



Israeli Genocide in Gaza
Documentary Report (No. 16)
on the Israeli Aggression on Gaza

Covers the period from 26th to 28th 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 26 - 28, 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

Tuesday

26 December 2023



More than 300 people have been killed and 700 injured in violent Israeli air and ground attacks on the Gaza Strip. The Gaza-based Health Ministry said 200 victims and 500 injured people have arrived to hospitals until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, bringing the death toll since the start of the war on Oct. 07, to 20,916 and the injured to 54,918.

Deir El-Balah, a Palestinian town with a typical population of around 75,000, has been overwhelmed by hundreds of thousands of people seeking refuge as Israel expands its ground offensive across Gaza. Scores of the new arrivals traveled by foot or rode donkey carts loaded with belongings. While many crowded onto streets around the town's main hospital, others set up tents on sidewalks.

Palestinian health officials said dozens have been killed in Israel's heavy strikes across the center and south of the territory.

Scores of displaced people have been injured in artillery attacks targeting the Palestinian Red Crescent office in Khan Younis, where thousands of civilians have sought shelter. A number of Red Crescent paramedics have been detained by Israeli soldiers.

OCHA warned that telecommunications blackouts are making communications and internet service unreliable and also impacting humanitarian deliveries.

The bodies of about 80 Palestinians killed by the Israeli army during its ground invasion, have been returned to Gaza and buried in a mass grave at Tel al Sultan Cemetery. The Ministry of Health in Gaza has received the bodies on Tuesday through the Israeli-controlled Karem Abu Salem fence crossing in southern Gaza. Health workers in plastic robes removed the bodies, which were covered in blue plastic sealed with zip ties, from the truck. The bodies were then brought by a bulldozer for burial in a mass grave.

Marwan al Hams, the director of Mohammed Yousef El-Najar Hospital in Rafah city, said "the bodies arrived inside a container, some intact, while others were in pieces, and some others had decomposed."

Two Palestinians were shot and killed by Israeli forces during a military raid into the Fawar refugee camp, in the occupied West Bank.

Wednesday

27 December 2023

Israeli forces committed have over 15 massacres in densely-populated areas across the besieged enclave, claiming the lives of more than 220 people and leaving 700 others with severe wounds. The Gaza-based Health Ministry said 195 dead bodies and 325 injured people have arrived to Gaza hospitals until Wednesday evening. The death toll from the Israeli attack against a residential building close to the El Amal Hospital in Khan Yunis has risen to 30. The death toll has risen to 21,110 and the number of injured people has hit 55,243. Dozens have remained trapped under rubble piles.



Israeli military targeted Amwas School-turned-shelter, in Al-Saftawi neighborhood, in Gaza city, resulting in deaths and injuries.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has released a footage showing wounded people, including children, being taken to Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip. A Health Ministry statement said at least 20 people were killed and many others were wounded when Israel shelled the area surrounding the hospital.

In a post on X, the PRCS said: “Shocking images emerge as dozens of lives are lost and many injured in the relentless shelling by the occupation forces targeting civilians outside PRCS Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis.”

Six Palestinians, including three teenagers, were killed and several others injured in an Israeli drone strike on Wednesday morning in the Nour Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem city, in the northern occupied West Bank. The bodies of the six Palestinians arrived in Thabet Thabet Government Hospital in Tulkarem city.

The victims are identified as Ahmad Anwar Hamarsheh, 19, Ahmad Abdel-Rahman Issa, 19, Adham Mohammad Fahmawi, 23, Yazan Ahmed Fahmawi, 23, Fares Husam Fahmawi, 29, and Hamza Ahmad Fahmawi, 17, said the statement.

The Israeli army raided the Nour Shams refugee camp early in the morning and deployed snipers on the roofs of the buildings, triggering clashes with of the camp residents. The Israeli army prevented medical teams from entering the camp for more than an hour before allowing them to transfer the dead and injured people.

A teenager and two young men were injured after Israeli forces fired live ammunition at Palestinian protesters during the latest raid in the town of Bani Naim, east of Al-Khalil, in the southern occupied West Bank.



Thursday

28 December 2023

The Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza said 210 dead bodies have been received at the enclave's hospitals while dozens have remained trapped under the debris of destroyed buildings.

At least 20 massacres have been reported across the Gaza Strip on Thursday. At least 20 Palestinians have been killed in an Israeli air attack on a residential building in Rafah.

In a video posted on X, a Palestinian Red Crescent crew and other civilian rescuers are seen transporting injured victims as well as dead bodies following a strike on the Maghazi refugee camp.



A Red Crescent video has also shown the tragic aftermath of an Israeli attack on Al-Zawayda neighborhood. A large fire can be seen with emergency responders walking through heavily damaged homes. Two young children and an elderly man with a head injury can be seen among the wounded. The spokesman for the Qassam Brigades said there will be no hostage deal before a complete stop to the Israeli war.

Four Palestinians were killed in Israeli army incursions in Nablus, Al-Khalil, and Jerusalem. One of the victims breathed his last at a checkpoint pitched near a tunnel west of Bethlehem city. Another succumbed to wounds inflicted by Israeli soldiers a few days earlier in Nablus.

2. Political & Humanitarian Repercussions

United Nations agencies have warned that intense ground operations and fighting between Israeli forces and Hamas have hindered the delivery of much-needed humanitarian aid throughout Gaza. UN officials have repeatedly called for a ceasefire, or at the very least, a pause in fighting to allow a scale-up in aid. Those appeals have been rejected by Israel. OCHA has warned of the “impact of telecommunications blackouts on relief efforts, as access to communication and internet service remains unreliable”.

The head of the World Health Organization said his teams had undertaken “high-risk” missions to deliver supplies to hospitals in northern and southern Gaza, where they witnessed “intense hostilities in their vicinity, high patient loads and overcrowding”.

“Today, I repeat my call on the international community to take urgent steps to alleviate the grave peril facing the population of Gaza and jeopardizing the ability of humanitarian workers to help people with terrible injuries, acute hunger, and at severe risk of disease,” said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO’s director general.

Pro-Palestinian protesters briefly blocked entrance roads to airports in New York and Los Angeles, forcing some travellers to set off on foot with luggage. As US airlines contended with a rush of holiday travel, the demonstrations snarled traffic on the outskirts of New York's John F Kennedy International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.

In New York, activists locked arms and held banners demanding an end to Israel's attack on Gaza and expanded rights for Palestinians, bringing traffic to a standstill on the expressway leading up to the airport for about 20 minutes.

Video posted to social media showed passengers, some carrying suitcases, leaving vehicles behind and stepping over barriers onto the highway median. One woman could be heard saying she is "sorry for what's going on in another country", but she had to get to work, using an obscenity.

Maria Marin, member of Spain's Podemos party, brought an effigy of a shrouded Palestinian child into parliament during a meeting meant to address the budget of the region of Murcia. Her gesture was meant to represent the thousands of Palestinian children killed in Gaza.

"Spain, its people, and the people of Murcia will never be friends with the perpetrators of the genocide," she said, criticizing officials' disregard for Gaza's ongoing suffering.

UNWRA said it has launched a probe into latest reported attacks on facilities in Gaza, including an attack on the Al-Maghazi Prep School on December 25, in which two internally displaced people sheltering there were killed and another person was wounded.

The agency is also verifying damage by a nearby attack to the Bureij sanitation office.

UNRWA has recorded 193 incidents affecting their facilities in Gaza, including 60 direct hits. It estimates at least 308 internally displaced people have been killed at its shelters, with more than 1,000 injured since the beginning of the war. At least 142 UNRWA staff have been killed.

The legislative body of the Arab League has held a special session called “Supporting Palestine” in Cairo, Egypt. Rawhi Fattouh, the speaker of the Palestinian National Council, underlined at the meeting the necessity of stopping “the war and crimes of genocide being carried out against our people in the Gaza Strip”. He called for the return of displaced people to their homes, and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza. Fattouh also stressed the need to “bring Israeli war criminals to the war crimes court, led by Benjamin Netanyahu and all members of his government”.

The armed wing of Hamas, the Qassam Brigades, has published a video on the occasion of the birthday of Oron Shaul, an Israeli soldier who was captured nine years earlier during the 2014 offensive on the Gaza Strip.

Israel says Shaul is dead and that Hamas is holding his body hostage. The video, directed at the families of the Israeli captives captured on October 7, shows a photo montage of Shaul’s parents campaigning for his release. The video ends with the message: “To the families of the hostages, your suffering has not yet begun.”

The humanitarian situation in Gaza has reached a crucial point as one of the most severe escalations of hostilities in decades has gone unabated, with relentless bombardments by Israeli forces from the air, sea, and land. The Gaza Strip is one of the most densely populated areas in the world, with over 2.2 million people who have lived under a blockade since 2007. Gaza is running out of essential supplies such as food, water, medicine, and electricity. The collapse of water and sanitation services and the

shutdown of Gaza's last functioning seawater desalination plant continue to raise serious concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases.

Moreover, the long-standing blockage of Gaza and repeated cycles of violence over the years, have led to a critical



nutritional crisis among Palestine Refugees in Gaza, particularly affecting vulnerable groups, including children, women, and older people. Anaemia rates have become alarming. Even before the current conflict, Gaza was grappling with a dire need for mental health and psychosocial support services.

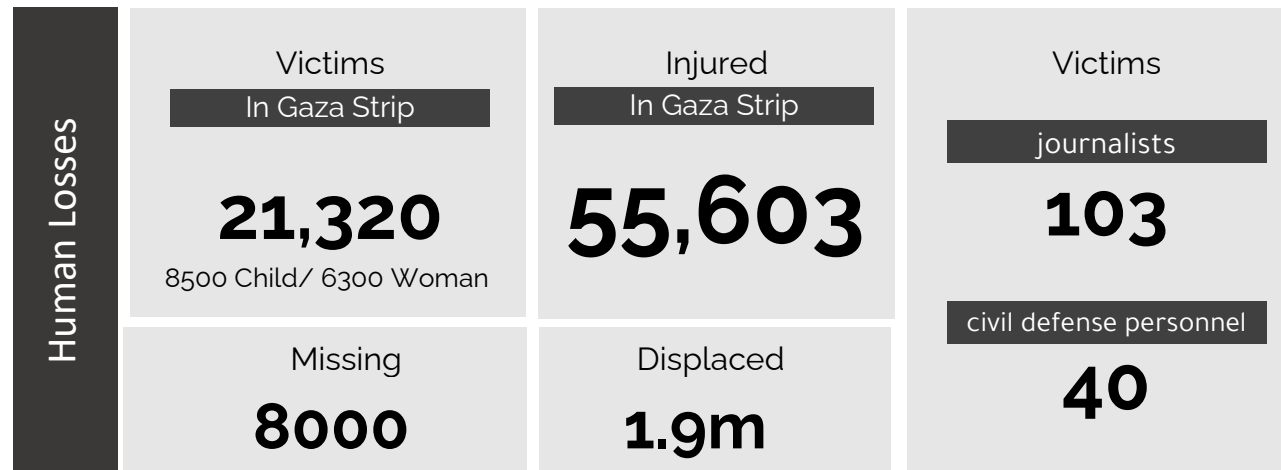
3. Humanitarian Loss and Material Damage

An overwhelming number of more than 21,320 people have been killed in the nearly three months of indiscriminate Israeli bombardment, which is the most destructive in recent history. Israel has repeatedly targeted schools, and even neonatal care centers have not been spared, resulting in the killing of newborn babies. 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. Since Oct. 7, Israeli forces committed over 1,850 massacres in the Gaza Strip, where more than 8,000 people, including more than 5,500 women and children, have been missing under rubble of destroyed buildings. The list of victims includes more than 312 medics and paramedics, 40 civil defense personnel, and 103 journalists. More than 55,603 people have been left wounded. Over 1.9 million people have become internally displaced, with no access to food or water.

More than 8,663 Palestinian children have been killed by Israeli forces in Gaza since October 7, according to the government media office, which added that thousands more are missing under the rubble amid relentless bombardment.

Authorities in Gaza have accused Israel of harvesting organs from the bodies of Palestinians it has killed in the besieged enclave and demanded an international probe. The Government Media Office said that after examination, several bodies that had been returned by Israel showed that their shapes had changed significantly due to the theft of vital organs from the corpses.

The Israeli army handed over bodies without the names of the victims and refused to specify where the Palestinians had been detained. Israeli occupation forces have also exhumed the bodies of Palestinians from graveyards during its brutal attack on Gaza since 7 October.



Concerns have mounted over the fate of several medics and paramedics kidnapped by Israeli army. Raafat Majdalawi, the director of the Awda Health and Community Association, which oversees two hospitals in Gaza, said there is no way to receive information on doctors detained by Israeli forces. Those include doctor Ahmed Muhanna, the director of the al-Awda Hospital in northern Gaza, who was taken into custody with dozens of health workers.

More than 25 hospitals and 55 health centers on the Strip have been out of service. Over 140 healthcare facilities have been targeted by Israeli military. Israeli forces also targeted 102 ambulances, while dozens of others are out of service due to fuel shortage. Infectious diseases are rife and spreading fast in overcrowded shelters. Hundreds of people with war injuries are

unable to receive care. Many Gazans have lost contact with their relatives due to major Israeli restrictions on Gaza's cellular communications and internet. Since October 7, the communications network has been subject to devastating destruction.

Nearly 70,000 housing units have been completely razed to the ground; 295,000 units have been partially damaged. Nearly 60% of residential units in Gaza are uninhabitable.

115 mosques and three churches have been completely destroyed; 200 mosques sustained partial damage.

There is no longer any functional hospital left in northern Gaza due to a lack of fuel, staff and supplies.

Material Losses

Destroyed
residential Units

70000

Completely Destroyed

Mosques

115

Churches

3

Completely Destroyed

Medical Sector

25

Hospitals
out of Services

55

Health Center
out of Services

102

Ambulance
out of Services

At least 310 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military raids across the West Bank since Oct. 7. Up to 3,600 people have been wounded and 4,540 arrested.

Israeli army incursions have led to the displacement of 2,373 Palestinians from their homes and the demolition of 317 structures.

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