

## 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. 32), available in English and Arabic, provides daily facts and statistics about Israeli massacres in the Gaza Strip in the period between March 25 and March 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

### Monday, March 25

PRC has received reports about the death of 110 people and the injury of 185 others until Monday evening. In its morning update, the Gaza Health Ministry said 107 people have been killed and 176 wounded in 11 Israeli massacres committed over the past few hours. The death toll from Israeli attacks since Oct. 7 has climbed to 32,333 and the injured to 74,694.

Israeli artilleries pummeled the Al-Amal Hospital, in Khan Younis and forced civilians to evacuate. At least two people have been pronounced dead and the facility has been rendered completely out of service. Israeli army troops have tightened grip on Al-Shifa Medical Complex and attacked it with artillery shells and air strikes.



Dozens of displaced civilians have been arrested by the Israeli military at the Nasser Medical Complex, in Khan Younis. Women and children have been forced to head southward to Al-Mawasi area.

### Tuesday, March 26

Israeli ground and air attacks have claimed the lives of 85 people and left another 100 injured, according to PRC data gathered until the evening hours. Earlier, at noontime, local health authorities reported the death of 81 people and the injury of 93 others following eight Israeli massacres across the besieged coastal enclave. The death toll now stands at 32,414. Another 27,478 people have been left wounded. Israeli artilleries struck the vicinities of the European Hospital, south of the Gaza Stip.





Israeli forces attacked Al-Amal Hospital and the Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis, forcing displaced civilians, patients, and medics out. The Palestine Red Crescent Society said the Al-Amal Hospital in Deir el-Balah is now closed after the Israeli army forced its evacuation.

Witnesses at Nasser Hospital, where thousands of displaced Palestinians have sought refuge from the fighting, said shots were fired at the sprawling complex but no raid had taken place. Gaza's Health Ministry said Israeli troops were shooting and firing



shells and conducting violent raids in its surroundings in preparation for its storming: "Thousands of displaced people are still inside the hospital," the ministry said. "They do not have sufficient quantities of drinking water, food and infant formula, and their lives are in danger."

At least 18 have been killed as they attempted to collect humanitarian aid drops, 12 among whom drowned and another six due to stampede. Two more people were shot dead by Israeli gunfire as they attempted to collect aid and transfer them to northern Gaza Strip.

At least 12 Palestinians including children were killed in an air raid that hit a tent full of displaced people in Al-Mawasi, near Khan Younis in southern Gaza, the Health Ministry said. The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) reported that two men were shot by Israeli forces and seriously injured in the limbs and abdomen during an Israeli raid on the town of Qabatiya, south of Jenin.

# **■** Wednesday, March 27

94 people have been killed and 110 injured until Wednesday evening. In its morning briefing, the Gaza Health Ministry reported 76 deaths and 102 injuries following eight Israeli massacres committed against civilians. The death toll since Oct. 7 has reached 32,490, with more than 74,889 others injured.



Israeli soldiers raided the Nasser Medical Complex, west of Khan Younis city, and arrested a number of medics and paramedics.

Displaced people have also been forced out of the city's Mawassi area. Israeli warplanes struck three residential towers comprising nearly 100 apartments near Al-Shifa Medical Complex, reducing them to rubble.

At least four people have been pronounced dead as Israeli military attacked civil committees in charge of aid distribution near the Salah Al-Deen Street, in Al-Zaytoun neighbourhood, southeast of Gaza city. At least 18 Palestinians have died trying to recover airdropped aid into Gaza, with six more bodies recovered from the sea.



Four Palestinians were shot and killed by Israeli army gunfire in the occupied West Bank, including three who were targeted by Israeli drones in Jenin refugee camp. The West Bank's death toll from Israeli attacks since Oct. 7 has risen to 454 and the number of the injured to 4,750.

### Thursday, March 28

70 people have been killed and 100 injured until Thursday evening in Israeli attacks across the besieged enclave. In its morning update, the Health Ministry announced the death of 62 people and the injury of 91 others in six Israeli massacres.





The death toll has reached 32,552, with 74,980 others injured. The Israeli military escalated raids on and around Al-Shifaa Medical Complex, west of Gaza city. A number of civilians have been arrested and/or heavily beaten by Israeli soldiers.

The residential neighbourhood near Al-Shifa Hospital is "unrecognisable" due to Israel's systematic attacks on homes there. Israeli forces attacked Al-Amal and Nasser hospitals, forcing a number of displaced people and patients out. Israeli airstrikes near UNRWA's vocational training centre west of Khan Younis, in southern Gaza Strip, have also been razed to the ground.

### Friday, March 29



Israeli onslaughts have claimed the lives of 80 people and left another 112 injured until Friday evening. In its morning briefing, the Health Ministry reported 71 deaths and 112 injuries following seven Israeli massacres. The death toll has hit 32,623, with 75,092 others injured. The Israeli military struck Saad Ibn Abi Waqas Mosque in Jabalia, north of Gaza Strip.



A journalist was arrested as Israeli forces continue their crackdowns on journalists and medics in and around Al-Shifa Medical Complex. Wildfires have broken out at Al-Shifa Hospital and the Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis following heavy Israeli bombardment.

Israeli air strikes targeted Al-Shuja'iya club, sheltering scores of displaced people, east of Gaza city, resulting in the death of a woman and injuring several others.

# 2. Political and Humanitarian Repercussions

Despite the UN Security Council resolution - calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza during Ramadan - the situation on the ground is still alarming.

The UNICEF warned that children in Gaza are dying of malnutrition and dehydration, saying famine is imminent and lives are "hanging in the balance": "Aid organisations must have full and safe access to reach children and families in need everywhere in Gaza," it said in a post on X.

UNICEF spokesperson James Elder's words said, as he returned from a visit to the war-torn enclave, that Gaza "shattered humanity's records for its darkest chapters": Following a UN resolution on Monday, "the ceasefire must be substantive, not

symbolic. The hostages must go home. The people of Gaza must be allowed to live," he said in a statement.

Elder described a catastrophic humanitarian situation in Rafah, where there is one toilet for every 850 people and one shower for every 3600 people. "This is a hellish disregard for basic human needs and dignity," he said.

Khan Younis "barely exists anymore," he said. "In my 20 years with the United Nations, I have never seen such devastation. Just chaos and ruin, with rubble and debris scattered in every single direction. Utter annihilation."



In Jabalia, tens of thousands of people in the streets placed their hands to their mouths, "that universal sign for hunger", as hundreds of trucks remained backlogged waiting to enter Gaza: "Humanity must now urgently write a different chapter," Elder said.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) praised an investigation released by the United Nations' Francesca Albanese about Israel's involvement in genocide in Gaza: "The latest report by the UN's special rapporteur validates what has been obvious to anyone who has witnessed what Israel has been doing in Gaza for the past five months: that the Israeli government is clearly committing a genocide against the Palestinian people," said CAIR Executive Director Nihad Awad.

"The [US] Biden administration can no longer aid and abet the far-right Israeli government as it carries out its genocide, ethnic cleansing, and forced starvation. Our government - and the international community - can and must put an end to this savagery."

Speaking for the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, Pakistan also backed Albanese's demand for sanctions and an arms embargo against Israel: "We commend your courage in documenting the ... acts amounting to genocide in Gaza," Islamabad's IOC representative said. "The occupation force's dangerous and ruthless push for a final solution to the Palestinian question is plain for all to see, as its forces encircle Rafah like vultures and its ravenous land grab continues unabated in the West Bank."

Albanese, who published a report saying there were reasonable grounds to believe Israel has committed genocide in its war on Gaza, said sometime later that she has received threats throughout her mandate. Francesca Albanese, the special rapporteur on the human rights situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, presented a report titled "Anatomy of a Genocide" to the UN Human Rights Council, which Israel said it "utterly rejects": It's been a difficult time," she said. "I've always been attacked since the very beginning of my mandate."

Activists from the human rights group Amnesty International have put up a mock London street sign reading "Genocide Avenue" near the Israeli embassy in the British capital London: "This is a reminder to the Israeli authorities that they're on trial for genocide, that they need to start taking that seriously," Amnesty campaigner Tom Guha said.

After installing the sign, campaigners said they would send a letter to the embassy from Amnesty UK's chief executive, Sacha Deshmukh, outlining the organisation's concerns over Israel's war on Gaza.

As he spoke at a healthcare-focused campaign event in North Carolina, US president Joe Biden was interrupted by demonstrators who asked "What about the healthcare in Gaza? Hospitals in Gaza are being bombed," one protester yelled. Another accused Biden of being "complicit".

The Brussels City Council has halted the public procurement of products from illegal Israeli settlements, after a motion was unanimously adopted late last night. The motion asks the local authority to ensure that its purchases do not benefit companies working in conditions that do not respect international law, human rights or environmental law.

Last week, Israel's far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich declared 800 hectares (1,977 acres) in the occupied West Bank as state land, in a move that will facilitate the use of the ground for settlement building. Under international law, all settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories are considered illegal, but Israel continues to press on with plans to expand them. In 2015, the EU issued new guidelines for the labelling of products from illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories.

New Zealand's Minister of Foreign Affairs Winston Peters said the situation in Gaza is "urgent and requires broad, sustained international attention": "New Zealand notes and welcomes the new additional measures issued by the International Court of Justice in its ongoing case on Gaza," Peters said in a post on X: "We call on Israel to adhere to the new measures, including by taking all necessary and effective steps to ensure, without delay, the unhindered provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance."

Earlier, the International Court of Justice issued new provisional measure ordering Gaza have "unhindered" access to aid "at scale", which includes opening additional land crossings into Gaza. It also ordered Israel to ensure that it does not commit any acts that violate the Genocide Convention, and gave Israel one month to report to the court detailing how it is complying with these measures.







The Belgian government praised the new legally binding measures ordered by the International Court of Justice for Israel's war on Gaza: "By not complying with these, Israel will further isolate itself from the international order," Deputy Prime Minister Petra De Sutter said in a post on X.

# 3. Human Loss and Material Damage

Israel's onslaught on the besieged Gaza Strip has been described as one of the most brutal military campaigns in modern history, with more than 32,623 people killed, including 14,350 children and 9,460 women. 75,092 people have been left injured and 7,000 are missing under the rubble of destroyed homes and buildings.

More than 2,888 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 their homes and shelters after more than six months of the war. The list of victims includes 364 medics and paramedics, 48 civil defense staff members, and 136 journalists.





Israeli occupation forces kidnapped and detained 269 medics and paramedics from the Gaza Strip along with 12 journalists. Since the start of the war on Oct. 7, as many as 4,000 Palestinians have been arrested by Israel.

According to the UN, 155 health facilities in the Gaza Strip have been damaged since the war began.

At least 32 hospitals and 53 health centers on the blockaded Strip have been rendered out of service. Over 159 healthcare facilities have been targeted by Israeli military. Israeli forces also destroyed 126 ambulances.

Israeli air and ground onslaughts on the Gaza Strip totally destroyed 168 government facilities along with 100 schools and universities while partially damaging 305 schools and universities. 227 mosques and three churches were razed to the ground while 294 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 90,000 tons of explosives on the Gaza Strip.

At least 454 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli military raids across the occupied West Bank since Oct. 7. Up to 4,750 people have been wounded.

Israeli army incursions have led to the displacement of more than 3,013 Palestinians from their homes and the demolition of more than 637 structures.

Attacks on Palestinians by Israeli settlers across the West Bank have surged to new heights since October 7. The Israeli army has been regularly storming Palestinian towns in the West Bank amid an uptick in settler violence.

According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), the war on Gaza and the restrictive measures placed on

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the occupied West Bank by Israeli authorities continue to have significant adverse effects on the economy, with severely damaging implications for the labour market.

An estimated "507,000 jobs have been lost across the [occupied Palestinian territories] as a result of the hostilities. This comprises 201,000 jobs lost in the Gaza Strip and 306,000 jobs lost in the West Bank," the ILO said in its report.

If the war continues until the end of March, the organisation estimates that the annual unemployment rate in 2024 will rise to 42.7 percent.

Speaking to the UN as he presented a quarterly report on the implementation of Resolution 2334 concerning illegal Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, the UN's special coordinator for the Middle East peace process, Tor Wennesland, noted that Resolution 2334 demands that affirmative steps be taken to immediately reverse steps on the ground that are imperilling the two-state solution. But negative trends continue.

In total, some 4,780 Israeli settlement units were advanced in the West Bank's Area C and the demolition and seizure of Palestinian property continues.

