of the disease among detainees.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 490 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 484 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 464 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.



Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since Early October 2023)



- [UN](#): "Gaza | Life-saving medicines blocked as killing continues, disease gains ground"
- [MSF](#): "Five things to know about life for Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank"
- [UN](#): "Gaza risks 'permanent' state of limbo if transition plan stalls, Security Council hears"

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

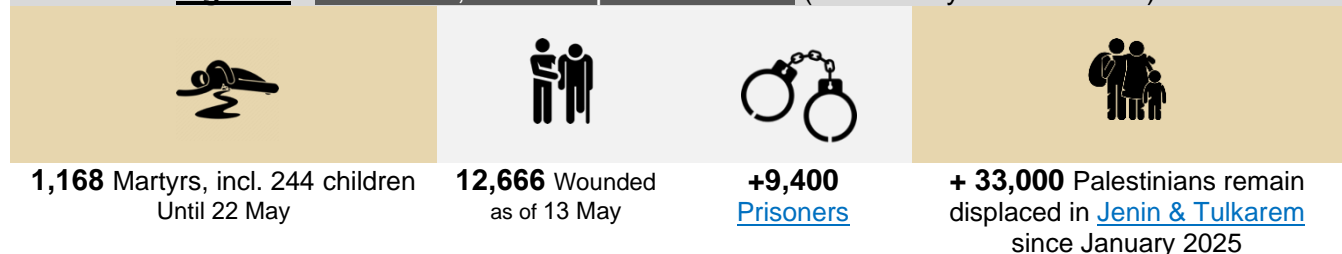
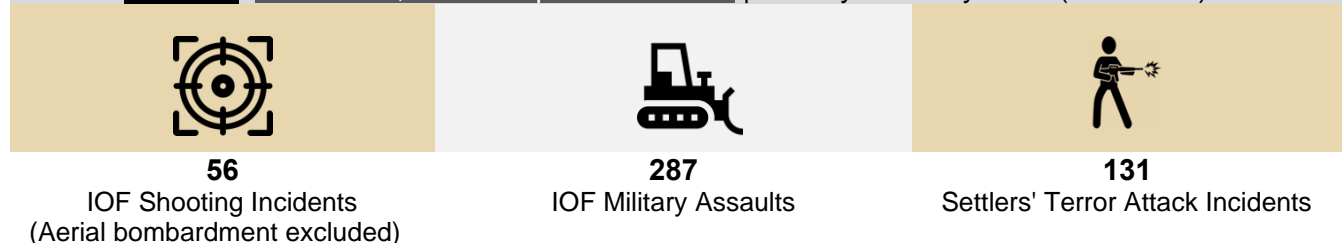


Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 18 May - 24 May 2026 (until 8 AM)



- [PPS](#): "Violations and crimes amount to extermination in the "Rakevet" section of Ramla prison"
- [B'Tselem](#): South Hebron Hills: Increased Israeli effort to complete ethnic cleansing of Area C
- [CWRC](#): The forcible transfer of the Khan al-Ahmar "is a serious colonial escalation that falls within the framework of the annexation project and the isolation of Jerusalem"

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



In Focus

According to a [new publication](#) by the Negotiations Affairs Department, settler-led terrorism in the occupied West Bank has evolved into a structured system of territorial expansion and forced displacement, closely integrated with Israeli occupation apparatuses. This institutionalized framework is driven by multi-layered power centers, including the Israeli occupation forces (IOF), specific Israeli government ministries, and settler organizations, which systematically allocate budgets and use legal tools to formalize colonial installations (outposts), including colonial farm installations. Between 2023 and 2025, Israeli colonial farm installations expanded to control approximately 793,909 dunums (around 14% of the West Bank), with over 95% of these operations concentrated in the Oslo-defined "Area C." This expansion relies on targeted mechanisms, such as classifying vast areas as closed military firing zones and unilaterally seizing environmental nature reserves to restrict Palestinian access. The takeover of Palestinian land is accompanied by documented acts of terrorism, including [cutting water pipelines](#), sabotaging irrigation pumps, [burning thousands of olive trees](#), and coordinated [physical assaults on farmers and media personnel](#). Despite thousands of reported acts of terrorism, approximately 93.8% of Israeli occupation police investigations into settler conduct were closed without indictment, effectively reinforcing a dual legal regime and facilitating the demographic alteration of land belonging to the State of Palestine.

Government Updates

The Palestinian Government announced the disbursement of [50% of public sector employees' salaries](#) for the month of February, amid a worsening financial crisis affecting vital sectors, including healthcare, education, and security. The crisis stems from the continued withholding by the Israeli government of Palestinian clearance revenues, which account for approximately 68% of the total revenues of the Palestinian Ministry of Finance, in violation of international law and signed agreements. In this context, the [Palestinian Ministry of Health](#) warned in a detailed statement of a serious deterioration in medical stock levels, highlighting severe shortages in hundreds of medicines and medical supplies, particularly life-saving medications, cancer treatment drugs, and dialysis medicines. The Ministry stressed that these shortages pose a direct threat to the continuity of healthcare services and the ability of government hospitals and medical centers to meet patients' needs. Meanwhile, as part of ongoing efforts to implement the [Palestinian Government's reform agenda](#) and strengthen institutional governance, the Cabinet approved — based on a recommendation from the Ministry of Women's Affairs and the Ministerial Reform Committee — a review of the mandates and responsibilities assigned to gender units within government institutions. The measure aims to strengthen and activate their role in integrating gender-related issues into government plans, policies, and programmes, in line with broader institutional reform and development priorities.