Situation Report #81: Occupied Palestine

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Key Developments

DAY 178 SINCE THE CEASEFIRE DEAL: ISRAEL HAS KILLED 716 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 72,292 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Despite the ceasefire, Israeli violations, as well as severe shortages continue to exacerbate humanitarian conditions in Gaza, where, according to UNRWA, infrastructure remains largely destroyed and access to aid is heavily constrained. Restrictions on the entry of medical supplies have led to critical shortages, forcing Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) to suspend the admission of new patients into its chronic disease programs, warning that these limitations could result in preventable deaths. Palestinian Health Minister Majed Abu Ramadan has warned of growing public health risks, citing the widespread presence of rodents amid deteriorating environmental conditions. This increases the likelihood of disease outbreaks, including hantavirus and leptospirosis. The UN reports that Israeli occupation forces (IOF) are imposing strict limitations on the entry of shelter materials, leaving hundreds of thousands of displaced people exposed to harsh conditions, including flooding, as most displacement sites lack adequate housing and basic supplies. Meanwhile, ceasefire violations continue to result in civilian casualties. On Tuesday, one Palestinian was killed and others were injured in Israeli shelling near Jabalia. Two additional Palestinians were injured by Israeli gunfire near al-Bureij camp in central Gaza. Across the Strip, three others—including a critically injured child—were wounded in separate attacks involving Israeli gunfire and shelling, including in Khan Yunis.

ISRAELI VIOLATIONS DEEPEN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS FOR GAZA'S CHILDREN

Palestinian children in Gaza are bearing the brunt of an increasingly severe humanitarian crisis amid ongoing violations by IOF and continuous restrictions on humanitarian access. Persistent airstrikes and the collapse of essential services have placed children at the center of a deepening tragedy. An estimated 85,000 children have been orphaned, including about 27,000 who have lost both parents, leaving them without adequate care, protection, or shelter. These children face heightened risks of poverty, exploitation, and long-term psychological trauma. Vulnerable groups are particularly hard hit. Hundreds of children with autism and other developmental conditions remain deprived of essential medical, educational, and psychosocial support due to the breakdown of specialized services. At the same time, a growing public health emergency is unfolding. Around 35,000 children at risk of hearing loss as a result of repeated explosions, compounded by the severe shortage of medical care, diagnostics, and rehabilitation services.

LAND DAY MARKED BY SYSTEMATIC CONFISCATION AND INTENSIFIED VIOLENCE

The fiftieth commemoration of Land Day comes at a moment of profound escalation in Israeli policies and practices affecting Palestinian land, underscoring the enduring centrality of land

dispossession and displacement to the broader dynamics of the occupation. According to data by PCBS marking Land Day, more than 85% of historical Palestine is effectively controlled or exploited by Israeli occupation, while it is still imposing control over more Palestinian lands in the West Bank under various pretexts and names. In 2025 alone, over 5,571 dunums were confiscated through a combination of sequestration, expropriation, and declarations of state land, reinforcing an expansionist systematic policy of territorial acquisition under 'legal and administrative' cloak. In the same year, more than 23,800 attacks by the IOF and settlers were recorded, involving killings, property destruction, and widespread damage to agricultural resources. Since 7 October 2023, over 73,000 Palestinians, including women and children, have been killed. Additionally, more than 102,000 buildings in Gaza have been destroyed, rendering much of the territory uninhabitable. In the West Bank, settlement expansion persists, with over 778,000 settlers and numerous colonial installations (outposts) established, accompanied by increasing terrorism.

ONGOING SETTLER TERROR CONTINUES DISPLACING PALESTINIAN CHILDREN, THREATENING SAFETY AND FUTURES

Settler terror has increased dramatically in early 2026, uprooting ten times more Palestinian children from their homes, according to Save the Children. Between January and March, 685 children were displaced, with about 350 among nearly 700 Palestinians forcibly displaced and uprooted in January alone, often aided by the IOF. During the same period, seven children were killed, and 35 were injured by settlers and the IOF. Palestinian families face constant threats of attacks, including setting homes ablaze, property destruction, harassment, and intimidation. Children experience serious disruptions to education and daily life, facing increased fear, trauma, and toxic stress.

CNN: "ISRAELI SETTLERS BUILD NEW ILLEGAL OUTPOST NEAR WEST BANK VILLAGE"

In the West Bank village of Tayasir, Israeli settlers have repeatedly established illegal colonial installations (outposts), protected by the IOF. This has been accompanied by violent attacks on Palestinian citizens, including beatings, property destruction, and arson. The IOF frequently prevents Palestinians from accessing fire brigades, ambulances, or returning to their homes. Eyewitness accounts report serious injuries and fatalities. The persistent lack of accountability signifies systemic impunity and highlights the role of the Israeli occupation in enabling violence and terror against the Palestinian people.

ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Between 29 March and 4 April, 2026, the Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture documented widespread Israeli violations against the agricultural sector. These included tree uprooting, crop destruction, attacks on livestock, land confiscation, and restricted access for farmers. These actions resulted in nearly $1.9 million in losses and reflect a broader pattern that undermines food security and rural livelihoods.

ISRAEL'S CONTINUED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTHERN WEST BANK

The occupation's aggression has persisted for 441 days against Jenin and its refugee camp, 435 days against Tulkarem and its refugee camp, and 415 days against Nour Shams refugee camp.

Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since 7 October 2023)

at least **72,292** Martyrs, incl. at least 21,283 children	at least **172,073** Wounded	**832,865** displacement movements until 14 February (since ceasefire)

11,200 Citizens Remain Missing	**+1,700** Health Workers Killed	**260** Journalists/ Media Workers Killed	**19 of Gaza's 37**[1] (Partially or Fully) as of 3 April

- Video: Whistleblowers expose Israel's "non-human" Gaza targeting system
- PCHR: "Israel's Ongoing Killings in Gaza Reveal a Persistent Pattern of Genocide"
- I Am Not a Number: A digital record of over 72,000 Palestinian martyrs in Gaza

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

1,147 Martyrs, incl. 237 children Until 30 March	**12,245** Wounded as of 28 March	**+9,500** Prisoners	**+ 33,000** Palestinians remain displaced in Jenin & Tulkarem

Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 30 March - 05 April 2026 (until 8 AM)

61 IOF Shooting Incidents (Aerial bombardment excluded)	**516** IOF Military Assaults	**102** Settlers' Terror Attack Incidents

- CWRC- Press Release: The 50th commemoration of Land Day
- Education Ministry: Palestine and UNESCO launch curriculum development initiative
- Video: Inside Israeli occupation prisons, Palestinians face extreme torture, abuse, and a new death penalty law.
- WAFA: IOF continues the closure of Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound for the 37th straight day.

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Sources: Ministry of Health, Wafa, UNOCHA, PJS, NAD's Palestinian Monitoring Group

[1] One hospital in Gaza City was divided into two separate health facilities.

In Focus

On March 30, 2026, the Israeli Knesset passed a death penalty law targeting only Palestinian prisoners, marking a significant escalation in discriminatory measures, institutionalizing capital punishment against Palestinians and deepening legal discrimination against them. The legislation establishes a framework enabling the imposition of the death penalty specifically against Palestinians, removing essential judicial safeguards and violating an array of obligations under international law. It introduces provisions mandating secrecy regarding the identities of those carrying out executions and grants them immunity from accountability. Under the law, Palestinians accused of acts classified as "terrorism" resulting in fatalities face a mandatory death sentence, with key procedural protections abolished. The legislation eliminates the requirement for unanimous judicial approval, prohibits clemency or sentence commutations, and mandates hanging as the method of execution, to be carried out within a 90-day timeframe. It also grants expanded authority over judicial procedures to the Minister of 'National Security.' Notably, the law differentiates between its application within Israel and in the occupied West Bank, where military courts are positioned to prioritize capital punishment as the primary sentence. This dual framework underscores a widening imparity in the administration of justice, particularly given that Palestinians are subject to military courts, while Israeli perpetrators fall under civilian jurisdiction. Human rights organizations, including Amnesty International, and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk have condemned the law as deeply discriminatory, where its application against the Palestinian people would constitute a war crime. The law reinforces systemic racial discrimination, as Palestinians are subjected to Israeli occupation courts, while no equivalent measures are applied to Israeli perpetrators. Since early October 2023, Israel has killed tens of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, with the Israeli prison system becoming a network of torture camps.

Government Updates

The Palestinian Government continues to advance its reform agenda in a systematic and steady manner. In its recent session last Tuesday, the Cabinet reviewed in first reading a draft regulation on the allocation of state land, aimed at regulating land use, enhancing governance, and preventing misuse. Affirming the Government's commitment to transparency and partnership, the Cabinet also approved in second reading the draft law on the right of access to information, ensuring alignment with international standards, particularly regarding streamlined procedures, classification of information for disclosure, and the establishment of an independent oversight body for implementation once enacted. On the operational front, the Palestinian Government, in collaboration with international institutions, continues its interventions in the Gaza Strip. This includes establishing new shelter centers in coordination with UNDP, expanding in-person education to over 700 learning sites benefiting more than 230,000 students, while remote education continues for over 100,000 students. Humanitarian relief efforts also continue, alongside technical teams repairing water networks and implementing a series of critical interventions designed to mitigate the severity of the humanitarian crisis and strengthen the steadfastness of citizens amid the current exceptional circumstances.