

# 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 29 - 31, 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

### **Friday**

**29 December 2023** 

Israeli air and ground attacks have claimed the lives of 187 people and left 312 others injured, bringing the death toll since Oct. 07 to 21,507 and the number of the injured to 55,915. The Gaza-based Palestinian Health Ministry said 187 victims and 312 wounded people have been received at the enclave's hospitals until noontime on Friday.

Israeli artilleries targeted the vicinities of the Jordanian field hospital, west of Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, and a UNRWA aid truck. UN officials have slammed Israeli forces for firing at the aid convoy as it returned from northern Gaza.



At least 35 Palestinians have been killed in Nuseirat and Maghazi refugee camps following Israeli bombings in central Gaza. Gaza's Government Media Office says that a journalist at Al-Quds TV was killed in an Israeli air strike on his home in Nuseirat in central

Gaza. He was identified as Jabr Abu Hadros.

The office said that 106 journalists have been killed since the beginning of Israel's war on Gaza. PRCS says its teams evacuated two slain Palestinians in Khan Younis after they were "targeted by an Israeli reconnaissance plane" on a road in the Al-Katiba area of the southern Gaza city. Palestine's UN envoy has said the destruction of Gaza has made it clear Israel's sole goal is "forced displacement".



Israeli army fatally gunned down two Palestinians, including a child in the Fawar refugee camp, in the southern occupied West Bank city of Al-Khalil, who was left bleeding to death. The other young man was killed in Jerusalem's town of Izriya.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health says a 17-year-old boy who was shot in the chest by Israeli forces has been detained in the occupied West Bank. The teen, identified as Hamza Mohsin Shreim, was arrested in an ambulance vehicle at a checkpoint while medics were trying to move him from Qalqilya Hospital to a facility in Nablus.

### Saturday

30 December 2023



As of Saturday evening, the Gaza-based Health Ministry announced the arrival of 165 dead bodies and 250 injured people to the enclave's hospitals as a result of 14 Israeli massacres reported across the Gaza Strip. Dozens of casualties have remained trapped under the debris of houses destroyed in Israeli air strikes. At least 12 have been killed in Israeli strike on Al-Zawaida, in central Gaza. The death toll since the start of the war rose to 21,672 with a further 56,165 people wounded in Gaza during the same period.

A Palestinian teen was killed by Israeli army gunfire in the Fawar refugee camp, in the southern occupied West Bank city of Al-Khalil. Israeli forces denied an ambulance's access to the scene, leaving the young man bleeding to death.

Dozens of Palestinians have been injured in an Israeli military raid on the town of Beit Awa, southwest of Al-Khalil. Four Palestinians were also arrested.

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### Sunday

#### 31 December 2023

More than 280 people have been killed and 600 injured in relentless Israeli air and ground attacks on the Gaza Strip.

The Gaza-based Health Ministry said 150 victims and 286 injured people have been received at Gaza's hospitals as of Sunday evening. 12 Israeli massacres have been reported in less than 24 hours, bringing the death toll since Oct. 7 to 21,822 and the injured to 56,451.

The Israeli military stepped up attacks on and around health centers and medical facilities, targeting a residential neighborhood near AlShifaa Medical Complex. Casualties and heavy material damage have been reported.

Israeli artilleries pummeled the Khan Younis Primary School and the Al-Aqsa University, in Gaza city, where thousands of displaced people have sought refuge.

## 2. Political & Humanitarian Repercussions

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry said Israel is deliberately limiting the amount of aid entering the Gaza Strip and is depriving Palestinians of their basic humanitarian needs. The aid currently entering the Strip "does not even meet the bare minimum of what is required", especially in northern Gaza, the ministry said in a statement. It condemned an Israeli attack on an aid convoy travelling along a road designated for its use by the army in northern Gaza.

On top of indiscriminate bombardment, Israeli forces are using hunger and the spread of diseases as tools to commit "genocide" against Palestinians in Gaza, the statement continued. It also called for the UN Security Council to reconvene and issue a resolution that calls for an immediate ceasefire. In the latest appeal for a ceasefire, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees called for an urgent scaling up of aid. Earlier in the day, UNRWA said that 40 percent of residents in the enclave are at risk of famine.

The war has displaced 85 percent of Gaza's 2.3 million residents, sending swells of people seeking shelter in Israeli-designated safe areas, which the military has nevertheless also bombed. UNICEF says it delivered at least 600,000 doses of vaccines to Gaza to protect children in the besieged enclave from disease. The move comes as illnesses spiral across the territory, which lacks clean water and basic medical supplies.

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The international aid group Mercy Corps is warning about famine and disease affecting Palestinians in Gaza as Israel's attack continues. Kate Phillips-Barrasso, vice president of Mercy Corps, says relentless fighting and insufficient humanitarian aid were compounding the crisis. She said half a million people face "catastrophic hunger and starvation".

The amount of lifesaving goods being allowed inside Gaza is a drop in the ocean and has not yet increased to the level necessary to meet Gaza Palestinians basic and critical needs, even after Israel opened its Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) border crossing.

WHO chief has again raised alarm over spread of disease in Gaza In a post on X, Tedros Ghebreyesus, warned "people living in shelters have continued to fall sick". He said the UN health agency has recorded: Close to 180,000 people suffering upper respiratory infections; 136,400 cases of diarrhea, half of these among children under five; 55,400 cases of lice and scabies; 5,330 cases of chickenpox; 42,700 cases of skin rash, including 4722 cases of impetigo; 4,683 cases of Acute Jaundice Syndrome; 126 cases of meningitis.

South Africa has led efforts to hold Israel accountable for its actions in Gaza. In November, it referred Israel to the International Criminal Court, which is already conducting an investigation in the occupied Palestinian territories. On Friday, South Africa has began proceedings against Israel at the International Court of Justice.

In an application to the court, South Africa described Israel's actions in Gaza as "genocidal in character because they are intended to bring about the destruction of a substantial part of the Palestinian national, racial and ethnical group".

"The acts in question include killing Palestinians in Gaza, causing them serious bodily and mental harm, and inflicting on them conditions of life calculated to bring about their physical destruction," the application said.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) accused the Biden administration of enabling "genocide" in Gaza: "President Biden has privately admitted the Israeli government is indiscriminately bombing Gaza, yet he once again sent deadly weapons to the Israeli government without congressional approval. This makes our nation complicit in war crimes," CAIR's National Deputy Director Edward Ahmed Mitchell said in a statement.

"Sadly, it now appears that President Biden is intent on ignoring the American people and enabling Benjamin Netanyahu's campaign of genocide, ethnic cleansing and mass starvation in Gaza. If President Biden will not listen to his own conscience, he should at least listen to the majority of Americans who support an end to this violence and the pursuit of a just, lasting peace."

# 3. Humanitarian Loss and Material Damage

An overwhelming number of more than 21,822 people, including 9,100 children and 6,500 women, 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 1,825 massacres in the Gaza Strip, where more than 7,000 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 106 journalists.

More than 56,000 people have been left wounded. Over 1.8 million people have become internally displaced, with no access to food or water.



More than 25 hospitals and 55 health centers on the Strip have been out of service. Over 142 healthcare facilities have been targeted by Israeli military. Israeli forces also targeted 104 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.

Philippe Lazzarini, the head of the UN's Palestine relief agency, has slammed Israeli forces for firing at an aid convoy as it returned from northern Gaza. The convoy came under fire as it travelled along a route designated by the Israeli army. In a post on X, Lazzarini said "shooting" and "other attacks" on aid workers and convoys obstruct "lifesaving" operations in the strip.

**Material Losses** 

Nearly 70,000 housing units have been completely razed to the ground; 295,000 units have been partially damaged. Israeli attacks destroyed 200 historical sites.

119 mosques and three churches have been completely destroyed; 215 mosques sustained partial damage.

Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor has warned that the Israeli army has unleashed its soldiers in the Gaza Strip to not only kill, but to engage in immoral activities such as property theft and looting during raids on Palestinian civilian homes.

Destroyed residential Units
7000
Completely Destroyed

Mosques
119
Churches
3
Completely Destroyed

Medical Sector

25

Hospitals out of Services

55
Health Center out of Services

Ambulance out of Services

Euro-Med Monitor reported on a number of cases that show Israeli soldiers participating in and witnessing the deliberate theft of the assets and money of Palestinian civilians, including laptop computers, gold, and large quantities of cash. Israel's army has been conducting ground military operations in the Gaza Strip since October, the rights group said. These operations have included raiding homes, storming residential areas, and conducting arbitrary arrest campaigns against civilians.

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According to testimonies gathered by Euro-Med Monitor, the Israeli army's crimes extend beyond arbitrary detentions, enforced disappearances, and field executions. They also involve the intentional destruction of property, the theft of personal belongings, and the looting and burning of homes—all part of a systematic strategy that is evidently based on collective punishment of the Palestinian people.

Items that have been reportedly looted include money, gold, jewelry and electronics such as laptop computers. The total sum of the stolen valuables may exceed tens of millions of dollars.

At least 321 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military raids across the West Bank since Oct. 7. Up to 3,500 people have been wounded and 5,500 arrested.

Israeli army incursions have led to the displacement of 2,400 Palestinians from their homes and the demolition of 362 structures.

