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Key Developments

DAY 367 SINCE THE "CEASEFIRE": ISRAEL KILLED 1,488 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 74,377 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

On 7 October 2026, Israel's genocidal war on the Gaza Strip entered its fourth year, marking three years since its onset. Three days later, on 10 October, the so-called "ceasefire" marked one year since its announcement, yet Israeli occupation attacks have continued unabated, with no safe humanitarian environment established for Palestinians. The attacks never ceased in Gaza. Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continue to kill and injure Palestinians across the war-ravaged Strip, while restrictions on humanitarian aid, essential equipment and reconstruction materials prevent families from recovering. According to the UK-based charity Islamic Relief, Israeli attacks have killed or injured one Palestinian every 90 minutes since the "ceasefire" was announced, while one child has been killed almost every day. On Tuesday, an Israeli drone strike on the Tel al-Hawa neighborhood of southwestern Gaza City killed one Palestinian and injured several others. On the same day, Israeli warplanes struck Aydiya Street, west of Gaza City, killing Mohammed Al-Yazji. Israeli bombardment also targeted Hamad camp, north of Khan Younis, where thousands of forcibly displaced Palestinian families are sheltering in makeshift tents. On Wednesday, Israeli attacks across Gaza killed five Palestinians, including an elderly person and a paramedic, and injured others. On Thursday, Israeli artillery shelling near Al-Khazindar Station, northwest of Gaza City, killed a Palestinian woman and injured several others. On Friday, IOF killed a Palestinian man and injured three others in shootings and artillery attacks across the Strip. On Saturday, Israeli fire killed an eight-year-old Palestinian girl in Gaza City, and injured a woman in Khan Younis. Later that evening, an Israeli drone strike targeted three electric bicycles on Salah al-Din Road, east of the Nuseirat refugee camp, killing a Palestinian and injuring several others. The toll on women and girls has been devastating. UN Women estimates that nearly 50,000 women and girls have been killed or severely injured in Gaza since October 2023, including more than 38,000 killed and 11,700 who sustained severe injuries that left them with lifelong disabilities. As winter approaches, UNRWA warns that approximately 235,000 Palestinians are sheltering in around 400 flood-prone displacement sites, while more than 44,000 others are living in unsafe buildings at heightened risk of collapse. Meanwhile, MSF reports that Israel's genocidal war has devastated Gaza's healthcare system through repeated attacks, mass displacement, starvation, mounting restrictions and the destruction of essential infrastructure, further undermining Palestinians' access to much-needed medical care. Save the Children said that more than 100 humanitarian, human rights, and other civil society organizations have warned that Israel's continued killing and deprivation of Palestinians must not become normalized under the cover of a ceasefire that "exists in name only".

ESCALATING IOF AND COLONIAL SETTLER ATTACKS ON PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS

IOF and colonial settler terrorist militias have intensified their targeting of Palestinian journalists in the West Bank. On October 6, Israeli settlers brutally assaulted Agence France-Presse (AFP) photographer Jaafar

Ashtiyeh near Aqraba, southeast of Nablus, as he covered ongoing settler terror attacks on Palestinian olive pickers, leaving him in serious condition and destroying and confiscating his journalistic equipment. On the same day, IOF detained journalists Mohammad Atiq and Mohammad Abed, along with Palestinian olive pickers and landowners, while they covered IOF preparations to uproot olive trees and bulldoze agricultural land near Anza, south of Jenin. In a separate incident, IOF abducted journalist Omair Estetiya after raiding his home during a military incursion into Nablus. The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate condemned the escalating attacks, describing them as part of a systematic Israeli policy targeting journalists and media institutions and calling on international bodies to ensure journalists' protection and hold those responsible accountable.

IOF AND SETTLER MILITIAS ESCALATE ATTACKS ON PALESTINIAN OLIVE HARVESTERS

Israeli colonial settler militias, backed by IOF, are intensifying attacks on Palestinian olive harvesters across the occupied West Bank, while military restrictions increasingly prevent farmers accessing and cultivating their land. According to Peace Now, IOF orders now require Palestinians to coordinate access to approximately 88,300 dunams of olive groves, a 30% increase from 2025, placing nearly 20% of the West Bank's olive-growing areas under restricted access. Yesh Din documented 109 incidents of crimes and obstruction across 75 Palestinian villages and communities in just 10 days, including physical assaults, the prevention of olive harvesting, crop theft, and damage to olive trees. On October 7, IOF-backed settlers attacked olive pickers in Marda, north of Salfit, using tear gas, stun grenades, and pepper spray. The following day, IOF and settlers fired tear gas at a home in Hebron's Old City, causing 11 Palestinians, including women and children, to suffer suffocation. In a deadly attack on olive harvesters in Burqa and Ramin, near Nablus, IOF and settlers killed 44-year-old Ali Al-Bazari and injured more than 20 Palestinians. They also obstructed ambulance crews, detained medical personnel, and seized ambulance keys, further impeding emergency medical assistance to the injured. The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the attacks, and called for international action to protect Palestinians and hold those responsible accountable. The Palestinian Cabinet reported that during the first two weeks of the olive harvest, attacks killed four Palestinians, targeted farmers in 102 incidents, and uprooted 2,204 olive trees, causing estimated losses of NIS 2 million.

ISRAEL DEMOLISHES RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN JERUSALEM, FORCIBLY DISPLACING PALESTINIAN FAMILIES

IOF demolished a five-story residential building containing 10 apartments in the town of Al-Tur, occupied Jerusalem, forcibly displacing more than 80 Palestinians, mostly women and children. According to the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, IOF surrounded the building at dawn, forced 11 families out of their homes without allowing them to retrieve their documents, money, clothes, or personal belongings, and then demolished the entire building. Families later searched through the rubble to recover their possessions. Extremist Israeli minister Ben Gvir arrived at the site during the demolition and climbed onto a bulldozer involved in the operation, boasting about the implementation of his policy of demolition, land seizure, and forced displacement. The demolition forms part of Israel's ongoing home demolition and forced displacement policies in occupied East Jerusalem, where Palestinian families face severe restrictions on obtaining Israeli-issued building permits. According to PCHR, the Israeli occupation municipality of Jerusalem carried out 427 demolitions between the beginning of 2026 and the end of September. UNOCHA described the demolition as the largest single-demolition displacement in occupied East Jerusalem since records began in 2009.

Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since Early October 2023)

at least **74,377** Martyrs, incl. at least 21,638 children	at least **175,398** Wounded	**832,865** forced displacement movements until 14 February (since ceasefire)

11,200 Citizens Remain Missing	**+1,700** Health Workers Killed	**262** Journalists/ Media Workers Killed	**20 of Gaza's 37** Hospitals Partially or Fully Destroyed as of 6 October

- Video: "Going to school in Gaza comes with tough challenges, for both teachers and students."
- BBC: "Every day there is killing': Gazans face Israeli strikes despite ceasefire as peace deal stalls"
- MSF: "Three years on, Israel is asphyxiating Gaza and dismantling the means of survival"

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

1,215 Martyrs, incl. 254 children Until 8 Oct	**13,367** Wounded as of 14 Sep	**+9,400** Prisoners	**+ 34,000** Palestinians remain displaced in Jenin & Tulkarem as of July 2026

Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 5 Oct - 18 Oct 2026 (until 8 AM)

47 IOF Shooting Incidents (Aerial bombardment excluded)	**293** IOF Military Assaults	**257** Settlers' Terror Attack Incidents

- Report: Palestinian "[Citizens] of West Bank's last Christian village 'living in fear'."
- Video: "More than 102 attacks against Palestinian farmers in the last two weeks during the olive harvest."
- Video: "Israeli settler terrorists intercept a Palestinian man's vehicle and assault him and his child"

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

In Focus

Three years into Israel's unyielding genocidal war on the Gaza Strip, Israeli occupation authorities continue to subject Palestinian prisoners and detainees to intensifying systematic abuses, including torture, starvation, prolonged solitary confinement, medical neglect, and arbitrary detention. According to reports documenting three years of abuses in Israeli prisons, these practices have inflicted severe physical and psychological suffering on Palestinian detainees. On 10 October, Palestinian prisoner institutions reported that at least 92 identified Palestinian prisoners and detainees had been martyred in Israeli custody since October 2023, describing this period as the deadliest in the history of the Palestinian prisoners' movement. The institutions also raised grave concerns over reports of summary executions and deaths under torture among detainees from Gaza whose identities remain undisclosed, amid continued uncertainty over the fate of Palestinians subjected to enforced disappearance. The targeting of Palestinian healthcare workers has continued alongside the destruction of Gaza's health system. MSF reported that IOF have killed more than 1,700 healthcare workers in Gaza, and detained hundreds more without charge. Among those detained is Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya, the former director of Kamal Adwan Hospital, who has endured prolonged solitary confinement and severe weight loss. MSF also raised concerns over the continued detention of its colleague, Dr. Mohammed Hassan Ali Obeid, who has been held for more than 600 days without charge under Israel's so-called "Unlawful Combatants Law". Meanwhile, the Palestinian Prisoner's Society (PPS) warned that Israeli occupation authorities are increasingly using allegations of "incitement" to arrest and intimidate Palestinians and suppress freedom of expression and national identity. These measures increasingly target students, educators, released prisoners, and ordinary citizens, while educational and cultural institutions face growing restrictions on activities that preserve Palestinian history, heritage, and collective memory. Furthermore, Palestinian prisoner institutions called for the repeal of legislation imposing the death penalty on Palestinian prisoners, the immediate and unconditional release of all Palestinian prisoners and detainees, and independent international investigations into the Israel's policies of torture, medical neglect, and killings in Israeli occupation prisons and detention centers.

Key Government Updates

Despite the financial blockade imposed by the Israeli occupation authorities—including the continued withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues for 18 consecutive months, accounting for approximately 68% of public revenues—and the deployment of more than 1,000 military checkpoints and iron gates that fragment the occupied West Bank, restrict Palestinians' movement and access to their land, and obstruct the flow of goods and trade, the Palestinian Government continues to implement development projects and interventions in cooperation with international partners, including the European Union, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and other international and UN institutions, to support vital sectors and strengthen citizens' steadfastness. During a weekly ministerial briefing and public-facing session organized by the Government Communication Center and attended by representatives of institutions and media professionals, Minister of Agriculture Dr. Riziq Slaimiya announced last Monday that the Ministry and its partners had implemented 691 agricultural projects and agreements worth nearly USD 300 million over the past two years. He emphasized that protecting Palestinian land and strengthening farmers' ability to sustain agricultural production remain central government priorities despite escalating economic and on-the-ground constraints. The interventions included providing 3.4 million cubic meters of irrigation water through expanded water-harvesting projects and the development of water sources; constructing and rehabilitating 198 kilometers of agricultural roads; and restoring 1,924 dunums of agricultural land. Support

also included supplying more than 19,000 tonnes of animal feed, distributing 1,600 water tanks, and providing 1,430 tarpaulins, tents, and other supplies to sustain agricultural activities and production and supported affected farmers. Additional efforts focused on protecting livestock, expanding agricultural investment, and improving access to services in rural areas. These included providing more than 1.4 million vaccine doses to protect livestock against disease, signing 300 agricultural investment agreements, and establishing or opening 45 agricultural directorates and offices in rural areas.

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