



Israeli Genocide in Gaza
Documentary Report (No. 14)
on the Israeli Aggression on Gaza

Covers the period from 19th to 21st December 2023

Introduction

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, fuel and life-saving necessities, amid a total blockade of the enclave. Thousands of buildings, including hospitals, mosques and churches, have also been damaged or destroyed in Israel's relentless air and ground attacks on the besieged enclave.

This report, available in English and Arabic, provides daily facts and statistics about Israeli massacres in the Gaza Strip in the period between December 19 - 21, 2023.

It also sheds light on the political and humanitarian aftermaths along with the human loss and material damage inflicted on the besieged enclave as a result of the unabated strikes and Israeli siege, impeding Gazans' access to humanitarian assistance.

1. Daily Scenes

300 Palestinians
assaults on the

Tuesday

19 December 2023



have been killed and more than 700 others injured in renewed Israeli Gaza Strip.

214 victims have been received at Gaza's hospitals.

PRC has been able to document 17 massacres committed by Israeli forces across the Gaza Strip.

The death toll from Israeli onslaughts on Gaza since Oct. 7 has reached 19,676, including 8,000 children and 6,200 women. More than 52,586 people have been left injured and 7,000 missing under rubble mounds.

Since Oct. 7, Israeli forces committed 1,697 massacres across the besieged enclave.

PRC has received reports of field executions, including against 13 Palestinians in Burj Al-Jalaa, in Gaza city.

The Israeli army stepped up assaults on healthcare facilities and turned Al-Awda Hospital into a military barrack, deploying troops at its main entrances and detaining a number of medics and displaced persons who have been taking shelter at the facility. The hospital has been rendered completely out of service. Israeli army incursions across the occupied West Bank have soared, resulting in arbitrary manhunts and detentions.



Wednesday

20 December 2023

Scores of deaths and injuries have been reported in relentless Israeli bombing of the Gaza Strip, bringing the death toll since Oct. 7 to more than 20,000. The UN human rights office has said it received “disturbing information” accusing Israeli forces of summarily executing at least 11 unarmed Palestinian men in Gaza City. The Israeli military has blown up 54 residential buildings in Al-Shujai’ya neighborhood.

Israeli forces attacked the Jordanian field hospital in Khan Younis and cordoned off an emergency rescue centre, where 127 displaced people and paramedics have sought shelter.

A number of citizens were also killed, and dozens were injured, as a result of a bombing that targeted displaced people at Al-Mustaqbal School in the Al-Sabra neighborhood, east of Gaza City. An Israeli strike has pounded an area near the Kuwaiti Hospital in Rafah in southern Gaza, resulting in deaths, injuries, and heavy material damage.



Two Palestinians, including a child, were fatally gunned down by Israeli soldiers in Husan village, in the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem. Another Palestinian was pronounced dead after Israeli army opened fire at his vehicle near Beit Einoun town, north of Al-Khalil, in the southern occupied West Bank.

Thursday

21 December 2023

Israeli air and ground attacks on the enclave have claimed the lives of more than 150 people and left at least 450 others wounded in less than 24 hours. The Gaza-based Health Ministry said 390 Palestinians have been killed on Wednesday and Thursday, bringing the death toll since beginning of the war to 20,057.



Internet and telecommunications blackouts have made it almost impossible for civilians to reach out to their relatives and to civil defense personnel to rescue bodies trapped under rubble. Live footage shows at least three dead bodies, including that of a child, arriving at Rafah's Kuwaiti Hospital after a strike hit the residence of the Dhair family on the western side of Rafah.

Palestinian Red Crescent Society crews and paramedics have been arrested and taken to an unknown location after Israeli forces invaded its ambulance centre in Jabalia, the group says in a statement on X. Children and women are still trapped inside the centre.

PRCS called on the international community to pressure the occupation authorities for the immediate release of its teams and to provide protection for them. It also demanded the protection of women and children to ensure their safe evacuation as they remain trapped inside the centre.

A member of Al-Awda Hospital's medical staff, north of Gaza, was assassinated by Israeli forces.



Israeli troops stormed the Dihan school-turned-shelter in Sheikh Redwan neighborhood and detained all civilians seeking refuge at the facility. A UN-backed report warns the entire population of Gaza faces a food crisis, with 576,600 people at catastrophic - or starvation - levels.

A Young Palestinian was shot and killed by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank. Local sources identified the victim as 21-year-old Youssef Refaat Haj Yahya. He died after being shot at close range while driving his vehicle on Thursday near Al-Hikma School, in the village of Taybeh in the occupied West Bank. Israeli forces also carried out separate raids in Halhul and Surif, both in the Al-Khalil governorate, Shuafat refugee camp, in occupied East Jerusalem, Qaffinm in the Tulkarem governorate, and Yabad in the Jenin governorate.

2. Political & Humanitarian Repercussions

About two-thirds of Gaza's population is experiencing extreme hunger, with humanitarian organizations saying aid deliveries continue to remain woefully inadequate.

Human Rights Watch has said most people in Gaza are displaced and susceptible to harm, as the WHO chief warns of a "lethal" mix of disease and hunger.

In new estimates, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) global partnership, which includes WHO, said Gaza is facing "catastrophic levels of food insecurity," with the risk of famine "increasing each day."

An unprecedented 93% of the population in Gaza is facing crisis levels of hunger, with insufficient food and high levels of malnutrition. At least 1 in 4 households are facing "catastrophic conditions": experiencing an extreme lack of food and starvation and having resorted to selling off their possessions and other extreme measures to afford a simple meal. Starvation, destitution and death are evident.



Gaza is already experiencing soaring rates of infectious diseases. Over 100 000 cases of diarrhea have been reported since mid-October. Half of these are among young children under the age of 5 years, case numbers that are 25 times what was reported before the conflict.

Over 150 000 cases of upper respiratory infection, and numerous cases of meningitis, skin rashes, scabies, lice and chickenpox have been reported. Hepatitis is also suspected as many people present with the tell-tale signs of jaundice.

Malnutrition increases the risk of children dying from illnesses like diarrhea, pneumonia and measles, especially in a setting where they lack access to life-saving health services.

WHO warned that breastfeeding mothers are also at high risk of malnutrition. From 0-6 months of age, a mother's milk is the best and safest food a baby can get. This protects the child from nutritional deficiencies and catching deadly diseases such as diarrhea, especially when access to safe drinking water is extremely limited.

Mental health issues, on the rise across the population in Gaza, including among women, could further impact breastfeeding rates.

Over 1.9 million people have been displaced from their homes, of whom over 1.4 million are staying in overcrowded shelters. These conditions are ripe for a continued rise in infectious diseases. In Gaza today, on average, there is only one shower for every 4500 people and one toilet for every 220. Clean water remains scarce and there are rising levels of outdoor defecation. These conditions make the spread of infectious diseases inevitable.

Tragically, access to health services across Gaza has plummeted as the war continues to degrade the health system. With the health system on its knees, those facing the deadly combination of hunger and disease are left with few options.

US Muslim group has urged an investigation into a UN report of summary killings in Gaza City. The statement from the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) comes after the UN human rights office said that it had received disturbing information accusing Israeli forces of killing 11 unarmed Palestinians in front of their families.

“Our nation must call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire to end the killing, ethnic cleansing and starvation of an entire people - the very definition of genocide”, said CAIR.



The UN’s agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, says that people in Gaza “are desperate, hungry & terrified”, with “alarming levels of hunger never before witnessed” in the enclave.

In a social media post, UNRWA added that its partners were distributing what they can, “but water, food & medicine are being used as weapons of war”.

“Constant bombardment prevents aid reaching those in need,” the post said.

Israel continues to restrict the entry of aid into Gaza as it carries out bombing raids across the territory.

Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN) says it submitted to the International Criminal Court (ICC) prosecutor a list of 40 Israeli commanding officers who allegedly planned and executed the bloody war on Gaza.

The non-profit said the ICC prosecutor should investigate as suspects for war crimes and crimes against humanity the senior Israeli commanders identified by DAWN submitted the information in response to the prosecutor's November 17 call for parties to present to his office information relevant to its investigation team's ongoing probe into violations of the Rome Statute in Palestine, including the current war in Gaza.

Gideon Levy, a columnist at the Israeli daily Haaretz, says the Biden administration has given Israel a green light to continue its military offensive.

3. Humanitarian Loss and Material Damage

As many as 20,057 people have been killed by indiscriminate Israeli bombardment since Oct. 7, including more than 8,000 children and 6,200 women.

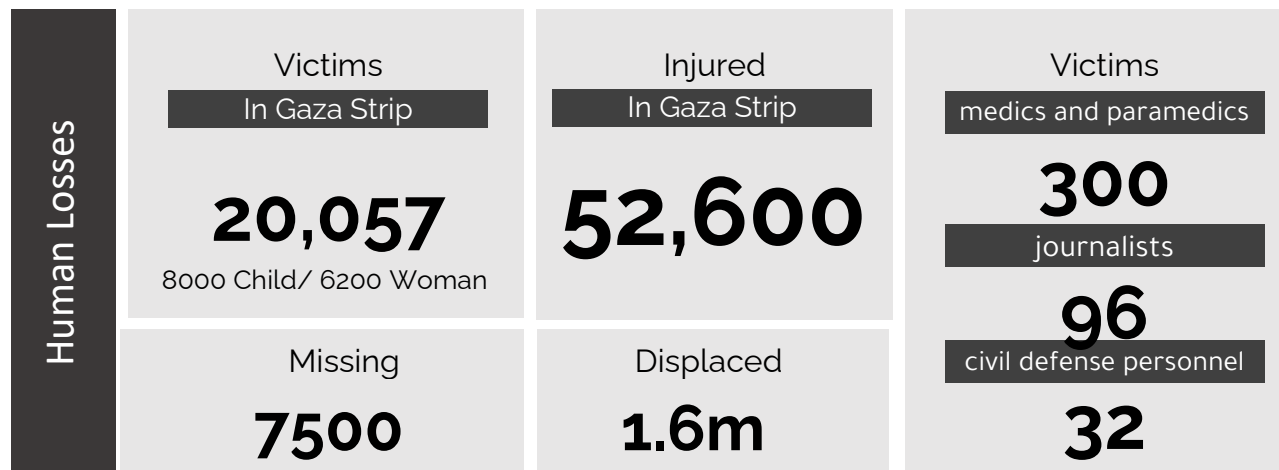
Women and children make up 70% of the victims list.

Since Oct. 7, Israeli forces committed over 1,700 massacres in the Gaza Strip, where 7,500 people, including more than 5,000 women and children, have been missing under rubble of destroyed buildings.

More than 52,600 people have been left wounded. Over 1.6 million people have become internally displaced, with no access to food or water. The list of victims includes more than 300 medics and paramedics, 32 civil defense personnel, and 96 journalists.

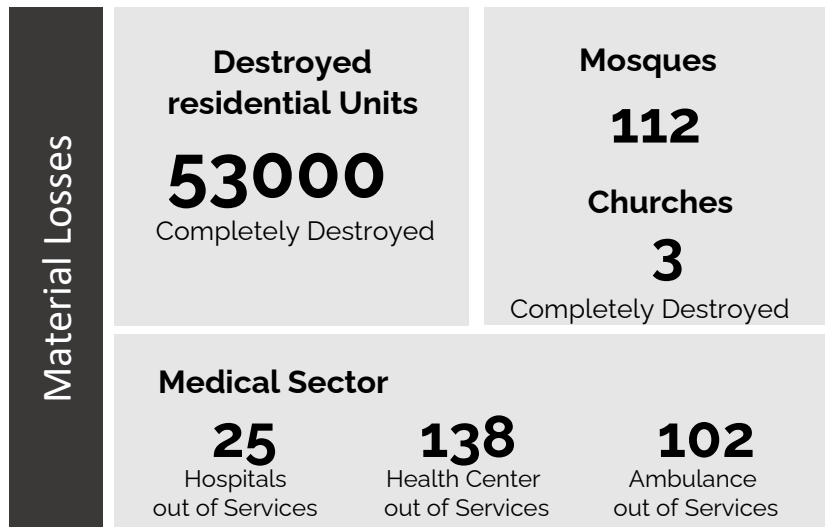
The Committee to Protect Journalists says journalists are being killed at a rate with no parallel in modern history.

Hundreds of victims' bodies are still missing under the rubble of buildings or are among the corpses scattered in Gaza's streets and border areas and impossible to locate or retrieve right now.



Nearly 53,000 housing units have been completely razed to the ground; Nearly 60% of residential units in Gaza are uninhabitable.

112 mosques and three churches have been completely destroyed; 200 mosques sustained partial damage. More than 25 hospitals and 55 health centers on the Strip have been out of service. Over 138 healthcare facilities have been targeted by Israeli military.



There is no longer any functional hospital left in northern Gaza due to a lack of fuel, staff and supplies. Israeli forces also targeted 102 ambulances, while dozens of others are out of service due to fuel shortage. Hospitals and healthcare facilities - protected under international humanitarian law - have repeatedly been hit by Israeli attacks in Gaza since the start of the war. The military accuses Hamas of having tunnels under hospitals.

Israeli military has intensified attacks on schools-turned-shelters as part of a declared effort to carry out its displacement plans against the Gazan people, give them the impression that there is nowhere safe for them to live within the Strip, and worsen their suffering amid the genocide that has been ongoing since Oct. 7.

303 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military raids across the West Bank since Oct. 7. Up to 3,450 people have been wounded and 4,540 arrested. Israeli army incursions have led to the displacement of 1,836 Palestinians from their homes and the demolition of 317 structures.

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