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Key Developments

DAY 381 SINCE THE "CEASEFIRE": ISRAEL KILLED 1,559 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 74,555 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continued to violate the so-called "ceasefire" in the Gaza Strip through airstrikes, shelling and gunfire, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). On October 20, medical sources reported that Israeli occupation attacks had killed seven Palestinians within 24 hours and wounded others. In Gaza City, an airstrike struck a residential apartment near Al-Shifa Medical Complex, killing Akram Yassin and his wife, Dina Yassin, and injuring others. Other Israeli attacks across the Strip also killed and injured Palestinians. Reports documented three Palestinians killed on Wednesday, while a 10-year-old child succumbed to injuries sustained in an earlier Israeli strike. On Friday, Israeli attacks killed three more Palestinians and injured others. An Israeli strike near "Roni Street" in the Mawasi Khan Yunis area wounded 10 Palestinians, including three who sustained serious injuries, while another airstrike near the Al-Ramli family home in Gaza City's Al-Nasr neighborhood killed two Palestinians. On Saturday, further attacks killed four Palestinians, including two women and a child, and wounded eight others across the Gaza Strip, according to medical sources. In a statement, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education said that IOF gunfire and shelling on residential areas killed 10 Palestinian students and a teacher in Gaza between October 18 and 24, 2026. The Ministry called on the international community, the United Nations, and human rights and humanitarian organizations to protect Palestinian students and ensure accountability for ongoing violations against them in accordance with international law. Meanwhile, Israeli incursions, demolitions and shifts in the so-called "Yellow Line" continued to raise concerns over further forced displacement. As winter approaches, hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians remain in makeshift tents and damaged buildings that offer little to no protection from heavy rain, flooding and cold. UNCHA estimates that around 950,000 displaced Palestinians live in sites at medium to high risk of flooding, including more than 400,000 at high risk. According to UN News, displaced families are filling empty flour sacks with sand to block rainwater flooding, reinforcing tents with metal rods salvaged from rubble and using plastic sheeting to protect themselves from rain and cold. These makeshift measures offer limited protection, as funding shortages and Israeli restrictions on durable shelter materials leave nearly two million people in need of shelter assistance. On October 19, the World Food Programme (WFP) announced that funding shortages had forced it to cut food assistance by around one-third, reducing the number of people receiving support from 1.6 million to 1.1 million per month and leaving 500,000 people without this assistance. WFP also reported that 1.4 million people in Gaza face acute food insecurity, as displaced families struggle to secure food and shelter amid the approaching winter.

IOF FORCIBLY DISPLACE 1,500 PALESTINIANS IN HEBRON, THREATEN 2,500 MORE

IOF have forcibly displaced around 1,500 Palestinians from their homes in the Deir Bahha and al-Jalda areas of Hebron since October 23, with plans to uproot another 2,500 people. The forced displacement has affected

more than 200 families, while IOF have demolished residential buildings and commercial shops, raided homes, and imposed widespread closures across Hebron, blocking roads and entrances to villages and refugee camps. Families have been forced to spend the night outdoors, while IOF have marked homes with "X" signs after forcing families out and ordered remaining families to leave without their vehicles. The Palestinian Government condemned the escalation in Hebron as collective punishment and called for urgent international intervention, warning that forced displacement, demolitions and closures form part of a broader pattern of Israeli measures across the occupied West Bank. B'Tselem also urged governments and international institutions to act immediately to prevent the forcible displacement of civilians and further destruction in Hebron. It warned that Israeli occupation authorities are seeking to replicate the mass displacement and destruction inflicted on northern West Bank refugee camps, where more than 33,000 Palestinians have already been forcibly displaced so far.

IOF ARREST PALESTINIAN MOTHER AND DAUGHTER RETURNING TO GAZA AFTER MEDICAL TREATMENT ABROAD

IOF arrested 60-year-old Amal Ghazi al-Rifi and her 33-year-old daughter, Yasmin Rifaat al-Rifi, on October 21 as they returned to Gaza through the Rafah crossing after receiving medical treatment in Egypt, in a grave violation of and disregard for basic human rights. According to the Palestinian Center for Prisoners' Advocacy, Israeli occupation authorities extended their detention until December 3, 2026, and barred them from meeting their lawyer. Their arrest brings to seven the number of Palestinians detained at the Rafah and Kerem Abu Salem crossings. The Center called for their immediate release and the disclosure of their place of detention and the conditions under which they are being held. It stressed that the Rafah crossing must be a gateway to life, medical treatment, and safe return—not a trap for arresting Palestinians.

FORMER ISRAELI "SECURITY" OFFICIALS URGE NETANYAHU TO DESIGNATE EXTREMIST HILLTOP YOUTH AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

According to the Israeli newspaper *Yedioth Ahronoth*, four former heads of Israel's "security establishment", alongside other senior former officials from the Israeli military and the "National Security Council", sent a letter to Prime Minister Netanyahu on Sunday, urging him to designate the "Hilltop Youth" as a terrorist organization. The hardcore is responsible for terror attacks and crimes driven by "Jewish nationalist extremism" against Palestinians, as well as attacks targeting IOF themselves. The signatories included former Mossad chief Tamir Pardo; former "Defence" Minister and IOF Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'alon; former Shin Bet chief Ami Ayalon; and former Israeli occupation Police Commissioner Moshe Karadi. They called on the Israeli occupation government to immediately designate "Hilltop Youth" as a terrorist organization and pursue legal action against those who support it, including settlement-farm owners and employees. The letter stated that acts of "violence, harassment, and terrorism attributed to Hilltop Youth had escalated continuously in recent years, particularly since 2023," warning that "these acts threaten public order and civilian security, while also endangering foreign nationals who travel to the area to assist and protect [Palestinians]". The signatories asserted that Israel had failed to stop what they actually described as Jewish terrorism in the West Bank, arguing that the "army, police, and Shin Bet had failed to provide an effective and adequate response. They cited documented and repeated instances of IOF failing to act effectively, alongside other incidents involving soldiers and armed individuals in acts of 'violence'. The letter also pointed to political backing from senior government ministers, indifference—and, at times, encouragement—by senior officials, including the prime minister, as well as direct and indirect government funding that supports these activities.

Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since Early October 2023)

at least **74,555** Martyrs, incl. at least 21,976 children	at least **175,727** 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 19 October

- Press Release: "Gaza: A day of light for those who never stop giving"
- Report: "Israeli bombing cuts off water to large parts of Gaza City, as Israel 'reinstates starvation policy"
- UNICEF's Edouard Beigbeder: "A ceasefire that does not protect children has failed them."

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

1,216 Martyrs, incl. 254 children Until 11 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 | 19 Oct - 25 Oct 2026 (until 8 AM)

53 IOF Shooting Incidents (Aerial bombardment excluded)	**340** IOF Military Assaults	**191** Settlers' Terror Attack Incidents

- Video: IOF storm the village of Abu Falah, east of Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank, and detain a child.
- United Nations: "Season of fear: Escalating Israeli attacks on West Bank olive farmers, deadly strikes on Gaza"
- Video: A Palestinian family in Hebron, looks on in heartbreak as Israeli occupation authorities reduce their home to rubble.
- WAFA: American human rights organizations urge Trump administration and Congress to halt Israeli ethnic cleansing in the West Bank

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

In Focus

The Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission said attacks by IOF and colonial settlers targeting the olive harvest have continued to escalate over successive seasons. A total of 482 attacks have been recorded during the 2026 season to date, with the harvest season still underway. The Commission said on Monday that the number of attacks rose from 136 during the 2022 olive harvest season to 333 in 2023, then to 407 in 2024 and more than 441 in 2025. The Commission added that the growing number of attacks is placing increasing pressure on farmers, restricting their ability to access and cultivate their land, and undermining their livelihoods. The attacks targeting the olive harvest and farmers included intimidation, physical assaults, arrests, movement restrictions, gunfire, and the theft of olive crops and agricultural equipment, as well as the cutting, uprooting and burning of olive trees. On October 7, Palestinian farmer Ali Hassan Al-Bazari from Burqa, northwest of Nablus, succumbed to injuries sustained when Israeli settlers shot him while he was harvesting olives. In a separate attack on October 15, Israeli settlers violently assaulted a Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) colleague with a hand-sized rock launched by a slingshot during a targeted attack on his village in the south of West Bank, MSF reported that around 20 settlers initially descended from nearby hills, armed with batons, rifles, stun grenades and slingshots, while road restrictions and inaccessible terrain delayed the injured worker's access to medical care. The Israeli human rights organization Yesh Din described the "rampant settler violence" as part of a broader effort to dispossess Palestinians of their land and facilitate annexation, stressing that annexation is a crime. Amnesty International called on the international community to impose targeted sanctions on Israeli officials implicated in serious violations of international law, halt trade and investment that sustain Israel's unlawful occupation, and take concrete action to stop settler terrorism.

Key Government Updates

The Palestinian Government, represented by the Ministry of Women's Affairs, has supported 61 projects over the past two years to strengthen the resilience of women's associations in areas targeted by Israeli occupation measures and practices. Despite the obstacles imposed by the Israeli occupation, including obstructing and restricting government operations in the Gaza Strip, severing geographic connectivity, and withholding all Palestinian clearance revenues for more than a year and a half—revenues that account for approximately 68% of public income—the Government has continued its efforts to empower Palestinian women and protect the rights of women and girls. These efforts include developing legislation and laws, advocating for Palestinian women's issues internationally, and strengthening the role of the National Observatory for Monitoring Violence Against Women As part of efforts to enhance women's participation in public life, women accounted for approximately 25.6% of the winners in the 2026 local elections, reflecting their presence in decision-making positions and their participation in public affairs and community life. Marking Palestinian Women's National Day, data released by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics and the Ministry of Women's Affairs highlight the severe humanitarian and health consequences facing women and girls as a result of Israel's ongoing genocidal war on the Gaza Strip, now in its fourth year. Approximately 94% of healthcare facilities across the Strip have been damaged or destroyed, further undermining maternal and child health services and specialized care and exposing pregnant women to increasing health risks. More than 12,000 miscarriages and over 3,950 cases of pregnancy loss were recorded during the first half of 2026. The prevalence of anemia among pregnant women has also reached 57.1%, while approximately 107,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women face the risk of having limited to no access to essential healthcare, under conditions that threaten the health of women and the lives of mothers and newborns. In the West Bank, demolitions and confiscations have affected more than 4,750 structures and inhabited homes over the past three years, displacing more than 8,660 Palestinians, including

approximately 2,400 women and 3,700 children. These figures come in addition to the forced displacement of more than 33,000 Palestinians from refugee camps in the northern West Bank, further intensifying the economic and psychological burdens on Palestinian families, particularly women and children.

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