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## Israel's Aggression Against Occupied Palestine August 2025

### Overview

During August, the occupation authorities intensified their genocidal war across the Gaza Strip, carrying out systematic mass killings, targeting Palestinian civilians in their homes, tents, shelters, and at aid distribution points. Israel has also used starvation as a weapon of war and to inflict genocide. According to records from the [UN Human Rights Office](#), at least **2,014** people seeking aid were killed between May 27 and August 26. Of those, **1,074** Palestinians were killed near aid distribution sites run by the so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, and another **940** Palestinians were killed near aid convoy routes.

The Israeli Occupation Forces, IOF, also continued to bomb and destroy life-sustaining infrastructure in the Gaza Strip, including hospitals and water and sanitation systems, and repeatedly issued forced evacuation orders that followed the Israeli cabinet's decision to occupy Gaza City, thus forcibly displacing hundreds of thousands of families to severely overcrowded areas in the south, where they were trapped in increasingly inhumane and life-threatening conditions. Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner-General of UNRWA, [warned](#) that the anticipated Israeli aggression on Gaza City would have a "horrific impact," stressing that people would "either die under bombardment because of the military operation, or they die because they could not be assisted in time, and they would silently die because of hunger."

Israeli forces have also maintained a total closure of all of Gaza's border crossings, preventing the entry of life-saving humanitarian aid, leading to food insecurity, malnutrition, and famine that reached unprecedented levels. According to [IPC](#), as of 15 August 2025, Famine (IPC Phase 5) is confirmed in the Gaza Governorate. Between mid-August and the end of September 2025, conditions were expected to further worsen with Famine projected to expand to Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis. The World Health Organization also indicated that acute respiratory infections and acute watery diarrhea remain the most commonly reported diseases, accounting for 58% and 41%, respectively, of the total number of cases recorded between August 3 and 9. Meningitis cases have also risen to 1,043 since last May, while Guillain-Barré syndrome cases have risen to 94, including 10 deaths.

Since the Israeli cabinet approved a plan to occupy the entire Gaza City, the IOF expanded its military assault on Gaza City to include al-Zeitoun and Sabra neighborhoods, destroying more than 1,000 buildings. By the end of August, IOF had [destroyed](#) approximately 300 housing units, either entirely or partially, daily in Gaza City and Jabalia, using around 15 robots carrying nearly 100 tons of explosives.

During August 2025, at least **3231** Palestinians were killed and more than **13,073** Palestinians were injured in occupied Palestine. In Gaza alone, at least **3225** Palestinians were killed and **13017** were injured due to Israel's genocidal war, while **6** Palestinians were killed in the occupied West Bank.<sup>1</sup>

IOF also continued their military campaign in various governorates, especially in the governorates of Jenin, Nablus, Hebron, Ramallah, and Jericho. The ongoing military operations resulted in the killing of **6** Palestinians and the injury of at least **56** others who were admitted to hospitals for treatment, in addition to tens of injuries that were treated in the field. Jenin and Nablus governorates announced that the Israeli army killed **2** Palestinians in each governorate.

IOF also arrested no less than **540** Palestinians<sup>2</sup>. There were also **191** shooting operations in all governorates of the West Bank, along with **1366** military incursions and cases of setting up **463** ad-hoc military checkpoints at the entrances to villages and the outskirts of towns and camps. Settlers were also involved in **308** attacks against Palestinians and their properties.<sup>3</sup>

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|    | In August, <b>3,231</b> Palestinians were killed, <b>3,225</b> in Gaza and <b>6</b> in the West Bank. The Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH) records noted that between October 7, 2023, and August 31, 2025, the death toll reached <b>64,589</b> Palestinians, <b>63,557</b> in the Gaza Strip and <b>1,032</b> in the West Bank.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|   | During August, over <b>13,073</b> Palestinians were injured. Of those, approximately <b>13,017</b> were in Gaza. <sup>4</sup> Between October 7, 2023, and August 31, 2025, at least <b>168,650</b> Palestinians have been injured, among them at least <b>160,660</b> in Gaza (MoH)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|  | According to various <a href="#">media</a> reports, the Israeli army has committed more than <b>12000</b> massacres against the Palestinians in Gaza, between October 7, 2023, and the end of August 2025. Moreover, an estimated number of over <b>14,000</b> people are believed to be missing or dead under the rubble.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  | There were <b>191</b> shooting incidents in all West Bank governorates, along with <b>1,366</b> military incursions and <b>463</b> ad-hoc military checkpoints. (NAD)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | Israeli settlers were involved in no less than <b>308</b> terror attacks against Palestinian civilians throughout the West Bank (NAD).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|  | By the end of August 2025, Israel had arrested at least <b>540</b> Palestinians, including <b>19</b> women and <b>45</b> children. The number of Palestinian prisoners held in Israel rose to more than <b>11,100</b> , including <b>400</b> children and <b>49</b> women. The highest rate of arrests in the West Bank was in Jenin, where <b>95</b> detention cases were recorded. The total number of prisoners who died in Israeli custody since October 7, 2023, is <b>77</b> , including <b>28</b> from the West |

<sup>1</sup> Palestinian Minister of Health

<sup>2</sup> Palestinian Prisoners Club

<sup>3</sup> PLO-NAD Palestinian Monitoring Group

<sup>4</sup> Between 7 October 2023 till end of August 2025, +7990 Palestinians were injured in WB including 3858 who were admitted to hospitals

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|    | According to the <a href="#">Shelter Cluster</a> , <b>92%</b> of housing units in Gaza are either destroyed or damaged, with some <b>1.35</b> million people in need of emergency shelter items, and around <b>1.4</b> million people require essential household items.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|    | The <a href="#">UNRWA</a> said at least <b>1.9</b> million people (around <b>90%</b> of the population) are displaced. Many have been displaced repeatedly, with some experiencing displacement up to 10 times or more.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|    | <a href="#">UNRWA</a> reveals that over <b>86</b> per cent of the Gaza Strip remains within the Israeli-militarized zone, under displacement orders, or where these overlap, as of 27 August 2025. On 26 August 2025, IOF issued a new displacement order through leaflet drops, covering approximately one square kilometer in Gaza City. The order is estimated to affect around <b>200,000 –250,000</b> people living in the area. Between 14 and 28 August, a total of <b>60,197</b> people were displaced from Gaza City, and <b>20,063</b> others from north to south, with <b>1,357</b> of these occurring between 27 and 28 August.<br><br>At least <b>189</b> UNRWA installations – or over half of all UNRWA installations in the Gaza Strip – are located within the military zone. So far, <b>312</b> UNRWA Installations have been impacted or damaged, and over <b>360</b> UNRWA team members have been killed since the beginning of Israel’s genocidal war. |
|  | Latest <a href="#">official statistics</a> indicate that <b>95.2%</b> of schools in the Gaza Strip have sustained varying degrees of damage, and that <b>88.5%</b> of school buildings need complete reconstruction or significant renovation. According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, more than <b>160</b> schools were destroyed, in addition to <b>118</b> schools that became targets of attacks and vandalism that caused partial destruction to the premises. Regarding higher education institutions, more than <b>63</b> university buildings were destroyed by Israeli attacks, killing at least <b>1,261</b> university students and more than <b>226</b> of the educational staff members. Besides, more than <b>17,085</b> school students and <b>739</b> education sector staff were killed, while more than <b>25,213</b> students and <b>3,091</b> staff members were injured.                                              |
|  | Since the onset of the aggression, IOF has carried out <b>772</b> attacks on health facilities and workers in Gaza ( <a href="#">WHO</a> as of 21 August). A report issued by the World Health Organization, WHO, revealed that since Israel's aggression in October 2023 until 31 August, <b>18</b> hospitals out of <b>36</b> became partially operational in the Gaza Strip, including <b>1</b> hospital in the northern part of the Strip, <b>11</b> hospitals in Gaza, <b>3</b> hospitals in Deir al-Balah, <b>3</b> hospitals in Khan Yunis, while all hospitals in Rafah became out of service. Moreover, <b>65</b> of the <b>168</b> healthcare centers remained partially                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                                                                                   | operational. These attacks killed a total of <b>929</b> health and medical personnel and wounded <b>1,465</b> others. Moreover, <b>197</b> ambulances were affected.                                                      |
|  | In August, <b>15</b> Palestinian journalists and media workers were killed in Gaza. Since the aggression began, the IOF has killed <b>248</b> journalists and media workers in Gaza (Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate). |

### Examples Of The Occupying Power's Deliberate Attacks On Palestinian Hospitals, Shelters And Civilians In Gaza In August 2025

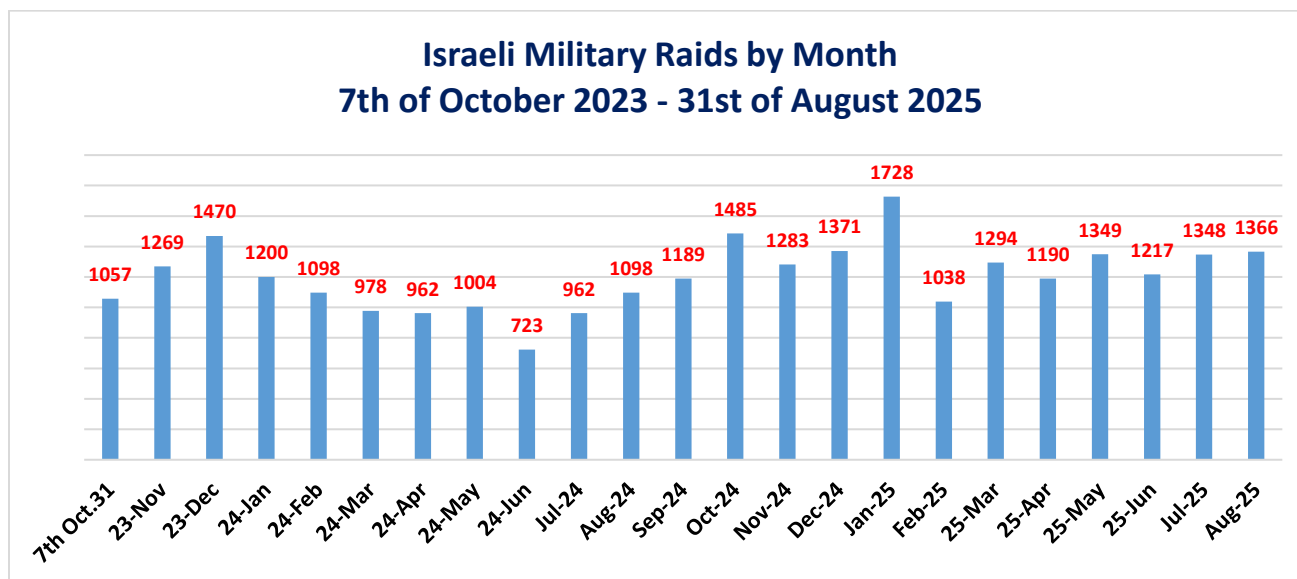
- **Targeting the Health Sector:** On August 25, the occupying forces bombed the fourth floor of the reception and emergency building at Nasser Medical Complex. Minutes later, as citizens and a civil defense team gathered to search for victims and journalists to cover the incident, the occupying forces targeted the exact location with a direct missile, striking rescue crews and journalists. The missile killed 20 Palestinians, including Dr. Mohammed al-Habib, and five journalists (see below). Civil Defense firefighter Abdullah al-Shaer and other civilians were also injured. At least ten more people, including journalists and civil defense rescuers, were also wounded.
- **Targeting Journalists:** In the attack on Nasser Medical Complex, five journalists were killed. They are Hussam al-Masry, a **Reuters photographer**; Mohammed Salama, an **Al Jazeera cameraman**; Maryam Abu Daqqa, a journalist working for several media outlets, including **Independent Arabia** and the **Associated Press**; Moaz Abu Taha, a **freelance journalist** who worked with several media outlets; and Ahmed Abu Aziz, a **local journalist**.
- On August 10, Israeli **warplanes bombed a tent** belonging to the Al Jazeera satellite channel near the Shifa Medical Complex entrance west of Gaza City. The direct hit killed seven Palestinians, one civilian and six journalists. It injured several others, among them a journalist called Mohammed Ahmed Mohammed Subh (37 years old), who is Al-Kofiya TV correspondent. The six journalists killed in this strike were Al Jazeera correspondent Anas Jamal Mahmoud Al-Sharif (29 years old), Al Jazeera correspondent Mohammed Mohammed Qasim Qureiq (34 years old), Al Jazeera two cameramen Ibrahim Abdul Karim Mohammed Dhaher (26 years old), and Mo'men Ziad Mohammed Aliwa (24 years old), Al Jazeera crew assistant Mohammed Riyad Abdullah Nofal (30 years old), and Mohammed Abdul Majeed Hassan Al-Khalidi (39 years old), who worked on the Sahat platform. Saber Nayef Saad Jundia (24 years old), a passerby, was also killed in the same attack.
- **Targeting farmers and agricultural land:** On August 21, a drone fired a missile, killing five farmers as they worked on agricultural land east of Asdaa Prison, west of Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip. The five farmers, all from the same family, were: brothers Suleiman and Muhammad Jamal Darwish al-Astal, Musa Abdullah al-Astal, Mahmoud Nayef Mustafa al-Astal, and Muhammad Marwan Ahmad al-Astal.

### Israel's Aggression Against The West Bank:

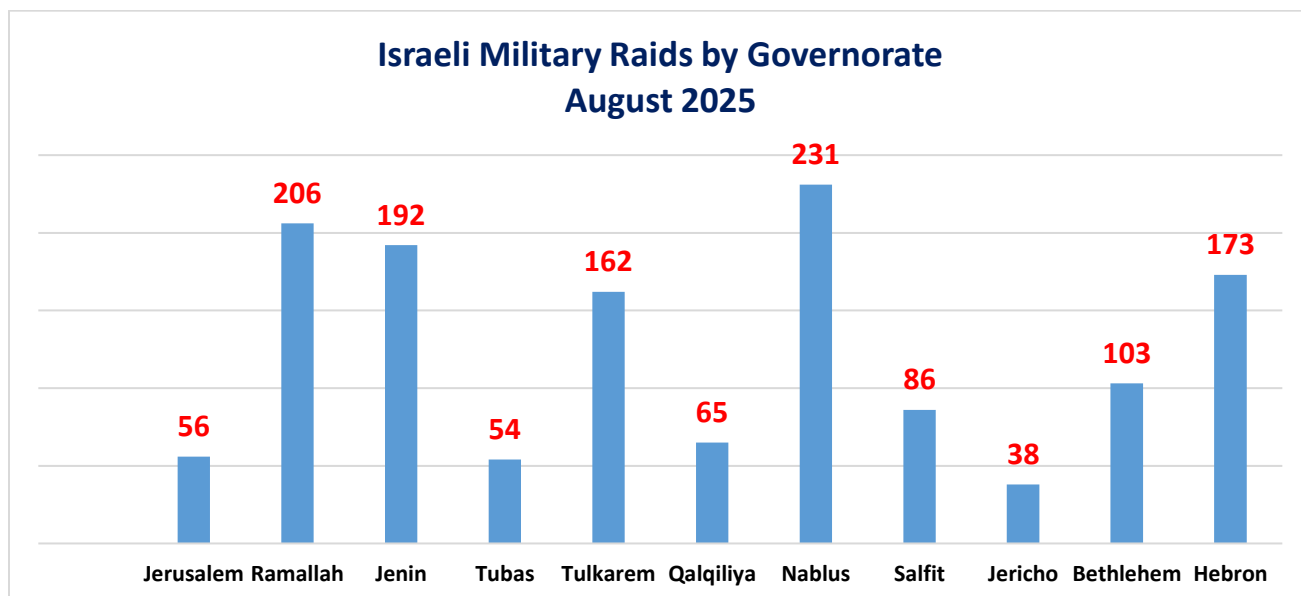
- In August 2025, the Jenin and Nablus Governorates reported that the IOF killed **2** Palestinians in each Governorate

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education, since the aggression began and until the end of 31 August 2025, the IOF attacked **152** public schools, killed **108** students and **5** teachers, and injured **739** students and **21** teachers.
- In addition to the bodies of **256** Palestinians buried in the Numbers' Cemetery, Israel currently holds the bodies of **476** Palestinians, including **46** children, **85** prisoners, and **6** women. In August, the occupation authority withheld the bodies of **2** Palestinians from the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. (National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies.)

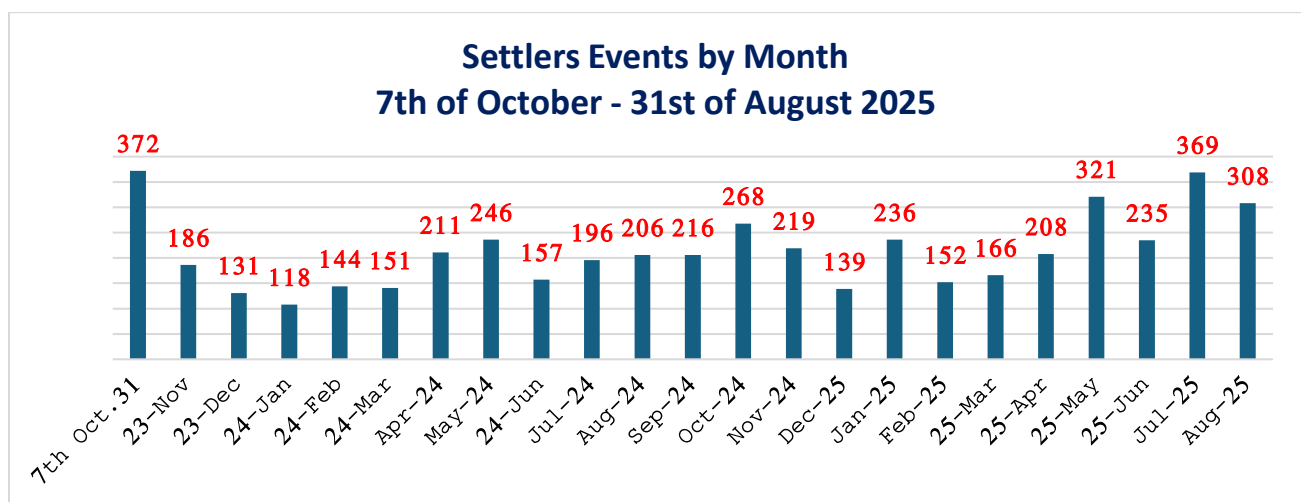
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|  | <b>Settlement activities:</b> The occupation authorities advanced nearly <b>7,974</b> settlement units in the West Bank, including <b>229</b> units in occupied East Jerusalem, and approved several other colonial settlement projects. (Peace Now & Ir Amim)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | <b>House demolitions:</b> The IOF demolished <b>156</b> Palestinian structures, including <b>29</b> homes and <b>13</b> donor-funded structures, displacing <b>29</b> families comprising <b>119</b> people, of whom <b>51</b> were children, and otherwise affecting many families comprising <b>2,611</b> individuals, including <b>1,347</b> children. In occupied Jerusalem, IOF demolished <b>42</b> structures, including <b>13</b> homes, displacing <b>14</b> families comprising <b>59</b> people, including <b>25</b> children. (UNOCHA) |



During this period (7 October 2023 to 31 August 2025), there were 27679 military Raids, concentrated in the Governorates of Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, Tulkarem, and Bethlehem.



### Israeli Settlers' Terror Attacks



With unconditional and unlimited support from the Israeli occupation authorities and army, Israeli settlers continued their terror attacks against defenseless Palestinian civilians and their properties. At least **308** attacks were recorded in August. They concentrated in the governorates of Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus, Tubas, Jericho, and Salfit.

Settlers' attacks covered areas adjacent to Palestinian villages and towns, where they closed roads, raided private agricultural lands, and set fire to their crops. The settlers physically assaulted landowners and farmers, abused others, detained some at gunpoint, shot at others and at their properties, ran over citizens, and stoned Palestinian cars passing by the area. There were cases when Israeli settlers brought bulldozers to destroy the agricultural facilities owned by Palestinian farmers. Settlers also grazed livestock and sheep on Palestinian private agricultural facilities, destroying irrigation networks, bulldozing agrarian lands, and vandalizing and uprooting fruit trees.

According to a report by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), settlers targeted Palestinian trees and crops, uprooted, damaged, sabotaged, poisoned, and burned **11,700** trees, including **11,599** olive trees.

#### Some Examples Are Below<sup>5</sup>

- **On August 2, in Nablus Governorate:** A group of armed settlers from the new settlement outpost built on private land south of Aqraba attacked private homes on the southern outskirts of Aqraba and opened fire on the residents, killing Mu'in Subhi Muhammad Asfar, 24, a resident of Aqraba, and wounding eight others. The occupation forces opened fire on the Palestinians as they attempted to confront the settlers.
- **On August 3, in Nablus Governorate:** A group of settlers entered private agricultural land in the village of Al-Mas'oudiya, near the town of Burqa, and cut down and uprooted approximately **50** grapevines and **30** various fruit trees on the land of Khaled Taym Salem.
- **On August 4, in Jericho and the Jordan Valley Governorate:** Settlers poisoned and killed several sheep in the Shallal Al-Auja community. The sheep belonged to Muhammad Hasan Harizat.
- **On August 9, in the Bethlehem Governorate:** A group of settlers entered the Khallet al-Nahla area near the village of Wadi Rahal and assaulted three Palestinians while they were working their land, causing bruises. The three were identified as Musa Muhammad Harzallah, Abdullah Ibrahim Ziada, and Reda Mahmoud Harzallah.
- **On August 8, in the Bethlehem Governorate:** A group of settlers entered the Baniyas area, north of the town of Nahalin, and cut down approximately **100** grape, olive, and almond trees owned by Muhammad Ibrahim Shaaban, as well as **40** other trees in the Wadi Abu Sha'ar area owned by Salem Aqab Najajreh.
- **On August 27, in the Ramallah Governorate:** A group of armed settlers entered the Ein Samiya area, east of the village of Kafr Malik, and assaulted Khaled Ghneimat and Mustafa Rabi', stealing **300** sheep from them.
- **On August 30, in Nablus Governorate:** A group of settlers in the village of Duma grazed their sheep on the farm that belongs to Manwar Dawabsheh. They also raided the home of Raed Al-Jahalin, assaulted a foreign activist, and stole her phone.

#### In Focus: Summary Of Israeli Violations In Occupied Jerusalem In August 2025<sup>i</sup>

- The Jerusalem Governorate documented a significant escalation in Israeli occupation policies of repression and arrests during August 2025, detaining **32** Palestinians, including **4** children and **2** women. Home raids, neighborhood incursions, and field arrests at checkpoints and in the streets accompanied these arrests. People complained that the occupation forces used excessive force, such as beatings, insults, and threats. The Governorate said these practices by the occupiers reflect the continuation of impunity policies and the targeting of Palestinian identity and holy sites.
- There were **17** rulings against Jerusalemite prisoners in August 2025, including **12** administrative detention orders. Some involved repeated renewals for the second or third time without charges,

reflecting the occupation's ongoing repressive policy. Sentences ranged between **4** and **39** months, affecting minors and former prisoners. Some rulings were accompanied by fines ranging from **400** to **6,000** shekels.

- In August 2025, Israeli occupation authorities continued the policy of house arrest against Jerusalemites as an alternative punitive measure to direct detention, particularly targeting minors and activists. They are Iyass Abu Mufreh, a minor from Al-Tur, who was confined to his house for **5** days and fined **15,000** shekels; Nahla Siam, a journalist, who was confined to her house for **10** days and bailed **2,500** shekels and banned for **90** days from using social media; and Imad Abisan al-Abbasi from Silwan, who was sent to a **5-day** house arrest.
- The Jerusalem Governorate documented a total of **25** injuries among Jerusalemites during August 2025.
- During August 2025, the Jerusalem Governorate documented the issuance of **93** notices, including **92** demolition orders and **one** land confiscation order. These notices involved the towns of Silwan, Al-Issawiya, Al-Eizariya, Sur Baher, Umm Tuba, and Qalandiya.
- A total of **30** demolition and bulldozing operations were carried out, including **12** cases of forced self-demolition where citizens were compelled to demolish their own homes, and **16** demolitions executed with occupation machinery, in addition to **2** bulldozing operations targeting citizens' lands and properties. These operations varied between demolishing residential homes, commercial establishments, animal barns, and cultivated lands in neighborhoods of the Old City, refugee camps, and surrounding towns.
- Regarding storming of Al-Aqsa Plaza: **8,617** settlers and Jewish zealots stormed the holy Islamic shrine, and another **2,495** settlers and Jewish zealots entered under the disguise of "tourists." They stormed the Mosque as part of a Judaization policy aimed at imposing occupation sovereignty over the mosque
- During August 2025, Israeli occupation authorities continued imposing travel bans on Jerusalemites, especially activists and women guardians of Al-Aqsa Mosque, as part of a policy of restricting their movement and activities. They include Dr. Khadija Khweiss, who was issued a one-month renewable travel ban, and activist Hanadi Halawani, who was issued a travel ban until 25 January 2026.

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*i Main Source: Unless otherwise indicated, the Public Relations and Media Unit of the Jerusalem Governorate.*