



# Israeli Genocide in Gaza **Documentary Report (No. 2)** **on the Israeli Aggression on Gaza**

Covers the period from 17th to 23d of October 2023



# Overview

The Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip has turned a large part of the besieged Palestinian enclave into a pile of rubble, with people in desperate need of water and other basic necessities amid a total blockade of the enclave.

This report provides facts and statistics about Israeli massacres in the Gaza Strip between October 18 and 23. It also sheds light on the political and humanitarian consequences along with the material and human losses inflicted on the besieged enclave as a result of the unabated strikes and the non-humanitarian siege, impeding Gazans' access to humanitarian assistance.

The report addresses the consequences of the Israeli aggression in the occupied West Bank, where Palestinians have also been subjected to extra-judicial killing and arbitrary arrests by the Israeli occupation forces since October 7.

# 1. Daily Scenes

**Wednesday**  
**18 October 2023**

Israel continued to pummel the Gaza Strip with deadly air strikes for the 12th consecutive day. Israeli warplanes attacked the enclave at the crack of dawn from land, air and sea, killing 30 Palestinians. The bombing targeted camps and residential buildings.

Israeli warplanes also struck civilian shelters, including a UNRWA school. Deaths and injuries were reported in Khan Younis. Israel bombarded residential buildings in the vicinity of AlQuds Hospital, in Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood, west of Gaza city. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) said Israeli warplanes shelled for over 30 minutes several residential buildings and main roads in the vicinities of its main headquarters and al-Quds hospital. The shelling caused shrapnel to fly inside the PRCS headquarters, where around 8,000 displaced people are seeking refuge, in addition to its staff.<sup>(1)</sup>



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<sup>(1)</sup> <https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/138432>



Gaza's Health Ministry said 678 Palestinians were killed in Gaza in 24 hours while the death toll hit 3,478. 70% of victims are children, women, and the elderly. At least 12,065 Palestinians had been reported injured until October 18.<sup>(2)</sup>

Palestinian Health Minister Mai al-Kaila said during a press conference in Ramallah that the death toll is likely to rise amid a calamitous situation at Gaza's hospitals, where civilians are at risk of outbreak of infectious and water-borne diseases.<sup>(3)</sup> Residents are grappling with shortages of food and water while hospitals are overwhelmed amid Israeli bombing.<sup>(4)</sup>

In a statement, Salama Maarouf, the head of the Gaza government media office, said the Israeli attacks in different areas of Gaza since October 7 resulted in the death of 400 Palestinian families comprising 2,163 members.



Meanwhile, Israeli forces shot dead two Palestinian teenagers in Shuqba town, near Ramallah in the West Bank on Wednesday during widespread protests against Israel's bombing of the Gaza Strip. The deaths brought the toll of Palestinians killed in the latest flare-up of Israeli-Palestinian violence to at least 64 in the West Bank, a sharp uptick in fatal clashes with the army and settlers.<sup>(5)</sup>

(2) <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/info/infographic/36356>

(3) <https://www.oxfamamerica.org/press/press-releases/palestinians-in-gaza-face-threat-of-cholera-and-other-infectious-diseases-says-oxfam/>

(4) <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/10/17/no-painkillers-water-food-shortages-what-to-know-about-gaza-situation>

(5) <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-troops-kill-two-palestinian-teens-west-bank-amid-gaza-anger-2023-10-18/>

## Thursday 19 October 2023

A Greek Orthodox Church in the Gaza Strip which was sheltering hundreds of displaced Palestinians was hit overnight by an Israeli air strike. Palestinian health officials said 16 people were killed. Witnesses said the attack damaged the facade of the church and caused an adjacent building to collapse, adding that many injured people were evacuated to hospital.

Israeli strikes targeted six Palestinian houses in Khan Younis and a residential apartment owned by AlKahlout family in Beit Lahia, to the north of the Gaza Strip. Another six inhabited homes were struck and reduced to rubble by Israeli fighter jets.

AlOmari Mosque, in Jabalia, to the north, was also completely destroyed. The death toll was estimated at 3,785, mostly women and children. Over 12,000 have been left wounded.<sup>(6)</sup>

Of the total death toll, 1,524 were children and 1,000 were women, ministry spokesman Ashraf Al-Qudra told a press conference.



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(5) <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/at-least-3-785-palestinians-killed-in-israeli-strikes-in-gaza-health-ministry/3026066>

Al-Qudra added that 44 health workers had been killed in Gaza while four hospitals were out of service and 14 basic healthcare services had stopped functioning.

During the same week, Israeli raids across the occupied West Bank, most violently in Nour Shams refugee camp, in Tulkarem, claimed the lives of 12 Palestinians, bringing the death toll of Israeli West Bank aggressions since October 7 to 88.







## Friday 20 October 2023

Israel's bombardment had gone unabated. Five strikes targeted AlZahraa city, bringing the number of strikes launched in 24 hours to over 40.

Israel tightened the grip on Gaza, where civilians have had no access to electricity, fuel, water, and medical aid.

On the same day, the bodies of 300 Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks were buried in the besieged enclave, including entire families. The highest number of deaths was recorded in Gaza, Northern Gaza, and Khan Younis.

Spokesman of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Ashraf al-Qudra said in a statement issued on the fourteenth day of the Israeli aggression in the Gaza Strip that the Israeli forces committed 37 massacres against Palestinians, killing 352 civilians and injuring 669 in the past 24 hours.

The Israeli airstrikes targeted the Greek Orthodox Church in central Gaza, where 16 citizens were killed and dozens were injured. Entire Christian families were killed in this attack, as they sought protection in the church and escaped the bombing.

The total death toll of the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip rose to 4,137 deaths and the injured to 13,162.

The Palestinian Red Crescent announced that the Israeli army had delivered a warning for the urgent evacuation of Al-Quds hospital in Gaza. Currently, the hospital accommodates more than 400 patients and 12,000 displaced civilians.

The Palestinian Red Crescent has issued an urgent appeal to the global community, calling for immediate and decisive action to prevent another tragic attack similar to the one that occurred at Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital on October 18th. Reportedly the attack resulted in the death of over 500 Palestinians, although journalists on the ground in Gaza estimate the casualties to be over one thousand. <sup>(7)</sup>

Israeli army launched a large-scale offensive against Nour Shams refugee camp, in Tulkarem, killing 13 Palestinians, including five children.

During the 30-hour offensive, Israeli army attacked a location in the camp with a drone, leaving a large scale of destruction. Before the Israeli army withdrawal, at least 10 Palestinians were detained.



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<sup>(7)</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/CyoZoJFrNA/>



## Saturday 21 October 2023

The Israeli military continued to pummel residential buildings in Gaza, killing dozens of civilians.

The Palestinian Civil Defense said one of its members was killed and four others injured by an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip on Saturday morning, only about a mile from the Rafah border crossing where humanitarian aid convoys were arriving from Egypt.



On Saturday alone, Israel perpetrated 40 genocides in Rafah, to the south of Gaza, and other areas north of the Gaza Strip. Four to thirty people were killed in each massacre. In total, over 260 Palestinians were killed on Saturday and more than 700 were injured while dozens have gone missing under rubble.

Until October 21, the death toll stood at 4,385. Another 1,400 have been reported missing under rubble piles.

Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCIP) announced that Israeli occupation forces have killed at least 1,661 children during the ongoing aggression on Gaza since the 7th of October. During the same period, an additional 27 children were killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank. This averages to about 120 children killed per day.<sup>(8)</sup>

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(8) <https://twitter.com/DCIPalestine/status/1715382414548041943>

The Health Ministry in the besieged enclave said on Sunday that the death toll in Gaza due to Israel's ongoing bombardment has climbed to 4,651, including 1,873 children.

In a statement, Ashraf Qudra, a ministry spokesman, said that 1,023 women were also among the people killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza since Oct. 7. The number of injured has risen to 14,245.

Israeli warplanes bombed markets and bakeries where civilians lined up for bread and much-needed items. Israeli airstrikes have destroyed 31 mosques and three churches since Oct. 7.

In total, 50 Palestinians are being reported killed and/or injured in every hour since October 7.







In a press statement, DCIP pointed out that the number of fatalities, including children, in Gaza is not final, given the fact there are approximately 1,400 individuals still missing under the rubble of destroyed buildings. This means the actual number of victims is much higher.

UN reports indicated that nearly 1 million Palestinians became internally displaced in Gaza, including 600,000 who sought shelter in central and southern Gaza.

The UNICEF Special Representative in Palestine, Lucia Elmi, said on Saturday that one million children in the Gaza Strip urgently needed protection and that the aid that entered the Gaza Strip on that day was not sufficient. She called for an immediate ceasefire to expedite the entry of sustainable aid and pointed to the immediate need for fuel, which is necessary for the continued functioning of vital medical infrastructure. <sup>(9)</sup>

(9) <https://www.jordannews.jo/Section-20/Middle-East/UNICEF-says-one-million-children-in-Gaza-need-protection-31711>

## Sunday 22 October 2023

Israel's air strikes went unabated. The Health Ministry reported the death of over 400 Palestinians on Sunday. Dozens of bodies could not be evacuated to hospitals.

A Palestinian was killed during an Israeli army raid in Tamoun town, south of Nablus, in the occupied West Bank, where Sunday's death toll was estimated at seven.

From October 7 to October 22, 93 Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces.



A statement by Human Rights and Democracy Media Center – SHAMS documented 250 attacks on ambulance crews and civil defense personnel in the Gaza Strip. The list includes 69 attacks on health facilities. 24 ambulances were damaged and have gone inoperative as a result of the relentless bombing. 37 medics were killed while 7 hospitals have gone out of operation.



**Monday**

**23 October 2023**



Over 400 people, mostly women and children, were murdered in more than 25 massacres committed in less than 24 hours. Medics at Shuhadaa AlAqsa Hospital said 65% of the victims and injuries who arrived at the hospital were children.<sup>(10)</sup>

On Monday evening, the death toll since October 7 was estimated at 5,087, among them 2,055 children, 1,119 women and girls, and 217 elderly people. Another 15,273 Palestinians were reported injured.

The Gaza Strip has sustained widespread destruction as the Israeli military continued to bombard the besieged enclave of 2.3 million people for more than two weeks. Even its south, which Israel had declared a safe zone, has not been spared.

Satellite imagery and photographs showed entire neighbourhoods have been levelled with many hospitals, schools, places of worship and homes damaged or destroyed by Israeli land, sea and air attacks.

As many as 1,652 Palestinians were killed in Israeli strikes on southern Gaza. Displaced families were targeted on their way to alternative shelters. 1,500 have gone missing under rubble, including 830 children.

<sup>(10)</sup> <https://twitter.com/OnlinePalEng/status/1716430219228135741>

## 2. Political and humanitarian repercussions

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres warned that the situation in the Middle East grows more dire by the hour, with the war in Gaza raging and risking spiralling throughout the region, calling for humanitarian aid without restrictions and an immediate ceasefire.

Amid an escalation of Israel's military offensive in Gaza, Guterres stressed the need for humanitarian aid to be delivered without restrictions to the besieged enclave.



He added that the attacks by Hamas did not happen in a vacuum, with the Palestinian people being subjected to 56 years of suffocating occupation, during which they saw their land devoured by settlements; their economy stifled; their homes demolished; and their hopes for a political solution vanishing.

Though twenty trucks carrying humanitarian aid were allowed into Gaza through the Rafah crossing, the convoy represented only 3% of the needs of its estimated 2.2 million residents.

Due to Israel's continuous attacks on Gaza, Euro-Med Monitor estimated that the daily death toll of children and infants will reach 200 once victims are recovered from beneath the rubble of destroyed residential buildings.



### 3. Gaza's Death Toll

Between October 7-23, 5,087 Palestinians have been reported killed, among them 2,055 children, in 597 massacres committed by the Israeli military. The number of the injured is estimated at 15,273.

181 residential units sustained damage, including 20,000 units that were totally destroyed and/or became uninhabitable. 72 government-run premises and dozens of vital facilities were also reduced to mounds of rubble.

Martyrs

**5087**

2055 child

Wounded

**15273**

Massacres

**597**

Missing under the rubble

**1500**

830 child

Destroyed residential units

**181000**

20,000 units were totally destroyed

Governmental  
building

**72**

Destroyed  
schools

**177**

Destroyed  
churches

**3**

Destroyed  
mosques

**32**

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Israel continued to bomb water, power, and sewerage networks, resulting in chronic blackout.

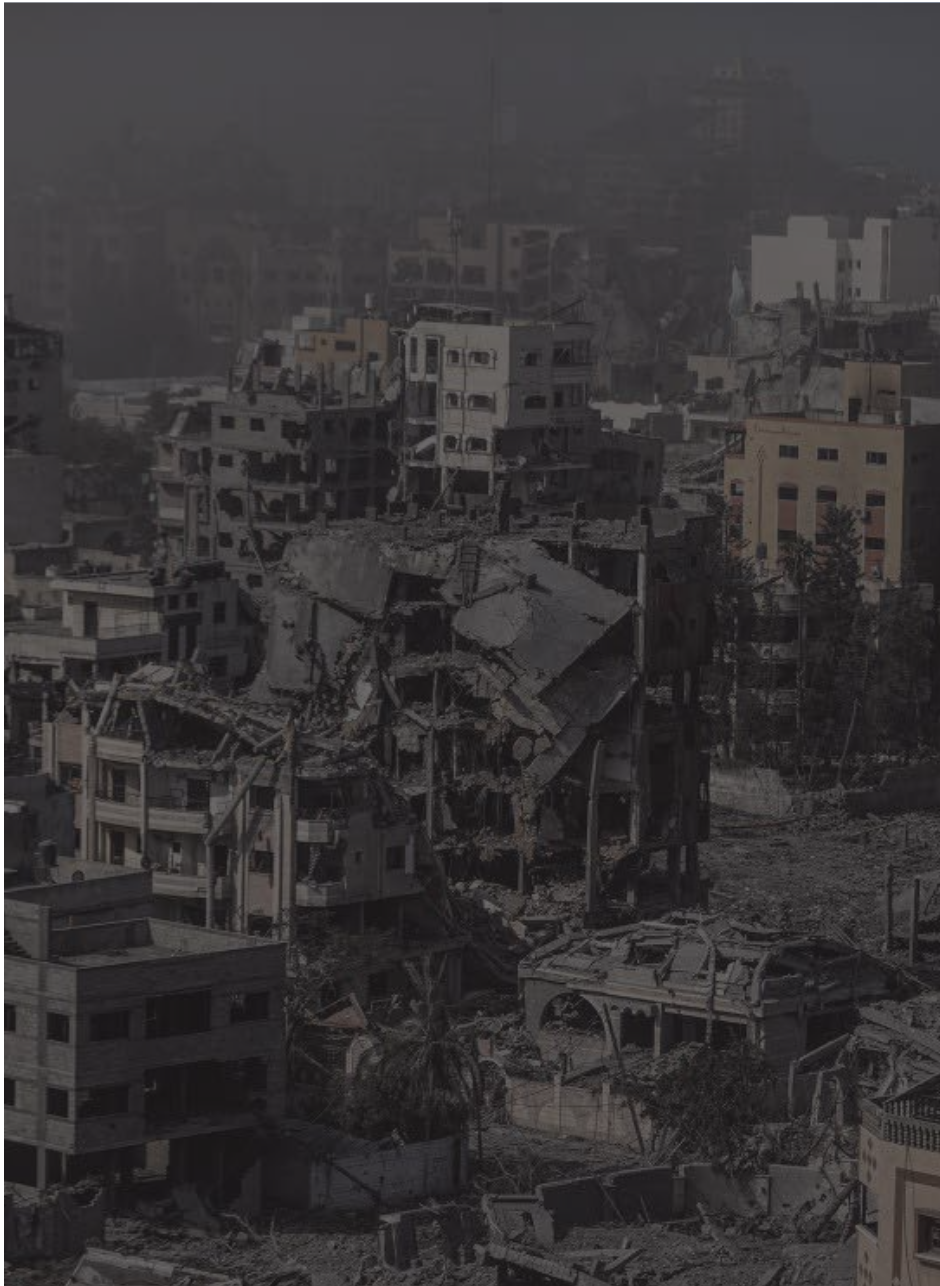
177 schools sustained damage, including 32 schools that have shut their doors.

Hundreds of people, including entire families, died under shelling inside their houses or while performing religious prayers at mosques and churches. 32 mosques sustained total damage while three churches were severely damaged.

Footages showing satellite imagery of the Gaza Strip before and after an intensive campaign of air strikes by the Israeli military forces have gone viral, showing the extent of the destruction caused to the densely populated Palestinian territory.

One footage was posted by Muhammad Shehada, a Gazan who works for advocacy group Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor. He described the scene as "televised, livestreamed carnage."






## Conclusion


Gaza's children and civilians are suffering record levels of psychological trauma and terror. Many are homeless and short of food and safe drinking water, or have been forced to flee south under fire, compounding their trauma. The international community continues to accuse Israel of war crimes and systematic killings. However, if action is not immediately taken, the Gaza enclave could be turned into an enormous mass grave.




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