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Palestinian Children Under Israel's Illegal Occupation

A Childhood Denied, A Generation Targeted

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- Palestinian children must not remain an exception to the universal protection guaranteed under international law.
- Their rights continue to be violated by Israel's illegal occupation, genocidal war in Gaza, and systematic crimes throughout the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem.

KEY FACTS

- **More than 22,000** Palestinian children killed in Gaza
- **11,000** children with life-altering injuries *(According to UNICEF)*
- **71,846** children have lost one or both parents.
- **2 million** Palestinians have been forcibly displaced in Gaza.

EDUCATION UNDER ATTACK

- **700,000** students in Gaza have been denied education in the 2025/2026 school year.
- **134** school students killed in the West Bank.
- **871** school students injured and **416** school students detained in the West Bank.

DETENTION AND ABUSE

- **1,655** cases of Palestinian children arbitrarily detained have been recorded in the West Bank since October 2023.
- Around **350** Palestinian children remain in Israeli detention centers.
- Palestinian children endure torture, ill-treatment, house arrest, and documented sexual and gender-based violence in detention.

INTERNATIONAL FINDINGS

- The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry documented the deliberate targeting of Palestinian children.
- Its findings identify genocide in Gaza and crimes against humanity in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

OCCUPIED WEST BANK, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

263 Palestinian children killed | **2,186** Palestinian children injured

Since 7 Oct 2023

Source: UNICEF / Occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

OUR CALLS

- Protect Palestinian children.
- End Israel's genocidal acts in Gaza and all grave violations against children.
- Ensure humanitarian access, healthcare, education, and accountability.
- Release all arbitrarily detained Palestinian children.
- End Israel's illegal occupation of the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem.
- Realize the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, independence, and sovereignty.

Palestinian children have the right to grow up in freedom, safety and dignity in their own homeland.



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The grave impact of Israeli policies and crimes on Palestinian childhood.

Main Figures

More than **22,000** Palestinian children killed in Gaza
Since 7 Oct 2023

44,486 Palestinian children injured in Gaza
PCBS 2026

71,846 children who lost one or both parents
PCBS 2026

11,000 children with life-altering injuries
UNICEF 2026

≈ 2 million displaced Palestinians in Gaza (all ages)
PCBS 2026

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UNICEF | 7 Oct 2023-9 Sep 2026

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350 children remain in Israeli detention
Palestinian official reporting

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Official Statements

> "One year since the ceasefire, childhood in Gaza is still defined by survival."
>
> UNICEF State of Palestine, 7 October 2026

> "For Palestinian children, this so-called ceasefire has becoms a cruel and deadly illusion."
>
> James Elder, UNICEF Spokesperson, 19 June 2026

> "The deliberate targeting of children is one of the key elements establishing genocidal intent."
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> UN Independent International Compnstion of Inquiry, 23 June 2026

OUR MAIN DEMANDS

- Protect Palestinian children and end all grave violations against them throughout the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem.
- Ensure full and unhindered humanitarian access, healthcare and education for all Palestinian children.
- Release all arbitrarily detained Palestinian children.
- Ensure accountability for all crimes and violations committed against Palestinian children.
- End Israel's illegal occupation of the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalen.
- Realize the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, independence and sovereignty.



The international community must take immediate and concrete action to protect Palestinian children, end Israeli impunity, and ensure accountability for all violations and crimes.

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