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Key Developments

DAY 388 SINCE THE "CEASEFIRE": ISRAEL KILLED 1,580 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 74,594 PALESTINIANS KILLED SINCE THE GENOCIDE BEGAN

Concluding that Israel continues to commit genocide in the Gaza Strip, the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory found, in a new report, that Israel has committed war crimes and the crimes against humanity of extermination, persecution, torture, rape and other forms of sexual violence in occupied Palestine, intentionally targeting Palestinian civilians. Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continue to commit genocidal acts in Gaza despite the so-called "ceasefire", with sustained airstrikes, artillery fire, drone attacks and sniper fire, alongside the expanding Israeli military control of Palestinian territory, continuing to kill and injure civilians. An Israeli quadcopter dropped a bomb on a vehicle south of Deir al-Balah in central Gaza, killing two Palestinians. In southern Gaza, six-year-old Tihani Shalalfeh succumbed to wounds sustained when IOF shot her in the Al-Mawasi area of Khan Younis. On Tuesday, Israeli attacks killed three Palestinians in Khan Younis and Gaza City, including two who succumbed to wounds sustained in earlier attacks. On Wednesday, an Israeli airstrike on a facility in Al-Mawasi killed three Palestinians and injured 10 others. Another Israeli drone strike near Al-Tina Street in Al-Mawasi killed a Palestinian and injured several others. On Thursday, Israeli strikes killed seven Palestinians and wounded dozens across the Strip. In a separate attack that day, an Israeli airstrike targeting a civilian vehicle near the entrance to Al-Maghazi refugee camp injured several Palestinians. On Friday, an Israeli drone strike in the Al-Maslakh area, west of Khan Younis, injured at least 12 Palestinians, including a man, his wife, and their children. On Saturday, an Israeli drone attack on a house west of Gaza City injured several Palestinians. Meanwhile, IOF continued to expand their military deployment areas beyond the so-called "Yellow Line," pushing Palestinians into ever-smaller, increasingly restricted areas and deepening forced displacement. OHCHR documented new displacement across Gaza, warning of deepening displacement 'nightmare'. In Al-Shuja'iyya, IOF attacked displacement sites and detonated the few remaining buildings using explosive robots. According to UNOSAT, Israeli attacks have damaged or destroyed more than 80% of buildings and structures across the Gaza Strip, further reducing the space and infrastructure available for civilian life. As winter approaches, displaced Palestinian families face a fourth consecutive winter in displacement tents and makeshift shelters. UNOPS also reported three incidents affecting its convoys and premises over three consecutive days during the past week. On Tuesday, Israeli occupation authorities closed the Karm Abu Salem border crossing for election day, forcing humanitarian agencies to suspend aid transport operations. Israeli restrictions on humanitarian assistance, particularly the entry of shelter materials, continue to prevent families from securing adequate protection against rain, flooding, and cold.

WEST BANK: IOF, COLONIAL SETTLER ATTACKS DISRUPT EDUCATION FOR 275,500 STUDENTS

Escalating systematic attacks by IOF and colonial settlers continued to disrupt education across the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem, during the 2026–2027 school year. According to Save the Children, the Education Cluster, co-led by Save the Children and UNICEF, documented 174 education-related crimes between 1 September and 20 October 2026, affecting 140 schools and directly impacting approximately 24,500 students. This represents a 121% increase compared with the same period last year. Settler terror attacks included assaulting students on their way to school, blocking school transportation, attacking vehicles carrying children, and attempting to break into Jalud Mixed Elementary School, forcing staff to evacuate students. IOF also fired tear gas near students in Beit Hanina and detained students in Al-Mughayyir and teachers heading to Susiya Elementary School. On 23 October, IOF imposed and maintained a military siege on Hebron, forcing the closure of all 691 schools across the governorate and disrupting in-person education for approximately 251,000 students.

ISRAELI OCCUPATION ESCALATES DEMOLITIONS, FORCED DISPLACEMENT ACROSS OCCUPIED WEST BANK; UN WARNS OF ETHNIC CLEANSING

IOF escalated home demolitions and forced displacement across the occupied West Bank. In Hebron, a large-scale military onslaught involving the demolition of homes and businesses, alongside tight siege, forcibly displaced more than 3,300 Palestinians. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk warned that the onslaught raises serious concerns of ethnic cleansing, citing the demolition of homes and businesses, as well as restrictions on Palestinians' freedom of movement. UN Secretary-General António Guterres separately expressed alarm over escalating Israeli actions across the occupied West Bank, including settlement expansion, evictions, and rising settler terrorism. He warned of an increasingly coercive environment, with the spectre of ethnic cleansing looming ever larger. In Qalqilya, IOF ordered a Palestinian man to evacuate his home before demolishing it, under the pretext of lacking a building permit. In Beita, south of Nablus, IOF demolished one home and planted explosives inside another before detonating it, forcing families to evacuate. The Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission stated that, according to its records and cases it has followed, Israeli occupation authorities have issued a total of 9,518 demolition notices targeting Palestinian homes and properties across the West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem, since 2015.

ISRAEL'S POLITICAL DEADLOCK PROLONGS FINANCIAL STRANGULATION OF PALESTINE

According to The Times of Israel, Israel's inconclusive October 27 Knesset elections have done little to alter the financial strangulation imposed on the State of Palestine. Netanyahu and key ministers, including Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, therefore remain in positions of influence in a caretaker capacity while political negotiations to form a government continue. For the PA, the Israeli newspaper argues, the immediate consequence is continued uncertainty rather than a change in policy: Israel's withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues, which constitute 68% of Palestine's public income, remains in place. More than $7 billion has accumulated in withheld revenues, with Smotrich blocking transfers for 18 consecutive months. The financial consequences are increasingly affecting the Palestinian Government's ability to maintain essential public services and meet its obligations. Public employees have been receiving only half of their salaries, while schools are operating three days a week and hospitals face shortages of basic medicines. Without the release of withheld revenues or substantial external assistance, the newspaper highlights, further salary reductions and spending cuts will be difficult to avoid in 2027.

Summary

Figure 1: Gaza Strip (Since Early October 2023)

at least **74,594** Martyrs, incl. at least 21,976 children	at least **175,834** 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 30 October

- Video: "Amid Israel's genocide, the drawings of children reflect their psychological distress"
- United Nations: "UN rights office warns of deepening displacement 'nightmare' in Gaza"
- "Video shows Israel strikes hitting several areas of the Gaza Strip"

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

1,218 Martyrs, incl. 254 children Until 27 Oct	**13,746** Wounded as of 27 Oct	**+9,400** Prisoners	**+ 34,000** Palestinians remain displaced in Jenin & Tulkarem as of July 2026

Figure 3: West Bank, incl. occupied Jerusalem | 26 Oct - 1 Nov 2026 (until 8 AM)

69 IOF Shooting Incidents (Aerial bombardment excluded)	**399** IOF Military Assaults	**141** Settlers' Terror Attack Incidents

- UNOCHA: "Settler violence in the West Bank has reached its highest level on record"
- MoEHE: "The Israeli occupation's closures and military siege in Hebron disrupt in-person education for thousands of students"
- Video: Checkpoints and gate closures endanger patients and obstruct Palestine Red Crescent ambulance crews across the West Bank.
- Israeli Actress: "I'm ashamed and no longer proud to be Israeli."

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

In Focus

During October, Israeli occupation forces and colonial settlers carried out 3,133 attacks against Palestinians, their land, and property across the occupied West Bank, according to the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission. IOF carried out 1,764 attacks, while settlers carried out 1,369 terror attacks, marking a 52.8% increase in total attacks compared with September and a 111.6% surge in settler attacks alone. Ramallah and Al-Bireh recorded the highest number of attacks (704), followed by Nablus (636) and Hebron (568). Settler terror attacks injured at least 356 Palestinians, including 22 children and 22 women, while settlers damaged 5,890 trees, including 4,498 olive trees, stole 165 olive harvests and 384 sheep, and targeted vehicles and agricultural equipment. Settlers also attempted to establish 28 new installations (outposts) during the month. Meanwhile, Israeli occupation authorities seized or reclassified 229.56 dunums of Palestinian land through military orders, demolished 129 structures, and advanced 10 settlement plans and five construction tenders covering 1,629 settlement units. The Commission's figures highlight the escalation of attacks during the olive harvest season, as settlers and IOF increasingly target farmers, agricultural livelihoods and Palestinian land. Meanwhile, according to a report by The Jerusalem Post, Israeli occupation authorities denied entry to a 23-member international delegation from France, Spain, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Greece, Denmark, Ireland and the United States as its members attempted to cross from Jordan into the occupied West Bank. The delegation planned to attend Progressive International's Second Ramallah Congress in November, in partnership with Birzeit University, and accompany Palestinian farmers during the olive harvest. According to JP, Israeli occupation authorities questioned and detained the group for approximately nine hours before denying them entry without providing an explanation. British former Labour MP Sam Tarry said the decision aimed to prevent international visitors from witnessing conditions in the West Bank ahead of the Israeli 2026 elections.

Key Government Update

The Palestinian Government has begun implementing a program to restore the school week to five days, following its reduction to three days during the previous academic year as a result of the severe financial crisis caused by the Israeli occupation's withholding of Palestinian clearance revenues. This prevented the Government from paying public employees their full salaries, in turn affecting teachers' ability to reach their schools and disrupting the regular delivery of education. As part of its efforts to address the crisis and make up for learning losses, the Government has developed a plan to recruit approximately 3,000 unemployed teachers who have passed the recruitment examinations and are awaiting employment opportunities. The plan will provide limited funding through temporary employment programmes, in cooperation with a number of international partners and donors. It aims to create employment opportunities for some of those currently unemployed while drawing on their expertise to support the education process and help students recover part of the learning they have lost. Meanwhile, the health sector continues to operate on reduced working hours. The Government is pursuing practical solutions to improve the level of healthcare services and ensure their continuity. This comes amid growing demand for healthcare services provided at little or no cost, driven by deteriorating economic conditions and the loss of employment among more than half a million people. These job losses have resulted either from Israel's prevention of workers from returning to their workplaces inside Israel or from severe restrictions on movement and mobility. The proliferation of approximately 1,000 military checkpoints and iron gates has restricted the movement of people and the flow of goods and commodities between Palestinian cities and villages, further deepening the economic decline, which has

exceeded 40% over the past two years. In the Gaza Strip, the Government continues to implement interventions to the extent possible. These include repairing main water supply lines, maintaining wells, creating employment opportunities in waste collection and removal, rehabilitating additional temporary shelters, and clearing rubble in cooperation with international partners. Nevertheless, these interventions remain insufficient to meet the mounting needs, amid the continued Israeli occupation restrictions on the entry of aid shipments and commercial goods and the worsening humanitarian situation as winter approaches, particularly for hundreds of thousands of women, children, and older persons.

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