



Israeli Genocide in Gaza
Situation Report (No. 28)
on the Israeli Aggression on Gaza
Covers the period from 24th to 29th 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 (No. 28), available in English and Arabic, provides daily facts and statistics about Israeli massacres in the Gaza Strip in the period between Feb. 24 and Feb, 29, 2024.

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



1. Daily Scenes

Saturday, Feb. 24

PRC has documented the killing of 110 people and the injury of 140 others in Israeli violent assaults on the Gaza Strip. The Gaza-based Health Ministry said that as of Saturday morning 92 people have been reported dead and 123 injured following at least eight Israeli massacres committed over the past few hours. On the 141st day of the Israeli genocide, the death toll since Oct. 7 has climbed to 29,606 and the number of the injured to 69,737.

An Israeli attack at the Shati refugee camp in Gaza City has resulted in deaths and injuries. Israeli warplanes reportedly targeted a gathering of civilians in the camp, leading to the deaths.

The Palestine Red Crescent ambulance teams dealt with two injuries that arrived at the Deir El-Balah ambulance center after being injured by Israeli occupation gunfire in the Mawasi area of Khan Yunis. They were provided with first aid and transferred to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, central Gaza.





The Palestine Red Crescent says its ambulance teams recovered three injured Palestinians, following an Israeli air raid last night targeting an agriculture land in the city of Deir El-Balah.

The central Gaza city has come under intense attacks by Israeli forces in the past two days with dozens of people killed and many more injured.

The Palestinian legal rights organisation Al-Haq has denounced the killing of Palestinian human rights lawyer Dana Yaghy along with 40 members of her family, including 10 children in Deir El-Balah.

Sunday, Feb. 25



PRC has received reports about the death of 110 people and the injury of 150 others until Sunday evening, as the Israeli military stepped up air and ground assaults on the besieged enclave.

The Gaza Health Ministry said that as of Sunday morning, the Israeli occupation forces committed seven massacres against civilians, killing 86 people and wounding 131 others. The number of victims has reached 29,692 and the injured 69,879.

Israeli mortars have targeted civilians and paramedics trying to retrieve dead bodies near the Nasser Medical Complex.



The Palestinian Red Crescent Society has reported “catastrophic” conditions at the besieged Al-Amal hospital in southern Gaza “due to severe shortages in food, drinkable water, medical supplies, and medication”.

The Health Ministry in Gaza says ambulances are out of service and dialysis and intensive care patients are at risk of death in northern Gaza as hospitals run out of fuel.

Monday, Feb. 26



Israeli heavy shelling has claimed the lives of at least 100 people and left more than 190 others wounded. Local authorities reported 90 deaths and dozens of injuries as of Monday morning following 10 Israeli massacres across the enclave.

Israeli mortar shells hit Abu Helou School, in Al-Bureij refugee camp. The Palestine Red Crescent Society ambulance teams have picked up several injured people after Israeli forces targeted a home east of the Bureij refugee camp. An Israeli attack on a vehicle east of Deir El-Balah city killed four people. Central Gaza has come under relentless attacks with at least 40 people killed in one set of Israeli raids in Deir El-Balah last week.

A Palestinian young man succumbed to wounds sustained in an Israeli military raid on Jenin refugee camp some three days earlier. The West Bank’s death toll since Oct. 7 has risen to 407 and the number of the injured has neared 4,500.



Tuesday, Feb. 27



Israeli offensives across the Strip have killed nearly 100 people and left 190 others injured. In a morning statement, the Gaza Health Ministry said 96 people have been reported killed following 11 Israeli massacres, bringing the death toll since Oct. 7 to 28,878 and the injured to 70,215. The UN humanitarian affairs chief said that about a quarter of Gaza's population - estimated to be some 576,000 people - is "one step away from famine" as Israel continues to block large portions of humanitarian aid amid deteriorating conditions in the strip.

Israeli soldiers shot dead four Palestinians during military raids on Al-Far'a refugee camp and Bethlehem city, in the occupied West Bank. The West Bank's death toll has reached 411. More than 4,500 have been injured since Oct. 7.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

On Thursday morning, local authorities have reported 76 deaths and 110 injuries following eight massacres committed by the Israeli military across the besieged enclave. On the 145th day of the Israeli genocide, the death toll has gone up as high as 29,954 and the injured 70,325.



Israeli artilleries targeted the Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis. Snipers stationed around the facility fatally gunned down a Palestinian man. In north Gaza, one man was found bleeding on the floor next to a bag of flour, reportedly shot by Israeli troops while he waited for aid.

The Gaza Health Ministry has said that six children at the Kamal Adwan and Al-Shifa hospitals in north Gaza have died from dehydration and malnutrition.

Thursday, Feb. 29

PRC has received reports about the death of 112 people and the injury of 760 others until Thursday evening. Earlier, the Gaza Health Ministry reported 81 deaths and 132 injuries, saying the number is expected to climb higher. The death toll has surpassed 30,000 and the injured 70,457.

More than 100 Palestinians were killed after Israeli soldiers and tanks fired on a crowd of thousands waiting for desperately needed food assistance. Israel has said that its forces fired at the crowd after aid trucks were stormed, but humanitarian groups have said that Israeli restrictions on food assistance to the north of Gaza have created unbearable conditions that set the stage for the incident.

Israeli soldiers shot and killed six Palestinians during military incursions into occupied Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank cities of Nablus, Ramallah and Al-Bireh, Tulkarem, and Al-Khalil.

The West Bank's death toll since Oct. 7 has reached 417.





2. Political and Humanitarian Repercussions

Demonstrations staged around have grown higher, calling for an end to Gaza war and to Israel's war crimes. Demonstrators marched in the streets brandishing banners carrying messages like "Freedom for Palestine" and "Stop the Genocide". US airman Aaron Bushnell, 25, died of his injuries after he set himself on fire in front of the Israeli Embassy in Washington on Sunday, in protest at his government's complicity in the Israeli genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza.

Video footage of the self-immolation revealed Bushnell walking to the embassy carrying a flask of what is presumed to have been gasoline, and saying: "I am Aaron Bushnell. I'm an active member of the United States Air Force, and I will no longer be complicit in genocide."

His "extreme act of protest" ended with him pouring the fuel over his head and setting himself on fire, before shouting "Free Palestine" five times, screaming in agony and collapsing to the ground.

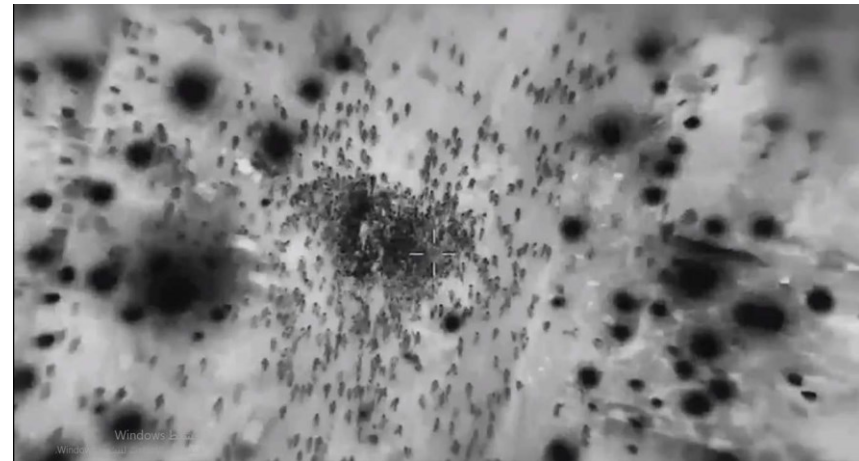
Human rights organisation Al-Haq condemned killing of human rights defender Dana Yaghy with 40 members of her family in the besieged Gaza Strip. Yaghy was killed in an Israeli bombing along with 40 members of her family, including 10 children in Deir El-Balah.





Several human rights groups, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, have said that Israel is not complying with the orders of the ICJ to prevent acts of genocide in Gaza, where Israeli authorities have blocked large portions of humanitarian assistance.

Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor said the International Court of Justice member states should cut political and military ties with Israel for violating the ruling on the Gaza genocide: “From the evidence examined in the period since the court ruling, Euro-Med Monitor demonstrated that the Israeli army is still carrying out genocide against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip,” it said. “Israel persists in violating international law by targeting Palestinians, primarily in the Gaza Strip, with genocide, grave violations, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.”



Jagan Chapagain, the head of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, has said the threat of extreme food insecurity continues to grow in Gaza, where Israeli forces are blocking large portions of humanitarian assistance: “A severe food insecurity is looming in Gaza. The risk of hunger is increasing daily, as about 80% of the population already faces emergency or catastrophic acute food insecurity conditions. More than a million children and



elderly people in shelter centers suffer from the risk of dehydration, digestive and respiratory diseases, skin diseases, and anemia, according to Palestine Red Crescent reports,” Chapagain said in a social media post. The progressive US group Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) has stressed that Israel, which has been besieging Gaza, is responsible for hunger in the territory: “Palestinians in Gaza are not starving, they are BEING starved. By the Israeli military,” JVP said in a social media post.

UN humanitarian affairs chief Ramesh Rajasingham has said that 576,000 people in Gaza, or about a quarter of the population, are on the edge of famine: “And here we are, at the end of February, with at least 576,000 people in Gaza - one-quarter of the population - one step away from famine,” Rajasingham told the UN Security Council, noting that if nothing is done “we fear widespread famine in Gaza is almost inevitable.”

While aid groups have consistently warned that Gaza is being plunged into extreme hunger, Israel has further restricted efforts to deliver vital humanitarian assistance into the strip during February. Some rights groups have concluded that Israel is using starvation as a weapon of war in Gaza.



The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) has said that one quarter of Gaza's wells have been destroyed during the war, as Israel's assault on the Gaza Strip drives a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented scope: "There is no limit to the scale of humanitarian needs for people in Gaza. Diseases are rampant. Food production has come to a halt. Over 1/4 of water wells have been destroyed," UNRWA said in a social media post. "Famine is looming. Hospitals have turned into battlefields. 1 million children face daily trauma."

UK-based rights group Amnesty said there must be an "urgent investigation" into the deadly Israeli attack on aid seekers, which led to the deaths of at least 112 Palestinians: "Amnesty is investigating this as part of its ongoing documentation of violations against Palestinian civilians," it said in a post on X.

The Israeli group Standing Together has shared photos from an anti-war protest in Israel, where some protesters held up bags of flour following an Israeli attack on a Palestinian crowd waiting for desperately needed food assistance in Gaza, which some have termed the "flour massacre". Protesters chanted, "We don't want any more funerals, the nations want to live!"

"In Gaza today more than a hundred people were killed in line for flour and food. The war and the killing of hungry and innocent people do not bring us security, they only give birth to more pain, more hatred," the group said in a social media post. "They will only bring more blood, more loss, more despair."

The Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs has called on the international community to protect Palestinians after Israeli forces opened fire on people looking for humanitarian aid in northern Gaza, killing dozens: "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs stresses that the continuation of the occupation's brutal crimes, as part of its brutal war on the Gaza Strip, proves day after day the pressing need for urgent international action to immediately end this unprecedented aggression in recent history."



Doctors Without Borders (MSF) has said that Israel is “responsible” for the conditions of extreme hunger and deprivation that laid the groundwork for the attack on a crowd of Palestinians desperate for food assistance in northern Gaza: “The situation in Gaza, and particularly in the north, is catastrophic. A few days ago, when we spoke to our staff there, they said they did not have enough food to eat, and that some were resorting to pet food to survive. They also reported the lack of water and its overall poor quality, leading to diseases,” MSF president Isabelle Defourny said in a statement.... The north has been largely cut off from assistance for months, leaving people trapped and with no choice but to attempt to survive on minuscule amounts of food, water and medical supplies. Entire neighbourhoods have been bombed and destroyed. We consider Israel responsible for the situation of extreme deprivation and despair which prevails in Gaza, particularly in the north, which led to today’s tragic events.”

Mercy Corps has urged a “sustained ceasefire coupled with unrestricted access to essential services” after the killing of more than 100 Palestinians waiting to receive aid in northern Gaza: “I am once again trying to find the words to describe my horror at the unnecessary loss of life in Gaza as at least a hundred people are reportedly killed and many more injured at a food distribution in Gaza City,” Mercy Corps’ Tjada D’Oyen McKenna said in a statement.

Oxfam has said that the group is opposed to potential US plans to airdrop packages of food into Gaza, saying that such efforts cannot cancel out US policies that have contributed to extreme hunger throughout Gaza: “Oxfam does not support US airdrops to Gaza, which would mostly serve to relieve the guilty consciences of senior US officials whose policies are contributing to the ongoing atrocities and risk of famine in Gaza,” Scott Paul, who conducts humanitarian policy at Oxfam America, said in a statement. “While Palestinians in Gaza have been pushed to the absolute brink, dropping a paltry, symbolic amount of aid into Gaza with no plan for its safe distribution would not help and be deeply degrading to Palestinians. Instead of indiscriminate airdrops in Gaza, the US should cut the flow of weapons to Israel that are used in indiscriminate attacks.”



A UN delegation has visited the Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis to inspect the damage caused by Israeli forces. The delegation witnessed the extent of the damage caused by Israeli occupation artillery shelling to several floors of the hospital, as well as the catastrophic conditions inside due to severe shortages in food, drinkable water, medical supplies, and medication. The hospital has been under siege for weeks by the Israeli army.

Palestinian activist and rights advocate Mustafa Barghouti said hundreds of thousands of people in the north are going hungry due to Israel's blockade: "The last humanitarian supplies that reached northern Gaza was on the 23rd of January, more than a month ago," he posted on X.

3. Human Loss and Material Damage

Israel's onslaught on Gaza has been described as one of the most brutal military campaigns in modern history, with more than 30,139 people killed, including 13,230 children and 8,860 women. 71,217 people have been left injured and 7,000 are missing under the rubble of destroyed buildings.

More than 2,627 massacres have been committed by the Israeli army in the period under examination. More than 85% percent of Gaza's population are displaced and have been forced to flee after more than five months of the war.

The list of victims includes 340 medics and paramedics, 47 civil defense staff members, and 132 journalists. The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has called for the immediate release of seven of its members who have been detained by Israeli forces:



“The Israeli occupation continues to detain seven members of the Palestine Red Crescent teams for the eighteenth consecutive day, including ambulance crews, anesthesia technicians, and a doctor,” the group said in a social media post. “They were arrested during the Israeli occupation’s raid on Al-Amal Hospital, and their fate remains unknown at the moment.”

At least 31 hospitals and 53 health centres on the Strip have been out of service. Over 154 healthcare facilities have been targeted by Israeli military. Israeli forces also destroyed 125 ambulances.

Israeli air and ground onslaughts totally destroyed 160 government facilities along with 100 schools and universities while partially damaging 305 schools and universities. 211 mosques and three churches were razed to the ground while 281 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 70,000 tons of explosives on the Gaza Strip. The United Nations has reiterated that civilian infrastructure must be protected, as more than five months of heavy Israeli bombardment and assault have decimated vital infrastructure in Gaza.

At least 417 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military raids across the West Bank since Oct. 7. Up to 4,550 people have been wounded. Israeli army incursions have led to the displacement of more than three thousand Palestinians from their homes and the demolition of 637 structures.

The Israeli army has been regularly storming Palestinian towns in the West Bank amid an uptick in settler violence. Attacks on Palestinians by Israeli settlers across the West Bank have surged to new heights since October 7. Mistaclim, a group of Israeli anti-occupation activists, has listed several incidents wherein settlers attacked Palestinians or their property in the occupied West Bank.

In the last few days, the group said, in Shaeb al-Botum, settlers hurled stones, tried to run over a flock of sheep, and took the father of the family and his son to the settlement. Other attacks, according to Mistaclim, include:





In Burqah, they set fire to a house and injured two; In Burin, they set fire to a car; In Sinjil, they burned down a house; In Asira Al-Qibliya, they invaded the village; In Kafr Kadum, they defaced houses and shops by spray painting the Star of David; And in Maarajat they drove a family out of their home and threatened with a weapon, a left-wing activist who tried to document the event; In Khan al-Ahmar, they stole a herd of goats, and to prevent a search, they attacked soldiers, the representatives of the Civil Administration, and the Palestinians who came to look for the herd.

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