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October 2023 was the bloodiest month of the year, which reminds us of the crimes and massacres committed by the occupation authorities in 1948 and continues to date. Since October 7, Israel has been launching a genocidal war against Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip. It is committing the most heinous acts and war crimes, as described by [human rights organisations](#). In parallel with the aggression in the Gaza Strip, the occupation forces are escalating their aggression against the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem, by firing live and rubber-coated metal bullets, stun grenades and tear gas canisters, in addition to carrying out a large-scale of military campaigns in various governorates and giving the green light to the Israeli settlers to attack Palestinians and their properties. The settlers during this month distributed [provocative leaflets](#) inciting murder and displacement to intimidate Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, through which they threatened to commit a “great catastrophe” against them, as happened in the 1948 Nakba.

	<p>At least 8,854 Palestinians were killed, 8,720 in Gaza and 134 in the West Bank. (MoH) According to the Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor, Israel has been killing a Palestinian child every 7 minutes, and this rate is ten times more than the children killed in the war between Russia and Ukraine during the first year of the war.</p>
	<p>Over 24,000 Palestinians were injured, of whom approximately 21,900 were in Gaza. (MoH)</p>
	<p>According to various media reports, the Israeli army has committed around 800 massacres among the Palestinians in Gaza. Moreover, an estimated number of 1950 people are believed to be missing or dead under the rubble. (MoH)</p>
	<p>There were 641 shooting incidents in all West Bank governorates, along with 1225 military incursions and 352 ad-hoc military checkpoints. (NAD)</p>
	<p>Israeli settlers were involved in no less than 372 terror attacks against Palestinians and their properties.</p>
	<p>The number of Palestinian prisoners reached about 7,000 by the end of October 2024, including 62 women and an unknown number of children due to Israeli restrictions imposed on their visits. During October 2023, Israel arrested at least 2070 Palestinians, including 145 children, in the occupied West Bank. The highest rate of arrests was recorded in Jerusalem, followed by Hebron. There is no information available on the number of Palestinian prisoners from Gaza and how many were killed. (Palestinian Prisoners Society & The Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs Commission).</p>

	Regarding the housing units destroyed, The Israeli bombardment on all areas of the Gaza Strip destroyed at least 45 per cent of its residential units, where (150) thousand residential units were partially destroyed, and (33,960) were utterly demolished. Besides, at least (11) mosques and (7) churches and church-related institutions were damaged (MoH)
	The number of displaced people is estimated at 1.4 million, including more than (629.000) who relocated to (150) UNRWA facilities. (MoH)
	Since the aggression began, Israeli bombardment has damaged 44 UNRWA facilities, killed 67 UNRWA personnel and injured no less than 22.
	According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, 40 per cent of the educational facilities in Gaza were destroyed, with (221) school buildings sustaining various damages and (38) schools wholly damaged. Moreover, 427 students and 12 staff members were killed in October in occupied Palestine, with 85% of the martyrs in Gaza.
	Attacks on the Health Sector: Since the onset of the aggression, IOF has carried out a total of 270 attacks on health facilities and workers, killing 132 health personnel and injuring 110 others. The IOF also targeted at least 50 ambulances, including 28 that became out of service. The occupation also ordered the evacuation of 24 hospitals in northern Gaza and threatened to bomb them. Among the targeted hospitals in October were the Arab National Hospital (Baptist) in Gaza. The Israelis targeted Al-Durrah Children's Hospital with white phosphorous. They also attacked the International Eye Hospital and bombed the vicinity of Al-Quds Hospital, Al-Shifa Medical Complex, and the Indonesian Hospital, killing and wounding hundreds of Palestinians (MoH).
	In October, 25 Palestinian journalists and 13 media workers were killed in Gaza. Israeli warplanes also struck the homes of 35 journalists, killing dozens of family members. (Journalists' Syndicate)



Examples Of The Occupying Power's Deliberate Attacks On Palestinian Hospitals, Shelters And Civilians In Gaza In October 2023:

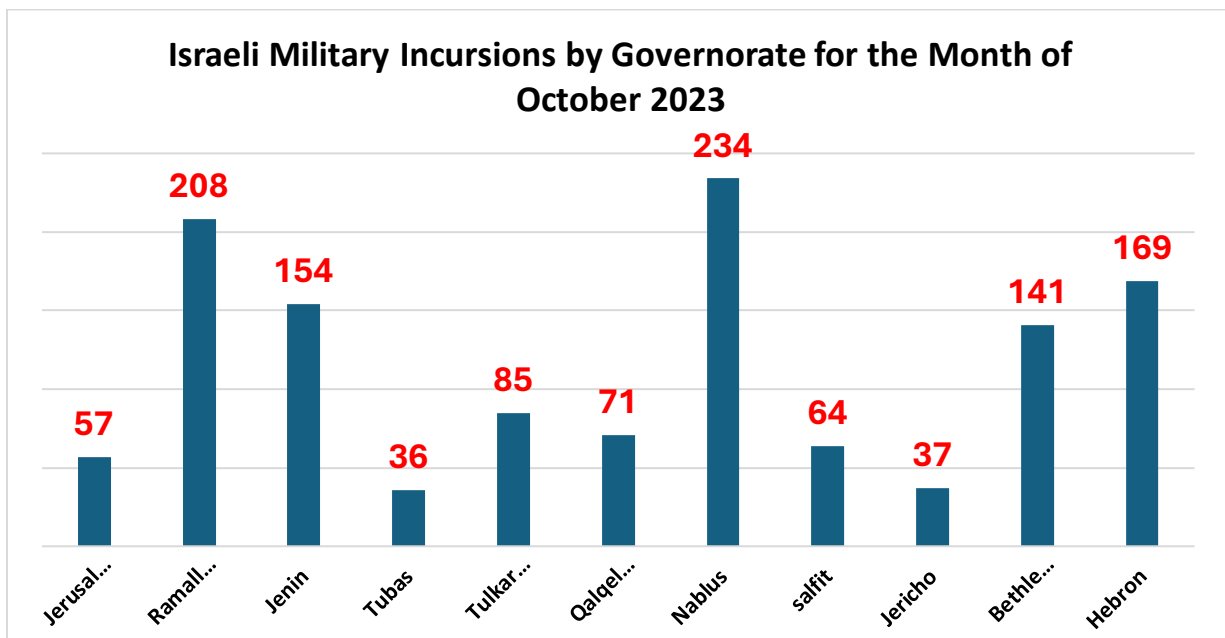
- On October 7, in the centre of Gaza City, Israeli warplanes targeted the National Arab Hospital (Al-Ma'madani, Arabic for Baptist), killing and wounding at least (500) Palestinians.
- On October 8, in the centre of Gaza City, the Israelis bombed a UNRWA school in Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp where at least (4,000) displaced Palestinians had sought refuge. The attack killed (8) Palestinians, including (3) UNRWA staff, and injured at least 40 others.
- On October 19, the Israelis targeted the Greek Orthodox Church "Porphyrios" in the centre of Gaza City. The church is considered the third oldest church in the world. The attack killed 18 Christian Palestinians and wounded dozens of others.

- On October 31, the Israeli army targeted a residential building, destroying (20) houses in the surrounding and killing and wounding hundreds of people belonging to the families of Abu Shaqfa, Abu Shakyan, Al-Ghorani, Rabi'a, and Saad.

Israel's Aggression Against The West Bank:

- In October 2023, IOF killed 130 Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, including Jerusalem and injured at least 2000 others.
- In addition to the bodies of 256 martyrs in the Cemeteries of Numbers, Israel currently withholds the bodies of 160 Palestinian martyrs, including 17 children and 13 prisoners. In October 2023, the occupation authority withheld the bodies of 16 martyrs from the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. (National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies)

	Settlement activities: The occupation authorities advanced nearly 4303 settlement units in occupied Jerusalem, and no settlement units were advanced in the West Bank. (Peace Now & Ir Amim)
	House demolitions: The IOF demolished 66 Palestinian structures, including 36 homes, and displaced 39 families comprising 194 people, of whom 86 were children and otherwise affecting 1846 families comprising 35,685 individuals, including 14970 children. In occupied Jerusalem, IOF demolished 22 structures, including 19 homes, and displaced 20 families comprising 103 people, including 51 children). (UNOCHA)



During October 2023, Israeli military forces conducted **1256** incursions into different locations in the West Bank districts, concentrating them consequently in the districts of Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, Jenin, and Bethlehem.

Israeli Settlers' Terror Attacks

With unconditional and unlimited support from the Israeli occupation authorities and their forces, Israeli settlers continued their terror attacks against defenceless Palestinian citizens and their properties. At least **408** attacks were recorded in August. Settlers' attacks included running over children, physical assaults against Palestinians from Jerusalem, and ambushing at crossroads leading to Palestinian villages and towns, Palestinian vehicles and pelting them with stones. They raided villages and towns, blocked roads, uprooted fruit trees, destroyed crops, bulldozed agricultural fields, grazed livestock on Palestinian privately-owned agrarian lands, attacked Palestinian homes and property, setting them on fire, erected their tents on private Palestinian land, reestablished colonial installations (outposts), shot at citizens and their property, and kidnapped Palestinians and physically abused them.

Some Examples Are Below:

- On October 27 in Hebron Governorate, Israeli settlers entered private lands in the Al-Thaala area, east of Yatta, and cut off about (200) olive and almond seedlings. They also destroyed irrigation pipes. A water pump owned by Mamdouh Daajna was stolen.
- On October 4 in Ramallah Governorate, Israeli settlers ambushed an area close to the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar, opened fire at a car driving by and killed Ahmed Nayef Ahmed Nofal (24) years old. They were among four passengers who were travelling in the vehicle.
- On October 12 in Nablus Governorate, Israeli settlers, under the nose of the occupation forces, opened fire at a funeral procession of 4 martyrs from the town of Qusra, killed two Palestinians (a man and his son), and injured two others.
- On October 8 in Hebron Governorate, Israeli settlers severely beat up Muhammad Rizeq Al-Salaymeh, a 15-year-old Palestinian child, near the Ibrahim Mosque severely assaulted the child, (15) years old, causing him bruises and injuries.

In Focus: Summary Of Israeli Violations In Occupied Jerusalem In October 2023ⁱ

- The city of Jerusalem, its suburbs and towns were exposed to strict measures, raids, and widespread arrests, while Al-Aqsa Mosque was subjected to a strict siege. The entry of worshipers is restricted, and the villages, towns and neighbourhoods of the city witnessed almost daily and continuous confrontations between the Palestinians and the occupation forces. The confrontations were concentrated in the Old City, Al-Issawiya, Al-Tur, Silwan, Sur Baher, Beit Hanina, and the Shu'fat refugee camp. According to Jerusalem Governorate, (18) Palestinians were killed in the city, including (7) children, as well as (349) prisoners, including (18) women and (22) men.
- Israeli settlers' social networking sites, which they called "Nazi hunters," also incited killing Jerusalemites and attacking their homes. Websites belonging to the settlers or run by them even published the addresses of Palestinian activists from Jerusalem using the Google Maps application. Among those marked targets was the house of Sheikh Ikrimah Sabri and houses that belonged to Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupation forces. The occupation forces raided Al-Maqased Hospital, one of the largest hospitals in Jerusalem. The raid came after more than three earlier raids in the weeks that preceded this raid. The Israelis arrested (12) Palestinians from the Gaza Strip. Most were women staying whose medical permits had expired.
- As part of its retaliatory steps against Jerusalemites, the occupation forces stormed the homes of more than (25) liberated Jerusalemite prisoners. They confiscated their money and vehicles under the pretext of receiving them from the Palestinian National Authority.

- On Fridays since October 7, the occupation forces imposed severe restrictions on the entry of worshipers to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound. The worshippers were subjected to humiliating searches for men and women, beatings and insults to young people, and searching their Private mobiles. The occupation forces continued their siege of the Old City of Jerusalem and prevented worshipers below the age of 50 from performing Friday prayers.

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