

Training provided to residents of the West Bank on emergency medical response, to prepare for instances where ambulances are obstructed, delayed or attacked. Photo by WHO

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Key Highlights

- Two Palestinians were killed between 7 and 13 October, including one in an attack by Israeli settlers; overall, settlers carried out 71 attacks against Palestinians across the West Bank over a period of one week, resulting in injury to 99 people, property damage, and displacement of a family.
- Over 3,200 Palestinians have been injured across the West Bank so far in 2025.
- Upon the commencement of the olive harvest season, half of this week's settler attacks were linked to the season, affecting Palestinians in 27 villages across the West Bank.
- One in three of over 55,800 patient permit applications to access medical treatment in East Jerusalem and Israel has been denied or delayed between January and September 2025, according to the World Health Organization.

Humanitarian Developments

- Between 7 and 13 October, two Palestinian men were killed, one by Israeli forces and one either by Israeli forces or settlers. During the same period, 156 Palestinians, including 12 children and three women, were injured in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem: 111 by Israeli forces, 43 by Israeli settlers, and two by either Israeli forces or settlers. The following are details of the incidents that resulted in fatalities:
  - On 8 October, a 26-year-old Palestinian man was shot and killed, and two others were injured with live ammunition fired by Israeli forces and settlers during a daytime Israeli settler attack in Deir Jarir village, in Ramallah governorate. According to local sources, the incident began when settlers threw stones at Palestinian vehicles near the village's western entrance, damaging at least one. As residents gathered in the area, mutual stone-throwing ensued, during which both Israeli settlers and forces opened fire at Palestinians. One man was killed after sustaining multiple live-bullet wounds, and two others were injured with live ammunition. This is the second Palestinian fatality reported in the same area during settler attacks in less than two months.
  - On 10 October, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man and injured a 15-year-old child during a raid in Jenin city centre. According to the Israeli military, its troops shot and killed a person who threw an explosive device towards them. This brings to 64 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in Jenin governorate since the beginning of the year, comprising nearly a third of Palestinian fatalities by Israeli forces in the West Bank in 2025. It is also the second fatality since 25 September, when Israeli forces have intensified their presence in Jenin city and its surroundings (see more information below).

- The above-mentioned settler attack in Deir Jarir village comes amid a marked rise in attacks since early 2025, following the construction of a new road connecting a nearby Israeli military base to Deir Jarir's western entrance and the establishment of a nearby settlement outpost near Ofra settlement. Between January and 13 October 2025, OCHA has documented 12 settler attacks in Deir Jarir that resulted in Palestinian casualties or property damage – a three-fold increase compared with the annual average of about four incidents recorded between 2020 and 2024. Settlers believed to be from the new outpost have repeatedly raided agricultural and residential areas in Deir Jarir, assaulted farmers and families working their land and caused extensive property damage, including vandalism of at least eight homes and 12 vehicles, damage to dozens of olive trees, agricultural equipment and livestock shelters, and theft of livestock. So far in 2025, these attacks have resulted in the killing of two Palestinians and the injury of 28 others, including four children and three women. Of the injured, 13 were by Israeli forces, 10 by Israeli settlers, and five where it remains unknown if they were injured by Israeli forces or settlers.

- In the northern West Bank, and as part of ongoing Israeli forces' operations since January 2025, Israeli forces continue to carry out operations across cities, towns, and villages in the area.
    - In Jenin governorate, since 25 September, there has been a marked intensification of operations in Jenin city and its surroundings, with Israeli forces carrying out frequent daytime patrols and raids into commercial and residential buildings, further heightening residents' sense of insecurity. Over the past week, Israeli forces injured six Palestinians, including three children, during multiple daytime and overnight raids in Arraba, Qabatiya, Ya'bad, and Al Yamun towns. These raids involved the use of live fire, physical assaults, and the takeover of residential buildings, some of which were temporarily converted into military posts by Israeli forces while families remained inside.

    - In Tulkarm and Salfit governorates, Israeli operations intensified over the past week. On 10 October, Israeli forces forcibly evacuated two residential buildings in the Dhinnaba area, east of Tulkarm Camp, for approximately 13 hours, displacing seven families before allowing them to return later the same day following coordination with the Palestinian District Coordination Liaison Office (DCL). On 12 October, Israeli forces raided Deir Istiya town, in Salfit governorate, searched homes, and arrested 12 Palestinian men and physically assaulted several of them, including the head of the municipality.

- Between 7 and 13 October, one home was demolished on punitive grounds by Israeli forces but there were no demolitions carried on the grounds of lacking Israeli-issued building permits, which are almost impossible to obtain. In an overnight 10-hour operation on 10 October, Israeli forces detonated with explosives on punitive grounds a residential apartment in Area B of Qatanna village, in Jerusalem governorate. The demolished apartment was located on the second floor of a three-storey building and belonged to one of the two Palestinians who carried out a shooting attack at a bus station in Ramot Allon settlement, in East Jerusalem, on 8 September 2025, killing six Israelis, before they were shot and killed. A family of five people living in the apartment had been already displaced after the apartment was sealed off by Israeli forces on 12 September.

Access to Health Care

- So far in 2025, more than 3,200 Palestinians have been injured in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, representing an increase of about 28 per cent compared with the same period in 2024, when over 2,500 such injuries were recorded by OCHA. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), as of early September, only 42 per cent of health facilities in the West Bank were fully functional, with functionality dropping to 36-39 per cent in Hebron, Nablus, and Ramallah governorates, where several health facilities sustained damage during Israeli forces' operations. Ambulances continue to face obstructions, delays, and, in some cases, physical assaults by settlers or soldiers. In response to these challenges, WHO and partners have expanded training and preparedness initiatives, including bleeding control, psychological first aid, and mass-casualty management, training over 140 residents across seven villages, with plans to extend the training to 30 additional communities. A WHO field visit to Al Jaleel Rehabilitation Center in Jenin city further highlighted ongoing gaps in assistive device availability, emergency preparedness, and referral systems.

- According to WHO, one in three of over 55,800 patient permit applications submitted to Israeli authorities between January and September 2025 to access medical treatment in East Jerusalem and Israel was denied or delayed beyond the day of the appointment. In total, 55,853 Palestinians applied for patient permits during this period, with 34 per cent of applications either denied or remaining pending. Most applicants were adults (74 per cent), with Al Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem receiving 57 per cent of approved patients. Although the overall approval rate for patient referrals has gradually improved in 2025, it remains significantly lower than levels recorded prior to October 2023.

Israeli Settler Attacks

- Between 7 and 13 October, OCHA documented 71 Israeli settler attacks against Palestinians that resulted in casualties, property damage, or both. At least 36 of these incidents occurred in the context of the olive harvest season, which officially started on 9 October. As a result, one Palestinian man was killed (see above on Deir Jarir village) and 99 were injured, including 54 injured by Israeli forces, 43 by Israeli settlers, and two by either Israeli forces or settlers. In addition, over 1,430 Palestinian-owned trees and saplings (mostly olive) and 40 vehicles were vandalized. In one incident in the early morning hours of 9 October, Israeli settlers threw Molotov cocktails and destroyed a residential tent in Al Jwaya village in southern Hebron, displacing a family of five, including a child. At the time of the incident, the family members were working on their land nearby.

- On 8 October, at about noon, Israeli settlers carrying rifles and sticks raided the surroundings of a house near the entrance to Atara village, in Ramallah governorate – the second raid by Israeli settlers to cause injuries this month. Settlers vandalized the house's windows and a vehicle and attacked Palestinian vehicles passing through the village's entrance with sticks. In one instance, settlers tried to open the door of a Palestinian car and pull a child out, but the father managed to flee with his son after residents gathered and threw stones at the settlers. While withdrawing in their vehicle toward an outpost established in August 2025 in Area B of the village, settlers opened fire at residents, injuring three Palestinian men with live ammunition, leaving two in critical

condition, including a 74-year-old man. Following the attack, Israeli forces raided Atara village, closed the main entrance for about six hours, fired teargas canisters, before leaving at 23:00.

- Since the establishment of a new Israeli settlement outpost in Area B on the outskirts of Atara village in early August 2025, settler attacks resulting in casualties or property damage have sharply increased, with eight such attacks documented by OCHA in the last two months compared with only one such incident recorded between January 2020 and July 2025. In the first two weeks following the outpost's establishment, settlers initiated three attacks, vandalizing surveillance camera equipment, seizing water tanks, setting fire to four vehicles, and spraying anti-Arab graffiti on two residential walls. In the following weeks, settler attacks expanded to the village's agricultural areas, where settlers assaulted residents, damaged at least six agricultural structures and nine vehicles, destroyed furniture and equipment, and grazed their livestock on cultivated lands, causing damage to dozens of olive and fruit trees.

- On 13 October, armed Israeli settlers, accompanied by Israeli forces, attacked a Palestinian family harvesting grapes in the Wadi Saif area of Beit Fajjar town, in Bethlehem governorate, injuring four Palestinians, including a Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) ambulance driver. The settlers, believed to be from a nearby newly established settlement outpost, assaulted six family members with dogs, stones and Molotov cocktails, and set fire to and destroyed their van. When a PRCS ambulance arrived, settlers physically assaulted the driver, forcing the ambulance to withdraw. According to the affected family, the settlers did not allow them to collect and carry the harvested grapes, estimated at about 100 kilogrammes. During the recent grape harvest season between July and October, in the southern West Bank, OCHA documented at least 19 settler attacks against Palestinian farmers, resulting in the injury of 15 people. Sixteen of these attacks occurred in Halhul village in Hebron governorate. Local sources estimate that hundreds of dunums of vineyards were left unharvested due to settler attacks, causing significant financial losses for farming families who rely on this seasonal income.

2025 Olive Harvest Season

- Of the 71 settler attacks documented by OCHA across the West Bank between 7 and 13 October, half (36 attacks) were related to the ongoing olive harvest season, which officially began on 9 October, affecting Palestinians in 27 villages. The incidents included attacks on harvesters, theft of crops and harvesting equipment, and vandalism of olive trees, resulting in casualties, property damage, or both.

- In the northern West Bank, 16 settler attacks were reported, affecting people in 12 villages across Salfit, Tulkarm, Nablus and Qalqiliya governorates. In one of the incidents, in Beita village, in Nablus governorate, on 10 October, Israeli settlers, reportedly from a nearby settlement outpost and accompanied by Israeli forces, attacked Palestinian farmers and international activists harvesting olives on Qamas Mount area – access to which does not require "prior coordination" with the Israeli authorities. Israeli forces opened fire and used tear gas after farmers refused to leave, while settlers threw stones and physically assaulted several people, including three journalists. Sixty Palestinians were injured, including: one by live ammunition, two by stones, at least eight due to physical assault, and the rest (including a paramedic) received medical treatment due to tear gas inhalation. Settlers also burned 12 vehicles, damaged seven others and seized harvesting tools belonging to about 10 farmers.

- In the central West Bank, 15 settler attacks were reported, all in Ramallah governorate, affecting people in 10 villages. In one large-scale attack on 12 October, assailants believed to be from the Ramat Migron settlement outpost raided agricultural lands in Burqa village, cutting down over 800 saplings, including at least 170 olive saplings, 500 small citrus trees, and 145 grapevines. They also punctured nine water tanks used for domestic and agricultural purposes, damaged a water pump, tore down an agricultural tent, dismantled three fences and two gates, and injured a donkey in the neck. Video footage shows settlers seizing two vehicles parked near homes and attempting to set fire to a tractor. In another incident on 11 October, and for the second time in a week, Palestinian farmers discovered that at least 200 olive trees had been chopped off belonging to residents of Khirbet Abu Falah and Turmus'ayya, reportedly by Israeli settlers believed to be from settlement outposts in the area between Turmus'ayya, Al Mughayyer, and Khirbet Abu Falah village.

- In the southern West Bank, five settler attacks were reported, affecting five villages in Bethlehem and Hebron governorates. On 13 October, Palestinian farmers near At Taybe community in Hebron governorate were forced off their land by Israeli settlers and Israeli forces, which they had been unable to access since October 2023, intimidated by the presence of the settlers in the area. Israeli forces physically assaulted the farmers, confiscated vehicles, and ordered them not to return without "prior coordination". During the same period, settlers vandalized about 130 olive trees and took over approximately 1,000 kilogrammes of harvested olives from Palestinian-owned lands in two communities in Hebron and Bethlehem governorates

- For key figures and additional breakdowns of casualties, displacement and settler violence between January 2005 and September 2025, please refer to the OCHA West Bank September 2025 Snapshot.

Funding

- As of 15 October 2025, Member States have disbursed approximately US$1.3 billion out of the $4 billion (31 per cent) requested to meet the most critical humanitarian needs of three million out of 3.3 million people identified as requiring assistance in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem under the 2025 Flash Appeal for the OPT. Nearly 88 per cent of the requested funds are for humanitarian responses in Gaza, with just over 12 per cent for the West Bank. During September 2025, the oPt Humanitarian Fund managed 95 ongoing projects, totalling $57.1 million, to address urgent needs in the Gaza Strip (87 per cent) and the West Bank (13 per cent). Of these projects, 43 are being implemented by INGOs, 38 by national NGOs and 14 by UN agencies. Notably, 32 out of the 57 projects implemented by INGOs or the UN are being implemented in collaboration with national NGOs. For more information, please see OCHA's Financial Tracking Service webpage and the oPt HF webpage.