



NEWS LOG

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OVERVIEW - 2026



- **January:** Launch of “Phase 2” of the U.S. peace plan.
- **January 20:** Demolition of the UNRWA headquarters.
- **January 26:** Recovery of the body of the last hostage from the October 7, 2023 attacks.
- **February:** Trend toward tighter control in the West Bank, with the repeal of laws restricting land purchases by settlers. Increasing number of settler attacks in the West Bank, a trend that intensifies throughout the next months.
- **March 30:** The Knesset passes a bill imposing the death penalty on Palestinians convicted of terrorism.
- **May 18–19:** The ICC prosecutor requests an arrest warrant for Minister Bezalel Smotrich.
- **May 20:** The Supreme Court upholds the ban on 37 foreign NGOs, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.
- **May 28:** Israel suspends relations with the UN Secretary-General following the placement of its armed forces on the “blacklist” for conflict-related sexual violence.
- **June 4:** The total death toll from Israeli attacks in the Gaza Strip since 2023 reached at least 72,763 recorded fatalities. In the West Bank, the total number of Palestinians murdered by soldiers or settlers on the same period reached at least 1,076 fatalities.

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18-YEAR-OLD PALESTINIAN KILLED BY ISRAELI FIRE NEAR RAMALLAH

On June 5, 2026, the Palestinian Authority announced that Israeli fire killed a young Palestinian man in the central West Bank. The victim was identified as 18-year-old Haitham Ezzedine Omar Hamida. The Israeli army stated it shot the individual in the village of Beitin after soldiers spotted people throwing Molotov cocktails at vehicles. According to the Wafa news agency, Israeli forces stormed the village and used live ammunition, tear gas and stun grenades. The victim's body was taken away by Israeli forces.

11 PEOPLE KILLED BY ISRAELI BOMBARDMENTS IN GAZA CITY

On June 4, 2026, Israeli strikes in Gaza City killed 11 people and wounded more than 15 others. Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal reported that 9 victims were killed in apartment buildings in the northwestern and southwestern districts. 2 additional people died in drone strikes targeting police personnel in the city center and southwest.

ISRAELI SUPREME COURT OVERTURNS BAN ON RED CROSS PRISON VISITS

On June 4, 2026, the Israeli Supreme Court invalidated a government measure that prohibited the International Committee of the Red Cross from visiting detainees. The court ruled that authorities failed to provide a sufficient legal justification for the ban which was established after the October 7, 2023 attacks. Israel originally suspended the visits because the Red Cross was denied access to Israeli hostages in Gaza. The Red Cross described the ruling as a positive step and expressed readiness to resume individual meetings with prisoners as required by international law. Human rights organizations have recently alleged a degradation of prison conditions for Palestinians including reports of ill-treatment and lack of medical care.

DOZENS ARRESTED AFTER ATTACK ON HOME OF ISRAELI SUPREME COURT VICE PRESIDENT

On June 4, 2026, Israeli police arrested dozens of ultra-orthodox suspects for attacking the home of the Vice-President of the Supreme Court. The incident occurred in the Alon Shvut settlement in the West Bank where rioters damaged the property and vehicle of Judge Noam Sohlberg. The protesters were demonstrating against the arrest of community members who refused military conscription. Sohlberg had previously criticized the police for not being firm enough with draft evaders. Images from the scene showed broken windows and smashed property at the residence. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the attack while noting the political pressure from ultra-orthodox who seek military exemptions.

8 PEOPLE KILLED BY ISRAELI STRIKES ON GAZA CITY

On June 4, 2026, the Gaza Civil Defense reported that at least 8 people were killed during morning Israeli bombardments on Gaza City. Spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal stated that 5 people died in a strike on an apartment in the northwest while 2 were killed in the southwest and 1 died in a raid on a house in the Al Shati refugee camp. The attacks resulted in at least 15 injuries. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently ordered the military to take control of 70% of the Gaza Strip despite the clauses of the ceasefire agreement.

ISRAELI PARLIAMENT VOTES IN FAVOR OF DISSOLUTION, ISRAEL REPORTS RECORD 19 BILLION DOLLARS IN ARMS EXPORTS

On June 2, 2026, Israeli deputies approved a preliminary bill to dissolve the Parliament which opens the way for potential elections in late 2026. The text was approved by 106 out of 120 members of the Knesset with no abstentions. Majority Leader Ofir Katz celebrated the coalition's record of passing over 520 laws and 9 budgets during its 4 year term. The dissolution was initiated by the Likud party of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu following tensions with ultra-orthodox over military service exemptions. Netanyahu is currently on trial for corruption and faces criticism for security failures on October 7, 2023. Recent polls place Likud slightly ahead of the Beyahad list led by Israeli Opposition Leader Yair Lapid and former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. Meanwhile, the Israeli Ministry of Defense announced that national arms exports reached a record high of 19 billion dollars in 2025. This figure represents a 30% increase from the previous year. Missile, rocket and air defence systems accounted for 29% of all contracts. European nations were the primary recipients taking 36% of exports followed by the Asia-Pacific region at 32%. Over half of the new agreements were mega-contracts valued at 100 million dollars or more.

ISRAELI ATTORNEY GENERAL WARNS AGAINST DESTRUCTION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

On June 1, 2026, Israeli Attorney General Gali Baharav-Miara warned that the country is facing a dismantling of its democratic institutions. Speaking in Eilat, she criticized two proposed bills that would reduce her authority and grant more power to Israeli Minister of National Security Itamar Ben Gvir. Baharav-Miara stated that these changes would fundamentally alter the nature of law enforcement in Israel. She also criticized the government of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for failing to respect Supreme Court decisions

regarding the conscription of ultra-orthodox Jews. The Attorney General currently faces a dismissal procedure initiated by the executive branch.

2 ISRAELI TEENAGERS WOUNDED IN WEST BANK CAR RAMMING

On May 31, 2026, an Israeli soldier killed a Palestinian man following a car ramming attack near a settlement in the southern West Bank. The Magen David Adom emergency service reported that 2 Israeli teenagers were wounded during the incident in the Gush Etzion settlement block.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL PALESTINIAN CONSTRUCTION WORKER NEAR JERUSALEM

On May 31, 2026, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man attempting to enter Jerusalem by climbing the separation wall in the West Bank. The victim was identified by the Palestinian Ministry of Health as 26 year old Imad Haroun Mahmoud Ashtiyeh. According to a relative named Omer, the victim was a construction worker from Salem seeking employment in Tel Aviv. The Palestinian Authority media bureau described the barrier as an apartheid wall and noted that Israel has suspended many work permits since October 7, 2023. Since the start of the war in Gaza, at least 1,075 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank by Israeli soldiers or settlers. During the same period, 46 Israelis have died in Palestinian attacks and Israeli operations.

PRESS FREEDOM PRIZE HONORS GAZA WAR REPORTERS

On May 29, 2026, the World Association of News Publishers announced that its “Golden Pen” of press freedom would be awarded to all photographers and video journalists operating in Gaza. The prize will be presented in Marseille to representatives from Agence France-Presse, Associated Press and Reuters. Honorees include Mohammed Abed who worked in Gaza for AFP until April 2024. Reporters Without Borders reports that over 220 journalists have been killed by the Israeli army in Gaza since October 2023, including at least 70 during the exercise of their functions.

NETANYAHU ORDERS ISRAELI ARMY TO CONTROL 70% OF GAZA

On May 28, 2026, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated in a video that he ordered the military to ignore ceasefire terms and seize 70% of Gaza. During a conference in a West Bank settlement, he claimed the army already controls 60% of the territory, compared to 50% at the start of the October 10, 2025 truce. While the first phase of the ceasefire involved hostage exchanges, the second phase regarding Hamas disarmament and Israeli withdrawal remains blocked. Israeli forces were originally supposed to remain behind a demarcation “yellow line”, under the ceasefire agreement. Currently over 2 million Palestinians are crowded into remaining areas where 3 international NGOs describe the humanitarian situation as catastrophic due to unmet aid obligations.

UN BLACKLISTS ISRAELI AND RUSSIAN FORCES FOR CONFLICT RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE, ISRAEL SUSPENDS RELATIONS WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL

On May 28, 2026, an annual UN report added Israeli and Russian security forces to its blacklist for sexual violence during conflicts. UN inspectors reported a persistent refusal of access by both countries. In 2025, the UN verified cases of sexual violence against 14 men, 7 women, 9 boys and 1 girl in Gaza and the West Bank. These violations committed by the Israeli army, security forces and prison services included rape with objects, collective rape and forced nudity. Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon announced the suspension of relations with Secretary General Antonio Guterres until the end of his mandate on December 31, 2026. Danon described the move as scandalous and accused the Secretary General of equating Israel with Hamas. Guterres was already declared “persona non grata” in Israel in 2024.

EU CONFIRMS SANCTIONS AGAINST EXTREMIST ISRAELI SETTLERS

On May 28, 2026, the European Union confirmed sanctions against 3 individuals and 4 entities for systematic abuses against Palestinians in the West Bank. The Nachala organization and its director Daniella Weiss were targeted for facilitating forced displacements. Regavim and its director Meir Deutsch faced sanctions for pushing for the demolition of Palestinian properties. Other targets include Hashomer Yesh, its director Avichai Suissa and the Amana association. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced the move as a “moral bankruptcy”. The measures include asset freezes and travel bans, which were previously blocked by Hungary.

NETANYAHU ADVISOR INDICTED FOR BREACH OF STATE SECURITY

On May 28, 2026, Israeli prosecutors indicted Yonatan Urich, a close advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, for acting against State’s security. The charges involve the leak of a classified document attributed to former Hamas leader Yahya Sinouar to the German media Bild in 2024. The document allegedly supported the government’s military pressure strategy by suggesting Hamas was uninterested in a ceasefire. Other former advisors Eli Feldstein and Ari Rosenfeld were also indicted in this case while former Chief of Staff Tzachi Braverman faces fraud charges. Urich is additionally under investigation for the “Qatar gate” scandal involving alleged payments from Doha to promote Qatari interests in Israel through his consulting agency.

TRUMP’S GAZA PEACE COUNCIL LACKS FUNDING AND TRANSPARENCY

On May 27, 2026, the Financial Times reported that the “Peace Council” created by Donald Trump for Gaza’s reconstruction has received no official funding despite billion-dollar promises. The council uses a JPMorgan account rather than the UN-approved World Bank fund and lacks independent transparency. Participation requires a 1 billion dollar entry fee. While the United Arab Emirates committed 100 million dollars for a new police force, those

funds are currently frozen. UN and EU estimates evaluate Gaza's reconstruction needs at 71.4 billion dollars over 10 years. High Representative Nikolaï Mladenov warned against the current status quo becoming permanent while NGOs highlighted the catastrophic humanitarian situation.

7 PALESTINIANS KILLED IN ISRAELI AIRSTRIKES IN GAZA, NEW HAMAS MILITARY CHIEF DEAD

On May 26, 2026, Israeli strikes killed 7 people in the Gaza Strip according to medical sources. A drone strike targeted a group of civilians east of Al-Maghazi killing 5 people as confirmed by the Civil Defense and Martyrs of Al-Aqsa Hospital. The Israeli army claimed it neutralized armed terrorists threatening soldiers while a witness reported the group had entered a house before being targeted. In a separate incident in Khan Younès, an Israeli strike on a white vehicle near the al-Bouraq roundabout killed 2 people. An Israeli military spokesperson stated the strike targeted a Hamas terrorist. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Minister of Defense Israël Katz announced a strike targeting Mohammed Odeh, the new leader of Hamas' armed wing. Odeh had replaced Ezzedine al-Haddad who was killed on May 15. A security source in Gaza confirmed intense bombardment in western Gaza-City though the fate of the target remains unclear. The Civil Defense reported 1 woman killed and at least 10 injured in the al-Rimal neighborhood. The Ezzedine Al-Qassam brigades led the October 7, 2023 attacks. Since October 10, 2025, at least 906 Palestinians and 5 Israeli soldiers have died during the ceasefire.

RELIGIOUS SITE EXPROPRIATED BY ISRAEL, PALESTINIAN CIVILIAN KILLED BY ISRAELI SOLDIERS IN JENIN

On May 26, 2026, the Israeli NGO Peace Now reported that the civil administration issued an expropriation order for part of the Nabi Samuel religious site in the West Bank. The order covers over 10 hectares including a mosque, agricultural lands and access roads, but excludes a synagogue. Authorities stated the decision aims to preserve the archaeological site of Prophet Samuel's tomb and cited security issues in the complex. The Palestinian Ministry condemned the confiscation as an attempt to Judaize the site. This follows a similar 2025 order for the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. On the same day, Israeli soldiers killed Nasser al-Saadi in the Jenin refugee camp, located in the northern West Bank. The Palestinian Ministry of Health and hospital director Wissam Baker confirmed the death, stating the victim arrived with a fatal wound. The Israeli army claimed the individual was a "terrorist" who was throwing stones at soldiers. Since January 2025, Israel has conducted large-scale operations in northern refugee camps like Jenin and Tulkarem, displacing nearly 40,000 Palestinians according to UNRWA.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES ACCUSE FRENCH-PALESTINIAN LAWYER OF TERRORISM

On May 26, 2026, the Shin Bet and Israeli police accused French-Palestinian lawyer Salah Hamouri of leading a "terrorist cell" from Europe. Authorities arrested 5 residents of East

Jerusalem and members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) between November and December 2025. The Shin Bet claims Hamouri met these individuals in Europe during 2024 and 2025 to establish infrastructure for attacks and provided encrypted communication devices. Hamouri, who denies these accusations and PFLP membership, was expelled to France in late 2022 after his residency permit was revoked. He previously spent 7 years in prison for a project to assassinate former Rabbi Ovadia Yossef and was released in 2011 in the Gilad Shalit exchange.

FORMER ISRAELI MILITARY PROSECUTOR REVOKED AFTER PRISONER ABUSE VIDEO LEAK

On May 26, 2026, the Israeli army announced the revocation of General Yifat Tomer-Yeroushalmi who previously served as the Military Prosecutor General. She resigned in October following an investigation into the leak of a video showing soldiers mistreating a Palestinian prisoner at the Sde Teiman military prison in 2024. 5 soldiers were arrested and indicted for these acts. Israeli Minister of Defense Israel Katz supported the resignation stating that those who calumny soldiers have no place in the army. The Sde Teiman center is used to incarcerate Palestinians arrested in Gaza since October 7, 2023 and human rights organizations frequently accuse the administration of prisoner mistreatment.

1 YEAR OLD INFANT AND PARENTS KILLED IN NUSSEIRAT CAMP

On May 24, 2026, an Israeli airstrike on the Nusseirat camp in central Gaza killed 3 family members including 1-year-old Oussama Mohammed Abou Malouh. The infant's parents, Mohammed Ibrahim Abou Malouh and Alaa Majdi Zaqlan, were also killed while they slept. The Martyrs of Al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir el-Balah received the bodies and treated 10 injured people. The Israeli army claimed it dismantled 3 Hamas weapon depots in central Gaza during the last 24 hours. Another strike occurred at dawn in Deir el-Balah.

5 POLICE OFFICERS AND 1 TEENAGER KILLED IN GAZA

On May 23, 2026, an Israeli airstrike targeted a police site in the al-Tuam sector of northern Gaza killing 5 police officers and 1 teenager. The Civil Defense and Shifa Hospital confirmed the 6 fatalities. An Israeli military source stated the strike targeted Hamas terrorists. Later that day, the Civil Defense reported 1 additional person killed by the Israeli army near the Netzarim corridor in central Gaza. The Hamas Ministry of Interior noted that 42 police officers have been killed since the October ceasefire began.

ISRAEL FORCES WFP TO END PARTNERSHIP WITH TURKISH NGO IHH

On May 22, 2026, the Israeli government ordered the World Food Programme (WFP) to stop all collaboration with the Turkish NGO IHH in Gaza. Israel designated IHH as a terrorist organization for its links to the Gaza Flotillas. This decision cuts off daily meals for 166,000 people including 55,000 pregnant women and children. WFP started working with the NGO in January 2024 after a rigorous vetting process. Oxfam America President Abby Maxman warned that Israel continues to block essential supplies like water pipes and medical equipment.

WHO representative Reinhilde Van de Weerdts warned that severe shortages of supplies prevent Gaza health centers from functioning fully. Only 53% of hospitals remain partially operational as Israel classifies many medical items as double-use goods. WHO reports that 43,000 people including 10,000 children require long term rehabilitation for injuries. A ceasefire remains technically in effect since October 2025 despite daily violations.

FRENCH & BELGIAN ACTIVISTS REPORT SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ABUSE BY ISRAELI POLICE

On May 22, 2026, French militants from the Gaza Flotilla returned to Paris and reported violence and sexual harassment by Israeli forces. Activist Meriem Hadjal stated that a soldier touched her chest and slapped her during transfer to Ashdod. Adrien Bertel reported beatings and homophobic insults while Yasmine Scola described 36 hours of sleep deprivation and humiliation while handcuffed. The Israeli Prison Service denied all allegations. Belgian citizen Julien Cabral arrived in Istanbul and testified that Israeli forces treated Flotilla activists “worse than animals”. The 57 year old sailor reported being intercepted by commandos who used plastic bullets and violence. Julien Cabral claimed he was punched in the head and that 7 people on the boat Sirius suffered serious injuries, including bones broken. He described being held in overcrowded containers with insufficient food and water. Turkish activist Bilal Kitay confirmed this interception was significantly more violent than previous ones. Activists reported that soldiers mocked them and forced them into stress positions for hours. The Global Sumud Flotilla aimed to highlight the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

GAZA HISTORY EXHIBITION OPENS IN FRANCE

On May 21, 2026, an exhibition titled “Gaza qu’on ne connaît plus” opened at the Marseille Photographic Center featuring work by Kegham Djeghalian. Curator Kegham Junior presented 300 photos taken by his grandfather between 1944 and 1981 depicting the Gazan society. Kegham Junior noted that the archive represents a history now interrupted by war and occupation.

ISRAEL EXPELS ALL FOREIGN FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS

On May 21, 2026, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Oren Marmorstein announced that Israel expelled all foreign activists captured during the flotilla interception. Prisoners were transferred from Ktziot prison to Ramon airport. Moatassem Zeidan from the NGO Adalah confirmed that the detainees were not brought before a court. A German Israeli activist remains in custody to face a tribunal in Ashkelon. Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski announced his intention to ban Israeli Minister Itamar Ben Gvir from the possibility to enter the Polish territory. This decision follows the release of a video showing humiliated Polish activists, among other. Spokesperson Maciej Wewior confirmed the Polish nationals were released from Israeli custody. Minister Radoslaw Sikorski demanded a formal apology from Israel for the minister’s inappropriate behavior.

FRANCE OPPOSES MILITARY PROJECT ON DEMOLISHED UNRWA HEADQUARTERS

On May 21, 2026, the French government called on Israel to withdraw a project to build a Ministry of Defense complex on the site of the former UNRWA headquarters. Defense Minister Israel Katz announced that the site in East Jerusalem would house a recruitment office and a museum. The original building was demolished on January 20. UN Secretary General António Guterres condemned the move as an escalatory violation of United Nations immunity. Israel designated UNRWA as a terrorist organization over alleged links to Hamas.

ISRAELI KNESSET VOTES TO BEGIN DISSOLUTION PROCESS, ISRAELI SUPREME COURT CONFIRMS BAN ON NGOS

On May 20, 2026, the Israeli Parliament voted 110 to 10 in a preliminary reading to dissolve the assembly and trigger early elections. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu faces a coalition crisis as ultra-orthodox parties protest his failure to pass a law exempting religious students from military service. Opposition leader Yair Lapid stated the campaign has begun while Naftali Bennett, leader of the Beyahad party, called for the Prime Minister to step down. Polls show the Likoud party with a narrow lead over Beyahad. The same day, the Israeli Supreme Court confirmed a government order banning 37 foreign NGOs from operating in Palestinian territories. The organizations including MSF, Oxfam and CARE must provide lists of their Palestinian employees within 30 days or cease activities. COGAT claims this procedure prevents Hamas infiltration. Minister Amichai Chikli welcomed the ruling.

ITAMAR BEN G VIR SPARKS OUTRAGE WITH VIDEO OF HUMILIATED MILITANTS

On May 20, 2026, Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir caused international outrage by publishing a video of Flotilla activists kneeling, handcuffed and mistreated. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated the images did not reflect Israeli values while Foreign Minister Gideon Saar accused Itamar Ben Gvir of harming the country's image. In response, France summoned the Israeli ambassador. Rome described the treatment as inadmissible and Spain called it monstrous. The NGO Adalah claimed the 430 activists were kidnapped in international waters. Israeli authorities transferred hundreds of those activists to the port of Ashdod. The NGO Adalah reported that the 430 participants were taken against their will. Since 2007, Gaza has remained under blockade.

15 YEAR OLD KILLED BY ISRAELI SOLDIER IN NABLUS

On May 20, 2026, a report detailed the death of 15 year old Youssef Shtayyeh who was killed by an Israeli soldier in Nablus. Witnesses saw the teenager throwing stones on April 23 before a soldier exited a jeep and fired, hitting him in the back. Dr. Bahaa Fattouh at the hospital confirmed the wound was fatal. UNICEF reports that on average one Palestinian minor is killed every week since January 2025. Major General Avi Bluth stated that 42 Palestinians

were killed for stone throwing in 2025. Sameh Shtayyeh, father of the victim, questioned the danger posed by children to armored patrols.

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ISRAEL TARGETS HAMAS MILITARY CHIEF EZZEDINE AL-HADDAD

On May 15, 2026, the Israeli Ministry of Defense announced targeting Ezzedine al-Haddad, the commander of the Hamas military branch, in an airstrike in Gaza. The Israeli army identified him as a key architect of the October 7 massacre. According to the Gaza Civil Defense, fighter jets bombed a residential building in the Al-Ramal neighborhood of Gaza City killing 1 person and injuring 20 others. Israeli authorities accused Ezzedine al-Haddad of maintaining hostages in brutal conditions and refusing the peace plan. A military official stated that since the October 10 truce, the commander has worked to restore the capabilities of the Ezzedine Al-Qassam Brigades.

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On May 20, 2026, a report detailed the death of 15 year old Youssef Shtayyeh who was killed by an Israeli soldier in Nablus. Witnesses saw the teenager throwing stones on April 23 before a soldier exited a jeep and fired, hitting him in the back. Dr. Bahaa Fattouh at the hospital confirmed the wound was fatal. UNICEF reports that on average one Palestinian minor is killed every week since January 2025. Major General Avi Bluth stated that 42 Palestinians were killed for stone throwing in 2025. Sameh Shtayyeh, father of the victim, questioned the danger posed by children to armored patrols.

ITAMAR BEN GVR SPARKS OUTRAGE WITH VIDEO OF HUMILIATED MILITANTS

On May 20, 2026, Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir caused international outrage by publishing a video of Flotilla activists kneeling, handcuffed and mistreated. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated the images did not reflect Israeli values while Foreign Minister Gideon Saar accused Itamar Ben Gvir of harming the country's image. In response, France summoned the Israeli ambassador. Rome described the treatment as inadmissible and Spain called it monstrous. The NGO Adalah claimed the 430 activists were kidnapped in international waters. Israeli authorities transferred hundreds of those activists to the port of Ashdod. The NGO Adalah reported that the 430 participants were taken against their will. Since 2007, Gaza has remained under blockade.

ISRAELI KNESSET VOTES TO BEGIN DISSOLUTION PROCESS, ISRAELI SUPREME COURT CONFIRMS BAN ON NGOS

On May 20, 2026, the Israeli Parliament voted 110 to 10 in a preliminary reading to dissolve the assembly and trigger early elections. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu faces a coalition crisis as ultra-orthodox parties protest his failure to pass a law exempting religious students from military service. Opposition leader Yair Lapid stated the campaign has begun while Naftali Bennett, leader of the Beyahad party, called for the Prime Minister to step down. Polls show the Likoud party with a narrow lead over Beyahad. The same day, the Israeli Supreme Court confirmed a government order banning 37 foreign NGOs from operating in Palestinian territories. The organizations including MSF, Oxfam and CARE must provide lists of their Palestinian employees within 30 days or cease activities. COGAT claims this procedure prevents Hamas infiltration. Minister Amichai Chikli welcomed the ruling.

FRANCE OPPOSES MILITARY PROJECT ON DEMOLISHED UNRWA HEADQUARTERS

On May 21, 2026, the French government called on Israel to withdraw a project to build a Ministry of Defense complex on the site of the former UNRWA headquarters. Defense Minister Israel Katz announced that the site in East Jerusalem would house a recruitment office and a museum. The original building was demolished on January 20. UN Secretary General António Guterres condemned the move as an escalatory violation of United Nations immunity. Israel designated UNRWA as a terrorist organization over alleged links to Hamas.

ISRAEL EXPELS ALL FOREIGN FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS

On May 21, 2026, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Oren Marmorstein announced that Israel expelled all foreign activists captured during the flotilla interception. Prisoners were transferred from Ktziot prison to Ramon airport. Moatassem Zeidan from the NGO Adalah confirmed that the detainees were not brought before a court. A German Israeli activist remains in custody to face a tribunal in Ashkelon. Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski announced his intention to ban Israeli Minister Itamar Ben Gvir from the possibility to enter the Polish territory. This decision follows the release of a video showing humiliated Polish activists, among other. Spokesperson Maciej Wewior confirmed the Polish nationals were released from Israeli custody. Minister Radoslaw Sikorski demanded a formal apology from Israel for the minister's inappropriate behavior.

GAZA HISTORY EXHIBITION OPENS IN FRANCE

On May 21, 2026, an exhibition titled “Gaza qu’on ne connaît plus” opened at the Marseille Photographic Center featuring work by Kegham Djeghalian. Curator Kegham Junior presented 300 photos taken by his grandfather between 1944 and 1981 depicting the Gazan society. Kegham Junior noted that the archive represents a history now interrupted by war and occupation. **FRENCH & BELGIAN ACTIVISTS REPORT SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND ABUSE BY ISRAELI POLICE** On May 22, 2026, French militants from the Gaza Flotilla returned to Paris and reported violence and sexual harassment by Israeli forces. Activist Meriem Hadjal stated that a soldier touched her chest and slapped her during transfer to Ashdod. Adrien Bertel reported beatings and homophobic insults while Yasmine Scola described 36 hours of sleep deprivation and humiliation while handcuffed. The Israeli Prison Service denied all allegations. Belgian citizen Julien Cabral arrived in Istanbul and testified that Israeli forces treated Flotilla activists “worse than animals”. The 57 year old sailor reported being intercepted by commandos who used plastic bullets and violence. Julien Cabral claimed he was punched in the head and that 7 people on the boat Sirius suffered serious injuries, including bones broken. He described being held in overcrowded containers with insufficient food and water. Turkish activist Bilal Kitay confirmed this interception was significantly more violent than previous ones. Activists reported that soldiers mocked them and forced them into stress positions for hours. The Global Sumud Flotilla aimed to highlight the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

ISRAEL FORCES WFP TO END PARTNERSHIP WITH TURKISH NGO IHH

On May 22, 2026, the Israeli government ordered the World Food Programme (WFP) to stop all collaboration with the Turkish NGO IHH in Gaza. Israel designated IHH as a terrorist organization for its links to the Gaza Flotillas. This decision cuts off daily meals for 166,000 people including 55,000 pregnant women and children. WFP started working with the NGO in January 2024 after a rigorous vetting process. Oxfam America President Abby Maxman warned that Israel continues to block essential supplies like water pipes and medical equipment. WHO representative Reinhilde Van de Weerdts warned that severe shortages of supplies prevent Gaza health centers from functioning fully. Only 53% of hospitals remain partially operational as Israel classifies many medical items as double-use goods. WHO reports that 43,000 people including 10,000 children require long term rehabilitation for injuries. A ceasefire remains technically in effect since October 2025 despite daily violations.

NETANYAHU CONFIRMS ISRAELI CONTROL OF 60 PERCENT OF GAZA STRIP

On May 15, 2026, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed that Israeli forces currently control 60% of the Gaza Strip. The ceasefire terms originally gave Israel control over 50% of the territory along a “yellow line”, but reports indicate the zone is being expanded. Since the truce began, over 850 Palestinians have died in Gaza.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL A BOY IN LUBBAN AL-SHARQIYA, ISRAELI SETTLERS BURN A MOSQUE IN JIBIYA

On May 15, 2026, Israeli soldiers killed 15-year-old Fahd Zidan Oweis in Lubban al-Sharqiya during what the army called a counterterrorism operation. The Palestinian Ministry of Health stated the teenager was shot at dawn and his body was taken by Israeli forces. An Israeli military spokesperson claimed soldiers identified 3 terrorists throwing stones at vehicles. Palestinians in Jibiya reported that Israeli settlers set fire to a mosque and 2 vehicles overnight. Hebrew graffiti was also painted on the mosque’s exterior walls.

JERUSALEM DAY : RACIST SLOGANS AND ATTACKS

On May 14, 2026, thousands of Israelis marched through the Old City of Jerusalem for “Jerusalem Day” while chanting racist slogans. Participants including high school students were seen shouting “Death to Arabs” and “Gaza is ours forever”. National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir and Minister Bezalel Smotrich were acclaimed by the crowds. Palestinian residents reported property damage and physical attacks. Activists from Standing Together attempted to protect merchants, while peace activist Ilan Perez called for equal rights. Despite 3,000 police officers being deployed, Palestinian residents stated that youths broke windows and doors.

NETANYAHU MAJORITY PROPOSES BILL TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT FOR EARLY ELECTIONS

On May 13, 2026, the Likud party led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu submitted a bill to dissolve the 25th Knesset in view of early elections. The proposed law states that

elections must occur no sooner than 90 days after its adoption. This move follows internal tensions as ultra-orthodox parties threatened to leave the majority because a law exempting religious students from military service was not passed. By initiating dissolution, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took control of the electoral calendar, preempting similar moves by opposition parties. The current legislature was originally scheduled to end on October 27.

SETTLERS REOCCUPY SA-NUR COLONY

On May 13, 2026, Israeli settlers including Meir Goldmintz and his family returned to the Sa-Nur colony in the northern West Bank. This settlement was dismantled in 2005 but was re-established in mid-April during a ceremony attended by Minister Bezalel Smotrich. Meir Goldmintz, who moved into a prefab structure with his 7 children, stated the land belongs to the Jewish people. The NGO Peace Now reported that 34 colonies have been approved in 2026. A Palestinian resident reported that settlers and soldiers disrupted his father's funeral and attempted to dig up the grave. The Israeli army condemned the act.

16-YEAR-OLD PALESTINIAN KILLED BY SETTLER IN JILJILYA

On May 13, 2026, the Palestinian Authority announced that 16-year-old Youssef Ali Kaabnah was killed by Israeli fire during a settler raid near Jiljilya. The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that the teenager was shot in the chest and 4 others were wounded by bullets during a raid of settlers accompanied by soldiers. The Israeli army claimed soldiers intervened to recover stolen cattle and responded with live ammunition during a riot involving stone throwing. Youssef Ali Kaabnah was buried in Lubban al-Sharqiya. Since October 7, 2023, Israeli soldiers and settlers have killed at least 1,071 Palestinians in the West Bank.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE FROM BOTH HAMAS AND ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES

On May 12, 2026, a New York Times investigation reported widespread sexual violence by Israeli forces against Palestinian detainees. Based on 14 testimonies from the West Bank, the report describes abuses by soldiers, settlers, Shin Bet interrogators and prison guards including physical assaults on genitalia. A March 2025 United Nations report also denounced systematic gender-based violence. The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned the article as a false anti-Israeli campaign. On the same day, an Israeli commission of inquiry published a report accusing Hamas of systematic and large-scale sexual violence during the October 7, 2023 attacks. The 300-page document cites testimonies such as Raz Cohen, a survivor of the Nova festival who described the rape and murder of a woman. The report concludes these acts constitute crimes against humanity and genocide. It details crimes in kibbutzim and military bases, including gang rapes and genital mutilations against both women and men. While Israel has criticized international organizations for delayed condemnation, Hamas continues to reject all allegations of sexual violence.

UNICEF REPORTS 70 PALESTINIAN CHILDREN KILLED IN WEST BANK

On May 12, 2026, UNICEF reported that 70 Palestinian children have been killed in the occupied West Bank since January 2025. UNICEF spokesperson James Elder stated that 93% of these deaths were caused by Israeli forces, mostly with live ammunition. During the same period, 850 other children were injured. He highlighted the destruction of essential infrastructure including homes, schools and water networks. James Elder also noted that 347 Palestinian children are currently in Israeli military detention, with over half held in administrative detention without legal safeguards or regular access to lawyers.

ISRAEL ESTABLISHES MILITARY COURT AUTHORIZED TO PRONOUNCE DEATH PENALTY

On May 12, 2026, the Israeli Parliament adopted a law establishing a special military court in Jerusalem authorized to pronounce the death penalty. The court will judge Palestinians accused of participating in the October 7, 2023 attack and crimes committed during hostage taking in Gaza including murder, rape and kidnapping. The law passed with 93 votes in favor. Public Committee Against Torture in Israel Director Sari Bashi denounced the move as a shift toward vengeance and mass executions based on confessions obtained under torture. This legislation follows a previous law on the death penalty for terrorists passed in March.

EU SANCTIONS SETTLERS AND HAMAS OFFICIALS

On May 11, 2026, the European Union agreed to sanction extremist Israeli settlers and their organizations for violence against Palestinians in the West Bank. French Foreign Minister announced on social media that 7 settlers and organizations were targeted along with 12 Hamas officials. The agreement was reached after a change in the Hungarian government where Peter Magyar replaced Viktor Orban, ending months of vetoes. These sanctions involve assets freezes and travel bans. Some member states including Spain and Sweden, through their foreign ministers, called for further pressure on Israel to end colonization.

LAND REGISTRATION USED TO EXPEL PALESTINIANS IN JERUSALEM

On May 11, 2026, a study by the NGO Bimkom revealed that Israeli land registration in East Jerusalem is being used as a bureaucratic tool to expel Palestinians. The procedure, relaunched in 2018, shows that 82% of the 2.3 square km registered so far has been recorded under the name of the Israeli State or the Jerusalem municipality. Bimkom architect Sari Kronish noted a lack of transparency in the process. Only 1% of the land was registered to Palestinian owners while 4% went to Jewish owners mostly linked to colonization. The NGO warned that these measures make it nearly impossible for Palestinians to prove property ownership.

ISRAELI POLICE KILL A MAN IN QALANDIYA

On May 11, 2026, Israeli police killed 30 year old Ayman Rafiq Mohammad al-Hashlamoun in the Qalandiya refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. According to the

Palestinian Ministry of Health, he was shot near the camp while Israeli police claimed they neutralized an assailant who opened fire with a firearm. Video footage showed soldiers moving a weapon away from the body. A Palestinian Red Crescent spokesperson stated that ambulances were blocked from the scene. During subsequent clashes, Israeli forces used tear gas and stun grenades and a teenager was injured by a rubber bullet. A raid on an UNRWA center resulted in several arrests and the suspension of classes.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES EXPEL 2 FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS

On May 10, 2026, Israeli authorities announced the expulsion of 2 activists, Spanish national Saif Abukeshek and Brazilian national Thiago Ávila, following the interception of their “flotilla for Gaza”. The 2 men were arrested aboard a vessel intercepted by the Israeli navy in international waters on April 30. While 175 other militants from the Global Sumud flotilla were released in Greece, these 2 were taken to Israel for questioning. The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs described them as professional troublemakers. Spain, Brazil and the United Nations had requested their release.

SON OF HAMAS CHIEF DIES

On May 07, 2026, Azzam al-Hayya died from wounds sustained during an Israeli strike on Gaza City according to Al-Shifa Hospital and Hamas. The 23 year old victim was the son of Khalil al-Hayya who serves as the Hamas chief for Gaza and the movement’s principal negotiator. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed in a video that forces are eliminating terrorist cells in the territory. Azzam is the fourth of Khalil al-Hayya’s 7 sons to be killed by Israel with his twin Hammam al-Hayya having died in a September strike in Doha. The Gaza Ministry of Interior also reported the deaths of 3 internal security force members in a separate strike on Thursday.

MSF ACCUSES ISRAEL OF CREATING MALNUTRITION CRISIS

On May 07, 2026, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) reported that Israel is deliberately restricting food and aid to Gaza causing an artificial malnutrition crisis. MSF Emergency Medical Referent Merce Rocaspana stated malnutrition was virtually non-existent before the war began on October 7, 2023. Analysis of health facilities showed 90% of babies born to malnourished mothers were premature and neonatal mortality was twice as high in these cases. MSF Emergency Unit Head Jose Mas noted that distributing points fell from 400 to 4 when the controversial Gaza Humanitarian Foundation began operating in May 2025. MSF has admitted 4,176 children to acute malnutrition programs and urged Israel to allow immediate and unhindered aid access.

BEERSHEVA COURT VALIDATES EXTENDED DETENTION OF 2 HUMANITARIAN ACTIVISTS

On May 06, 2026, the Israeli justice system validated the extension of detention for 2 Gaza Flotilla activists. Lawyer Hadeel Abu Salih announced that the Beersheva court rejected the appeal for Spanish activist Saif Abu Keshek and Brazilian activist Thiago Avila. Israel continues to accuse the men of affiliation with a terrorist organization while they maintain their only goal was delivering aid. The Spanish government stated that Israel has provided no evidence of Hamas links. Brazil and Spain have repeatedly called for their release including through Brazilian President Lula. The activists are currently on a hunger strike and the United Nations has demanded their immediate and unconditional liberation citing concerns over systematic abuses in prison.

6 PEOPLE KILLED IN ISRAELI STRIKES ACROSS GAZA

On May 06, 2026, Israeli bombardments killed at least 6 people in different locations of the Gaza Strip according to Civil Defense and hospital reports. 5 individuals died in Gaza City while 1 man described as a Palestinian policeman was killed west of Khan Yunis. Hospital Nasser reported 15 other people were injured in the southern strike. Sources also confirmed that Azzam Khalil Al-Hayya who is the son of Hamas chief negotiator Khalil al-Hayya was seriously wounded in the Gaza City attack. Since the agreement began, at least 837 Palestinians have been killed and 5 Israeli soldiers were KIA.

400 EX DIPLOMATS URGE ACTION AGAINST ISRAELI COLONIZATION

On May 06, 2026, more than 400 former European ministers and ambassadors signed an open letter calling for immediate measures against Israel's E1 project in the West Bank. Signatories including former Vice President of the European Commission Josep Borrell and former Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt warned the plan to build 3.400 homes would cut the territory in two and compromise a future Palestinian State. They urged the EU to impose targeted sanctions and visa bans against those involved in illegal settlement activities during the upcoming Foreign Affairs Council. Targets include settlement leaders and the Israeli Land Authority. The letter noted that colonization has intensified since October 7, 2023, and reached record growth levels in 2025 according to the United Nations.

ITALY OPENS KIDNAPPING INQUIRY OVER GAZA FLOTILLA INTERCEPTION

On May 04, 2026, the Rome prosecutor's office opened an investigation for kidnapping following the boarding of the Gaza Flotilla by Israeli forces. The inquiry focuses on the detention of Spanish activist Saif Abu Keshek and Brazilian activist Thiago Avila who were on an Italian flagged vessel when arrested in international waters. The interception took place off the coast of Crete hundreds of kilometers from Gaza. The Global Sumud flotilla involving 175 militants of various nationalities aimed to break the blockade to provide humanitarian aid.

1 MAN KILLED DURING ISRAELI RAID IN NABLUS

On May 03, 2026, Israeli forces killed a 26 year old man and injured 4 others during clashes in Nablus according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health. The victim was identified as Nayef Firas Ziad Samaro and both he and the injured were hit by live ammunition. Witnesses reported that Israeli troops entered several neighborhoods to search shops and later responded to stones being thrown at military vehicles with tear gas and live fire. The Israeli army confirmed in a statement that soldiers fired towards “terrorists.

ISRAELI COURT PROLONGS DETENTION OF 2 ACTIVISTS

On May 03, 2026, a court in Ashkelon ordered a 2 day extension for the detention of Spanish activist Saif Abu Keshek and Brazilian activist Thiago Avila. They were among 175 militants arrested while traveling on a fleet of 20 boats known as the Gaza Flotilla which aimed to break the Israeli blockade to deliver aid. Lawyer Hadeel Abou Salih stated the men were on a peaceful humanitarian mission to Gaza and rejected accusations. Miriam Azem from the Israeli NGO Adalah reported the arrest was brutal and the men were informed they would be interrogated by Israeli internal intelligence for suspected affiliation with a terrorist organization. Thiago Avila told lawyers he was dragged face down and beaten until he lost consciousness. The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson Oren Marmorstein denied any torture and claimed Saif Abu Keshek is a leader of the Conference for Palestinians Abroad which Israel and the United States accuse of being affiliated with Hamas. Spanish Minister José Manuel Albares called the arrest illegal and demanded the immediate release of the Spanish national.

UN COMMITTEE DENOUNCES DISCRIMINATORY DEATH PENALTY LAW

On May 1, 2026, a UN committee called for the immediate repeal of a new Israeli law establishing the death penalty for terrorists. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination stated the law specifically targets Palestinians and constitutes racial segregation. The legislation provides for the death penalty or life imprisonment for those causing death to Israeli citizens with the intent to harm the state. The committee urged other countries to ensure their resources do not support discriminatory practices in the occupied territories.

ISRAELI NAVY ARRESTS GAZA FLOTILLA ACTIVISTS

On April 30, 2026, the Israeli army arrested approximately 175 militants from the Global Sumud flotilla off the coast of Greece. Organizers reported that 22 of 58 boats were boarded by military forces using lasers and semi automatic weapons while off the coast of Crete. The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a video claiming the activists were treated peacefully while heading toward Israel. The flotilla, which included French nationals, departed from Marseille, Barcelona and Syracuse to protest the blockade in effect since 2007.

TEENAGER SHOT DEAD BY ISRAELI FORCES IN HEBRON

On April 29, 2026, the Palestinian Red Cross reported that Israeli forces shot and killed a teenager identified as Abdel Fattah al Khayyat in Hebron. While the Red Cross stated the victim was 14 years old, the health ministry gave his age as 16. Another person was wounded by gunfire during the same raid. The Israeli army stated it was verifying the incident in the West Bank where at least 1,068 Palestinians have died since October 7, 2023.

MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING FRENCH NUN

On April 29, 2026, Israeli police arrested a 36 year old man for the violent assault of a French nun on Mount Sion. Olivier Poquillon, director of the French Biblical and Archaeological School, reported that the 48 year old researcher was thrown against a stone and kicked while on the ground. The French Consulate in Jerusalem demanded justice for the nationalist motivated crime. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and European diplomats condemned the attack as part of a worrying trend of hostility against the Christian community.

PALESTINIAN KILLED DURING MILITARY RAID IN SILWAD

On April 29, 2026, Israeli forces killed 37 year old Abdel Halim Hammad during a military raid in Silwad, east of Ramallah. The official Wafa agency reported the victim was shot inside his home. The Israeli army claimed that 2 terrorists attacked soldiers, resulting in 1 death while the other was apprehended. Palestinian authorities noted that Israel has retained the body of the victim whose brother was also killed by Israeli forces in 2021.

ULTRA ORTHODOX PROTESTERS STORM POLICE CHIEF HOME

On April 28, 2026, ultra orthodox Jews protesting military conscription stormed the garden of Military Police Chief Yuval Yamin in Ashkelon. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Israël Katz condemned the violent intrusion where the general and his family were forced to barricade themselves inside. The protest followed a Supreme Court ruling to reduce financial benefits for students in talmudic institutes who refuse the draft. The court ruled that the state must prosecute those who fail to respond to conscription orders.

PRESIDENT HERZOG FACILITATES PARDON TALKS ABOUT NETANYAHU'S CORRUPTION CASE

On April 28, 2026, Israeli President Isaac Herzog invited lawyers for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and state prosecutors for discussions regarding a pardon request. Legal advisor Michal Tsuk Shafir sent invitations to defense attorney Amit Haddad, Attorney General Gali Baharav Miara and State Prosecutor Amit Aisman. Netanyahu requested the pardon in November with the support of Donald Trump. The Prime Minister is the first in Israeli history to be tried for corruption while in office.

MOSSAD CHIEF CELEBRATES CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS, NEW STRIKES IN GAZA

On April 28, 2026, Mossad director David Barnea described intelligence operations in Iran and Lebanon as revolutionary. During an award ceremony, he highlighted the clandestine infiltration of agents deep into Tehran and the neutralization of high ranking officials. Barnea emphasized close cooperation with the Israeli army to acquire strategic and tactical secrets. He stated that the agency will continue to act with force against any perceived threats. On that day, Israeli strikes in the Gaza Strip killed 5 people including a Hamas commander and a child. The Civil Defense reported that Hamas commander Iyad al Shanbari and his son Salah were among people killed in a drone strike on a car in the al Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City. Another 9 year old boy died east of Khan Younis following an attack described as combined drone strike and artillery fire. The Israeli army claimed to target a suspect representing an immediate threat.

JORDAN WELCOMES SICK CHILDREN FROM GAZA

On April 28, 2026, a group of 81 Palestinian children and 108 family members arrived in Jordan to receive medical care. The Jordanian army confirmed this is the 26th group welcomed under a medical corridor initiative. Over 716 children have been treated for fractures, cancer and deep wounds since March 2025. The Jordanian army continues to operate a field hospital in Gaza which has received hundreds of patients daily.

WATER USED AS PUNITIVE WEAPON IN GAZA

On April 28, 2026, a Doctors Without Borders report accused Israeli authorities of using water as a punitive weapon against the Gaza population. Emergency manager Claire San Filippo stated that 90% of water infrastructure has been destroyed or damaged since the conflict began in 2023. The organization documented strikes on identified water trucks and wells which killed civilians trying to access water. The NGO claimed that a lack of clean water is fueling the spread of respiratory and skin diseases.

SUPREME COURT ORDERS SANCTIONS FOR DRAFT DODGERS

On April 26, 2026, the Israeli Supreme Court ordered the state to impose financial sanctions on ultra orthodox Jews refusing mandatory military service. The court ruled that benefits related to local taxes, public transport and daycares must be cut for those ignoring conscription calls. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has previously delayed such legislation to maintain his coalition. Shass party leader Arié Dery described the decision as a grave attack on the foundations of the Jewish people. Approximately 66,000 men of serving age are currently exempted.

DRONE STRIKE AND GUNFIRE KILL 3 IN GAZA, FATAH PARTY LEADS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

On April 26, 2026, the Gaza Civil Defense reported that 3 people including a woman were killed by Israeli forces. 2 men died when an Israeli drone targeted a group of civilians near the Kuwait roundabout in the Zeitoun district of Gaza City. Additionally, a 40 year old woman was shot dead by Israeli forces in Khan Younis and her body was taken to Nasser hospital. While the Israeli army stated they were verifying reports, the health ministry noted that at least 811 Palestinians have died since the October 2025 truce. Meanwhile, the Fatah party led by President Mahmoud Abbas emerged as the winner in several West Bank municipal elections. Results from the Central Election Commission showed Fatah victories in Hebron, Tulkarem and Salfit. Overall participation reached 53.4% across 183 municipalities.

NEIGHBORHOOD THREATENED BY TOURISM PROJECT

On April 25, 2026, residents of the al Boustan neighborhood in East Jerusalem faced imminent displacement for an archaeological site extension. 97 year old resident and his family reported their home is slated for demolition. Israeli parliament member Ahmed Tibi denounced the forced judaization of Silwan district while municipal official Laura Wharton noted that settler homes are never targeted. A resident began demolishing his own home to avoid municipal costs.

13 KILLED IN GAZA STRIKES

On April 24, 2026, Israeli strikes killed 13 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip including several children. 8 people died in an attack on a police vehicle in Al Mawassi, in the south of the territory, according to the Civil Defense. Hospitals Al Chifa and Nasser confirmed the deaths of 9 men aged 22 to 59 years, a 43 year old woman and 2 of her children aged 4 and 11. A third attack targeted a police patrol in Gaza City, killing 2 officers and wounding 2 others. The Israeli army claimed to have targeted armed Hamas terrorists.

UN WARNS OF UXO WHILE ISRAELI STRIKES KILL 9 IN GAZA

On April 24, 2026, the UN warned that unexploded ordnance in Gaza will kill civilians and block reconstruction for decades. United Nations Mine Action Service head Julius Van der Walt reported a high density of contamination with approximately 1 UXO every 600 meters. Over 1000 people have already died from these, including children. Narmina Strishenets from Save the Children noted that Gaza has the highest number of child amputees globally with 475 youths becoming disabled monthly. Population density has doubled due to the war making the clearance process extremely dangerous for humanitarian convoys. Julius Van der Walt estimated that removing the ordnance would cost 541 million dollars if all authorizations and equipment are provided. On the same day, the Gaza Civil Defense announced that Israeli strikes killed at least 9 people across the territory. 5 individuals died when a missile hit a police vehicle in the Al-Mawassi zone of Khan Younes. In northern Gaza, bombing of residential houses killed a woman and a child. A third attack targeted a police patrol in Gaza City, killing 2 officers and wounding 2 others. Nasser and Al-Shifa hospitals confirmed the fatalities.

ADOLESCENT SHOT DEAD BY SOLDIERS IN NABLUS

On April 23, 2026, 15 year old Youssef Sameh Shtayyeh was killed by Israeli fire in the occupied West Bank. The Palestinian Ministry of Health confirmed the teenager died in Nablus during a military incursion involving 6 army vehicles. Nablus municipality communications director Aboud al-Aker reported that soldiers shot the boy in the Rafidia neighborhood as they were departing. Aboud al-Aker stated he was unsure if stones were thrown but noted the army often cites such riots as justification for opening fire. Since the start of the Gaza war in October 2023, at least 1066 Palestinians and 46 Israelis have been killed in the West Bank. Violence remains a daily occurrence in the territory occupied by Israel since 1967.

5 KILLED IN BEIT LAHIA STRIKE

On April 22, 2026, an Israeli airstrike killed 5 Palestinians including 3 children in northern Gaza. The Civil Defense agency reported that the attack targeted a group of civilians near the Al-Qassam mosque in Beit Lahia. Victims were transported to Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City. The Israeli army indicated it was “verifying the reports”. This strike occurs despite the ceasefire. Over 786 Palestinians have died since the start of the truce.

SETTLERS KILL PALESTINIAN IN DEIR DIBWAN & RAID SCHOOL

On April 22, 2026, 25 year old Awda Atef Awawdeh was killed by Israeli settlers in the central West Bank. The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that the victim died after being shot in the back east of Ramallah. The Israeli army stated its troops intervened to prevent a confrontation after civilians entered Deir Dibwan without authorization. Soldiers reportedly handed the settlers to the police and briefly detained Palestinian suspects for stone throwing. Military officials later confirmed that the police opened an investigation into the fatal shooting of Awda Atef Awawdeh. The Palestinian Authority Media Office shared images of dozens of men being arrested by Israeli forces in the village. This death follows a surge in settler violence. At least 1065 Palestinians have died in the West Bank since late 2023. On the same day, residents of Al-Moughayer accused Israeli settlers of attacking a school during monthly exams. Mayor Amin Abou Alia described the assault at the village entrance. Funerals were later disrupted when an Israeli armored vehicle drove through the crowd and soldiers fired tear gas.

SETTLER ATTACK KILLS 2 IN WEST BANK

On April 21, 2026, Israeli settlers shot to death 14 year old Aous Hamdi Al-Nassan and 32 year old Jihad Marzouq Abou Naïm in Al-Moughayer. The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that 4 others were wounded by live ammunition during the attack near Ramallah. Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mohammed Mustafa shared photos of the victims while village mayor Amin Abou Alia identified at least 10 settlers and 7 soldiers present. A witness alleged that settlers attacked a school with live rounds and that the army joined them. The Israeli army claimed troops responded to reports of stone throwing against a vehicle.

ISRAELI STRIKE KILLS 3 IN GAZA, PARASITES PLAGUE IDP CAMPS

On April 21, 2026, the Gaza Civil Defense reported that 3 people were killed by an Israeli strike northwest of Khan Younès. Spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal stated the attack occurred at midnight in the southern part of the territory. Israeli aircraft were also observed flying over the region during the night. This violence persists despite the so called ceasefire. The Gaza Ministry of Health reports at least 72,549 deaths since the war started on October 7, 2023, including 770 since the truce began. The UN reported that rats, fleas, and parasites are infesting crowded displacement camps in Gaza. Approximately 1.7 million residents live in makeshift shelters without adequate water or basic sanitation. Pediatrics head Hani al-Flait at Al-Aqsa hospital stated his team treats daily cases of scabies caused by deplorable sanitary conditions and lack of medicine. Displaced residents in Bani Suheila reported that rodents bit children. Schools and tents are flooded with sewage causing skin infections. OCHA officials confirmed vermin infestations. Humanitarian groups warn that rising temperatures will worsen the public health threat as Israel maintains strict control over delivery of aid and products like medicine.

NGO REPORTS AID OBSTRUCTIONS IN GAZA

On April 20, 2026, Danish Refugee Council Director Alan Moseley stated that Israel continues to hinder humanitarian work in Gaza and the West Bank. The military has refused rotating foreign staff and delivering aid. Alan Moseley reported that almost no NGOs have successfully brought supplies into Gaza in recent months. While some goods enter under the ceasefire agreement, they remain unaffordable for most residents. Shortage of medical equipment are frequent and some NGOs must rely on expensive local purchases or limited UN truck access. Millions of dollars in supplies are currently blocked in Egypt and Jordan. The Israeli Supreme Court suggested NGOs withdraw their legal complaint but organizations are seeking a definitive judgment. The UN previously warned that these measures prevent indispensable aid to the territory ravaged by the war since 2023.

ISRAEL REESTABLISHES WEST BANK SETTLEMENT

On April 19, 2026, Israel began reinstalling the Sa-Nour settlement in the occupied West Bank which was originally evacuated in 2005. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich attended the ceremony and declared the move a historical rectification that buries the idea of a Palestinian State. He also called for reestablishing settlements in Gaza. 16 families including Northern West Bank Settlement Council President Yossi Dagan moved into prefabricated houses on the site. Yossi Dagan was among the settlers expelled during the 2005 disengagement plan. The UN continues to denounce Israeli colonization as illegal and a major obstacle to a durable peace solution. The government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has approved over 100 new settlements since 2022, which are illegal under international law.

UNICEF DRIVERS MURDERED BY SOLDIERS

On April 18, 2026, Unicef announced that Israeli soldiers killed 2 truck drivers delivering water in northern Gaza. The victims were contractors providing drinkable water to families

when they were shot at the Mansoura water filling point. This location is the only operational site for trucks and links Gaza City to the Mekorot distribution network. Unicef expressed outrage over the killing and reported that 2 other people were wounded during the routine operation. The Israeli army stated soldiers opened fire at “terrorists”. Unicef has suspended all operations at the filling point and urged that humanitarian workers and basic infrastructure should never be targeted.

PALESTINIAN KILLED NEAR SETTLEMENT

On April 18, 2026, a settlement militia shot and killed 25 year old Mohammad Ahmad Soueïti, west of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army initially reported that a suspect with a knife was identified and neutralized in the Negohot community. A military spokesperson later clarified that the resident of a nearby Palestinian village was eliminated by local guards. The Palestinian Ministry of Health confirmed being notified of the death of Mohammad Ahmad Soueïti by Israeli authorities. Records indicate at least 1061 Palestinians have been killed by soldiers or settlers in the West Bank since the Gaza conflict began in October 2023. During the same period, 46 Israelis have died.

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN & GIRLS KILLED SINCE 2023

UN spokesperson Sofia Calltorp announced that over 38,000 women and girls were killed in Gaza between October 2023 and December 2025. This figure represents more than half of the 71,266 total victims recorded during that period. Sofia Calltorp stated that an average of 47 women and girls were killed daily, while others survive with permanent disabilities. Nearly 1 million females have been displaced multiple times and 790,000 face catastrophic food insecurity. Despite the ceasefire announced in October 2025, more than 730 people died and 2,000 were wounded in 6 months. South Africa has initiated proceedings at the International Court of Justice accusing Israel of genocide. The court previously warned of a real and imminent risk of irreparable prejudice for Palestinians. On April 17, 2026, the Kosovo Parliament unanimously adopted a law authorizing the deployment of military personnel to Gaza. The troops would participate in a hypothetical international stabilization force under the US led “Peace Council”. Other countries including Indonesia, Morocco, Kazakhstan, and Albania have also committed to providing troops for this force which could total 20,000 soldiers. The implementation remains uncertain as Israel and Hamas continue to exchange accusations regarding violations of the ceasefire.

TEENAGER KILLED DURING WEST BANK RAID

On April 16, 2026, the Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that 17-year-old Mohammed Mourad Mahmoud Rayan was killed by Israeli soldiers. The incident occurred during a raid in Beit Duqqu, north of Jerusalem. The Wafa agency stated the army conducted searches of several houses. The Israeli military claimed they neutralized a terrorist who threw stones.

BROTHERS & CHILDREN KILLED BY STRIKES IN GAZA

On April 16, 2026, Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal announced 4 deaths across the Gaza Strip due to Israeli fire. 2 brothers died in a drone strike near a school in Beit Lahia. The Israeli army claimed they neutralized terrorists who crossed the demarcation line. Saleh Badawi, 9 years old, was killed in the Zeitoun neighborhood and his remains taken to Al-Maamadani hospital. In the south near Khan Younès, Mohsen Ouda Al-Dabbari, 38 years old, was also killed by Israeli fire. The army stated it is verifying reports concerning the child and the southern victim. At least 766 Palestinians have died since October 10 so called ceasefire.

SUSPECT EXTRADITED FOR 1982 PARIS ATTACK

On April 16, 2026, the Palestinian Authority extradited Mahmoud al-Adra to France. Also known as Hicham Harb, the 72 year old is the suspected supervisor of the 1982 Rosiers street bombing which killed 6 people. Lawyer Ammar Dweik and son Bilal al-Adra confirmed the transfer despite an urgent request to a Palestinian administrative court to suspend it. President Mahmoud Abbas had promised the extradition following France's recognition of a Palestinian State in 2025. Harb allegedly belongs to the Fatah-RC group of Abou Nidal and faces warrants in Germany and Italy. Harb reportedly suffers from cancer and neurological disorders.

CHILD AMONG VICTIMS IN NORTH GAZA STRIKES

On April 14, 2026, Israeli strikes in the northern Gaza Strip killed 10 people including a child. Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal identified the 3 year old victim as Yahya Al-Mallahi. He died after an airstrike targeted a police vehicle. Victims were transported to Al-Chifa hospital. The Israeli army claimed it struck a truck containing terrorists. Another Palestinian was killed by Israeli fire in Beit Lahia. A separate strike near Al-Chati refugee camp killed 5 additional people.

TEAR GAS DISPERSES PALESTINIAN STUDENTS

On April 13, 2026, Israeli soldiers used tear gas to disperse Palestinian school children during a sit-in at Umm al-Khair. Education director Bassam Jabr reported that students were protesting because Carmel settlers blocked school access with barbed wire. Students expressed fear after a gas canister exploded near them. The Israeli army confirmed dispersing a gathering but did not specify the use of gas.

ZIKIM CROSSING REOPENS FOR GAZA AID

On April 13, 2026, the United Nations announced the reopening of the Zikim crossing in northern Gaza. UN Secretary General spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric stated that aid convoys crossed for the first time in over 40 days. Goods from the World Food Programme and Unicef were collected by the UN to address critical needs. This opening reduces reliance on the Kerem Shalom point. However, Dujarric highlighted major constraints including delayed customs

procedures, lack of scanning equipment and total bans on vital NGOs. The Israeli army still controls over half of Gaza despite the October 10, 2025 ceasefire.

NEW MOSSAD CHIEF OFFICIALLY APPOINTED

On April 12, 2026, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu officially signed the appointment of General Roman Gofman as the head of Mossad. Gofman will take his 5 year term on June 2, 2026. Born in Belarus, he joined the army in 1995 and previously commanded the national infantry training center. He was wounded in combat in 2023. Mossad is credited with contributing to the removal of Hezbollah and Iranian military leadership during conflicts in 2024 and 2025. The appointment followed approval from the advisory committee for high-level appointments.

DEADLY DRONE STRIKE ON GAZA AL-BUREIJ CAMP

On April 11, 2026, an Israeli drone fired 2 missiles near a police station in the Al-Bureij refugee camp. Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal confirmed that 7 people died and several others were wounded. Victims were taken to the Martyrs of al-Aqsa hospital near Deir el-Balah and Al-Awda hospital. The Israeli army claimed it struck an armed Hamas cell that was planning an imminent attack. Conversely, hospital sources stated the strike targeted displaced civilians near a mosque. Since the October 10, 2025 ceasefire, the ministry reported 749 Palestinian deaths.

FATAL SETTLER ATTACK IN DEIR JARIR

On April 11, 2026, the Palestinian Ministry of Health announced the death of 23 year old Ali Majed Hamadneh. He was shot in the back and chest during an attack by armed Israeli settlers in Deir Jarir, northwest of Ramallah. The Wafa Palestinian agency reported that settlers opened fire at residents under Israeli force protection. The Israeli army stated that a reservist soldier fired during a riot involving stone-throwing Palestinians.

NETANYAHU EXCLUDES SPAIN FROM GAZA TRUCE MONITORING

On April 10, 2026, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu excluded Spain from the international mechanism monitoring the Gaza truce. The Prime Minister accused Madrid of hostility. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez previously opposed the military campaign against Iran and called Israeli combats in Lebanon unacceptable. Spain will no longer participate in the Coordination Center of Kiryat Gat where France, Great Britain and the United Arab Emirates operate under American supervision. The center is responsible for monitoring the ceasefire and supervising humanitarian aid delivery.

ISRAEL APPROVES NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS

On April 10, 2026, the NGO Peace Now reported that the Israeli government secretly decided to establish 34 new colonies in the West Bank. This decision includes legalizing 10 existing outposts and planning 24 new settlements according to the channel i24News. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has established 68 colonies since his government formed in late 2022. Israeli Army Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir reportedly warned the security cabinet that the army might collapse under the additional burden of protecting these sites.

CORRUPTION TRIAL OF NETANYAHU TO RESUME

On April 09, 2026, the Jerusalem District Court announced that the corruption trial of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu resume. Netanyahu and his wife face accusations of accepting luxury products worth over 260,000 dollars, including cigars, jewels and champagne from billionaires. He is also accused in 2 other cases of negotiating favorable media coverage in exchange for political favors.

PALESTINIAN MAN SHOT DEAD BY OFF DUTY SOLDIER

On April 9, 2026, the Palestinian Ministry of Health announced that Israeli forces killed a 28 year old Palestinian man. Alaa Khaled Mohammed Sbeih died near the village of Tayasir after being shot by an off duty soldier. The Israeli military stated that troops deployed following reports of an incident involving stone throwing. According to preliminary investigation, the soldier opened fire after Alaa Khaled Mohammed Sbeih threw stones at Israeli civilians. 1 Palestinian civilian and 1 Israeli civilian were wounded and evacuated to a hospital. At least 1,057 Palestinians and 46 Israelis have died in the West Bank since October 7, 2023.

AL JAZEERA DENOUNCES TARGETED KILLING OF JOURNALIST

On April 08, 2026, Al Jazeera condemned the death of journalist Mohammed Wishah who was killed by an Israeli drone strike in Gaza. The press network described the strike on his vehicle in western Gaza as a deliberate and targeted crime designed to intimidate the press. Al Jazeera stated it holds the Israeli occupation forces entirely responsible. The media announced it would engage legal action to achieve justice for its personnel. The Israeli army claimed that Wishah was a Hamas member. While the 1979 Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions protects journalists as civilians, Israel is not a signatory to that document. Over 220 journalists have been murdered in Gaza since October 2023.

WHO SUSPENDS MEDICAL EVACUATIONS AFTER FATAL INCIDENT

On April 06, 2026, World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus suspended medical evacuations from Gaza to Egypt. The decision followed a security incident of unspecified origin, that killed 1 person providing services to the organization. 2 World Health Organization staff members were present during the event. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called for the protection of civilians and humanitarian workers while authorities investigate the circumstances. Evacuations via the Rafah crossing remain halted

until further notice. Both Israel and the movement Hamas continue to accuse each other of violating the fragile ceasefire. Although journalist cannot enter Gaza to make independent verifications about the victims, the United Nations considers ministry casualty figures to be reliable.

10 KILLED DURING CLASHES IN CENTRAL GAZA

On April 6, 2026, 10 people were killed and dozens were wounded during clashes and Israeli strikes near the Al-Maghazi camp. Witnesses reported that violence erupted between an anti-Hamas militia, presumably supported by Israel, and Hamas security forces near a school housing displaced persons. The militiamen were attempting to conduct arrests when residents and Hamas members resisted. Shortly after the confrontation, Israeli forces bombed the area near the school. The Martyrs of Al-Aqsa Hospital and the Gaza Civil Defense verified the death toll. The Israeli military stated it is examining the reports.

NETANYAHU DISMISSES CHIEF OF STAFF AFTER SCANDALS

On April 6, 2026, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fired his chief of staff Ziv Agmon following a series of controversies. Ziv Agmon faced backlash for making racist remarks describing Jews of Moroccan origin as baboons and for criticizing the wife and son of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He is replaced by lawyer and economist Ido Norden who must pass a security investigation before working in the office. Additionally, Israeli police recently questioned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confidant Tzachi Braverman regarding leaked classified information.

8 ISRAELIS ARRESTED FOR WEST BANK ATTACK

On April 5, 2026, Israeli police arrested 8 Israelis suspected of attacking the Palestinian village of Qusra in the occupied West Bank. The suspects, aged 18 to 48, allegedly set fire to houses and assaulted a 32 year old Palestinian man who suffered serious head injuries. Police seized an M-16 assault rifle. According to the Palestinian agency Wafa, the attackers were settlers acting under the protection of Israeli forces who also fired on poultries at a farm. This attack follows a peak in settler violence. Over 500,000 Israelis live in West Bank settlements which are illegal under international law.

4 PALESTINIANS KILLED BY ISRAELI DRONE

On April 5, 2026, 4 Palestinians were killed and 5 others were wounded by an Israeli drone strike in eastern Gaza City. The Gaza Civil Defense and Al-Shifa Hospital confirmed that victims were transferred to medical facilities after an Israeli drone fired 2 projectiles on a group of civilians. The Israeli military claimed it identified a terrorist cell representing an immediate

threat and conducted a targeted strike to lift the danger. This incident occurred despite the ceasefire.

ISRAELI FIGURES WARN AGAINST RISE OF JEWISH TERRORISM

On April 1, 2026, political figures and former security officials in Israel raised alarms regarding settler violence, which they qualified as Jewish terrorism. Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Eyal Zamir called the attacks morally unacceptable, while opposition leader Yaïr Lapid urged the government to combat this phenomenon by all means. A letter from the Commanders for Israel's Security, signed by 550 retired officers, described the situation as a strategic danger to national security. Researcher Réem Cohen from the Institute for National Security Studies noted a peak in violence since the start of the war with Iran. He attributed the impunity of extremist settlers to support from far-right ministers like Itamar Ben Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich.

INTERNATIONAL BODIES CONDEMN ISRAELI DEATH PENALTY LAW

On March 31, 2026, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk warned that applying the new death penalty law to inhabitants of occupied territories could constitute a war crime. He urged the immediate repeal of the discriminatory text, which he finds incompatible with international law and the right to life. UN spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric reiterated Secretary General António Guterres's opposition to the death penalty. Additionally, Petra Bayr stated the vote seriously compromises Israel's observer status at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Secretary General of the Council of Europe Alain Berset described the vote as a grave regression.

UNRWA CHIEF DEMANDS PROBE INTO STAFF DEATHS

On March 31, 2026, the outgoing head of UNRWA, Philippe Lazzarini, called for a high-level expert panel to investigate the deaths of over 390 agency employees during the Gaza war. He also requested inquiries into the destruction of UN premises and the arbitrary detention and torture of staff members. Philippe Lazzarini condemned the extraordinary level of impunity in Gaza, stating the conflict seems to have no rules. Israel previously accused the agency of being infested with Hamas agents and banned its activities in early 2025. However, an international investigation found that Israel provided no conclusive evidence for these claims. Philippe Lazzarini will be temporarily replaced by Christian Saunders, the former UN Special Coordinator for improving response to sexual exploitation and abuse.

ISRAELI ARMY SUSPENDS BATTALION AFTER CNN ASSAULT

On March 30, 2026, the Israeli army announced the suspension of a reserve battalion following the detention and assault of a CNN news crew in the West Bank. The Foreign Press Association reported that soldiers targeted the clearly identified journalists near Tayasir. According to the association, a soldier grabbed a CNN photoreporter by the throat and threw

him to the ground, damaging his equipment. The crew was then detained for 2 hours. Army spokesperson Lieutenant-Colonel Nadav Shoshani stated that these acts do not represent the military's expectations. The battalion will remain in reserve for professional and ethical retraining. The Committee to Protect Journalists notes that at least 60 Palestinian journalists have been detained by Israeli forces since October 7, 2023.

2 PALESTINIANS KILLED BY ISRAELI FORCES

On March 30, 2026, the Israeli army and the Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that 2 Palestinians were killed by soldiers in the occupied West Bank. Near Dura, 22-year-old Ramzi al-Awawdeh was shot dead after allegedly running towards soldiers with a knife. Later that morning, soldiers at the Anab checkpoint east of Tulkarem killed 31-year-old Abdoullrahmane Abou al-Roub, who accelerated his vehicle towards them. Violence in the territory has increased significantly since the Hamas attack on October 7, 2023. According to an AFP tally based on health ministry figures, at least 1,056 Palestinians have been killed by soldiers or settlers in the West Bank since the conflict began.

ISRAEL ADOPTS DEATH PENALTY AGAINST PALESTINIANS

On March 30, 2026, the Israeli Parliament passed a law establishing the death penalty for terrorists, targeting Palestinians convicted of deadly anti-Israeli attacks. The bill, initiated by far-right coalition members and supported by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, was approved. For West Bank Palestinians, capital punishment becomes the default sanction for homicides qualified as acts of terrorism by military courts. Execution by hanging would occur within 90 to 180 days of the final sentence. While the United States expressed respect for Israeli sovereignty, the Council of Europe and several European capitals condemned the text as a setback for democratic principles. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court, arguing the Parliament lacks authority to legislate for the occupied West Bank. On the next day, relatives of prisoners and members of the Palestinian Prisoners Club held a sit-in in Ramallah to protest the new law. Abdullah al-Zaghari, head of the NGO, denounced the legislation as racist and discriminatory. Protesters expressed fear for their imprisoned children. In Jerusalem, police used water cannons to disperse dozens of Israelis demonstrating against the law. While far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir celebrated the vote in Parliament, some Israeli citizens called the law primitive. Former Palestinian prisoner affairs president Qaddoura Fares qualified Israel as an outlaw state for undermining international agreements.

9 KILLED IN GAZA DESPITE CEASEFIRE

On March 29, 2026, the Civil Defense in the Gaza Strip reported 9 deaths following Israeli strikes in the southern territory. Mohammed Al-Mughair, a rescue official, stated that 8 people including a young girl were killed when Israeli strikes hit police posts in the Al-Mawasi area of Khan Yunis. A 9th person was killed by gunfire at a roundabout in the same city. The Israeli army claimed it eliminated "terrorists".

CHRISTIAN LEADERS BLOCKED FROM HOLY SEPULCHRE

On March 29, 2026, Israeli police prevented the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and the head of the Franciscans for the Holy Land from entering the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Palm Sunday mass. Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa and Custos Francesco Ielpo were stopped due to wartime restrictions limiting public gatherings. Police justified the measure by the configuration of the Old City, citing safety risks in the event of an attack. This blockade sparked international outrage.

PALESTINIAN MINISTRY CONDEMNS EAST JERUSALEM EXPULSIONS

On March 28, 2026, the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned recent forced displacements of families in East Jerusalem. It specifically denounced the eviction of 15 families from the Silwan neighborhood to allow Israeli occupancy. The ministry also highlighted demolition orders for 7 houses in Qalandia. These expulsions rely on a 1970 law allowing Jews to reclaim property lost before 1948 and Ottoman documents regarding Jewish residents in the area between 1929 and 1936. Civic society warned that these ongoing measures could lead to the largest wave of expulsions since 1967, potentially affecting more than 2,000 Palestinians.

15 YEAR OLD PALESTINIAN KILLED IN WEST BANK

On March 28, 2026, the Palestinian Ministry of Health announced that 15-year-old Adham Sayed Saleh Dahman died after being shot in the abdomen by Israeli soldiers. The incident occurred during a military operation in the Dheisheh refugee camp south of Bethlehem. Another Palestinian was wounded in the same clash. The Israeli army stated it responded with live fire to a riot where stones were thrown at soldiers.

ANTI-WAR PROTESTERS ARRESTED IN TEL AVIV

On March 28, 2026, Israeli security forces dispersed anti-war protesters at a rally on Habima Square in Tel Aviv. Police reported 13 arrests during the gathering, which they qualified as illegal because gatherings of more than 50 people are banned in wartime. Another protest involving 100 people took place in Haifa where a police spokesperson announced 5 additional arrests. Organizations like Peace Now and Standing Together called for the demonstrations to denounce the endless war led by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. People expressed concerns over the lack of a clear goal for the conflict. While a recent poll from the Israel Democracy Institute shows a slight increase in opposition to the war against Iran, most of the public remains favourable.

INVESTIGATION DETAILS WAR CRIME ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ELITE UNIT

On March 29, 2026, an investigation by Le Monde detailed systematic war crimes committed by the Israeli Golani Brigade. The unit escalated violence, under Lieutenant-Colonel Tomer Grinberg command, killed in December 2023. The brigade captured the Gaza Parliament. On March 23, 2025, the Sayeret Golani elite unit massacred 14 Red Crescent rescuers and 1 UN employee, north of Rafah. The New York Times revealed that soldiers executed survivors after 6 minutes of firing. Brigadier Major Nikolai Ashurov was the only officer sanctioned, for an « incomplete report », while Lieutenant David Cohen supported him. The brigade also used tanks to strike Nasser Hospital, killing 22 people including 5 journalists. General Yehuda Vach implemented « Kill Zones » where any Palestinian was considered a target and shot, regardless of their status under IHL. Journalist Younis Tirawi and the NGO of former Israeli security forces members, Breaking the Silence, also documented the destruction of Lebanese villages like Tayr Harfa by the Golani Brigade. The unit remains popular in Israel and includes fighters of 30 nationalities, including French citizens.

PALESTINIAN ACTIVIST PLOT THWARTED IN THE US

On March 27, 2026, in the US, the FBI thwarted an imminent assassination plot against Nerdeen Kiswani, leader of the Palestinian rights group Within Our Lifetime. At least 1 person was arrested in Hoboken, New Jersey, USA. Nerdeen Kiswani accused the Betar movement and Republican politician Randy Fine of encouraging violence against her family. Randy Fine had publicly commented on choosing between dogs and Muslims.

DEATHS DURING MILITARY INCURSIONS

On March 27, 2026, the Ministry of Health in Ramallah announced that Israeli military fire killed 2 Palestinians north of Jerusalem. Moustapha Asaad Hamad, aged 22, bled to death in Kafr Aqab after a bullet hit an artery in his leg. His father, Asaad Hamad, stated the army entered at midnight, triggering clashes. Later, 46 year old Ahmed Saleh Abou Leil died from injuries sustained during a raid in the Qalandia camp. The Israeli army confirmed operations against stone-throwers, stating they fired at « principal instigators ». These raids took place within the « Capital Shield » operation launched in 2026. Tolls in the West Bank since the Gaza war began reach 1,053 Palestinians and 46 Israelis.

FATAL STRIKE ON DISPLACEMENT CAMP

On March 25, 2026, a 22 year old man identified as Abdoul Rahmane Qanbour was killed during an Israeli air strike south of Deir el-Balah, Gaza. The Martyrs of Al-Aqsa hospital confirmed the death and reported 7 others wounded at the All-Sitt displacement camp. Mahmoud Bassal, spokesperson for the Gaza Civil Defense, described tents in flames following the bombardment. Concurrently in East Jerusalem, border guards killed 21 year old Qassem Shqérat in Jabal Mukaber. Police claimed Qassem Shqérat attempted to seize an agent's weapon during a raid against « terrorist suspects », leading to his death and the arrest of 3 others. Furthermore, authorities expelled 11 Palestinian families from Silwan. The Israeli NGO B'Tselem warned that this marks the start of a displacement wave threatening 2,200 people under a 1970 property law designed to "judaize" the neighborhood.

INVESTIGATION REVEALS FRIENDLY FIRE KILLED ISRAELI CIVILIAN

On March 22, 2026, an Israeli civilian identified as Ofer « Poshko » Moskovitz was killed at the Misgav Am kibboutz by Israeli military fire. Initial reports from emergency services suggested the 30 year old man died when a Hezbollah anti-tank missile hit his car. However, an Israeli army investigation later revealed « several serious failures and operational errors ». The military confirmed that 5 Israeli artillery shells intended to support troops in southern Lebanon were fired at an incorrect angle and struck Misgav Am instead of the enemy target. The army expressed deep regret and offered condolences to the Moskovitz family for the breach of required protocols.

SETTLERS LAUNCH LARGE SCALE ARSON RAIDS

On March 22, 2026, Palestinian residents reported that approximately 200 Israeli settlers set fire to homes and vehicles in the northern West Bank. Attackers from the Homesh colony targeted Fandaqumiya, where houses were destroyed, including with Molotov cocktails thrown through windows. In Jalud, a medical center was torched and Hebrew graffiti was spray-painted on the mosque. The Palestinian Red Crescent and the Wafa agency confirmed vehicle arsons in Qaryout and at least 3 wounded Palestinians. The Israeli army dispatched forces to stop the « criminal arsons ». Eyal Zamir, the Army Chief of Staff, expressed public concern over settler violence. Since March 2, 6 Palestinians have been killed by settlers. Total casualties in the West Bank since October 7, 2023, reach 1,050 Palestinians and 45 Israelis.

SURGEON DESCRIBES PEDIATRIC CATASTROPHE IN WAR ZONES

On March 21, 2026, surgeon Ghassan Abou Sittah reported a « race against time » to save children wounded by Israeli bombardment. The Palestino-British specialist, who previously spent 43 days in Gaza in 2023, treated critical injuries including brain trauma, missing limbs and shrapnel wounds. He highlighted the case of 3 sisters needing surgery every 48 hours to remove necrotic tissue and clean wounds for reconstruction. Through the Ghassan Abu Sittah Children's Fund, he provides medical and psychological support to children from poor backgrounds facing the destruction of their family units.

CIVILIANS KILLED NEAR GAZA RE-ENTRY LINE

On March 19, 2026, the Gaza Civil Defense reported that 4 people were killed by Israeli military strikes in northern Gaza. Strikes hit the Al-Tuffah and Al-Zeitoun neighborhoods east of Gaza City. While the Al-Chifa hospital received the bodies of 4 civilians, the Israeli army stated that its troops identified and eliminated 4 « terrorists » near the « line yellow ». This escalation occurred as the Rafah crossing briefly reopened after a closure ordered on February 28. Concurrently, the military announced the previous elimination of Mohammed Abou Chaleh, the Hamas military intelligence chief in Khan Younes, who was accused of participating in the planning of the October 7, 2023 massacre. The Gaza Ministry of Health recorded at least 677

Palestinian deaths since the October 10, 2025 truce began. The Israeli army reported 5 soldiers killed in its ranks during this same period.

4 KILLED IN GAZA CITY STRIKES

On March 19, 2026, Israeli air strikes killed 4 people in the Al-Tuffah and Al-Zeitoun neighborhoods of east Gaza City. Civil Defense and Al-Chifa hospital confirmed receiving the bodies of 2 groups of civilians. Simultaneously, the military announced it eliminated Mohammed Abou Chaleh, the military intelligence chief for the Khan Younis brigade. Authorities claimed Abou Chaleh planned the October 7 massacre and violated the current ceasefire.

FIFA FINES ISRAELI FOOTBALL FEDERATION FOR REPEATED DISCRIMINATION

On March 19, 2026, FIFA sanctioned the Israel Football Association, IFA, with a fine of 150,000 Swiss francs for anti-discrimination violations. The disciplinary commission cited racist behavior by Beitar Jerusalem fans and militaristic messages from Maccabi Netanya officials. UN experts had previously identified at least 8 clubs playing in occupied land.

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ACCUSES ISRAEL OF SYSTEMATIC TORTURE AGAINST PALESTINIAN

On March 20, 2026, UN expert Francesca Albanese published a report titled Torture and Genocide alleging systematic brutality against Palestinian detainees. The UN special rapporteur for occupied territories claimed thousands have been subjected to exceptional physical and psychological abuse since October 7, 2023. The report is based on 300 testimonies and written contributions.

IRANIAN MISSILE SHRAPNEL KILLS 4 WOMEN IN WEST BANK

On March 18, 2026, around 21:30, debris from an intercepted Iranian missile destroyed a hair salon in Beit Awa. The Palestinian Red Crescent and Wafa news reported that 3 women aged 17, 36 and 50 died instantly while a 32 year old pregnant woman died later. Neighbor described the scene where fragments scattered over 200 square meters. 8 other people were wounded including a girl who lost her mother. This event marks the first Palestinian deaths caused by Iranian attacks.

ISRAELI MILITARY CHIEF CONDEMNS UNACCEPTABLE SETTLER ATTACKS

On March 18, 2026, Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir described settler attacks against Palestinians as morally and ethically unacceptable. The Chief of Staff stated these criminal acts cause enormous strategic damage to military efforts. Former minister Meirav Cohen also

denounced the rise of Jewish terrorism in parliament while 100 former security officials signed a letter warning of organized pogroms.

UN WARNS OF ETHNIC CLEANSING IN THE WEST BANK

On March 16, 2026, a report from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights revealed that 36,000 Palestinians were forcibly displaced in 1 year. He called for an immediate end to settlement expansion and the evacuation of all settlers. The report documented 1,732 incidents of settler violence and the approval of over 64,000 housing units in illegal colonies. These mass expulsions coincide with large scale displacements in Gaza, raising concerns about a concerted policy of ethnic cleansing. Transferring populations in occupied territory constitutes a war crime.

IRANIAN MISSILE DEBRIS FALLS ON JERUSALEM HOLY SITES

On March 16, 2026, Israeli police reported that Iranian missile fragments fell near the Al-Aqsa mosque and the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. Interceptions over the Old City resulted in debris hitting a roof near the basilica and damaging a car on the Temple Mount esplanade. A residential building in the Ras el-Amoud neighborhood of occupied East Jerusalem was also damaged.

PREGNANT WOMAN AMONG 4 KILLED IN NUSEIRAT BOMBING

On March 15, 2026, Israeli forces bombed a home in the Nuseirat refugee camp killing 4 civilians. It was reported that a pregnant woman was among the victims of the strike. The Ministry of Health in Gaza stated that 663 Palestinians have died since the truce began.

9 POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN GAZA STRIKE

On March 15, 2026, an Israeli strike on a police vehicle in central Gaza killed 9 officers including Colonel Iyad Abou Youssef. The Ministry of Interior stated the personnel were monitoring markets and maintaining security during Ramadan in Al-Zawaida. The hospital al-Aqsa received the bodies. The Israeli military stated it was verifying the information.

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES PARTIAL REOPENING OF RAFAH CROSSING

On March 15, 2026, Israel announced that the Rafah crossing would partially reopen on March 18 for limited movement. The border had been closed since February 28. Reopening will occur in coordination with Egypt and under European Union mission supervision. This announcement coincided with a Hamas delegation reaching Cairo to meet Egyptian officials and UN representative Nikolaï Mladenov.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL COUPLE AND CHILDREN IN TAMMOUN

On March 15, 2026, dozens of Palestinians attended the funeral of a family of 4 killed by Israeli security forces in Tammoun. A 37 year old man, his 35 year old wife and their 2 sons aged 5 and 7 were fatally shot at a roadblock. Wafa news reported 2 other children, aged 8 and 11, were wounded by bullet fragments. Security forces stated they opened fire when a vehicle accelerated toward them.

DEADLY SETTLER INVASION OF ABU FALAH KILLS 3

On March 15, 2026, details emerged regarding a settler attack on Abu Falah where 3 Palestinians died, in the night of March 7 to 8. Milia Hamayel recounted how her 30 year old son, Thaer Hamayel, was killed alongside Farea Hamayel while defending the village from 70 masked settlers. Ibrahim Hamayel and Mouath Qassam, who was beaten with a baton, described how attackers destroyed farms. A third villager died from tear gas inhalation. The Israeli NGO B'Tselem reported an intensification of ethnic cleansing efforts under the cover of the war with Iran.

SETTLER GUNFIRE KILLS PALESTINIAN DEFENDING HOME IN QUSRA

On March 14, 2026, Amir Moatasem Odeh died from wounds sustained during a settler attack in Qusra. Mayor Hani Odeh reported that settlers opened fire on residents attempting to defend their houses south of Nablus. The Israeli military confirmed the 28 year old man was killed by shots fired by Israeli suspects. Data indicates that at least 1,049 Palestinians and 45 Israelis have been killed in the West Bank since October 2023.

5 PALESTINIANS WOUNDED DURING SETTLER RAID NEAR BETHLEHEM

On March 14, 2026, a group of settlers attacked residents in the Rashayda area near Kisan by firing live ammunition. Mayor Musa Abayat reported that 5 Palestinians were wounded, including 2 by gunfire, and that settlers stole 100 sheep. Attackers used firearms, knives and stones. The military intervened and arrested 3 Palestinians. 2 settlers who fired weapons were detained and had their arms confiscated after 1 Israeli civilian was injured.

6 DEAD IN RECENT ISRAELI STRIKES ACROSS GAZA STRIP

On March 14, 2026, Civil Defense officials reported that 6 people were killed in Israeli strikes over the previous 24 hours. A strike in Khan Younis killed 2 police officers and 1 civilian before dawn. Another strike on the evening targeted a group of civilians in east Gaza City, killing 3 people whose bodies were taken to Al-Chifa hospital. These events occur despite a ceasefire in place since October 10, 2025. The Ministry of Health reported that at least 658 Palestinians have died since the truce began.

ARAB CITIES IN ISRAEL LACK ADEQUATE BOMB SHELTERS

On March 13, 2026, residents in northern Arab towns in Israel condemned the poor state of public shelters during rocket attacks from Hezbollah and Iran. Sakhnin Mayor Mazen Ghanayem stated his city lacks any proper public refuge while municipal official Kassim Abou Raïa shared video of his wife and daughter seeking cover under a porch during an alert. A 2025 state report found 33% of Israelis lack protected space, rising to 70% in northern Arab localities. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel previously highlighted this disparity compared to Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

FATAL CONFRONTATION NEAR NABLUS

On March 12, 2026, Israeli forces killed Maamoune Badaoui Idris Rachdane and Mohammed Ali Bassam Rachdane near Nablus. The Palestinian Ministry of Health confirmed the deaths after the army reported neutralizing two individuals who attempted a combined car ramming and shooting attack at the Tapuach junction. No Israeli soldiers were injured. Palestinian Telegram channels reported that all checkpoints in the Nablus region were closed following the incident.

SDE TEIMAN CASE CLOSED

On March 12, 2026, the Israeli army cancelled the indictment of five soldiers accused of abusing a Palestinian detainee at Sdé Teiman. The soldiers were originally charged in February 2025 with stabbing a prisoner's rectum in July 2024. The military prosecutor cited procedural difficulties and the fact that the victim, returned to Gaza in November 2025, could no longer testify. Benjamin Netanyahu expressed satisfaction, claiming the case unfairly tarnished Israel's reputation. The facility previously led to the resignation of the military attorney general who admitted her services leaked a video of the incident.

RAFAH CLOSURE

On March 8, 2026, the closure of the Rafah crossing following the offensive against Iran left Gaza residents in despair. A resident described his psychological devastation after his plans to study abroad were halted. Ali Al-Chanti noted that prices have risen as goods become scarce. An hospital patient warned that the closure is a matter of life and death for him. Another resident said she lost hope of reuniting with her husband who is receiving medical care abroad. While OCHA reported some fuel and aid entered through Kerem Shalom, residents described it insufficient.

SETTLER VIOLENCE KILLS PALESTINIANS

On March 7, 2026, Israeli settlers killed Amir Mohammad Shnaran in Wadi al-Rakhim, south of Hebron. Local council head Mohammad Rabai stated Shnaran was shot in the neck while his brother Khaled was shot in the abdomen while trying to move livestock. Rabbi Eliakim Levanon denounced the actions as immoral in an open letter. On March 8, Thaer Faruq Hamayel and Farea Jawdat Hamayel were killed during an attack by 80 settlers in Abu Falah. Witness reported settlers used automatic weapons.

ABANDONMENT FEARS IN GAZA

On March 4, 2026, Palestinians in Gaza expressed fear that the regional war with Iran is diverting global attention from their desperate situation. Analysts noted a decrease in airstrikes but highlighted worsening shortages due to border closures. Safia Hamouda and Abdallah Al-Astal reported that prices for food and fuel have surged by at least 200%. UNICEF and Adnan Abou Hasna of UNRWA emphasized the dire humanitarian situation and feared the world would forget Gaza because of the global geopolitical situation.

SETTLERS KILL 2 IN WEST BANK

On March 2, 2026, 2 Palestinian brothers, Mohammed and Fahim Mouammar, were killed by Israeli settlers in the village of Qaryut. The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that the victims were 48 and 52 years old. The Palestinian Red Cross also treated 3 people for gunshot wounds. Since the start of the Gaza war, at least 1,040 Palestinians and 44 Israelis have been killed in the West Bank.

SUPREME COURT HALTS NGO EXPULSIONS

On February 27, 2026, the Israeli Supreme Court granted a stay to 37 foreign humanitarian NGOs, including MSF and Oxfam, facing expulsion for refusing to provide lists of Palestinian employees. Attorney Yotam Ben-Hillel and AIDA director Athena Rayburn welcomed the decision as vital for aid delivery. MSF coordinator Craig Kenzie noted that foreign staff have left while 1,200 local employees continue essential work despite depleted stocks of humanitarian aid.

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORTS DEADLY STRIKES

On February 27, 2026, the Gaza Civil Defense reported that Israeli strikes killed at least 5 people Friday morning despite the official ceasefire. A drone strike killed 3 people in the south, while 2 others were killed in the center of the territory. Both Israel and Hamas continue to accuse each other of violating the truce.

GAZA AIRSTRIKES

On February 26, 2026, Israeli strikes in the Gaza Strip killed 7 people after the army reported a ceasefire violation by armed terrorists near Rafah. Casualties occurred in Khan Younès, Beit Lahia and Al-Bureij. A witness described unannounced attacks.

ETHNIC CLEANSING

On February 26, 2026, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk warned that Israeli actions in Gaza and the West Bank appear aimed at creating permanent demographic changes. He reported that military operations in the northern West Bank have displaced 32.000 Palestinians since January 2025. Türk stated that 1020 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli security forces since October 2023, while 45 Israelis died in Palestinian attacks. He also noted that over 600 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza since the ceasefire began on October, in addition the +70.000 deaths during the war, expressing serious concerns regarding ethnic cleansing.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEMANDS SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

On February 24, 2026, Hamas called on the international community to impose deterrent sanctions on Israel following new measures to increase control over the West Bank. Nearly 20 countries, including France, Spain, Brazil and Saudi Arabia, had issued a joint declaration condemning Israel's strategy of de facto annexation. The group urged the signatory States to exercise real pressure on the government of Benjamin Netanyahu to stop illegal colonization and forced displacements of civilians.

SMOTRICH ISSUES ULTIMATUM FOR GAZA OCCUPATION

On February 23, 2026, Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich stated that Hamas would soon receive an ultimatum to disarm, or the army would reoccupy the entire Gaza strip. Speaking to the Kan public broadcaster, he claimed the army is already preparing plans for this scenario with American support. The second phase of the US-sponsored ceasefire, launched in mid-January, requires the progressive withdrawal of Israeli troops and the disarmament of Hamas. Smotrich added that any international stabilization force would have to withdraw quickly to allow Israeli military operations if the ultimatum is ignored.

SETTLERS SET FIRE TO MOSQUE NEAR NABLUS

On February 23, 2026, the Palestinian Authority accused Israeli settlers of setting fire to the Abu Bakr al-Siddiq mosque in the village of Tell. An AFP journalist observed burned carpets and racist slogans written on the walls. The Palestinian Ministry of Religious Affairs reported that 45 attacks on mosques occurred in the West Bank during 2025. Governor Ghassan Daghlis condemned the barbarity of the act.

PROTESTS OVER US AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS

On February 22, 2026, several Arab and Muslim nations condemned statements by US Ambassador Mike Huckabee, who suggested Israel has a biblical right to lands between the Nile and the Euphrates. The comments were made during an interview with Tucker Carlson. Over 10 countries, including Turkey, Egypt and Indonesia, expressed deep concern over these inflammatory declarations. The Palestinian Authority stated that Huckabee's comments contradicted Donald Trump's official rejection of the annexation of the West Bank. The Arab League noted that such extremist views incite religious sentiment during the ongoing peace process.

HAMAS RESUMES ADMINISTRATION IN GAZA

On February 20, 2026, reports indicated that Hamas has resumed daily administrative control in areas of Gaza evacuated by the Israeli army since the October ceasefire. Uniformed police officers are managing traffic and markets in Gaza City and Khan Younes. Local resident confirmed that the local Ministry of Economy continues to collect taxes. Another resident noted that business currently only operates in Hamas-controlled zones.

UN WARNS OF « ETHNIC CLEANSING »

On February 18, 2026, the UN Human Rights Office warned of possible « ethnic cleansing » in Gaza and the West Bank, citing intensified attacks, systematic destruction, forced displacement, and denial of humanitarian aid. A report covering November 2024 to October 2025 documented mass killings, famine, and destruction of civilian infrastructure in Gaza, with 463 Palestinians, including 157 children, dying from starvation. The report also condemned Israel's use of excessive force, arbitrary detentions, torture, and home demolitions in the West Bank. The UN called for accountability for violations of international law.

MINISTER CALLS FOR PALESTINIAN « EMIGRATION » AND ANNULMENT OF OSLO ACCORDS

On February 18, 2026, far-right Israeli minister Bezalel Smotrich called for « encouraging the emigration » of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza to establish Israeli « sovereignty » over these territories. At a meeting of his Religious Zionism party in the Psagot

settlement, Smotrich vowed to « annul the cursed Oslo Accords » and promote emigration from « Judea and Samaria » (the biblical name for the West Bank). He holds key powers over West Bank civil administration and has accelerated settlement expansion, with a record 54 new settlements approved in 2025. Smotrich's « Settlement 2030 » plan aims to redraw the map of the West Bank, where over 500,000 Israelis now live among 3 million Palestinians.

GAZA DEATH TOLL FAR HIGHER THAN OFFICIAL FIGURES, STUDIES REVEAL

On February 18, 2026, scientific studies published in The Lancet Global Health and eClinicalMedicine revealed that the actual death toll in Gaza is 35-40% higher than official figures. The Gaza Health Ministry reported 72,069 deaths and 171,728 injuries by February 19, 2026, but researchers estimate the real number is significantly undercounted. A field survey by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research found 83,650 deaths by January 5, 2025, compared to the ministry's 49,000 at the time. Over 56% of victims are women, children, or elderly. The discrepancy is due to uncounted bodies under rubble and destroyed families. The study also noted 80% of injuries are from explosions, with 29,000-46,000 requiring complex reconstructive surgery. Only 18 of Gaza's 36 hospitals are partially operational, and just 50 patients daily are allowed to leave for treatment in Egypt.

ISRAELI SETTLERS CLAIM OVER 60 ATTACKS ON PALESTINIANS

On February 18, 2026, the radical settler group « Hilltop Youth » claimed responsibility for more than 60 attacks in 33 Palestinian villages in the West Bank over one month. Their Telegram post listed 12 houses burned, 29 cars torched, 40 Palestinians injured, and hundreds of car windows smashed and olive trees uprooted. In Mikhmas, near Ramallah, a 19-year-old Palestinian died from gunshot wounds by settlers. The group's actions are described as « fighting the Arab enemy. » While Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned violence by a « handful of extremists, » the ONG Peace Now accused settlers of using intimidation and violence to force Palestinians off their land, with government and military support.

ISRAEL ACCUSED OF EXPANDING JERUSALEM INTO WEST BANK

On February 17, 2026, the Israeli NGO Peace Now denounced a government plan to build 2,780 housing units in the West Bank, effectively expanding Jerusalem into occupied territory for the first time since 1967. The project, announced by the Housing Ministry, would extend the Geva Binyamin settlement and connect it directly to Jerusalem, despite being entirely in the West Bank. The organization Peace Now called it an unprecedented « annexation » move. The UN and international community have condemned Israel's accelerating settlement expansion, with over 500,000 Israelis now living in West Bank settlements, illegal under international law.

IMAM OF AL-AQSA DENIED ACCESS BY AUTHORITIES

On February 17, 2026, Sheikh Muhammad al Abbasi, a leading imam of Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque, was banned from entering the site for a week, just before Ramadan. Al Abbasi, who recently returned after a year in hospital, received no explanation for the ban. The move comes as Israel imposes strict restrictions on Palestinian worshippers.

PALESTINIAN TEEN DIES AFTER STEPPING ON MINE IN WEST BANK

On February 17, 2026, a 13-year-old Palestinian boy, Mohammed Abou Dalah, died after stepping on a mine near the Israeli military camp of Tirzah in the Jordan Valley. The Palestinian Red Crescent and the Israeli Defense Ministry confirmed the death. The army stated the area is a restricted firing zone. The mayor of Jiftlik, Ahmad Ghawanmeh, said three teens were collecting herbs when the explosion occurred. The Jordan Valley remains heavily mined.

ISRAEL PLANS MASSIVE POLICE DEPLOYMENT AROUND AL-AQSA FOR RAMADAN

On February 16, 2026, Israeli police announced a massive deployment around Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound during Ramadan. Thousands of officers will secure the site, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, as hundreds of thousands of Palestinian worshippers are expected. Israel will issue only 10,000 permits for West Bank Palestinians. The Waqf, which manages the site, was denied permission to set up temporary shelters and clinics.

ISRAELI STRIKES KILL 12 IN GAZA

On February 15, 2026, the Gaza Civil Defense reported 12 Palestinians killed in Israeli airstrikes across Gaza, despite a ceasefire. Strikes hit a tent sheltering displaced people in Jabalia, killing 5, and another 5 in Khan Younis. The Israeli army claimed it targeted militants near the « Yellow Line » in Beit Hanoun. Hamas accused Israel of violating the truce, while Israel blamed Hamas for the escalation.

PALESTINIANS PRISONERS FACE « VENGEANCE » IN ISRAELI JAILS

On February 14, 2026, a Palestinian NGO condemned a « demonstration of vengeance » after a video showed Israeli police mistreating Palestinian detainees in Ofer military prison, led by far-right minister Itamar Ben Gvir. The footage showed officers using stun grenades, dragging prisoners, and forcing them to the ground. Ben Gvir called for the death penalty for « terrorists » and praised the prison's harsh conditions. The Palestinian Prisoners Club denounced the acts as war crimes. Since October 7, 2023, **reports of torture and abuse in Israeli prisons have surged**, with NGOs and the UN warning of systematic violations. The Committee to Protect Journalists reported that 59 Palestinian journalists detained in Israeli prisons between October 2023 and January 2026 also described « **systematic violence.** » All but one reported torture, psychological threats, prolonged stress positions, exposure to loud noises, beatings and sexual violence. Yousef Sharaf, Sami al-Sai, and Mohammed al-Atrash

detailed severe weight loss, unsanitary conditions, and medical neglect. The Israeli military and prison service denied the allegations. **Israel is among the top jailers of journalists** since 2023.

GAZA RADIO STATION LAUNCHES AMID WAR

On February 13, 2026, the radio station « Here is Gaza » began broadcasting from Deir el-Balah, aiming to amplify the voices of Gaza's residents after over two years of war. Animator Sylvia Hassan and technician Chirine Khalifa highlighted the station's focus on social issues, humanitarian aid, women's conditions, and education. Funded by the EU and supported by Filastiniyat and An-Najah University, the station faces challenges like unstable electricity and internet. It broadcasts two hours daily from Gaza and longer from Nablus.

5 ISRAELI ARAB CITIZENS SHOT DEAD IN 24 HOURS

On February 12, 2026, five Arab citizens of Israel were fatally shot in separate incidents across the country, bringing the 2026 toll to 44. The victims included a 20-year-old in Segev Shalom, a 60-year-old in Lod, a 22-year-old in Rahat, a 42-year-old religious leader in Yarka, and a 47-year-old in Al-Fureidis. Police launched operations to apprehend the perpetrators. Arab community leaders and tens of thousands of protesters have denounced State inaction and violence surge.

FORMER HRW DIRECTOR DENOUNCES BLOCKING OF REPORT ON RIGHT OF RETURN

On February 12, 2026, Omar Shakir, former HRW director for Israel and Palestine, revealed the organization blocked a report classifying Israel's denial of the Palestinian right of return as a crime against humanity. Shakir, who resigned in protest, said HRW's leadership feared backlash and concerns over being perceived as challenging Israel's Jewish character. The report argued that Israel's long-standing policy has caused generational trauma and constitutes a crime against humanity under international law. HRW stated the report required further review. The right of return for Palestinian refugees, displaced during the 1948 Nakba, remains a core demand and a major obstacle to peace.

SETTLERS DESTROY 15 PALESTINIAN HOMES NEAR JERICHO

On February 11, 2026, about 50 armed Israeli settlers demolished 15 Palestinian homes and a livestock pen in Al-Douyouk Al-Tahta village near Jericho, according to residents. Witnesses said settlers, some masked and accompanied by an Israeli military vehicle and bulldozer, evicted families and seized personal belongings. The army did not immediately comment. The village lies in Area C, under full Israeli control.

UN : ISRAEL'S WEST BANK PLAN WILL ACCELERATE PALESTINIAN DISPOSSESSION

On February 11, 2026, the UN condemned Israel's new measures to expand control over the occupied West Bank, warning they would accelerate the dispossession of Palestinians and force their transfer. The plans, announced over the weekend, ease land purchases for Israeli settlers by repealing decades-old laws that barred Jews from directly buying land in the West Bank. The UN stated the moves would make a viable Palestinian State impossible and violate the right to self-determination.

ISRAEL EXILES 2 PALESTINIANS

On February 10, 2026, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signed an order revoking the citizenship and residency of two Palestinians convicted of terrorism, marking the first use of a 2023 law targeting attackers who received payments from the Palestinian Authority. Mohammad Hammad Al-Salhi, an Israeli citizen, and Mohammad Halasah, a Jerusalem residency holder, were named by Israeli media. Al-Salhi, released in 2024 after 23 years in prison, faces imminent exile, while Halasah's expulsion will follow his sentence. The Israeli NGO Adalah, condemned the law as racist, targeting only Palestinians.

ISRAELI STRIKES KILL 10 PALESTINIANS

On February 9, 2026, the Israeli military killed four alleged Palestinian fighters who attacked soldiers after emerging from a tunnel in Rafah, southern Gaza. Six other Palestinians were killed in separate Israeli attacks across Gaza the same day, with four of them who died in a strike on an apartment in Gaza city.

HAMAS LEADER REJECTS DISARMAMENT & FOREIGN DOMINATION

On February 8, 2026, Hamas leader Khaled Mechaal declared in Doha that the movement would not surrender its weapons or accept foreign domination over Gaza. « Criminalizing resistance and its arms is something we should not accept, » he said, calling armed struggle a legitimate right under occupation. Mechaal rejected the U.S.-backed « Trump plan, » which entered its second phase in mid-January. He insisted Palestinians must govern themselves and warned against foreign intervention. Hamas, which has ruled Gaza since 2007, still has 20,000 fighters and tens of thousands of weapons, according to Israeli officials. Mechaal, a former political bureau chief, is seen as a frontrunner to retake the position in upcoming internal elections.

ISRAELI CABINET APPROVES WEST BANK CONTROL MEASURES

On February 8, 2026, the Israeli security cabinet approved a series of rules to strengthen control over the occupied West Bank, including areas administered by the Palestinian Authority. The new regulations remove Jordanian-era restrictions that prohibited Jews from purchasing land in the West Bank. They also allow Israeli authorities to administer religious sites such as the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron and Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem, even in areas under Palestinian control. In Hebron, building permits for Israeli settlers will no longer

require Palestinian municipal approval. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, a settler and far-right figure, stated: « We are deepening our roots in all parts of the land of Israel and burying the idea of a Palestinian state. » Defense Minister Israel Katz called the West Bank « the heart of the country. » Political analyst Ali Jarbawi said the goal is to « push Palestinians into small pockets of land. The UN reported a record expansion of settlements.

ISRAELI STRIKES KILL 24 IN GAZA, RED CRESCENT WORKER AMONG VICTIMS

On February 4, 2026, Israeli strikes killed 24 Palestinians in Gaza, including children and Red Crescent medic Hussein Hassan Al-Samiri, who was evacuating wounded in Khan Younis. The Israeli army claimed it targeted Hamas commander Bilal Abu Assi and Islamic Jihad commander Ali Raziana. Survivors described indiscriminate shelling on homes and tents. The Rafah crossing remained open for limited movement.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL PALESTINIAN IN WEST BANK CLASHES

On February 3, 2026, Israeli forces shot and killed 24-year-old Said Nael Said al-Cheikh in Jericho, West Bank, and wounded three others. The Palestinian Health Ministry confirmed the death, while the Israeli army stated soldiers responded to stone-throwing by « terrorists. »

NETANYAHU EXCLUDES PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY FROM GAZA GOVERNANCE

On February 3, 2026, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told US envoy Steve Witkoff that the Palestinian Authority would have « no role » in governing post-war Gaza. The Trump plan envisions transitional governance by the 15-member National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG), under a « Peace Council » led by Trump, until the Palestinian Authority implements reforms. Hamas and other armed factions are excluded from any future role.

ISRAEL ORDERS MSF TO LEAVE GAZA

On February 1, 2026, Israel ordered Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) to cease operations and leave Gaza by February 28, citing the NGO's refusal to provide a list of its Palestinian staff. Israel's Diaspora Ministry accused MSF of failing to honor a January commitment to share staff details, claiming two MSF employees had ties to Hamas and Islamic Jihad, allegations MSF denies. MSF stated it had offered a list with security guarantees, but negotiations collapsed. Israel previously threatened 37 NGOs with expulsion for non-compliance.

ISRAELI STRIKES KILL 32 IN GAZA

On January 31, 2026, Israeli airstrikes killed 32 Palestinians in Gaza, including women and children, according to the Civil Defense. Strikes hit apartments, tents and shelters in Gaza City and Khan Younis. A strike hit a shelter in al-Mawassi, a location with many displaced people. The Israeli army claimed it targeted Hamas and Islamic Jihad commanders. The Egyptian and Qatari mediators condemned Israel's repeated violations of the ceasefire.

ISRAELI AIRSTRIKE KILLS 3 IN SOUTHERN GAZA

On January 30, 2026, the Israeli army conducted airstrikes in Rafah, southern Gaza, killing three people it described as "terrorists" emerging from a tunnel. The army stated it targeted eight individuals, killing three and pursuing the rest. The strike occurred near the Rafah crossing.

ISRAEL DENIES GAZA'S 71,000 DEATH TOLL

On January 30, 2026, the Israeli army denied Gaza's Health Ministry figure of over 71,000 Palestinian deaths since October 2023. Lieutenant-Colonel Nadav Shoshani stated on X that the information "does not reflect official data" and any updates would come through official channels. The denial followed an unsourced Haaretz article claiming Israel had accepted the Hamas-run ministry's estimate. The ministry, whose figures the UN considers reliable, reports over half the dead are women and children. Israel continues to dispute the numbers.

RED CROSS CHIEF URGES GLOBAL ACTION ON GAZA'S "DRAMATIC" SITUATION

On January 30, 2026, ICRC President Mirjana Spoljaric called on the international community to address Gaza's "dramatic" humanitarian crisis, following the first phase of the ceasefire that secured the release of 195 hostages and 3,472 Palestinian detainees. Spoljaric urged states to ease restrictions on items like water pipes and generators, essential for rebuilding infrastructure. She highlighted the ongoing suffering of Gaza's 2.2 million residents, many living under rubble and lacking basic services.

HAMAS READY FOR "FULL TRANSFER" OF GAZA GOVERNANCE TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE

On January 28, 2026, Hamas spokesperson Hazem Qassem announced the group's readiness for a "full transfer of governance" in Gaza to the National Committee for Gaza

Administration, a established under the US-backed ceasefire plan. Qassem stated all ministries and security apparatus are prepared to hand over responsibilities, but called for Rafah's full reopening "without Israeli restrictions." The Committee, led by Ali Shaath, is to administer Gaza during a transitional period.

TEN COUNTRIES URGE ISRAEL TO ALLOW AID INTO GAZA

On January 28, 2026, foreign ministers from ten countries, including France, Canada and the UK, called on Israel to allow "unhindered" humanitarian aid into Gaza, citing the "disastrous" situation. They urged Israel to lift restrictions on NGOs, reopen all crossings and implement Rafah's two-way reopening. The statement followed Israel's demolition of the UNRWA headquarters in East Jerusalem, which the countries condemned as an "unprecedented act" undermining UN operations.

ISRAELI COURT DELAYS DECISION ON JOURNALISTS' ACCESS TO GAZA

On January 28, 2026, the Foreign Press Association (FPA) expressed deep disappointment after Israel's Supreme Court again delayed ruling on journalists' access to Gaza. The court requested the government provide updates by March 31, 2026, citing classified security arguments presented in closed sessions. The FPA criticized the secret process, stating it "opens the door to continued arbitrary and indefinite closure." Since October 7, 2023, Israel has barred most foreign journalists. The FPA represents hundreds of international journalists and has been petitioning the court since 2024.

NETANYAHU WARNS AGAINST ELECTIONS

On January 27, 2026, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that holding elections now would be "a mistake" as his government faced the risk of losing its parliamentary majority over the budget vote. Failure to pass the budget would constitutionally trigger early elections.

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES LIMITED REOPENING OF RAFAH CROSSING

On January 26, 2026, Israel announced a "limited reopening" of the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, restricted to pedestrians and subject to Israeli inspection. The move follows the Trump administration's 20-point peace plan and the October 10, 2025 ceasefire. The crossing's reopening had been delayed by Israel's demand for the return of the

last Israeli hostage's remains. The crossing is critical for humanitarian aid, but Israel insists on strict controls.

ISRAEL RECOVERS LAST HOSTAGE BODY

On January 26, 2026, Israel recovered the body of Ran Gvili, the last remaining hostage from the October 7, 2023 attack. The Forum of Hostage Families called it the end of an “unimaginable” struggle. Nine Palestinian prisoners were also released to Gaza. The event opens the way for the ceasefire's second phase: Hamas disarmament, Israeli withdrawal and international stabilization force deployment.

ISRAELI STRIKE KILLS 2 GAZA TEENS NEAR HOSPITAL

On January 24, 2026, Gaza's Civil Defense reported that two Palestinian teenagers aged 13 and 15 were killed by an Israeli drone strike near Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza. The Israeli army stated it targeted two “terrorists” who had crossed the demarcation line. The army insisted the deceased were “terrorists” and not children. **Gaza's Civil Defense also reported a third fatality from an Israeli quadcopter strike in Jabalia,** which the Israeli army did not immediately confirm. Since the October 10, 2025 ceasefire, the Gaza Health Ministry reported 477 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces, while Israel recorded 4 soldiers killed.

3 JOURNALISTS KILLED IN ISRAELI STRIKE

On January 21, 2026, an Israeli airstrike killed AFP collaborator Abdoul Raouf Shaath and two other Palestinian journalists, Anas Ghneim and Mohammed Salah Qashta, in al-Zahra, central Gaza. The Israeli military claimed the journalists were operating a “suspect” drone. Witnesses said they were filming an Egyptian aid distribution when their vehicle was struck. The Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate condemned the attack as a “war crime” and part of a systematic campaign against media workers. Over 220 journalists have been killed in Gaza since October 2023, according to Reporters Without Borders.

FATAH OFFICIAL EXPOSES PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY CORRUPTION

On January 20, 2026, Tawfiq al-Tirawi, a former Palestinian intelligence chief and Fatah central committee member, publicly accused the Palestinian Authority of systemic corruption in an open letter to President Mahmoud Abbas. Tirawi cited unaddressed land grabs, embezzlement, and a “moral collapse” within institutions, claiming Abbas's inner circle deliberately hides the truth. He threatened to expose further details if no action is taken. The letter reflects growing internal dissent within Fatah and the PA, as the U.S. and EU push for reforms to enable Palestinian participation in post-war Gaza governance.

ISRAELI BULLDOZERS DEMOLISH UNRWA HEADQUARTERS

On January 20, 2026, Israeli bulldozers demolished buildings at the UNRWA headquarters in East Jerusalem, prompting the agency to denounce an “unprecedented attack” and a violation of international law. Israeli forces seized the complex, which had been vacant since Israel banned UNRWA activities a year ago, accusing the agency of Hamas ties. UNRWA spokesperson Jonathan Fowler called it a “grave violation” and warned of broader implications for international organizations. Israeli officials, including far-right minister Itamar Ben Gvir, celebrated the demolition, stating the site would no longer “support terrorism.” The move follows Israel’s long-standing opposition to UNRWA and its recent legislative crackdown on the agency.

NETANYAHU REJECTS TURKISH AND QATARI TROOPS IN GAZA

On January 19, 2026, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated his opposition to the inclusion of Turkish or Qatari troops in the Gaza stabilization force, citing disagreements over the territory’s future governance. Netanyahu confirmed that Israel had not coordinated with the U.S. on the composition of the new executive committee, which includes Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and Qatari diplomat Ali al-Thawadi. Israel’s foreign ministry was instructed to address the issue with the U.S. State Department.

PALESTINIAN GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK IN CAIRO

On January 16, 2026, the newly formed 15-member Palestinian technocratic committee held its first meeting in Cairo, attended by Jared Kushner and Nickolay Mladenov. The committee is tasked with temporarily administering Gaza and overseeing reconstruction. Committee head Ali Shaath emphasized the importance of housing, with 85% of Gaza’s buildings destroyed and announced plans to deploy 200,000 prefabricated units. The committee’s work is overseen by Trump’s Peace Council and is based on an Egyptian-led reconstruction plan. Gazans expressed frustration and skepticism as the second phase of Donald Trump’s peace plan began, with airstrikes and humanitarian crises persisting. 14 people have been killed since the start of phase 2, and infrastructure remains in ruins. The new Palestinian technocratic committee in Cairo is seen as distant and ineffective by locals.

TRUMP NAMES TONY BLAIR AND MARCO RUBIO TO GAZA PEACE COUNCIL

On January 16, 2026, U.S. President Donald Trump announced the formation of a Gaza Peace Council, including former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Jared Kushner, World Bank President Ajay Banga, Bulgarian diplomat Nickolay Mladenov as High Representative for Gaza and General Jasper Jeffers at the head of the international stabilization force.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL PALESTINIAN TEEN IN WEST BANK CLASHES

On January 16, 2026, Israeli forces shot and killed 14-year-old Mohammed al-Nassan in Al-Mughayyir, West Bank, during clashes after Friday prayers. The Israeli army stated soldiers responded to stone-throwing, while the village mayor said the teen was exiting a mosque when soldiers opened fire. The army imposed a curfew and set up checkpoints, citing recent settler outposts and land seizures.

PALESTINIAN ENGINEER ALI SHAATH TO LEAD GAZA RECONSTRUCTION

On January 15, 2026, Ali Shaath, a civil engineer and former Palestinian Authority official, was named to head Gaza's transitional reconstruction committee. Born in 1958 in Khan Younès, Shaath studied in Egypt and the UK and held senior roles in planning, infrastructure, and international cooperation. He emphasized the need to “build anew,” not just reconstruct, and outlined priorities: shelter for 2.2 million displaced Gazans, water purification, and debris management, proposing to push rubble into the Mediterranean to expand Gaza's land. Both Hamas and Fatah have expressed support, though Fatah's official endorsement remains pending.

US LAUNCHES PHASE 2 OF GAZA PLAN

On January 14, 2026, US envoy Steve Witkoff announced the start of “Phase 2” of Donald Trump's 20-point Gaza plan, focusing on Hamas's disarmament, governance and reconstruction. A 15-member Palestinian committee, agreed upon by all parties, will administer Gaza under a US-led Peace Council. Witkoff warned Hamas to fulfill its obligations, including returning the body of Israeli hostage Ran Gvili, or face “serious consequences.” Egypt, Turkey, and Qatar facilitated the talks.

BEDOUIN COMMUNITY FORCED OUT BY ISRAELI SETTLER VIOLENCE

On January 14, 2026, the Bedouin village of Ras Ein al-Auja in the occupied West Bank began dismantling homes and livestock enclosures after sustained attacks by Israeli settlers. Farhan Jahaleen, a resident, stated that 50 of 130 families had left, with 20 departing on January 8. Settlers diverted the village's water source in May 2025 and repeatedly cut electricity and irrigation lines. Naïf Zayed and Naaman Ehrizat described constant harassment and the impossibility of defending their homes without risking arrest. The Israeli army acknowledged the incidents. International observers call the strategy “pastoral colonialism,” aiming to displace Palestinian herders.

ISRAEL KILLS SIX IN SOUTHERN GAZA

On January 14, 2026, the Israeli military claimed killing six armed Hamas fighters in western Rafah. The clash followed what Israel called a “flagrant violation” of the ceasefire. The truce remains precarious, with both sides accusing each other of violations.

UNICEF: OVER 100 CHILDREN KILLED IN GAZA SINCE CEASEFIRE

On January 13, 2026, UNICEF reported that at least 100 children, 60 boys and 40 girls, have been killed in Gaza since the October ceasefire, averaging one child death per day. UNICEF spokesperson James Elder cited airstrikes, drone attacks, tank and infantry fire as causes. Gaza's Health Ministry put the toll at 165 children, with seven more dying of hypothermia in early 2026. Elder warned of untreated psychological trauma and suffocating living conditions. He also condemned Israel's January 1 suspension of 37 foreign NGOs, calling it a blockade on vital aid and witness accounts. Since October 2023, over 70,000 people have been killed, and 80% of Gaza's buildings are destroyed or damaged.

HAMAS PLANS INTERNAL ELECTIONS TO REPLACE DECEASED LEADERS

On January 12, 2026, Hamas sources announced plans for internal elections in early 2026 to replace leaders killed in the war with Israel. The process will elect a 50-member Shura from Gaza, the West Bank, and abroad, which will then choose an 18-member Political Bureau and its leader. Khalil al-Hayya and Khaled Mechaal are seen as leading candidates. Al-Hayya, 65, is the movement's chief negotiator and has military support, while Mechaal, 69, is a former Political Bureau head based in Qatar. Hamas has operated with a temporary five-member bureau since 2024.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL MAN IN HEBRON

On January 11, 2026, Israeli forces shot and killed Shaker Falah Ahmad al-Jaabari, 58, in Hebron, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry.

NETANYAHU'S CHIEF OF STAFF ARRESTED OVER CLASSIFIED LEAKS

On January 11, 2026, Israeli police arrested Tzachi Braverman, Netanyahu's chief of staff, on suspicion of obstructing an investigation into the leak of a classified document from Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar to German media in September 2024. The leak was used to bolster Netanyahu's argument for continued military pressure. Former advisor Eli Feldstein accused Braverman of attempting to suppress the probe. Opposition leader Yair Lapid called for Braverman's suspension as ambassador to the UK.

HAMAS ACCUSES US OF COVERING ISRAELI STRIKES THAT KILLED 13 IN GAZA

On January 9, 2026, Hamas official Bassem Na'im accused the US of "covering" for Israeli airstrikes that killed 13 Palestinians, including 5 children, despite the ongoing ceasefire. The Gaza Civil Defense reported the deaths, while the Israeli military later claimed the strikes targeted Hamas "terrorists" preparing attacks. Na'im denounced Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's "insistence on evading his commitments" and sabotaging the ceasefire agreement.

HEAVY RAINS DESTROY GAZA'S MAKESHIFT CAMPS, WORSEN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

On January 9, 2026, heavy rains and strong winds devastated makeshift camps across the Gaza Strip, leaving displaced families without shelter. The UN reported that December's storms affected 65,000 households, with some camps completely flooded. A displaced resident from Khan Younès, described tents as unable to withstand the weather. Nearly the entire population has been displaced at least once since October 2023. Aid organizations warn of worsening conditions, citing Israeli restrictions on humanitarian access.

DEADLIEST DAY SINCE GAZA CEASEFIRE

On January 8, 2026, Israeli strikes across Gaza killed 13 people, including 5 children. A drone hit a displacement tent in southern Gaza, killing 4 civilians. In northern Gaza, an 11-year-old girl died near Jabalia camp, and a school strike killed one. Two more, including a child, died in other attacks. Four were later killed in an airstrike on a Gaza City house. Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmud Bassal condemned the strikes as a "flagrant violation" of the October 10 ceasefire. Hamas spokesperson Hazem Qassem accused Israel of abandoning the truce. The Israeli army stated it was "checking" the reports.

SETTLERS ATTACK PALESTINIANS IN WEST BANK

On January 8, 2026, dozens of masked Israeli settlers raided the Shavei Shomron area near Nablus, vandalizing Palestinian cars and wounding two. The army arrested three suspects. Beit Lid mayor Hussein Hammadi reported three cars burned and a deaf-mute man seriously injured. The attack lasted 90 minutes before soldiers dispersed the crowd. Yossi Dagan, head of the northern West Bank settlers' council, called for "zero tolerance" for violence.

ISRAEL ADVANCES CONTROVERSIAL SETTLEMENT PROJECT

On January 8, 2026, Israeli anti-settlement NGO Peace Now denounced the launch of tenders for 3,400 homes in the "E1" area, a plan that severs the West Bank and undermines Palestinian territorial continuity. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich urged accelerating the project and annexing the West Bank. The UN warned E1 violates international law and threatens the two-state solution. Settlement expansion has surged since the Gaza war began.

ISRAELI RAID ON BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY

On January 6, 2026, Israeli forces raided Bir Zeit University, firing live rounds and tear gas, wounding at least five students. The army claimed it targeted a "terrorism-supporting" gathering. University president Talal Shahwan condemned the "brutal" intervention as part of

a pattern to suppress Palestinian education. Since October 7, 2023, over 1,000 Palestinians and 44 Israelis have been killed in West Bank violence.

ULTRA-ORTHODOX PROTEST TURNS DEADLY IN JERUSALEM

On January 6, 2026, an 18-year-old died after a bus struck protesters during a violent ultra-Orthodox demonstration against military conscription in Jerusalem. Three others were injured. Police blamed “rioters” for blocking roads and attacking buses. President Isaac Herzog called for calm. The issue divides Netanyahu’s coalition, as ultra-Orthodox parties resist conscription while Israel faces ongoing military demands.

UN ACCUSES ISRAEL OF ‘APARTHEID’ IN WEST BANK

On January 6, 2026, the UN Human Rights Office reported Israel’s “systematic discrimination” against Palestinians in the West Bank has worsened, amounting to a form of apartheid. High Commissioner Volker Türk cited restrictions on movement, water, education, and healthcare. Israel’s UN mission dismissed the allegations as “absurd”.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING ON VIOLENT SETTLERS

On January 5, 2026, Israel approved electronic monitoring for settlers and Palestinians under movement restrictions in the West Bank, following a surge in settler violence. The move, requested by Shin Bet chief David Zini, was criticized by far-right group Honenu as “anti-democratic.” October 2025 was the most violent month for settler attacks since UN records began.

ISRAEL BANS FOREIGN JOURNALISTS FROM GAZA **On January 5, 2026, Israel reaffirmed its ban on foreign journalists entering Gaza, arguing security risks persist.** The Foreign Press Association accused Israel of “delay tactics” to block independent reporting. Since October 7, 2023, only a few embedded reporters have been allowed in.

FORMER HAMAS HOSTAGE ALLEGES SEXUAL ABUSE

On January 2, 2026, Romi Gonen, 25, revealed in a TV interview that she suffered multiple sexual assaults by four Hamas captors during her detention in Gaza. She described threats, coercion, and psychological trauma. Gonen was abducted from the Nova festival on October 7, 2023, and released in January 2025.

ISRAEL BANS 37 MAJOR AID GROUPS FROM GAZA

On January 1, 2026, Israel confirmed the banning of 37 international humanitarian organizations from Gaza, accusing them of failing to provide employee lists for “security”

purposes. The Ministry of Diaspora stated that the NGOs' licenses expired and they have two months to withdraw staff. Gilad Zwick, ministry spokesperson, warned that if the required documents are submitted by March 1, requests will be reviewed. The move risks further slowing aid to Gaza. Affected NGOs include Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Care, World Vision, and Oxfam. MSF and NRC refused to comply, citing lack of guarantees and concerns over staff safety. The EU and UN condemned the decision, warning of worsening humanitarian conditions. Israel claims the measure aims to prevent terrorism.

ISRAEL DEMOLISHES HOMES IN WEST BANK REFUGEE CAMP

On December 31, 2025, Israeli bulldozers began demolishing 25 residential buildings in the Nour Shams refugee camp in the northern West Bank, displacing about 100 families. The army stated the demolitions were necessary for "operational needs" and counter-terrorism. Over 1,500 families remain unable to return home after a January military operation. Defense Minister Israel Katz claimed the operation reduced "terrorist activity" and vowed the army would stay as a "buffer".

UN CONDEMNS ISRAELI LAW AGAINST UNRWA

On December 30, 2025, the UN criticized Israel's new law allowing the cutoff of water and electricity to UNRWA properties, risking essential services for millions of Palestinian refugees. The law also permits Israel to seize UNRWA land. UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini called the move "scandalous" and part of a campaign to undermine the agency. Former UNRWA head Filippo Grandi warned of dire consequences if services are cut, as UNRWA provides education and healthcare across Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria. Israel previously banned UNRWA in 2024, accusing some staff of involvement in the October 2023 attack.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL MAN AFTER ALLEGED CAR-RAMMING ATTEMPT

On December 30, 2025, Israeli soldiers shot and killed Qais Sami Jaser Allan, 20, after he allegedly tried to ram his car into troops near Einabus in the occupied West Bank. The Palestinian Red Crescent reported three additional injuries of bystanders nearby: two shot and one beaten.

GAZA TENTS FLOODED AGAIN, RAINS WORSEN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

On December 28, 2025, heavy rains flooded makeshift shelters in Gaza, leaving displaced families without dry food or blankets. In Mawassi and Deir al-Balah, residents described tents collapsing and children shivering from cold. The UN reports 80% of Gaza's infrastructure is damaged or destroyed, with 1.5 million homeless. Only 60,000 of 300,000 needed tents have been delivered, according to Amjad Al-Chawa of the Palestinian NGO Network. Israel's claims 4,200 aid trucks entered Gaza, but restrictions persist. Earlier storms killed 18 and damaged 42,000 shelters.

PALESTINIAN ATTACK KILLS TWO IN NORTHERN ISRAEL

On December 26, 2025, a Palestinian man killed a 68-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman in separate ramming and stabbing attacks in Beit Shean and Ein Harod. The attacker, from Qabatiya in the West Bank, was then shot by a civilian. The Israeli army launched an operation in Qabatiya, arresting suspects and preparing to demolish the attacker's home. The attack followed the killing of a 16-year-old Palestinian by Israeli forces in Qabatiya, sparking local outrage.

GAZA HOSPITAL SUSPENDS SERVICES DUE TO SHORTAGE

On December 26, 2025, al-Awda Hospital in Nuseirat, central Gaza, suspended most services due to fuel shortages, maintaining only emergency, maternity, and pediatric care. Ahmed Mehanna of the al-Awda Health Association said the hospital, which treats 1,000 patients daily, needs 1,000–1,200 liters of diesel but has only 800 liters left. The ceasefire has failed to resolve Gaza's humanitarian crisis, with only 100–300 aid trucks entering daily, below the agreed 600.

ISRAELI SETTLERS ATTACK PALESTINIAN HOME, INJURE INFANT

On December 25, 2025, five Israeli settlers were arrested for attacking a Palestinian home in Sa'ir, near Hebron, injuring an eight-month-old baby. Police said settlers threw stones at the house. In a separate incident, a reservist soldier on a quad bike rammed a praying Palestinian man in Deir Jarir, near Ramallah. The soldier, armed and in civilian clothes, was stripped of his weapon and reservist status. The victim's father said the attacker is a known settler who provokes locals.

ISRAEL REJECTS 14 COUNTRIES' CALL TO HALT SETTLEMENT EXPANSION

On December 25, 2025, Israel dismissed a joint appeal from 14 countries, including France, the UK, Canada, and Japan, to stop West Bank settlement expansion. Foreign Minister Gideon Saar called the request "morally reprehensible," insisting Israel would not restrict Jews' right to live in "the Land of Israel."

ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER VOWS PERMANENT GAZA PRESENCE

On December 23, 2025, Defense Minister Israel Katz declared Israel would "never leave Gaza," suggesting military outposts in the North. His office later clarified there was "no intention to establish settlements". Opposition leader Gadi Eizenkot criticized the government's mixed signals.

ISRAEL PROBES TEEN'S DEATH IN WEST BANK, VIDEO CONTRADICTS MILITARY CLAIM

On December 23, 2025, Israel's military opened an investigation into the killing of 16-year-old Rayan Abou Moualla in Qabatiya, West Bank. The army initially claimed he rocks at soldiers, but a video showed him walking unarmed before being shot. His father, Mohamed Abdel Qader Abou Moualla, said his son was buying supplies and carried nothing unlawful. The Palestinian Red Crescent accused Israel of blocking medics. Since October 7, 2023, over 1,000 Palestinians and 44 Israelis have died in West Bank violence.

CIVILIANS UNDER FIRE NEAR "YELLOW LINE"

On December 22, 2025, Israeli airstrikes and artillery continued to hit areas east of Khan Younis, within the Israeli-controlled side of the demarcation "Yellow Line" dividing Gaza. Civilians like Oum Ahmed and her children, living in tents near destroyed homes, reported relentless bombardment. The Israeli military accused Hamas of crossing the line for "terrorist activities" and claimed operations were to counter "direct threats." Khan Younis mayor Alaa al-Batta and residents said the strikes aim to "force displacement" westward. Since October 10 ceasefire, at least 401 Palestinians have died in Gaza.

ISRAEL DEMOLISHES PALESTINIAN HOMES IN EAST JERUSALEM

On December 22, 2025, Israeli bulldozers demolished a four-story building housing about 100 Palestinians in Silwan, East Jerusalem, citing lack of permits. Residents, including Eid Shawar and his five children, were evicted with only minutes to gather belongings. NGOs called it the largest demolition of 2025 and part of a "systematic policy of forced displacement." The Palestinian Governate condemned the move as an attempt to "empty Jerusalem of its original inhabitants." Israel has demolished over 100 Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem this year.

ISRAELI COURT SETS DEADLINE FOR MEDIA ACCESS TO GAZA

On December 21, 2025, Israel's Supreme Court gave the government until January 4, 2026, to respond to a petition by the Foreign Press Association (FPA) demanding independent media access to Gaza. Since October 2023, Israel has restricted foreign journalists to embedded reporting with its troops. The FPA, representing hundreds of international media, welcomed the court's ultimatum after two years of delays.

ISRAEL APPROVES 19 NEW SETTLEMENTS

On December 21, 2025, Israel's security cabinet approved 19 new settlements in the West Bank, bringing the total to 69 in three years. Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and Defense Minister Israel Katz stated the move aims to "block a terrorist Palestinian State." Five are existing outposts; two, Ganim and Kadim, will be reestablished after being dismantled 20 years ago. The UN recently reported record settlement growth in 2025, condemning it as a threat to

Palestinian statehood. Over 500,000 Israelis now live in West Bank settlements, illegal under international law.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL 2 PALESTINIANS IN WEST BANK

On December 20, 2025, Israeli forces shot dead two Palestinians in separate incidents in the northern West Bank. In Qabatiya, south of Jenin, a 16-year-old died after allegedly throwing a stone at soldiers. In Silat al-Harithiya, West of Jenin, a 22-year-old was killed for reportedly throwing explosive. The Palestinian Health Ministry and Wafa news agency identified the victims. The Israeli military confirmed both were “neutralized” during operations. No Israeli injuries were reported.

ISRAELI STRIKE KILLS 6 AT GAZA SCHOOL

On December 19, 2025, an Israeli airstrike hit the Martyrs School in Gaza’s Tuffah neighborhood, killing six civilians, including a four-month-old baby, a 14-year-old girl, and two women, as well as leaving two missing under rubble. The school served as a shelter for displaced families. The Israeli military claimed it targeted “suspects” during operations near the “Yellow Line” and expressed regret for any harm to non-combatants. Mahmoud Bassal of Gaza’s Civil Defense and Mohammed Abou Salmiya of al-Shifa Hospital confirmed the casualties. Survivors and witnesses, including Abdallah al-Nader, described the attack as unprovoked. Hamas called it a “flagrant violation” of the October 10 ceasefire.

ISRAEL BANS 14 NGOS FROM GAZA

On December 18, 2025, Israel announced that 14 international NGOs, including Save the Children and American Friends Service Committee, were banned from operating in Gaza and the West Bank. The government stated that 14 registration requests were rejected by late November, claiming Israel “encourages humanitarian action” but will not allow “hostile actors” or “support for terrorism.” The UN and NGOs condemned the process as “vague, arbitrary, and highly politicized,” warning of a collapse in aid operations. Critics say the new rules aim to silence reporting on Gaza’s conditions.

OVER 1,000 DIE WAITING FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION

On December 19, 2025, the WHO reported 1,092 patients died in Gaza while awaiting medical evacuation between July 2024 and November 2025. WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called the figure “likely underestimated” and urged more countries to accept Gaza patients. Over 18,500 patients still need evacuation, with children making up a significant portion.

FOOD CRISIS PERSISTS

On December 19, 2025, the UN announced the end of famine in Gaza but warned 1.6 million still face acute food insecurity. It cited improved aid access post-ceasefire, but noted damaged farmland, destroyed infrastructure, and 80% unemployment. Israel's foreign ministry disputed the report, claiming it underrepresents aid volumes.

ISRAELIS ILLEGALLY ENTER GAZA, CALL FOR REOCCUPATION

On December 18, 2025, about 20 Israelis entered Gaza, raised the Israeli flag in the former Kfar Darom settlement, and called for Gaza's reoccupation. The army removed them, warning of dangers in combat zones. Settlement leader Daniella Weiss vowed to return Israeli control over Gaza.

PALESTINIAN TEENS KILLED

On December 15, 2025, 16-year-old Ammar Yasser Mohammad Taamara was shot dead by Israeli forces during a raid in Tuqua, near Bethlehem. The army said soldiers fired at stone-throwers. Next day, on December 16th, another teen, 16-year-old Mouheeb Ahmed Jibril was shot dead by an Israeli settler near Bethlehem.

WEST BANK: 25 HOMES SLATED FOR DEMOLITION IN NOUR SHAMS CAMP

On December 15, 2025, Israeli authorities notified the demolition of 25 residential buildings in the Nour Shams refugee camp, displacing 100 families. Governor Abdallah Kamil and camp official Faisal Salama confirmed the order. UNRWA's Roland Friedrich called the demolitions "unacceptable" and part of a broader strategy to alter the West Bank's geography.

ISRAELI STRIKE KILLS 4 PALESTINIANS IN GAZA

On December 13, 2025, an Israeli airstrike in Gaza's Tal al-Hawa neighborhood killed 4 Palestinians after their car was hit by missiles, according to Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal. The strike followed Israel's announcement of targeting a Hamas military figure, Raad Saad.

SETTLER EXPANSION IN WEST BANK

On December 12, 2025, a UN report revealed that Israel advanced plans for 47,390 settler housing units in the West Bank in 2025, the highest since monitoring began in 2017. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the expansion as illegal and a threat to Palestinian statehood. The report also noted a surge in settler violence, sometimes with Israeli security forces' support.

GAZA FLOODS: 16 DEAD

On December 12, 2025, at least 16 Palestinians, including 3 children, died in Gaza due to torrential rains and flooding caused by storms. The Civil Defense reported 13 houses collapsed in Bir al-Naja, Nuseirat and Gaza City. Children Hadil Al-Masri (9), Taim Al-Khawaja (months old), and Rahaf Abou Jazar (8 months) died from hypothermia. Residents described sleeping on wet mattresses and lacking dry clothes. The WHO warned of rising respiratory infections due to overcrowded, unsanitary conditions. Over 90% of Gaza's population remains displaced after two years of war.

NEW LAWS RESTRICT PRESS

On December 12, 2025, Israel's government advanced three controversial media bills: a reform of public broadcasting, a law to ban foreign TV channels, and the closure of the popular military radio Galei Tsahal. Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi's public broadcasting reform was criticized by government legal advisor Gali Baharav-Miara as endangering press freedom. The Israeli Journalists' Union and Reporters Without Borders condemned the moves as "muzzling" independent media. The government also seeks to expand its power to ban foreign channels like Al Jazeera, which it accuses of Hamas propaganda. The Foreign Press Association denounced ongoing restrictions on independent media access to Gaza.

HAMAS ACCUSED OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

On December 10, 2025, Amnesty International released a report accusing Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups of crimes against humanity, including extermination, torture, enforced disappearance, rape, and hostage-taking during and after the October 7, 2023 attack. The report held Hamas primarily responsible, with lesser involvement by Palestinian Islamic Jihad and unaffiliated civilians. Amnesty also accused Israel of ongoing genocide in Gaza, despite the fragile ceasefire.

SEVERE MALNUTRITION AMONG GAZA'S PREGNANT WOMEN

On December 9, 2025, UNICEF reported a surge in malnutrition among pregnant and breastfeeding women in Gaza, leading to a rise in low birth weight and neonatal deaths. Before October 7, 2023, 5% of newborns weighed under 2.5 kg; by mid-2025, this doubled to 10%. Over 8,300 women received treatment for acute malnutrition in October alone. UNICEF blamed maternal stress, poor nutrition, and restricted medical access, and urged Israel to lift aid restrictions, including reopening the Rafah crossing.

UNRWA DENOUNCES ISRAELI SEIZURE OF AGENCY ASSETS

On December 8, 2025, Israeli forces killed Bara Qablan (21) and wounded another during a stone-throwing incident in Azzoun. UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini accused Israeli police of forcibly entering the agency's East Jerusalem headquarters, seizing furniture, IT equipment,

and replacing the UN flag with an Israeli one. Israeli authorities claimed the action was to recover unpaid municipal taxes, which UNRWA denies owing, citing international immunity. The agency's operations in East Jerusalem have been suspended since January due to an Israeli ban.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL TWO PALESTINIANS IN WEST BANK

On December 7, 2025, Israeli soldiers killed Ahmad Khalil Al-Rajabi (17) and Ziad Jabara Abu Dawoud (55) in Hebron after a car-ramming attempt. Abu Dawoud, a municipal worker, was in a second vehicle; his father called the shooting a "barbaric attack," stating soldiers fired despite the car stopping.

HAMAS SURRENDERS WEAPONS IF OCCUPATION ENDS

On December 6, 2025, Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya stated the group would place its weapons under a future Palestinian state's authority if Israel ends its occupation of Gaza. Al-Hayya also accepted UN peacekeeping forces to monitor borders and enforce the ceasefire, but rejected any international force tasked with disarming Hamas. The statement came amid fragile truce talks, with Hamas accusing Israel of violating the October 10 ceasefire by restricting aid and failing to reopen the Rafah crossing.

PALESTINIAN KILLED BY ISRAELIS IN WEST BANK

On December 5, 2025, Israeli forces fatally shot Bahaa Abdel-Rahman Rashid (38) during clashes in Oudala, south of Nablus, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. The Israeli army mentioned a "violent confrontation" with stone-throwers. Witness Muhammad al-Kharouf reported that soldiers fired live rounds after launching tear gas at worshippers leaving a mosque. Since October 7, 2023, over 1,000 Palestinians, including many civilians, and 44 Israelis have been killed in the West Bank.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS OPPOSES ISRAELI DELAY ON GAZA ACCESS

On December 4, 2025, the Foreign Press Association in Jerusalem opposed another Israeli delay in responding to its request for independent media access to Gaza. Since October 2023, Israel has only allowed a few journalists to embed with its troops. The Supreme Court extended the deadline to December 21, marking the ninth delay. The FPA called the restrictions a grave violation of press freedom.

ISRAELI STRIKE KILLS 5 PALESTINIANS

On December 3, 2025, five Palestinians, including two children, were killed in an Israeli airstrike on Al-Mawassi, Khan Younis, according to the Kuwaiti field hospital and Gaza's Civil Defense. The Israeli military said it targeted a Hamas fighter in response to clashes that

wounded five soldiers. Civil Defense spokesperson Mahmoud Bassal confirmed the strike hit displaced people's tents.

MSF : THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS NEED EVACUATION

On December 3, 2025, MSF's Hani Isleem warned that thousands of Gazans require urgent medical evacuation, with over 16,500 officially registered and waiting. Only 8,000 have been evacuated since October 2023. Isleem, who accompanied 13 children to Switzerland, said the real number is three to four times higher. He criticized countries for focusing only on children and imposing restrictive criteria. Over 900 people have died waiting for evacuation since 2023.

ISRAEL & EGYPT DISAGREE ON RAFAH CROSSING

On December 3, 2025, Israel announced that the Rafah crossing would open "in the coming days" for Gaza residents to exit to Egypt. However, **Egypt denied any agreement**, insisting on two-way passage. The crossing, controlled by Israel since May 2024, is crucial for aid and humanitarian access.

FOUR FOREIGNERS INJURED IN WEST BANK BY SETTLERS

On November 30, 2025, three Italians and one Canadian were assaulted by masked settlers in Duyuk, west of Jericho. The attackers, some armed with guns and clubs, beat the group for 10-15 minutes, stole their passports, phones, and wallets. The victims were treated at Jericho's public hospital for facial and chest contusions. Italy's Foreign Ministry condemned the attack.

70,000 DEAD

On November 29, 2025, Gaza's Health Ministry reported that over 70,100 people had been killed in the territory since the war began on October 2023. The ministry also stated that 354 Palestinians had been killed by Israeli fire since the October 10th ceasefire.

TWO PALESTINIAN CHILDREN KILLED BY THE ARMY

On November 29, 2025, two Palestinian brothers, Fadi, 8, and Joumaa Tamer Abou Assi, 10, were killed by an Israeli drone strike in Bani Souheila, east of Khan Younis, according to their family and Gaza's Civil Defense. The boys were gathering firewood when struck. The Israeli military claimed they had crossed the demarcation "Yellow Line" and posed a threat to troops. Their uncle, Alaa Abou Assi, described finding their bodies in pieces and denied any militant activity.

10 PALESTINIANS INJURED IN WEST BANK BY SETTLERS

On November 29, 2025, ten Palestinians were injured in clashes with Israeli settlers near Khala'il al-Luz, south of Bethlehem, according to the Red Crescent. The Israeli military reported stone-throwing and gunfire between Palestinians and settlers, leading to the declaration of a closed military zone. Due to relentless harassment by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, over 3,200 local residents have fled their homes since 2023, according to the UN. Kaabneh described daily intimidation and land seizures by settlers, who operate with impunity. NGOs accuse the Israeli government and army of enabling settler violence.

EGYPT TRAINS FUTURE GAZA POLICE

On November 29, 2025, a Palestinian official revealed that Egypt is training hundreds of Palestinian policemen to form a future law enforcement unit in Gaza. The program, announced in August by Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty and Palestinian PM Mohammad Mustafa, aims to train 5,000 officers. Trainees, all from Gaza, are paid by the Ramallah-based Palestinian Authority. A 26-year-old Palestinian policeman, who requested anonymity, expressed hope for an independent force. The initiative is part of a broader plan to deploy 10,000 officers.

FRENCH COURT TO PROBE WAR CRIMES IN GAZA CHILDREN'S DEATHS

On November 28, 2025, French prosecutors requested a judicial investigation into the deaths of two French children, Janna and Abderrahim Abudaher, killed in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza on October 24, 2023. The prosecutors cited "deliberate attack on civilians" as a war crime. The children's grandmother LDH had filed the complaint.

UN DEMANDS ISRAEL INVESTIGATE TORTURE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PALESTINIANS

On November 28, 2025, the UN Committee against Torture called on Israel to establish an independent commission to investigate allegations of systematic torture against Palestinian detainees. The Committee cited reports of severe beatings, electric shocks, stress positions, inhumane detention conditions, and food deprivation. The Committee also expressed concern over settler violence and the use of administrative detention. Israel's ambassador to the UN rejected the accusations.

NEGOTIATIONS OVER TRAPPED HAMAS FIGHTERS IN GAZA TUNNELS

On November 27, 2025, negotiations involving Egypt, Turkey, Qatar, and the US focused on the fate of 60-80 Hamas fighters trapped in tunnels under Israeli-controlled Gaza. A Hamas official confirmed efforts to secure their safe passage to non-Israeli zones, warning that the issue could destabilize the ceasefire. Israel previously rejected safe passage for 200 fighter.

ISRAELI FORCES EXECUTE TWO SURRENDERING PALESTINIANS

On November 27, 2025, Israeli forces shot dead Montasser Billah Mahmoud Abdullah, 26, and Youssef Ali Assassa, 37, in Jenin, West Bank, as they appeared to surrender. Videos showed the men exiting a building with raised arms, lying down, then being shot. The Palestinian Authority called it a “summary execution” and “war crime.” The UN demanded an independent investigation.

ISRAELI SETTLER CHARGED WITH TERRORISM

On November 27, 2025, Israeli settler Ariel Dahari, 24, was indicted for terrorism after beating a Palestinian woman with a stick in Turmus Ayya, West Bank. The attack, filmed and widely shared, left the woman with severe injuries. Dahari, from Oz Yair outpost, was also charged with racist vandalism. The UN reported a surge in settler violence in 2025, with over 500,000 Israeli settlers living among 3 million Palestinians in the West Bank.

OPERATION IN WEST BANK TARGETS ARMED GROUPS

On November 26, 2025, the Israeli military launched an operation in the northern West Bank, targeting armed groups in Tubas, Tammun, Tayassir, and Faraa refugee camp. Governor Ahmad Assaad reported airstrikes and heavy gunfire. The military claimed to have seized terrorist funds and located an observation post, but no arrests were confirmed. **The Palestinian Red Crescent reported 10 injured from soldier beatings. Palestinians officials condemned the operation as part of an annexation project.**

ISRAELI MILITARY KILLS 3 IN GAZA

On November 24, 2025, Gaza’s Civil Defense reported three Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks: two by a drone in Bani Suheila (east of Khan Younis) and one by a tank shell in al-Touffah (Gaza City). The Civil Defense spokesperson confirmed the deaths. The Israeli military stated it targeted three terrorists near Khan Younis. Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis received two dead and three wounded, one critically. Al-Shifa Hospital’s director, Mohammad Abou Salmiya, confirmed one death and several wounded from tank fire in al-Touffah.

ISRAELI GENERALS DISBANDED OVER OCTOBER 7 ATTACK FAILURES

On November 24, 2025, Israel’s military announced the dismissal of three generals, Aharon Haliva, Oded Basyuk, and Yaron Finkelman, for their roles in the failures leading to the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack. Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir also imposed disciplinary measures on several other officers, including Tomer Bar and David Saar Salma. Defense Minister Israel Katz demanded a review of the military’s report, deepening tensions with Zamir. The moves follow a committee’s findings of **“systemic and organizational failure” in Israel’s military response.**

CONTROVERSIAL HUMANITARIAN GROUP ENDS MISSION

On November 24, 2025, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), backed by Israel and the US, announced the end of its emergency mission in Gaza, claiming it distributed 187 million meals “without Hamas diversion.” Director John Acree praised the operation, while the US State Department thanked GHF for pressuring Hamas into ceasefire talks. The UN had criticized GHF for violence at its aid sites, which reportedly killed over 1,000 people.

GAZA RESIDENTS FEAR ISRAELI “YELLOW LINE” SHIFTS

On November 24, 2025, Gaza residents in Shujaiya discovered yellow concrete blocks placed overnight by the Israeli military, marking the contested “yellow line” demarcating Israeli-controlled zones. Local residents Ibrahim Farahat and Fadi Shafiq Hararah reported the blocks’ sudden appearance, sparking fears of further Israeli encroachment. The military denied expanding its zone, but Hamas spokesperson Hazem Qassem accused Israel of violating the ceasefire by advancing the line westward.

ANTI-HAMAS PALESTINIAN ARMED GROUPS SUPPORT ISRAEL IN GAZA

The Israeli-controlled eastern zone of Gaza, depopulated since the October ceasefire, hosts a few hundred militiamen from at least four groups, all armed and funded by Israel according to Le Monde. Hussam Al-Astal, a former Palestinian Authority officer sentenced to death by Hamas for allegedly assassinating one of its engineers, escaped from Gaza’s Asdaa prison. Now, he leads a pro-Israeli group in the ruins of Khan Younis, just 1 km from an Israeli base, within the so-called “yellow line” dividing Gaza. Al-Astal, 50, claims to protect 25 families and vows to “rid Gaza of Hamas.” His allies include Yasser Abou Shabab, allegedly a gang leader from the Tarabin clan, accused of looting aid convoys and killing drivers. Another key figure is Ashraf Al-Mansi, who commands 50 men in northern Gaza, and Rami Hillis, a former Palestinian Authority security officer based near Gaza City. Israeli military intelligence (Unit 504) reportedly facilitated their rise. Since the ceasefire, these militias have posted videos flaunting new Israeli-supplied buggies and tactical gear, while selling goods at Israeli prices. They have clashed with Hamas twice. Meanwhile, Hamas has reasserted control in western Gaza, executing 7 alleged collaborators in mid-October.

UN WARNS OF GAZA’S “TOTAL RUIN”

On November 25, 2025, the UN warned that Gaza’s survival is at risk, with the territory reduced to “total ruin” by Israeli military operations. The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) reported that Gaza’s economy, infrastructure, and governance have collapsed, requiring \$70 billion for reconstruction. UNCTAD called for a universal basic income and coordinated international aid to prevent decades of suffering. The war has killed 69,756 Palestinians and 1,221 Israelis according to the UN.

ISRAEL KILLS 5 IN RAFAH TUNNEL

On November 25, 2025, the Israeli military killed five Palestinians emerging from a tunnel in Rafah, southern Gaza. The military stated the fighters were “likely” from a terrorist organization.

ISRAELI STRIKES ON GAZA KILL 5, INCLUDING INFANT

On November 20, 2025, Israeli airstrikes on southern Gaza killed 5 people, including a one-year-old girl, according to local authorities and hospitals. The strikes followed a night of heavy bombardment. The Israeli military stated it was targeting “terrorist infrastructure”. The US was notified before the strikes, according to an anonymous American official.

WEST BANK REFUGEES FEAR PERMANENT DISPLACEMENT

On November 20, 2025, Palestinians displaced from Tulkarem’s refugee camps by an Israeli military operation that began in January 2025 expressed fear of permanent displacement. Hakam Irhil, 41, described living in a school classroom with five others after his home was demolished. The operation, which Israel says targets armed groups, has displaced 32,000 Palestinians and destroyed over 850 structures. Human Rights Watch called the forced displacement a war crime and ethnic cleansing. Residents, like Oum Mohamed al-Jammal, demand the right to return, but Israeli authorities have not set a clear timeline for the operation’s end.

STRIKES IN GAZA KILL 27

On November 19, 2025, Israeli airstrikes on Gaza killed 27 people, marking one of the deadliest days since the October 10 ceasefire. The Gaza Civil Defense reported 14 deaths in Gaza City and 13 in Khan Younis. Israel claimed it was targeting Hamas militants in response to rocket fire though no Israeli casualties were reported. Hamas denied responsibility for any rocket fire, labeling Israel’s claims as “pretexts for aggression.” Residents described chaos and fear.

ISRAELI ATTACK IN WEST BANK KILLS ONE, INJURES THREE

On November 18, 2025, a car-ramming and stabbing attack at the Gush Etzion junction in the West Bank killed one Israeli and injured three others. The Israeli military reported that soldiers killed two Palestinian assailants, identified as Imran al-Atrache and Walid Sabbarna, both 18 from Hebron. The victims included a 71-year-old man from the Kyriat Arba settlement.

JOURNALIST SHOT BY ISRAELI FORCES

On November 18, 2025, Al Jazeera cameraman Fadi Yassin was shot in the leg by Israeli forces while covering a protest in Tulkarem, West Bank. Yassin was evacuated by ambulance after being hit by a bullet that entered his right leg and exited through his left thigh.

The protest, involving about 150 Palestinians, demanded the right to return to the Nour Shams refugee camp, which was evacuated by the Israeli military in early 2025. Israeli soldiers briefly detained a Roya TV cameraman and two protesters and dispersed the crowd.

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL BACKS TRUMP'S GAZA PEACE PLAN & INTERNATIONAL FORCE

On November 17, 2025, the UN Security Council voted 13-0 (with Russia and China abstaining) to endorse Donald Trump's Gaza peace plan, which includes deploying an international stabilization force and establishing a "Peace Committee" led by the US to govern Gaza until Palestinian Authority reforms. The resolution also mentions the potential for Palestinian statehood, which Israel opposes. Hamas rejected the plan as imposing "international tutelage" on Gaza.

ISRAELI MINISTER CALLS FOR ARREST OF ABBAS IF U.N. BACKS STATEHOOD

On November 17, 2025, Israeli far-right Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir called for the arrest of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and the assassination of senior Palestinian officials if the UN Security Council votes in favor of Palestinian statehood. Ben Gvir, addressing Prime Minister Netanyahu, stated "You must order targeted killings of senior Palestinian Authority officials, who are terrorists in every way, and order the arrest of Abu Mazen [Abbas]." The Palestinian Authority condemned the remarks as "incendiary" and reflective of Israel's "official policy of substitution of force for the rule of law."

ISRAELI SETTLER VIOLENCE IN WEST BANK

On November 17, 2025, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned a "handful of extremist" settlers for violent attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank, following an assault on the village of Jabaa after the demolition of the Tzour Misgavi outpost.

ISRAEL DEMOLISHES WEST BANK OUTPOST

On November 17, 2025, Israeli security forces evacuated and demolished the illegal Tzour Misgavi outpost in the Gush Etzion bloc, south of Jerusalem, following violent incidents. The civil administration stated the evacuation was due to criminal activity and security threats. **The move sparked backlash from far-right ministers and settlers, with some extremists later attacking the Palestinian village of Jabaa in retaliation.** The UN reported a record surge in settler violence in October, with over 500,000 Israeli settlers living in the West Bank amid ongoing tensions.

ISRAELI FORCES KILL PALESTINIAN IN WEST BANK

On November 16, 2025, the Israeli military reported killing a 19-year-old Palestinian, Hassan Ahmed Jamil Moussa, during a raid near Nablus in the West Bank. The army stated

Moussa was throwing an explosive device at soldiers. The Palestinian Health Ministry confirmed his death in Al-Askar refugee camp.

NETANYAHU REAFFIRMS OPPOSITION TO PALESTINIAN STATE

On November 16, 2025, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and several ministers reiterated their opposition to a Palestinian State, ahead of a UN Security Council vote on a US-backed resolution for Gaza. The draft resolution, which endorses former US President Donald Trump's peace plan, mentions the possibility of a future Palestinian state, a prospect Israel has long rejected. Netanyahu stated "Our opposition to a Palestinian state on any territory has not changed" and dismissed the need for "lessons from anyone." Far-right ministers Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir also vowed to oppose any government that accepts a Palestinian state. **Meanwhile, the Israeli military announced it had killed 1 person in northern Gaza after he allegedly crossed a demarcation line** near Israeli troops.

GAZA RESIDENTS SENT TO SOUTH AFRICA

On November 15, 2025, Israel stated that 153 Gazans who arrived under mysterious circumstances in South Africa were intended for a "third country" without specifying which. The group, including men, women, and children, was held on their plane for over 12 hours due to missing Israeli exit stamps. South African authorities eventually allowed their entry after an NGO guaranteed their care. A similar flight with 176 Palestinians had landed in Johannesburg on October 28. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa called the arrivals "mysterious" and pledged an investigation, suggesting the flights were **part of a broader effort to deport Palestinians.**

ISRAELI ARMY KILLS 2 PALESTINIANS, MOSQUE BURNED IN WEST BANK

On November 13, 2025, the Israeli army killed two suspected militants near Karmeit Tzur settlement, south of Hebron. Meanwhile, Palestinian officials accused Israeli settlers of setting fire to the Hajja Hamida mosque in Dayr Istiya, Northern West Bank. An AFP photographer saw charred walls and burnt Qurans. The Palestinian Foreign Ministry condemned the attack as a violation of sacred sites and evidence of settler racism. Army chief Eyal Zamir had vowed to end settler violence, but witnesses say soldiers often fail to intervene.

ISRAEL OPENS AID ROUTE TO NORTHERN GAZA

On November 12, 2025, Israel announced the opening of the Zikim crossing for humanitarian aid to northern Gaza, where the UN had warned of famine. The Cogat defense body stated aid would be inspected before entry. The UN welcomed the move, noting aid distribution remains hindered by destruction and looting. Israel previously opened Zikim only sporadically, and the UN had been unable to deliver aid to the north since September 12.

U.N. ACCUSES ISRAEL OF SYSTEMATIC TORTURE OF PALESTINIAN DETAINEES

On November 12, 2025, the UN Committee against Torture cited reports of widespread, systematic torture of Palestinian detainees by Israel, including severe beatings, electric shocks, stress positions, and sexual threats. Rapporteur Peter Vedel Kessing said torture had escalated since October 7, 2023, with “unprecedented” impunity. Israel’s UN ambassador Daniel Meron dismissed the allegations as “disinformation”.

ISRAELI ARMY KILLS 3 MEN IN GAZA

On November 12, 2025, the Israeli military reported killing three armed men near Rafah, in the Israeli-controlled zone of southern Gaza. Soldiers identified four armed individuals; three were “eliminated.” Since the October 10 ceasefire, the Gaza Health Ministry reported 245 Palestinians killed by Israeli fire, while Israel lost 3 soldiers.

ISRAEL’S GAZA NEGOTIATOR RESIGNS

On November 12, 2025, Israeli minister Ron Dermer, chief negotiator for the Gaza truce, resigned from his ministerial post. Dermer, a close Netanyahu advisor, helped secure the October 10 ceasefire and the release of the last 20 living hostages held by Hamas. In his resignation letter, he praised Netanyahu’s war leadership and called the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack the “darkest day” for Jews since 1948. Netanyahu thanked Dermer for his “exceptional contribution.” The government continues to resist calls for an inquiry into the October 7 security failures.

ISRAELI FORCES ARREST SETTLERS AFTER WEST BANK VIOLENCE

On November 11, 2025, Israeli police and military announced the arrest of several settlers after violent clashes near Tulkarem, West Bank. About 200 masked settlers attacked Palestinians, burned property, and injured four in Beit Lid and Deir Charaf villages. Hussein Hammadi, Beit Lid’s mayor, said settlers torched vehicles, homes and a dairy factory, and attempted to steal livestock. Ten Palestinians were wounded. The army stated it dispersed the clashes and detained suspects, but Hammadi expressed skepticism, claiming settlers act with impunity and military protection.

SETTLERS TARGET JOURNALISTS IN WEST BANK ATTACKS

On November 10, 2025, the Foreign Press Association (FPA) in Jerusalem demanded Israeli authorities immediately stop settler attacks on journalists in the occupied West Bank. The FPA reported that journalists, both local and foreign, were deliberately targeted while documenting unprecedented violence during the olive harvest. On November 9, two Reuters employees wearing clearly marked press vests and helmets were assaulted by masked Israeli settlers near Beita village. A female journalist was beaten while on the ground, sustaining serious injuries. A Reuters security officer and two independent Palestinian journalists were also injured. On

October 10, AFP photographer Jaafar Ashtiyeh was beaten and his car torched near Beita; he stated, “If I hadn’t escaped, they would have killed me.” The FPA also condemned growing hostility from Israeli authorities, including harassment, detention, and expulsion threats against journalists.

ISRAELI PARLIAMENT ADVANCES DEATH PENALTY

On November 10, 2025, the Israeli Knesset passed a first reading of a bill to impose the death penalty on Palestinians convicted of deadly attacks against Israelis. The bill, backed by far-right Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir, passed 39-16. The Palestinian Authority condemned the proposal as a violation of international law and another step toward genocide. The bill requires two more readings to become law.

PALESTINIAN PRISONERS HELD IN LEGAL BLACK HOLE

Photojournalist Chadi Abou Sidou, 35, was arrested in Gaza and held for months under Israel’s “unlawful combatant” law, without charge or regular access to a lawyer. He described 100 days of torture at Sdé Teiman military base, hands bound, blindfolded and forbidden to speak, before transfer to Ofer prison in the West Bank, where conditions were “unimaginable.” Released on October 13, 2025, in a prisoner swap, Abou Sidou said no charges were ever filed. Israel’s Prison Service claimed all detainees are held according to legal procedures. Human rights groups, including Amnesty International and Physicians for Human Rights, denounced the law as enabling detention without supervision by a magistrate and secretive conditions. Naji Abbas of Physicians for Human Rights cited cases of Gaza doctors and health workers imprisoned for months without trial or family contact.

GENOCIDE: TURKEY ISSUES ARREST WARRANTS AGAINST ISRAELI OFFICIALS

On November 7, 2025, an Istanbul court issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Israel Katz, National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir, and Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir, among 37 other officials, for “genocide” and “crimes against humanity” in Gaza. The warrants cited systematic attacks, including the strike on the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital in March. Turkey, a vocal critic of Israel’s Gaza offensive, had previously joined South Africa’s genocide case against Israel at the ICJ.

TRUMP: INTERNATIONAL FORCE TO DEPLOY “SOON” IN GAZA

On November 6, 2025, US President Donald Trump announced that an international stabilization force would deploy “soon” to Gaza, following a US-drafted UN Security Council resolution supporting his peace plan. Trump said several countries had volunteered to participate, mainly Arab and Muslim States, to oversee security as Israeli troops withdraw, per the October 10 ceasefire agreement.

ISRAEL CLOSES EGYPT BORDER ZONE

On November 6, 2025, Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz declared the Egypt-Israel border a closed military zone to counter drone-smuggled arms. Katz stated the move was necessary to “end the threat of drones”, as part of the ongoing Gaza conflict.

WEST BANK: ISRAELIS SHOT TWO PALESTINIAN TEENS

On November 6, 2025, Israeli forces shot dead two 16-year-old Palestinians, Mohammad Abdullah Mohammad Atim and Mohamad Rashad Fadl Qassem, near the separation barrier north of Jerusalem, in the West Bank town of Judeira. The Israeli army claimed the teens were throwing Molotov cocktails at a road. The killings followed a similar incident the previous day. Since October 7, 2023, over 1,001 Palestinians and 43 Israelis have died in West Bank violence, which has surged despite the Gaza ceasefire.

U.N. : ONE MILLION GAZANS RECEIVED FOOD AID

On November 4, 2025, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) reported that about one million Gazans had received food aid since the October 10 ceasefire, but warned that only two border crossings were operational. WFP spokesperson Abeer Etefa called for more access to northern Gaza to stabilize markets and meet needs. Diets remain limited to grains and dried vegetables; meat, eggs, and fresh produce are rare. WFP operates 44 food distribution points (target was 145) and supports 17 industrial bakeries. Some 200,000 Gazans now receive digital vouchers for local purchases. Before the ceasefire, the UN had warned of famine.

ISRAELI MILITARY PROSECUTOR ARRESTED OVER ABUSES VIDEO LEAK

On July 5, 2024, a leaked surveillance video revealed severe abuse, including sexual violence, of a blindfolded, shackled Palestinian detainee by Israeli reservists at the high-security Sde Teiman detention center near Gaza. Five reservists were later indicted for stabbing the detainee near the rectum, fracturing his ribs, perforating his lung, and causing internal rectal tears. On November 3, 2025, former military prosecutor general Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi, a general, was arrested for allegedly leaking the video to media in August 2024. She faces charges of fraud, obstruction of justice and unauthorized disclosure. Her detention was extended until November 5. National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir confirmed her arrest.

MUSLIM STATES PUSH FOR PALESTINIAN SELF-RULE

On November 3, 2025, foreign ministers from Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Jordan, Pakistan, and Indonesia met in Istanbul and rejected any “new system of tutelage” for Gaza, insisting “Palestinians must govern Palestinians.” Turkish FM Hakan Fidan called for rapid Palestinian reconciliation between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority to strengthen international representation.

ISRAELI LAWMAKERS SUPPORTS DEATH PENALTY

On November 3, 2025, Israel's Knesset Security Committee approved a bill mandating the death penalty for "terrorists" convicted of racially or ideologically motivated murder. The amendment, backed by far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir, aims to "cut terrorism at its root" and create "strong deterrence." Ben Gvir threatened to withdraw coalition support if the bill is not voted on by November 9. The proposal, introduced by his Otzma Yehudit party, would make the death penalty non-negotiable for such convictions. Ben Gvir had previously posted a video of himself in front of detained Palestinians, calling for their execution.

TURKISH RESCUE TEAM BLOCKED IN RAFAH

On October 30, 2025, a Turkish disaster response team (known as the AFAD), sent by Ankara to recover bodies in Gaza's rubble, remained stranded at the Rafah crossing due to Israel's refusal to grant entry. A Turkish Defense Ministry source accused Israel of failing to fully honor ceasefire terms, noting that only partial humanitarian aid is being allowed through. However, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asserted Israel's veto power over any international force, explicitly opposing Turkish participation due to its ties with Hamas.

ISRAEL BANS RED CROSS ACCESS TO DETAINEES

On October 29, 2025, Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz signed a decree barring the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) from visiting Palestinian detainees held under Israel's "illegal combatants" law, which allows indefinite detention without charge. The ban formalized a status quo in place since October 7, 2023, citing "national security" risks. The ICRC confirmed it had been denied access since that date. Human rights NGOs had already reported delays and restrictions on legal visits. During a Supreme Court hearing, the State agreed to share only names and detention locations for non-Gaza/Hamas-affiliated prisoners. As of early October, 2,673 "illegal combatants" were held; hundreds were released in October 13 ceasefire deal.

ISRAEL PROHIBITS I.C.R.C. FROM VISITING DETAINEES

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101 MURDERED IN ONE NIGHT

On the night of October 28–29, 2025, Israeli airstrikes killed at least 101 people in Gaza, including 35 children, several women, and elderly individuals, according to Mahmoud Bassal, spokesperson for Gaza’s Civil Defense. Five hospitals confirmed receiving the victims within a 12-hour period.

NETANYAHU ORDERS NEW STRIKES DESPITE CEASEFIRE

On October 28, 2025, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered immediate airstrikes on Gaza, accusing Hamas of violating the ceasefire. Since the ceasefire of October 10, 94 Gazans have been killed in Israeli strikes, amid fears of renewed war. The ceasefire, brokered by the US, includes Hamas’s disarmament and Israeli withdrawal, but tensions remain high.

THREE KILLED IN WEST BANK RAID

On October 28, 2025, Israeli forces killed three Palestinians, Abdallah Mohammed Omar Jalamneh, Ziad Nasser Jaas, and Ahmed Azmi Aref Nachrati, during a raid in Kafr Qud, west of Jenin, in the occupied West Bank. The Israeli police and army stated the men were members of a “terrorist cell” planning an attack, linked to a group active in Jenin’s refugee camp. According to Israeli accounts, the elite Yamam unit opened fire as the men exited a cave, killing two immediately and wounding a third, who was later “neutralized” by an airstrike. The Palestinian Health Ministry confirmed the identities and ages of the victims, all in their twenties. Footage showed the aftermath: a burned car, scorched olive trees, and personal belongings near the cave’s entrance. Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz claimed the operation thwarted a “serious attack threat”.

HOSPITAL HIT

On October 28, 2025, Gaza’s Civil Defense reported at least three Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City, despite the ceasefire in effect since October 10. Mahmoud Bassal, spokesperson for the Civil Defense, stated that Israel was bombing Gaza. Strikes hit the courtyard of al-Shifa Hospital, as confirmed by hospital director Mohammed Abou Salmiya. The strikes also hit Abou Hassira Street and the al-Zeitoun neighborhood. Later, the Civil Defense announced five additional deaths in a separate airstrike.

ISRAEL VOWS VETO OVER GAZA INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

On October 26, 2025, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asserted Israel’s right to veto any members of the proposed international stabilization force for post-war Gaza, particularly opposing Turkish participation. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio emphasized the need for forces “Israel feels comfortable with.” Meanwhile, Egypt sent heavy equipment into Gaza to assist in locating hostage remains, as Hamas’s chief negotiator Khalil al-Hayya pledged to

prevent Israel from using the issue to restart the war. Al-Hayya reiterated Hamas's refusal to disarm unless Israel fully withdraws: "Our weapons are tied to the occupation. If the occupation ends, these weapons will return to the state."

STRIKES IN CENTRAL GAZA

On October 25, 2025, the Israeli military conducted an airstrike in Gaza's Nuseirat camp, targeting a suspected Islamic Jihad operative allegedly planning an imminent attack against Israeli forces. The strike hit a civilian vehicle, wounding four people, according to Al-Awda Hospital. Israel's army stated it would continue operations in Gaza to "eliminate any immediate threat" to its troops, despite a fragile US-brokered ceasefire with Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

CRITICS OVER CONTROVERSIAL AID GROUP

On October 25, 2025, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), a private US-Israeli-backed aid group, announced readiness to restart food distributions in Gaza. Spokesperson Chapin Fay stated GHF had paused operations during the ongoing hostage release phase. The group, launched in May after Israel's three-month blockade, has faced sharp criticism from the UN and NGOs. Over 1,000 people have been killed near its sites. UN experts called for GHF's dissolution in August, alleging aid is used for covert military and geopolitical purposes. GHF, which replaced a UN system of 400 distribution centers with only four, remains isolated from other aid organizations.

EQUIPMENT WITH POTENTIAL MILITARY APPLICATION SENT FROM FRANCE TO ISRAEL

On October 23, 2025, French company Sermat was scheduled to ship military equipment, including alternators for aircrafts, from Paris Charles-de-Gaulle Airport to Israeli defense company Elbit Systems at Haifa and Kermiel, according to associations BDS and Aser, who warned that this could violate the UN Arms Trade Treaty by supplying arms potentially used in crimes against civilians in Gaza. Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu denied that any French weapons had been sent to Israel, despite investigative reporting by Disclose suggesting otherwise. Protests were planned at Roissy-CDG on October 25, highlighting concerns over France's role in the conflict involving the Israeli army under Benjamin Netanyahu.

DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST PALESTINIANS FROM WEST BANK, US OFFICIALS CRITICIZE ANNEXATION PLANS

Since October 2023, the Israeli government under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has revoked the work permits of 120,000 Palestinians from the West Bank. On October 23, 2025, during visits by U.S. Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, both officials rejected any Israeli annexation of the West Bank after Israel's parliament advanced two bills to extend sovereignty over the territory. President Donald Trump, in an interview with Time on October 15, warned that Israel would lose U.S. support if it proceeded, emphasizing his

commitment to Arab partners in the Gaza ceasefire talks. Vance called the parliamentary initiative a “stupid political move”. Rubio, meeting Netanyahu in Jerusalem, warned such plans could undermine the Gaza truce but expressed confidence in its continuation.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS STILL NOT ALLOWED INSIDE GAZA

On October 23, 2025, an Israeli Supreme Court judge granted a 30-day extension to review a petition by the Foreign Press Association (FPA) seeking independent media access to Gaza, citing the situation on the ground as still “delicate and difficult to assess.” No new hearing date was set. The FPA, represented by lawyer Gilead Sher, argued that access should have been reconsidered during previous ceasefires in November 2023 and early 2025. FPA President Tania Kraemer and board member Nicolas Rouget urged Israel to allow international journalists to work alongside their Palestinian colleagues, the only reporters covering Gaza since the war began in October 2023. Reporters Without Borders (RSF), represented by Antoine Bernard, joined the petition, noting that over 210 Palestinian journalists have been killed. A video recording of the hearing was released, marking the first Supreme Court session on this case since the FPA’s filing two years earlier.

PALESTINIAN NEWBORNS AND MOTHERS IN DANGER DUE TO LACK OF HUMANITARIAN AID

On October 22, 2025, Andrew Saberton, a representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), warned that malnutrition among pregnant women and newborns in Gaza would have “generational effects,” leading to lifelong health complications for babies currently being born in the enclave. Speaking at a press conference at UN headquarters in New York after a five-day mission to Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza—where he spent five hours—Saberton described the extent of the devastation in Gaza as resembling “a dystopian movie set.” According to Saberton, one in four Gazans suffers from hunger, including 11,500 pregnant women. As a result, 70% of newborns are now premature and underweight, compared to 20% before October 2023. Neonatal units are operating at 170% capacity, forcing hospitals to place multiple infants in a single incubator. He added that one in three pregnancies is now classified as high risk, and maternal mortality remains “high.” Additionally, 700,000 women and girls face severe difficulties managing their menstrual hygiene due to shortages of clean water, privacy, and sanitary products. Gaza records approximately 130 births per day. The WHO’s Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus meanwhile described Gaza’s humanitarian situation as “catastrophic,” with persistent hunger despite ongoing aid.

CIVILIANS SHOT BY ISRAELI ARMY

On October 20, 2025, Mahmoud Bassal, spokesperson for the Gaza Civil Defense, reported that four Palestinians were killed and one seriously wounded by Israeli fire in two incidents east of Gaza City, near the Al-Shaaf area of Al-Tuffah district. According to Bassal, the victims were returning to check their homes when they were shot. Two were taken to Al-Ahli Hospital and two to Al-Shifa Hospital. The Israeli army stated it had fired at “terrorists who crossed the yellow line,” referring to a withdrawal boundary established under the ceasefire. The military

later announced it had begun materializing the yellow line to “provide tactical clarity on the ground,” installing 3.5-meter-high yellow poles roughly every 200 meters.

ISRAEL PAUSES HUMANITARIAN DELIVERIES

On October 19, 2025, an Israeli security official, speaking anonymously to the AFP, announced that Israel had suspended humanitarian aid deliveries to the Gaza Strip, citing a “flagrant violation of the ceasefire” by Hamas. The official stated that the suspension would last “until further notice.” The following day, October 20, the same source confirmed the reopening of the Kerem Shalom crossing between Israel and Gaza.

ISRAELI STRIKES KILL AT LEAST 45 PEOPLE DESPITE CEASEFIRE

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip killed at least 45 people, according to Gaza’s Civil Defense, which operates under the authority of the Hamas movement. Among the victims were civilians and a journalist. The strikes, confirmed by four hospitals in Gaza, were described as the most severe since the ceasefire began on October 10. The Israeli military stated that the attacks were carried out in response to alleged Hamas assaults, and later that evening announced the cessation of airstrikes and the resumption of the ceasefire, while also reviewing reports of civilian casualties. Following the strikes, Israel suspended the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza “until further notice,” according to an Israeli official. Speaking aboard the presidential aircraft, U.S. President Donald Trump affirmed that the ceasefire remained in effect, emphasizing that Hamas leadership was not directly responsible for the truce violations, instead attributing them to “some rebels within the movement.” In Bureij, central Gaza, resident Abdallah Abou Hassanein, aged 29, described the situation as resembling a return to war, stating that bombardments had intensified and struck homes, tents, and a school, causing renewed bloodshed.

78% OF GAZA DESTROYED

In Gaza, after two years of conflict, 78% of buildings—about 193,000 structures—have been damaged or destroyed, leaving the territory under more than 61 million tonnes of debris, according to UN data. The fragile ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, effective October 10 under pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, allows for the beginning of reconstruction. Satellite imagery from September 22–23 showed that 83% of buildings in Gaza-City were damaged or destroyed. The debris includes at least 4.9 million tonnes potentially contaminated with asbestos and 2.9 million tonnes from former industrial sites that may contain toxic chemicals, according to UNEP. Most destruction occurred in the first five months of the war, with an acceleration between April and July 2025, particularly in the south between Rafah and Khan Younés.

COMPLAINT FILED IN FRANCE

A legal complaint was filed in Paris against Airbnb and Booking.com for complicity in war crimes, alleging they profit from listings in illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and that their platforms contribute to the expansion and normalization of settlements.

INVOLVEMENT OF TURKEY

Turkey deployed 81 disaster response specialists to Gaza to search for bodies under rubble, with a team already on the ground and experienced in complex rescue operations.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

The UN warned of an “absolute emergency” in Gaza, with only 13 of 36 hospitals partially operational, epidemic outbreaks, and severe malnutrition, especially among children. The World Health Organization reported 167,376 people with permanent disabilities, a quarter of them children, and a collapse of vaccination programs. The Rafah crossing remains closed, blocking aid delivery, and the UN’s diplomat for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordination Tom Fletcher called for the immediate opening of all border crossings to prevent famine and provide medical supplies. The death toll in Gaza since October 2023 has reached at least 67,938, mostly civilians.

EXECUTIONS

On October 14, Hamas broadcast a video showing the summary execution of eight men accused of collaborating with Israel in Gaza City, with the victims blindfolded and shot. The same day, Israeli drone strikes killed six Palestinians in Shujaiya and Al-Fukhari, with Israel claiming the victims were “suspects” approaching its forces. The Gaza Civil Defense reported five civilians killed while inspecting their damaged homes, and a sixth in a separate drone attack, despite the ceasefire.

INTER-PALESTINIAN VIOLENCE

On October 13, deadly clashes erupted in Gaza City’s Sabra neighborhood between Hamas security forces and the Doghmoush clan, resulting in multiple deaths and injuries on both sides. Hamas accused the clan of collaboration with Israel and arrested 60 members, while the Doghmoush family denied collaboration but admitted some members committed “deviations.” The violence followed a Hamas-declared amnesty for non-lethal criminals, but witnesses reported acts of violence nonetheless.

CEASEFIRE AND PRISONER EXCHANGE

On October 13, 2025, Israel released 1,968 Palestinian detainees in exchange for 20 living hostages held by Hamas, as part of the ceasefire agreement. The Red Cross was dispatched to recover the bodies of deceased hostages in southern Gaza. By October 14, Hamas had returned nine of the 28 bodies of deceased hostages, prompting Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz to

threaten a resumption of combat if all bodies were not handed over. The ceasefire remains fragile. On October 16th, Mohammad Hallaq, an 11-year-old boy, was killed by the Israeli army near Hebron in the occupied West Bank, where Israeli forces said they fired at people throwing stones at them.

The UN has updated its list of companies linked to Israeli settlements in the West Bank, now totaling 158 firms, most of them Israeli. The list includes Booking.com, Motorola Solutions, and TripAdvisor, and is intended to highlight corporate responsibility in conflict zones. Israel rejects the list as legally baseless and politically motivated. Meanwhile, settlement expansion continues, with 61 new outposts established in 2025 alone, and plans for 3,400 new housing units in the West Bank. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to double Jewish settlements in response to international recognition of Palestinian statehood.

The US will deploy 200 troops to monitor compliance, with Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, and the UAE also involved in oversight.

Turkey's armed forces are "ready to assume any mission" in Gaza as part of a peacekeeping force, according to a Defense Ministry source. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan have both expressed Turkey's willingness to participate in implementing the ceasefire, with Fidan stating that a team comprising the US, Egypt, Turkey, and Qatar will act as mediators between Israel and Hamas.

Israeli forces have begun withdrawing from several areas of the Gaza Strip, including parts of Gaza City and Khan Younis, according to Mohammad Al-Moughayyir, director of the humanitarian aid department of Gaza's Civil Defense. The withdrawal follows the ceasefire agreement brokered with Hamas, with the Israeli army confirming "adjustments" to its operational positions overnight. Despite the pullback, fighting persists: Al-Moughayyir reported that Israeli forces targeted municipal workers in Gaza's Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, killing one, and another civilian was killed in Khan Younis. Mahmoud Bassal, Civil Defense spokesperson, noted ongoing airstrikes and artillery fire in northern Gaza.