



## Overview









The beginning of March marked the 147<sup>th</sup> day of Israel's genocidal aggression against the **Gaza Strip**. [UN Secretary-General António Guterres told journalists at the Rafah border crossing into Gaza](#) that: "It is monstrous that after so much suffering over so many months, Palestinians in Gaza are marking Ramadan with Israeli bombs still falling, bullets still flying artillery still pounding and humanitarian assistance still facing obstacle upon obstacle." In early March, [Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner – General](#) stated that: "5% of the population is dead, injured or missing. It is impossible to adequately describe the suffering in Gaza. Doctors are amputating the limbs of injured children without anesthetic. Hunger is everywhere. A manmade famine is looming. More than 100 people were killed few days ago when desperately seeking food. Babies just a few months old are dying of malnutrition and dehydration."

[Paula Gaviria Betancur, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons \(IDPs\)](#), said that: "Five months into the assault on Gaza, Israel has lost all credibility on its claims to protect civilians in the besieged strip (...) Instead, Israel immediately launched a campaign to discredit and defund UNRWA, the backbone of the humanitarian response in Gaza, based on allegations for which Israel has yet to publicly provide any credible evidence." Furthermore, [UN Experts](#) agreed that: "Israel has been intentionally starving the Palestinian people in Gaza since 8 October. Now it is targeting civilians seeking humanitarian aid and humanitarian convoys." In this context, [UNICEF](#) warned that: "31 per cent - or 1 in 3 children under 2 years of age – in the Northern Gaza Strip suffer from acute malnutrition, a staggering escalation from 15.6 per cent in January." And as articulated by [Martin Griffiths, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator](#): "Famine is imminent in Gaza. The international community should hang its head in shame for failing to stop it."





The most prominent event during March, which left hundreds of martyrs and wounded Palestinians, was besieging the Al-Shifa Medical Complex, burning the hospitals' departments and buildings, including those inside them, and committing horrific massacres there over the course of two weeks until the end of March. Mahmoud Basal, spokesman for the Civil Defense in Gaza, stated on 9 April that at [least 381 bodies had been recovered in the vicinity of the Al-Shifa](#) since the occupation forces withdrew on 1 April. He added that this number does not include those missing from inside the complex. At the end of March, [Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory](#) said on X that Israel is "eroding International Law one crime at the time."

Furthermore, and with international participation, several countries, led by Jordan, conducted airdrops of humanitarian aid targeting multiple locations in the northern Gaza Strip. According to media sources, [23 Palestinians were killed during March due to humanitarian airdrops](#), including [12 drowning cases and six others killed due to stampedes](#). And in warning about Israel's imminent invasion of Rafah, [Jamie McGoldrick, UN's Humanitarian Coordinator for the Middle East](#) said that it "would break the back of our response."

And in the **West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem**, the Israeli occupation forces (IOF) continued to conduct military campaigns across various Palestinian governorates, targeting unarmed Palestinian civilians with live ammunition, rubber-coated metal bullets, stun grenades, and tear gas. The IOF focused its aggression on the Jenin governorate, which recorded the highest number of martyrs (13) due to raids on Jenin city and its camp, in addition to the policy of assassinations through drone strikes on vehicles. Also, extremist Israeli settlers continued to attack Palestinian civilians and their properties, and between 7 October 2023 and the end of March 2024, a total of 21 Palestinians were killed by the IOF in incidents involving settlers.

Key Facts & Figures	
	At least 2,688 were killed (2,650 martyrs in Gaza and 38 martyrs in the West Bank). Between 7 October 2023 and end of March 2024: at least 33,308 Palestinians were killed [32,850 martyrs in Gaza (8,850 women and 13,800 children) and 458 martyrs in the West Bank]. In Gaza, at least 8,100 Palestinians remain missing under the rubble. ( <a href="#">Ministry of Health</a> )
	+ 4,200 Palestinians were injured, incl. +4,100 in Gaza. Between 7 October 2023 and end of March 2024: at least 76,270 Palestinians were injured, including 75,500 in Gaza. ( <a href="#">Ministry of Health</a> )
	Since the aggression began, at least 2,848 massacres have been committed in Gaza. ( <a href="#">Media Sources</a> )
	There were 233 shooting incidents in all West Bank governorates, along with 978 military raids and 377 sudden military checkpoints. ( <a href="#">NAD</a> )
	At least 141 Israeli settlers' terror attacks. ( <a href="#">NAD</a> )
	At least 800 Palestinians were arrested, incl. 40 women and 70 children <sup>1</sup> . Two Palestinians died in occupation prisons and detention centers due to torture and medical crimes: Ahmad Rezeq Qudaih from Gaza and Juma'ah Abu Ghanima. This brings the total number of captive martyrs to 14 since 7 October 2023. ( <a href="#">Palestinian Prisoners Society &amp; The Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs Commission</a> ).
Israel's Genocidal Aggression Against the Gaza Strip	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>So far, 161 UNRWA facilities have incurred varying degrees of damage. Additionally, 173 of its employees, along with at least 409 displaced individuals in its shelters, have lost their lives, and at least 1409 people have been injured. (<a href="#">UNRWA</a>)</li> <li>Between 27 February and the end of March: 28 children died from malnutrition and dehydration (<a href="#">Ministry of Health</a>).</li> <li>Israel refuses to give information on how many bodies of Gaza martyrs are withheld. According to the <a href="#">National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies</a>: from hundreds of bodies detained after 7 October 2023, the occupation authorities have returned, in four batches until early March 2024, the bodies of 338 martyrs from the Gaza Strip.</li> </ul>
	Approximately <a href="#">70% of Gaza's civilian infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed</a> . About 62% of all homes in Gaza, totaling 290,820 housing units, have been affected, estimated at a value of US\$13.3 billion. Damages to the housing sector represent 72% of the total incurred damages from the ongoing hostilities. Of the affected housing units, 76% have been completely destroyed, while 24% have suffered partial damage. ( <a href="#">World Bank</a> )
	Nearly 85% of Gaza's population was forcibly displaced (approx. 1.93 million Palestinians). ( <a href="#">Ministry of Health</a> )

<sup>1</sup> The number of Palestinian prisoners reached 9,400 at the end of March 2024, incl. more than 200 children. The highest rate of arrests in the West Bank was recorded in occupied Jerusalem, where 400 detention cases were recorded followed by Hebron (155).

	<p>Nearly 1.4 million internally displaced people are registered at 155 UNRWA facilities across Gaza, incl. 1 million in 94 shelters in the south. (<a href="#">Ministry of Health</a>)</p>
	<p><b>Attacks on the Education Sector:</b> A <a href="#">UN-partnered analysis</a> said 212 schools (out of 563 school buildings in Gaza) were directly bombed. Satellite images showed that at least 53 schools were completely destroyed, and 167 others were severely damaged. More than 80% of all schools were damaged in various ways. According to the <a href="#">Ministry of Education</a>, since the aggression began, more than 5,826 students and 264 education sector staff have been killed. More than 9,570 students and 960 staff members have been injured<sup>2</sup>.</p>
	<p><b>Attacks on the Health Sector:</b> Since the aggression began, the IOF direct and indirect attacks on health facilities and their workers have resulted in the killing of 484 healthcare workers and medical specialists, the injury of more than 400, along with the detention and arrest of more than 310 others. More than 126 ambulances were destroyed and rendered inoperable, and 155 health facilities were partially or completely damaged, shutting down 32 hospitals and 53 health centers due to targeting and fuel shortages. (<a href="#">Ministry of Health</a>)</p>
	<p><b>Attacks on Journalists:</b> IOF committed 105 violations against Palestinian journalists, including the killing of 6 reporters and media personnel in Gaza, the injuring of 9 others by bombing or shooting with live ammunition, and 8 cases of detention. Since the aggression began, the IOF has killed 132 Palestinian journalists and media personnel due to deliberate Israeli bombing of their homes, offices, or while working in the field in Gaza. As a result of the intense bombing, 1,500 journalists were displaced to hospitals and makeshift shelters. The homes of hundreds of journalists' families and the headquarters of 73 media and press organizations were destroyed. (<a href="#">Journalists' Syndicate</a>)</p>

**Examples of the occupying Power's deliberate attacks on Palestinian hospitals and civilians in Gaza:**

- [Al-Shifa Medical Complex \(and its vicinities\) Massacre](#): the IOF stormed the Al-Shifa Medical Complex at dawn on 18 March, besieged it, and displaced the medical and press teams. Under heavy bombardment by warplanes, Israeli tanks stormed the hospital, setting the gate on fire. The siege of the hospital continued for two weeks until the end of March, during which the IOF committed heinous crimes and massacres, opening fire on anyone who moved inside the Complex or in its vicinity. [During the first week of the siege, more than 100 Palestinians were killed, including children.](#) The occupation forces also arrested all the doctors, forced them to take off their clothes, and executed three doctors along with some administrative and medical staff. During the siege, [media sources](#) reported that the IOF destroyed, burned, and targeted 1,050 homes, killing Palestinians inside the Complex and arresting and torturing hundreds of patients, displaced people, and medical staff inside and around the Complex. [Early estimates by the Euro-Med Monitor](#) indicated that more than 1,500 Palestinians were killed, wounded, or reported missing as a result of the massacre at Al-Shifa. Women and children comprised half of the casualties, with over 22 patients killed while in hospital beds due to the siege and the deliberate denial of medical care. Al-Shifa Medical Complex, the largest health institution in the Gaza Strip, became entirely out of service.

<sup>2</sup> According to a report from the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, from 7 October 2023 to 14 March 2024, 445 students and 88 staff were killed, 98% of them in Gaza. A total of 59 higher education institutions have been partially damaged and 25 have been completely damaged in the Gaza Strip. More than 88,000 students were deprived of education in 19 higher education institutions in Gaza.

- [Kuwait Roundabout Massacre in Northern Gaza](#) - civilians were executed while waiting for aid convoys: On 14 March, the IOF opened fire on Palestinians waiting for aid trucks at the Kuwait Roundabout in Gaza City, killing at least 21 Palestinians and wounding more than 150 others. As a result of the repeated targeting of civilians waiting for aid trucks, more than 500 people have been killed, according to [EuroMed Human Rights Monitor](#).
- [Targeting Tents of Displaced Persons](#): On 26 March, Israeli occupation warplanes targeted a tent for displaced persons belonging to the Al-Madhoun family in Al-Mawasi area, west of Khan Yunis, resulting in the killing of 12 family members, including children.

### Israel's Aggression Against the West Bank

- In March 2024, the IOF killed 38 Palestinians, incl. 9 children, and injured at least 100 others. ([Ministry of Health](#))
- From 7 October 2023 to the end of March 2024: 64 public schools were attacked, 55 students were killed, 329 students and 6 teachers were injured, and 103 students and more than 73 teachers were arrested. ([Ministry of Education](#))
- Israel currently withholds the bodies of 237 Palestinian martyrs, including 29 children, 25 prisoners, and one woman. In addition, Israel withholds the bodies of 256 martyrs in the Cemeteries of Numbers. In March 2024, the occupation authority withheld the bodies of 12 martyrs from the West Bank, incl. 3 Palestinian citizens of Israel. ([National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies](#))

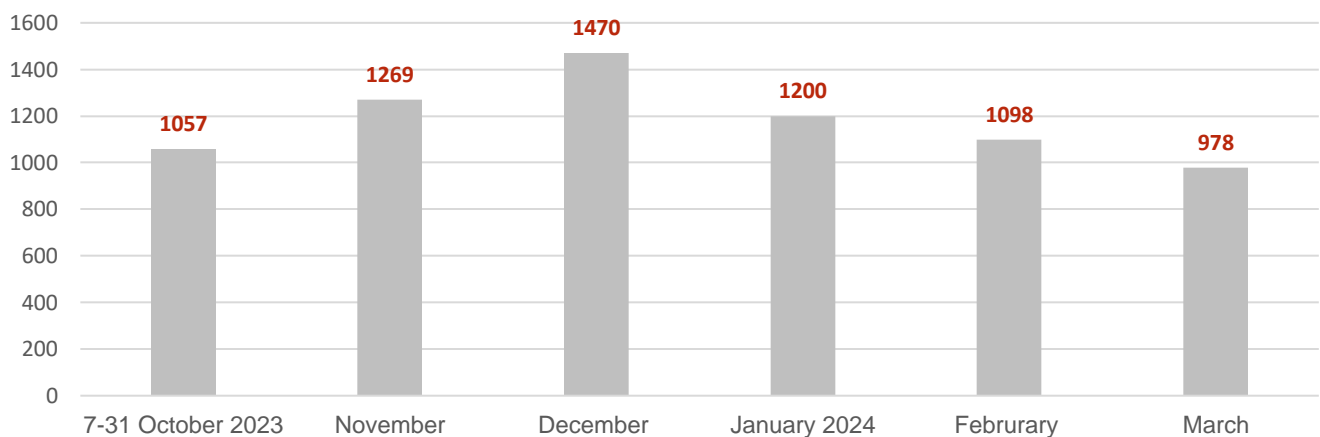


In March 2024: The occupation authorities promoted more than 7,630 settlement units in the West Bank, including more than 5,880 settlement units in and around occupied Jerusalem, in addition to approving several other colonial settlement projects. ([Peace Now & Ir Amim](#))

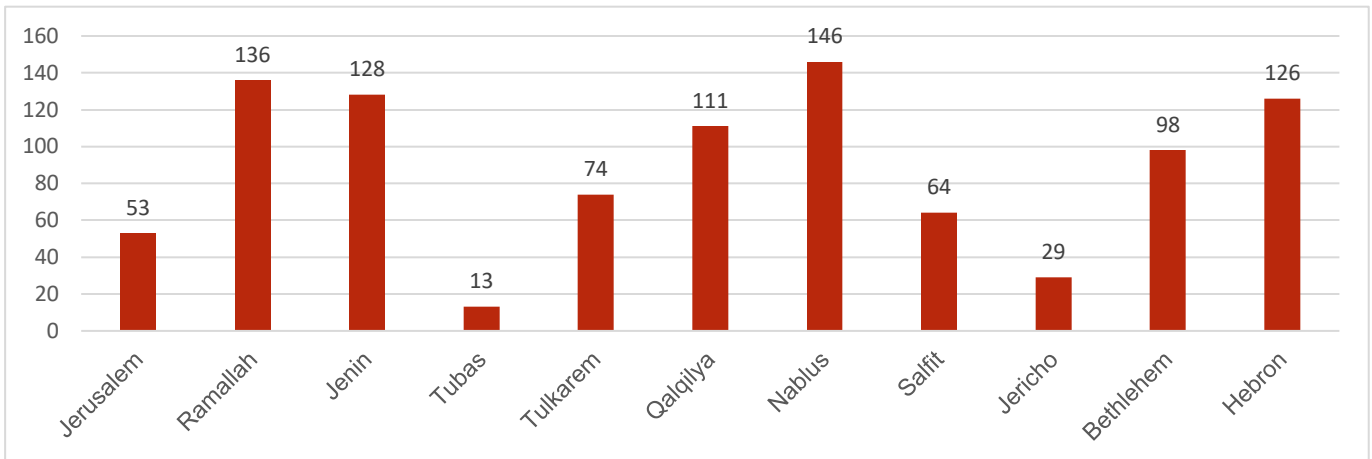


In March 2024, the IOF demolished 87 Palestinian structures, including 10 homes, resulting in the displacement of 9 families (44 people, incl. 22 children) and otherwise affecting 67 families (27,848 individuals, incl. 13,346 children). ([UNOCHA](#))

### Israeli Military Raids by Month: 7 October 2023 – 31 March 2024



## Israeli Military Raids by Governorate: March 2024

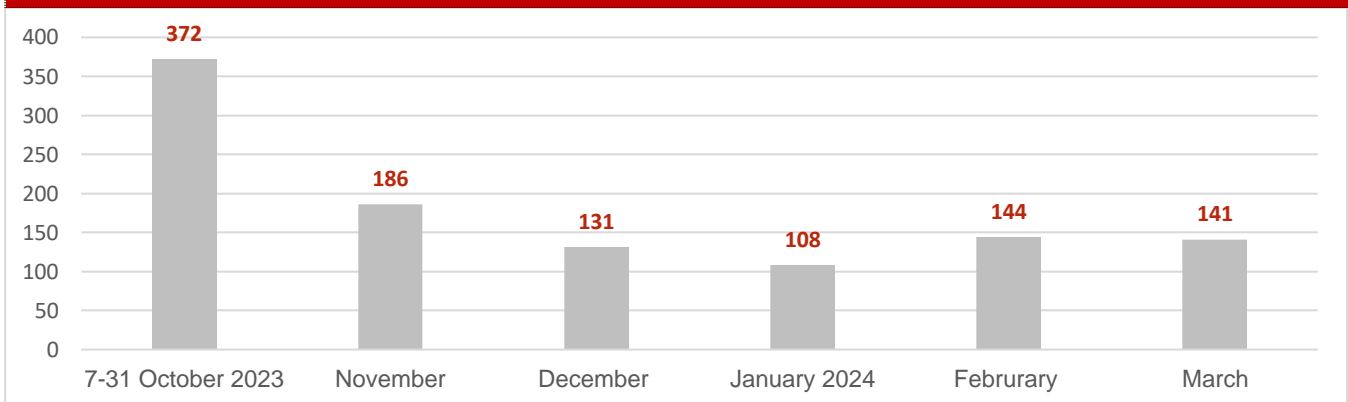


A total of 978 military raids, concentrated in the governorates of Nablus, Ramallah, Jenin, Hebron and Qalqilya.

## Israeli Settlers' Terror Attacks

In March 2024, with unconditional support from the occupation authority and forces, Israeli settlers continued to commit terrorist attacks against defenseless Palestinian citizens and their properties. At least 141 attack incidents were documented, encompassing deliberate vehicular assaults, physical assaults, road blockades leading to Palestinian areas with stone-throwing at passing vehicles, raids on Palestinian villages and towns, uprooting/damaging trees and destruction of fruit trees and crops, gunfire directed at civilians, arson targeting their property, and physical assaults, including those perpetrated against children. The attacks were concentrated in the Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, and Bethlehem governorates. According to a report by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), settlers targeted Palestinian trees and crops in 31 separate incidents, resulting in the uprooting, damage, sabotage, poisoning, and burning of 1,067 trees, including 798 olive trees. The majority of these attacks occurred in Nablus Governorate (66 trees damaged/ uprooted), followed by Hebron and Ramallah Governorates (27 trees affected), Tubas Governorate (12 trees damaged/ uprooted), and Bethlehem Governorate (962 trees damaged/ uprooted).

## Israeli Settlers' Terror Attack Incidents by Month: 7 October 2023 – 31 March 2024



The following are some examples:

- **On March 8 in Jericho & the Jordan Valley Governorate:** a group of settlers, south of the Ain al-Hilweh area in the northern Jordan Valley, fenced off a plot of land estimated at 2,000 dunums in an attempt to seize it.
- **On March 9 in Jerusalem Governorate:** a group of settlers stormed Bab al-Rahma cemetery adjacent to Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound and destroyed 10 tombstones. They also vandalized some of the cemetery's contents used to bury the dead were also vandalized.

- **On March 19 in Nablus Governorate:** a group of armed settlers present in Khirbet al-Tawil area, east of Aqraba town, grazed their cows on citizens' lands. They also opened fire on citizens while they tried to combat the attack. This led to the martyrdom of Fakher Jaber (43 years old) while he was in front of his house
- **On March 25 in Bethlehem Governorate:** a settler, while driving his vehicle on the main road near the village of Kisan, ran over the child Muhammad Sami Odeh Ghazal (13 years old), causing him bruises.

### In Focus: Summary of Israeli Violations in occupied Jerusalem<sup>3</sup>

- **Killings:** IOF killed four Palestinians, including three children, from Jerusalem: Mustafa Abu Shalbak (16), from the Qalandia Refugee Camp, Rami Al-Halhouli (13) directly shot in front of his house in the Shuafat Refugee Camp, and Mustafa Talib Ahmed Talib (15) from the village of Al-Walajeh. The fourth martyr was Zakaria Najib (58), a released prisoner deported to Gaza who was shot dead by the IOF on 30 March.
- **Arrests:** The occupation authorities arrested 147 Palestinians, including 10 children and 9 women, in all areas of the Jerusalem Governorate. They have imprisoned 13 Jerusalemite prisoners, including six under administrative detention.
- **Home Demolitions:** IOF demolished 12 Palestinian structures, including 5 homes, resulting in the displacement of 4 families (18 people, including 9 children), and otherwise affecting 15 families (80 individuals, including 87 children). ([UNOCHA](#))
- **Settlers' Terror Attacks:** Israeli settlers committed 11 assaults, including 5 physical assaults. In one incident on 24 March: settlers attacked Jerusalemite driver Ahmed Abu Al-Hawa with a knife, causing him injuries, in the "Kiryat Sefer" settlement, which was established on the lands of the village of Deir Qaddis, west of Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate.
- **Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound:** During Ramadan, the occupation authorities imposed restrictions on worshippers by specifying the ages of those who could enter the Compound. They denied entry to worshippers from the West Bank, allowing only men over 55 years old and women over 50 years old to enter with special permits for prayer that expire at five o'clock in the evening, thereby denying them access to later prayers. So far, during the first quarter of 2024, 9,894 settlers and 6,246 foreign visitors (under tourism pretext) stormed into the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound. In March alone, 3,215 settlers and 2,478 foreign visitors (under tourism pretext) stormed the Compound.
- **Easter:** The occupation prevented thousands of Christians from reaching Jerusalem to celebrate Easter (according to the Western calendar). Christians living in the West Bank were refused entry permits to Jerusalem except in limited numbers and under restrictive conditions. Gaza Strip Christians have been denied access to Jerusalem on Christian holidays for years.
- **Entry Bans:** during the first quarter of 2024, the occupation authorities issued about 39 such orders, including 24 orders prohibiting Jerusalemites' entry into the Aqsa Mosque Compound, as well as other orders banning/restricting Palestinians' right to live one's home, neighborhood, or city for a certain period of time or until further notice. During March alone, occupation authorities issued 20 such orders, including 13 to Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound.

<sup>3</sup> Main Source: The Public Relations and Media Unit of the Jerusalem Governorate, unless otherwise indicated.