

Israeli Genocide in Gaza Documentary Report (No. 25) on the Israeli Aggression on Gaza

Covers the period from 31st January to 3rd February 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.

This report, available in English and Arabic, provides daily facts and statistics about Israeli massacres in the Gaza Strip in the period between January 31 - February 03, 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:

Wednesday - 31 Jan. 2024

More than 180 Palestinians have been killed and 400 others wounded in Israeli air and ground attacks on the Gaza Strip.

On Tuesday morning, the Gaza-based Health Ministry announced the death of 150 people following 16 Israeli massacres across the besieged enclave.

The death toll since Oct. 7 has climbed to 26,900 and the injured to 65,949.

Israeli troops have tightened the noose around the Al-Amal Hospital, run by the Palestinian Red Crescent in Khan Younis.

Israeli tank shells struck the Al-Awda Hospital, in northern Gaza Strip.



Thursday - 1 Feb. 2024

The Gaza Health Ministry said 118 people have been killed and 190 injured as of Thursday morning following 15 massacres committed by the Israeli military, bringing the death toll since the start of the war on Oct. 7 to 27,019. Israeli forces continue to cordon off the Al-Amal Hospital, in Khan Younis. Three ambulances have been targeted by Israeli gunfire. Israeli artilleries hit Al-Amal School, sheltering displaced people west of Khan Younis, resulting in deaths and injuries.

A young man was injured by bullet fragments during an Israeli military raid on the town of Kfar Al-Labad, in the northern West Bank province of Tulkarem. Israeli soldiers fired live rounds towards civilians.



Friday - 2 Feb. 2024

More than 140 people have been pronounced dead and 200 others injured as Israeli army stepped up military onslaughts on the Gaza Strip. The Health Ministry has reported over 13 massacres as of noontime. Israeli fighter jets pummeled the vicinities of the European Hospital, east of Khan Younis and the headquarters of the Red Crescent in the city, resulting in injuries. A siege has been imposed on Al-Amal Hospital, in Khan Younis, for more than 12 days running.

Saturday - 3 Feb. 2024

As of noontime, the Gaza Health Ministry has reported over 107 deaths and 165 injuries following 12 massacres committed across the Gaza Strip. The death toll has risen to 27,238 and the number of the injured to 66,452.

Eleven displaced people have been injured inside the Palestine Red Crescent Society's (PRCS) headquarters in southern Khan Younis city following the throwing of smoke bombs by Israeli forces. Several Palestinians have been injured and killed amid Israeli bombardment of Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

A young Palestinian has been wounded in the chest as Israeli troops raided the town of Kafr Jamal in the occupied West Bank city of Tulkarem.



.2 Political and Humanitarian Repercussions

The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip has taken a turn for the worse, with human rights organizations and UN bodies sounding alarm bells over the increasing rates of famine and disease infection due to protracted displacement .

In a post on X, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees UNRWA warned that “an unprecedented catastrophe is unfolding before our eyes. Each hour is more desperate. People are dying at the world’s watch”.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the risk of famine in the Gaza Strip is increasing every day: “We continue to call for safe access for humanitarian personnel and supplies,” he posted on X, adding the health care system in the coastal enclave must be protected and “not attacked or militarised.”

UNRWA, considered a lifeline for two million people in the besieged enclave, has suffered funding cuts by several Western countries, including US and Canada, after several of its staff were accused by Israel of involvement in the October 7 Hamas attack.

The decision has been criticised by Palestinian and UN officials, calling it “additional collective punishment” of people in Gaza. Speaking to the reporters before an informal meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels, Foreign Minister Tanja Fajon said Slovenia would not stop funding the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA). “Humanitarian aid to Gaza must continue,” she said.

The Israeli group Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHRI) has expressed alarm about conditions faced by displaced Palestinians in Gaza, where many are living in fragile shelters and tents amid cold temperatures and frigid rain: “As the temperatures drop and the rains flood Gaza, hundreds of thousands of residents are still living in tents. This week, we spoke to a family of ten who described huddling together in their tent to keep warm, lying on the muddy ground covered in blankets,” the group said in a social media post.

“More than 1.7 million people have been displaced since the start of Israel’s assault on Gaza. Over 560,000 of them are sheltering in overcrowded tent cities in the



southern Gaza Strip, where they face inadequate infrastructure, harsh weather conditions, flooding, poor hygiene conditions, and the risk of disease transmission,” it added.

Israeli newspaper Haaretz has obtained exclusive information saying that Israeli army commanders have been ordering their troops to destroy unoccupied Gaza homes. The commanders have been doing this without obtaining proper legal approval.

“After the structure is set on fire along with everything inside it, it is allowed to burn out until it is rendered useless,” Haaretz wrote. The newspaper cited three Israeli army officials who have been “spearheading” Gaza operations, who confirmed that this is common practice. This report follows an admission from top Israeli officials that the country seeks a “buffer zone” around the perimeter of Gaza, which they say is to prevent future attacks on Israel.

Demonstrations have taken place in various cities expressing solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.

Protesters chanted “occupation no more” and “stop killing children” during a sit-in at a train station in the city of Utrecht.

In The Hague, law enforcement tried to disperse demonstrators gathered at the central train station in the city, which is home to the International Court of Justice.

Protests also took place in the cities of Leiden and Rotterdam.

Jordanians have formed a human chain calling for an end to the siege on Gaza, while urging the government to nullify the bilateral agreements with Israel.

Belgium’s Minister of Development Cooperation Caroline Gennez has said that she and Foreign Minister Hadja Lahbib will summon Israel’s ambassador over the destruction of a building hosting the Belgian Agency for Development Cooperation in Gaza.

“The office building of Enabel, the Belgian Agency for Development Cooperation, in Gaza, has been bombed and is completely destroyed. Attacking civilian buildings is and remains totally unacceptable,” Gennez said in a social media post on Thursday.

3. Humanitarian Loss and Material Damage

As escalating violence in Gaza continues for a fourth month, Gaza has descended into one of the world's most severe humanitarian and health crises. Over 27,238 people have been killed, of which 70% have been women (nearly 8,190) and children (nearly 12,000) . Over 66,452 people have sustained injuries and nearly 7,000 have been missing under rubble piles.

Israeli army committed more than 2,325 massacres across the Gaza Strip. The list of victims includes 337 medics and paramedics, 46 civil defense members, and 122 journalists. The PRCS has said that in recent days it has had to bury three

members of its team “who were doing their humanitarian work at Al-Amal Hospital and the PRCS headquarters in Khan Younis.”

Naeem Hasan Al-Jabali, Khalid Kulab, and Hidayah Hamad “were tragically killed” by Israeli forces, the Red Crescent said in a post on X. “Once again, the Red Crescent emblem vest that we wear to carry out our humanitarian mission has become what we wrap the bodies of our staff and volunteers for burial ”.

The PRCS's headquarters in Khan Younis, as well as al-Amal Hospital, have been under constant attack by Israeli forces for nearly two weeks. Nearly 2 million people have become internally displaced. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Areas in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved again further south.



More than 30 hospitals and 53 health centres on the Strip have been out of service. Over 150 healthcare facilities have been targeted by Israeli military. Israeli forces also targeted and destroyed 122 ambulances.

More than 10 children per day, on average, have lost one or both of their legs in Gaza since conflict erupted three months ago. Since 7 October, more than 1,000 children have had one or both legs amputated, according to UNICEF. Many of these operations on children were done without anaesthetic, with the healthcare system in Gaza crippled by the conflict, and major shortages of doctors and nurses, and medical supplies like anaesthesia and antibiotics, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Disrupted routine vaccination activities, as well as a lack of medicines for treating communicable diseases, are further raising the risk of diseases spreading. Many people who lack access to health facilities may be going undiagnosed, indicating that the situation could be more severe than it appears. Routine surveillance systems are not currently functioning, hampering effective detection, analysis, and response to public health threats.

More than 400,000 of communicable diseases, 8,000 cases of hepatitis, and 10,000 cases of cancer have been reported since Oct. 7. More than 60,000 pregnant women are left without life-saving medical care and 350,000 patients with chronic diseases have been left without medicines due to protracted displacement .

Israeli air and ground onslaughts totally destroyed 140 government facilities along with 100 schools and universities while

Material Losses

Destroyed residential Units

70000

Completely Destroyed
295,000 units have been
partially damaged

Mosques

183

Churches

3

Completely Destroyed

Medical Sector

30

Hospitals
out of Services

53

Health Center
out of Services

122

Ambulance
out of Services

government offices

140

Educational Facilities

100

partially damaging 295 schools and universities.

183 mosques and three churches were razed to the ground while 264 others sustained massive damage.

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

Israeli forces dropped more than 66,000 tons of explosives on the Gaza Strip.

An analysis by the BBC has found that at least half of the buildings in Gaza have been destroyed or damaged as Israel continues its assault on the strip, one of the most destructive in modern history.

"Satellite data analysis obtained by the BBC shows the true extent of the destruction," the story reads. "The analysis suggests between 144,000 and 175,000 buildings across the whole Gaza Strip have been damaged or destroyed. That's between 50 percent and 61 percent of Gaza's buildings".

At least 381 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military raids across the West Bank since Oct. 7. Up to 4,300 people have been wounded and 6,122 arrested .

Israeli army incursions have led to the displacement of 2,781 Palestinians from their homes and the demolition of 490 structures.

The Israeli army has been regularly storming Palestinian towns in the West Bank amid an uptick in settler violence. Israeli attacks have killed hundreds of Palestinians in the West Bank since October 7.

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