UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

STATE OF PALESTINE

Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice

OHCHR Palestine | period from 1 November 2024 to 31 October 2025

CONDUCT OF HOSTILITIES IN GAZA

GAZA

- The conduct of hostilities by Israeli military in Gaza continued to kill and maim unprecedented numbers of civilians; cause a catastrophic humanitarian crisis; displace virtually the entire population of Gaza, often multiple times; and destroy the remaining civilian infrastructure.
- This imposed on Palestinians conditions of life increasingly incompatible with their continued existence in Gaza as a group.

KEY FIGURES

Overall Palestinian fatalities & injuries
7 Oct 2023 - 31 Oct 2025

At least **68,858** Palestinians were killed in Gaza

over **170,664** People were injured

Source: Ministry of Health of the State of Palestine

Children killed in Gaza
7 Oct 2023 - 7 Oct 2025

20,179 Children were killed in Gaza

Equivalent to **a classroom of children killed every day**.

Gaza has the world's highest number of amputee children per capita.

Source: Ministry of Health of the State of Palestine

During the reporting period
1 Nov 2024 - 31 Oct 2025

At least **25,594** Palestinians were killed in Gaza

and **68,837** were injured

Source: Ministry of Health of the State of Palestine

Verified by OHCHR (verification ongoing)
7 Oct 2023 - 31 Oct 2025

19,582 Fatalities

Including

- **21%** (4,212) women
- **21%** (4,078) boys
- **18%** (3,503) girls

Killed by Israeli military while trying to access food
27 May - 8 Oct 2025

2,435 Palestinians were killed

53.3% killed in the vicinity of "Gaza Humanitarian Foundation" sites

46.7% killed along routes of suplly convoys

Source: OHCHR

Attacks on residential buildings
1 Nov 2024 - 31 Oct 2025

1,993 Resulting in:

4,528 fatalities

1,493 women and children

Source: OHCHR

Attacks on tents
1 Nov 2024 - 31 Oct 2025

642 Resulting in:

1,677 fatalities

695 women and children

Source: OHCHR

Israeli UAV-implicated attacks
1 Nov 2024 - 31 Oct 2025

1,143 attacks

2,079 fatalities

Source: OHCHR

Destruction of civilian infrastructure
as of 11 Oct 2025

81% of all structures in Gaza damaged or destroyed

320,622 Estimated housing units damaged

Source: UNOSAT

Displacement
as of 31 October 2025

1.9M Palestinians have been **displaced**, equal to about:

90% of Gaza's population

Source: OCHA

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- Any use of **starvation of the civilian population** as a method of warfare **constitutes a war crime** and **may also constitute crimes against humanity and genocide**.
- Israel's pattern of **killing journalists** meant that Gaza remained the **deadliest place in the world for journalists**.

Aid workers killed in Gaza

7 Oct 2023 - 29 Oct 2025

577 aid workers were killed

- **386** UN staff and team members
- **133** NGO aid workers (national and international)
- **54** PRCS staff and volunteers
- **4** ICRC staff

Source: OCHA

Health workers killed in Gaza

7 Oct 2023 - 24 Sept 2025

1,772 health workers were killed

- **1,254** men
- **455** women

Source: Ministry of Health of the State of Palestine

Detention of medical personnel in Gaza

as of Oct 2025

95 Palestinian medical personnel still detained

Source: Healthcare Workers Watch

Cropland destruction and environmental impacts

as of Aug 2025

98.5% of cropland in Gaza was damaged / inaccessible



The names shown and designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Israeli attacks caused unprecedented soil, water and air **contamination**.

By the end of 2024, nearly **all cattle and poultry** had been killed.

Source: FAO

Famine (IPC Phase 5) and human impact in Gaza

as of Aug 2025

500K + Palestinians facing catastrophic conditions characterized by starvation, destitution and death

In August 2025, **famine was confirmed in Gaza Governorate** by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) and projected to expand to Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis by the end of September 2025.

IPC Severity Ladder

1. Minimal
2. Stressed
3. Crisis
4. Emergency
5. Famine

At least **463** Palestinians starved to death during the reporting period

- including **157** children

Source: Ministry of Health of the State of Palestine

Killing, arbitrary arrest, and detention of Palestinian journalists

7 Oct 2023 - 31 Oct 2025

41 Palestinian journalists were detained as of 31 Oct 2025

Most from Gaza were held under the **Unlawful Combatants Law**

West Bank journalists held under **administrative detention** or **incitement charges**.

289 Palestinian journalists were killed

- Including **249** Men **40** Women

During the reporting period
1 Nov 2024 - 31 Oct 2025

103 Palestinian journalists were killed

- Including **90** Men **13** Women

Source: OHCHR

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WEST BANK INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

- Israeli security forces (ISF) engaged in **systematic unlawful use of force, arbitrary detention, ill-treatment** of Palestinians in detention, and **extensive unlawful demolition of homes**, all carried out with **impunity** and used to **systematically discriminate, oppress, control** and **dominate** the Palestinian people.
- Human rights violations by **Palestinian security forces (PSF)** also increased during this period.

UNLAWFUL KILLINGS AND INJURES IN THE WEST BANK, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

Unlawful killing by ISF

1 Nov 2024 - 31 Oct 2025

255 Palestinians were killed by the ISF

- **200** men
- **47** children
- **8** women
- Including **3** persons with disabilities

Source: OHCHR

Unlawful killing by PSF

1 Nov 2024 - 31 Oct 2025

at least **8** Palestinians were unlawfully killed by the PSF.

Source: OHCHR

UNLAWFUL DEMOLITIONS AND FORCIBLE TRANSFER IN THE WEST BANK, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

"Operation Iron Wall:" Demolitions and destruction in Jenin, Tulkarm and Nur Shams camps

As of 31 Oct 2025

436 buildings issued with demolition orders by ISF totalling 1,400 homes in the Jenin, Tulkarm and Nur Sham Camps

Satellite imagery assessment of destruction

On 16 Oct 2025

- buildings severely or moderately damaged: **1,450**
- destroyed: **602**

Source: UNOSAT

Forcible displacement

On 31 Oct 2025

at least **31,919** Palestinians remained forcibly displaced from "Operation Iron Wall" in northern West Bank.

Source: OCHA

ARBITRARY DETENTION, TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

Arbitrary detention, torture and ill-treatment

As of 31 Oct 2025

Following the 13 October release of **1,968** prisoners under the ceasefire agreement,

9,204 Palestinians remain held in prisons inside Israel and Ofer Prison in the West Bank

- Remand detainees: **3,389**
- Administrative detention: **3,368**
- Sentenced prisoners: **1,242**
- "Unlawful combatants": **1,205**

Source: HaMoked

Those detained included

As of the end of Sept 2025

350 children
- **349** boys
- **1** girl

175 children (**50%** of those detained) were held under **administrative detention**

47 women

Source: Israeli Prison Service

Palestinians died in Israeli detention

7 Oct 2023 - 31 Oct 2025

79

- **51** from Gaza
- **26** from the West Bank
- **2** Palestinian citizens of Israel
- Including **1** child

Source: OHCHR

Arbitrary detention by Palestinian security forces

1 Nov 2024 – 31 Oct 2025

300+ Palestinians were detained, mostly from the northern West Bank, often without legal grounds.

55 Continued to be detained despite court orders to release them.

Source: OHCHR

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ACCOUNTABILITY

- There remains a pervasive climate of **impunity in relation to gross violations of international human rights law** and **serious violations of international humanitarian law** in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, some constituting war crimes and possibly other international crimes.
- No meaningful steps were taken by Israel's justice system in relation to accountability for violations committed by **Israel's officials and/or settlers**.
- There must also be accountability for serious violations of international law, including possible international crimes, **by Hamas and its armed wing, Al Qassam Brigades as well as other Palestinian armed groups**.

Impunity for unlawful use of force by Israeli security forces (ISF) in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

1 Jan 2017 - 31 Oct 2025

1,521

Palestinians were killed by ISF in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Source: OHCHR

112

criminal **investigations** were opened,
29 of which closed without further action

2

indictments
and only **1** conviction

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

- Israeli practices appeared to **aim at a permanent demographic shift in Gaza**. This, together with forcible transfers of Palestinians, which appear to aim at a permanent displacement, raise concerns over **ethnic cleansing in Gaza and the West Bank**.
- Israeli practices across Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, indicated a **concerted and accelerating effort to consolidate annexation of large parts of the Occupied Palestinian Territory and to deny Palestinians' right to self-determination**.
- Israeli practices across Gaza and the West Bank maintained a system that amounts to a **deliberate policy of physical and juridical separation intended to maintain oppression and domination of Palestinians** in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, amounting to a violation of Article 3 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) which prohibits racial segregation and apartheid.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

PREVENT AND PUNISH GENOCIDE

Israel has a legal obligation to take the steps ordered by the International Court of Justice, to prevent acts of genocide, to prevent and punish the incitement to commit genocide, and to ensure enough aid reaches Palestinians in Gaza. All States are also obligated under international law to take action to prevent and punish genocide.

END THE UNLAWFUL PRESENCE

In line with the International Court of Justice's ruling of July 2024, Israel must end its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as rapidly as possible.

PURSUE ACCOUNTABILITY

The High Commissioner for Human Rights reiterates his calls upon States to pursue accountability through the exercise universal jurisdiction to try crimes under international law in national courts, consistent with international standards, and through cooperation with the International Criminal Court further to the Rome Statute, and to encourage Israel to cooperate in good faith with the United Nations, including OHCHR, in line with the International Court of Justice's ruling of 22 October 2025.

CEASE THE SALE OF WEAPONS

The High Commissioner also calls upon all States to cease the sale, transfer and diversion of arms, munitions and other military equipment to Israel facilitating violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

THE WAY FORWARD

Justice for victims must lay the foundation for the reconstruction of Gaza. Duty bearers must ensure Palestinians' immediate participation in governance structures to determine and shape the reconstruction of Gaza and to ensure that two states can exist side-by-side in a human rights-compliant manner. Palestinians' right to self-determination must not be delayed and made contingent on vague and indeterminate conditions.