



Israeli Genocide in Gaza
Documentary Report (No. 18)
on the Israeli Aggression on Gaza

Covers the period from 1st to 4th January 2024

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.

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This report, available in English and Arabic, provides daily facts and statistics about Israeli massacres in the Gaza Strip in the period between January 01 - 04, 2024.

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

Monday - 1 Jan. 2024

More than 200 people have been killed and hundreds injured in Israeli air and ground attacks on the Gaza Strip.

The Gaza-based Palestinian Health Ministry said 156 victims and 246 injured people have been received at Gaza's hospitals following 13 massacres committed by the Israeli army in less than 24 hours, bringing the death toll since Oct. 7 to 21,978 and the number of the injured to 56,697. The Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Cancer Hospital has gone out of operations after it ran out of fuel and medicines, exposing nearly 10,000 patients to the risk of death and health deterioration. Israeli warplanes struck the vicinities of the Maghazi Clinic.



Israeli bombing escalated in central and southern Gaza as the Israeli military continued to expand its ground offensive. A Palestinian prisoner has been reported dead following torture by Israeli authorities at the Megiddo prison. The Palestinian Prisoners Society and the PA Commission for Detainees identified him as Abdul Rahman Al-Bahsh from Nablus in the occupied West Bank. The 23-year-old has been detained since May 31, 2022, and had been sentenced to 35 months in prison. Al-Bahsh is also the fourth detainee to die in Megiddo - proof, they said, that “there is nothing stopping Israel from carrying out more assassinations against detainees in its prisons, in addition to the systematic torture and abuse, which aims to kill them directly”.

Tuesday 2 Jan. 2024

As of Tuesday evening, 207 victims and 338 injured people have been received at Gaza hospitals following 15 Israeli massacres reported by the Gaza-based Health Ministry. The death toll since Oct. 7 has risen to 22,185.

Israeli drones and artilleries struck the vicinities of Al-Amal Hospital, run by the Palestinian Red Crescent along with the organization’s headquarters in Khan Younis, resulting in deaths



and injuries among the displaced. Israeli tanks cordoned off two UNRWA schools sheltering thousands of displaced people in the Bureij refugee camp; Israeli forces shot and killed four Palestinians in Azzoun town, east of Qalqilya.

Footage posted on local platforms and Telegram shows Israeli forces in the city of Tulkarem as well as the Nur Shams refugee camp to its east, where Palestinians have burned tires at the entrance to the camp.

Wednesday 3 Jan. 2024

128 people have been killed and 261 injured in more than 10 massacres committed by Israeli occupation forces in less than 24 hours, bringing the death toll since Oct. 7 to 22,313. Israeli artilleries hit a Palestinian apartment near Shuhadaa Al-Aqsa Hospital, in Deir Al-Balah, in central Gaza Strip.

Israeli forces attacked the Maghazi School, in central Gaza Strip, and the entrance to Jabalia School, resulting in deaths, including among children. Israel levelled homes in southern Gaza and attacked the vicinity of the Nasser Hospital and Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis.





Videos show Palestinians in a state of panic as they attempt to find safe areas to escape to, with Israeli forces approaching the hospital in Khan Younis. A man living in Khan Younis's Al-Nimsawi neighborhood described an Israeli attack on his home, saying his house was hit while he was at home with his family. While he was able to escape, he said his home had been destroyed.

The World Food Programme, UNICEF and the World Health Organization called for opening new entry routes to Gaza to avert widespread famine and disease.

Thursday 4 Jan. 2024

The death toll has risen to 22,438 after more than 125 people have been killed in over 13 Israeli massacres across the besieged enclave in less than 24 hours.

Israeli warplanes pummeled the vicinities of the European Hospital, in Khan Younis, south of the Gaza Strip, with missile strikes. Israeli attacks have targeted Khan Younis, in southern Gaza, throughout the day. Some of the latest attacks include an air strike on an apartment in the Al-Amal area, killing one Palestinian.

Another person was killed in an Israeli air attack on a home in Al-Qararah. Rescue workers are searching through the rubble after an Israeli air raid in Rafah, as extremely loud blasts reverberate throughout the strip amid heavy bombardment. Abu Azzoum reported that at least 31 Palestinians have also been killed by an Israeli assault in Khan Younis since the beginning of the day. The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has said Israeli forces attacked, in the Maghazi camp, the family home of Anwar Abu Holi, who serves as the director of the Central Gaza Ambulance Center. The PRCS said it pulled two bodies from the building and rescued five injured people while many others remain under the rubble.

A Palestinian teen was fatally shot by Israeli soldiers during a military incursion into Tamoun town.



2. Political and Humanitarian Repercussions:

Trita Parsi, the executive vice president at the Quincy Institute, a think tank that promotes diplomacy, has accused US officials of backing Israel's plans to ethnically cleanse and re-annex the Gaza strip. Progressive senator Elizabeth Warren said in a social media post: "Netanyahu & his right-wing war cabinet have created a humanitarian catastrophe, killing thousands of Palestinian civilians. Israel needs leadership that will bring the hostages home, not wage months of war."



"Stop bombing Gaza. Resume the cease-fire. Work toward a permanent peace", she said.

WHO chief Tedros Ghebreyesus condemned Israeli attack on the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRSC)-run Al-Amal Hospital, in Khan Younis, saying that it severely damaged the PRCS training centre located in the complex. The Israeli attack killed at least five civilians, including a five-day-old baby.

"Today's bombings are unconscionable," Ghebreyesus said. "Gaza's health system is already on its knees, with health and aid workers continuously stymied in their efforts to save lives due to the hostilities."

The latest warnings from the UN's relief agency for Palestinian refugees and the UN World Food Programme have highlighted the threat of starvation and disease in heavily built-up areas, where tens of thousands of people have fled

intense bombing campaigns in the besieged enclave's north and centre.

"Everyone in Gaza is hungry! Skipping meals is the norm, and each day is a desperate search for sustenance," WFP said in a post on X. "People often go the entire day and night without eating. Adults go hungry so children can eat."

More than a million people are now seeking safety in the already overcrowded southern city of Rafah, according to UNRWA, with hundreds of thousands sleeping in the open with inadequate clothing or materials to keep out the cold. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk, expressed deep concerns over the Israeli government's proposals to relocate residents of Gaza to third countries.

Turk highlighted that approximately 85% of the Gaza population has already been displaced since the conflict began on Oct. 7, emphasizing, "They have the right to return to their homes. Int'l law prohibits forcible transfer of protected persons within or deportation from occupied territory".

The UN reaction comes amid reports suggesting that senior Israeli politicians from conservative parties are advocating for Gaza residents to leave the Strip. According to Israeli media outlets, the country's National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich have recently expressed support for the voluntary migration of an estimated 2.4 million Gazans. Moreover, they proposed the establishment of Israeli settlements in the war-torn Gaza. Media also reported that the Israeli government has initiated negotiations with several countries to host Gaza residents.

Rights advocates in the US are urging Biden to end his administration's "complicity" in Israeli human rights abuses after key members of Israel's government backed the idea of pushing Palestinians out of Gaza.

3. Human Loss and Material Damage

An overwhelming number of more than 22,438 people, including 9,730 children and 6,830 women, have been killed in more than 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 326 medics and paramedics, 42 civil defense personnel, and 106 journalists.

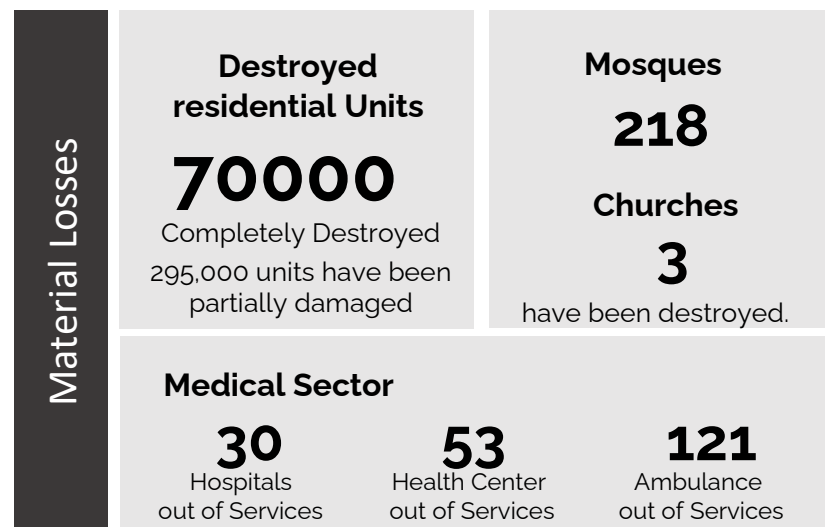
More than 57,614 people have been left wounded. Over 1.8 million people have become internally displaced, with no access to food or water.

Since Oct. 7, the Israeli military has detained 99 medics and paramedics along with 10 journalists.

More than 30 hospitals and 53 health centers on the Strip have been out of service. Over 142 healthcare facilities have been targeted by Israeli military. Israeli forces also targeted 150 ambulances, including 121 ambulances that others are out of service.



Infectious diseases are rife and spreading fast in overcrowded shelters. Hundreds of people with war injuries are unable to receive care. 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. 218 mosques and three churches have been destroyed.



At least 327 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military raids across the West Bank since Oct. 7. Up to 3,700 people have been wounded and 5,600 arrested.

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

The Public Committee Against Torture in Israel said that “many disturbing question marks are accumulating” after seven Palestinian prisoners died in Israeli prisons since October 7.

Quoted by the Israeli Ynet website, the organization said that there “is a lot of evidence of cases of violence and cruel and humiliating treatment by prison guards”.

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