

# Israeli Genocide in Gaza Documentary Report (No. 4)

on the Israeli Aggression on Gaza

Covers the period from 30th October to 4th November 2023

# 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 and other basic necessities, amid a total blockade of the enclave.

This report, available in English and Arabic, provides daily facts and statistics about Israeli massacres in the Gaza Strip between October 30 and November 04, 2023.

It also sheds light on the political and humanitarian consequences along with the material and human losses 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 30 October 2023

Israeli military bombardment of Gaza Strip has been escalated without respite for the 24th consecutive day, resulting in scores of deaths, injuries, and massive destruction. Hundreds of people, mostly children, have been buried under the rubble of destroyed buildings.

Israeli army showered the environs of Gaza's hospitals with aerial airstrikes. Israeli warplanes have been circling closer to health facilities, bombing areas in their immediate vicinity. The Nasser Hospital along with the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital-the only healthcare facility for cancer treatment in Gaza-along with a UNRWA clinic were struck.

13 hospitals received orders by the Israeli military to evacuate, a demand that doctors and independent experts say is impossible to fulfil, given the large numbers of patients in their wards, including patients on life support.





The UN says about 117,000 displaced civilians are staying in 13 hospitals across the north, along with thousands of patients and medical staff. Many others are sheltering in UN facilities, schools and other public buildings.

At least 8,485 people have been killed in Gaza since October 7, according to an update earlier Tuesday from the Palestinian Ministry of Health based in Ramallah, West Bank, quoting data sourced from within Hamas-controlled Gaza. In addition, more than 21,000 people have been injured. About 73% of the deaths are women, children and the elderly.

According to officials in the besieged enclave, the Israeli army has dropped 18,000 tons of bombs on the Gaza Strip since Oct.7, or about 1.5 times the explosive force of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan in World War II, at a rate of 50 tons on every kilometer in the Gaza Strip.

#### Tuesday 31 October 2023



The Jabalia refugee camp, which has been the target of multiple Israeli air strikes during the 2023 Israel-Hamas war, was struck again on 31 October, killing at least 50 Palestinians and trapping more than a hundred beneath the rubble.

At least 20 residential buildings and an entire residential neighborhood were completely razed to the ground, resulting in scores of deaths and injuries.

The Indonesia Hospital said most casualties were women and children. Gaza Interior Ministry stated Jabalia camp had been "completely destroyed," with preliminary estimates of about 400 wounded or dead.

The Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital-the only cancer treatment hospital in the Gaza Strip-has gone out of service after it ran out of fuel.

Director-General of the hospital, Dr. Subhi Skaik, said on Facebook that a state of panic has afflicted cancer patients and medical staff as a result of the heavy Israeli bombardment of the facility.

The occupation not only increased the suffering and pain of cancer patients and deprived them of medicines and travel for treatment abroad, but it now endangered their lives by targeting the hospital surroundings," he said. The Turkish government funded the construction of the hospital from 2011-2017, which is the largest hospital in Palestine with an area of 34,800 square meters comprising six floors and with a capacity of 180 beds.

At the same time, Israeli forces shot and killed two Palestinian boys in the occupied West Bank in the last 24 hours. Mohammad Abdulqader Jabr Kharaz, 14, succumbed to his wounds after he was shot twice by Israeli forces around 4 p.m. on October 30 near the entrance to the Palestinian village of Zawata, west of Nablus in the northern occupied West Bank.

According to documentation collected by Defense for Children International - Palestine, Mohammad was allegedly throwing stones at Israeli forces deployed 100 to 150 meters (328 to 492 feet) away when he was shot, after Israeli soldiers had just opened fire on a Palestinian vehicle driving on the road to Nablus.

A Palestinian ambulance transferred Mohammad to the Arab Specialized Hospital in Nablus, where he entered the intensive care unit until he was pronounced dead around 9:30 a.m. on October 31. Mohammad sustained two gunshot wounds to the pelvis and right leg.



Just one day earlier, Adam Naser Mahmoud Abulhawa, 17, was fatally shot by Israeli forces around 11:30 a.m. on October 30 after he allegedly stabbed an Israeli soldier in the Al-Musrara neighborhood in East Jerusalem, according to documentation collected by DCIP. Around 2 p.m., Israeli forces searched Adam's family's home, damaged their furniture, tore up documents including their identification cards and passports, then arrested Adam's parents and all of his siblings.

His family members remained in detention until 10 p.m. that night, when they were all released. Israeli authorities confiscated Adam's body and have not released it to his family to be buried.

As Gaza faces genocide, extremist Israeli settlers in the West Bank have been running rampant. Settlers set fire to Palestinian property in Masafer Yatta, south of AlKhalil city.

#### Wednesday

#### 1 November 2023

Wednesday's death toll in the Gaza Strip rose to over 300, after Israel bombed the enclave with heavy reprisals. 800 people were injured. The casualties were targeted as they headed southwards from northern Gaza, following Israeli evacuation threats. Scores died under the rubble for their ravaged houses.

Shootouts between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian resistance groups ramped up with a looming Israeli ground invasion of Gaza.

Most of the civil defense vehicles have been out of service because they ran out of fuel and have become unable to reach those trapped under the rubble. The situation has reached a point where dozens of citizens are reporting that they heard the voices of people beneath the rubble of their homes, asking for help. But civilians do not have the capacity to pull them out.

Ashraf al-Qudra, spokesperson for the Ministry of Health in Gaza, said Gaza's hospitals are now at 170% capacity. 116 medical personnel have been killed in the line of duty and Israeli warplanes destroyed 25 ambulances and struck 57 health institutions.



Over 2,000 people in Gaza are believed to be still trapped under the rubble of their homes and their condition is not known.

A dozen people were reported killed during an air raid early on Wednesday in Gaza's second-largest city Khan Younis. At about dawn, Israeli forces targeted two residential buildings in Khan Younis in the south of Gaza, where many have sought refuge after the Israeli army ordered the evacuation of the northern part of the besieged territory.

Israeli military incursions into the West Bank have continued overnight, killing and injuring dozens. At least five Palestinians were killed in overnight raids in the occupied West Bank. The largest raid took place in the Jenin refugee camp, in the north of the West Bank, where at least three Palestinians were killed. The operation began around midnight and ended around 7am and was, by far, one of the largest raids since October 7.



#### Thursday

#### 2 November 2023

Israeli bombardment of border areas has intensified, in a preplanned tactic to create scorched earth before tanks advance into Gaza lands.

Israeli committed 15 massacres in no more than 24 hours, claiming the lives of 256 Palestinians.

Israeli warplanes pounded four UNRWA facilities sheltering tens of thousands of displaced people.



At least 23 people were killed and dozens injured. The four "schools-turned-shelters" have served as temporary homes for some 20,000 people, who have been displaced by the nearly four weeks of relentless attacks by Israeli forces on the densely populated Palestinian enclave.

At least nine Palestinians were killed in Israeli raids across the occupied West Bank cities and refugee camps of Nablus, Qalandia, AlKhalil, and Jenin.

#### Friday 3 November 2023

13 Palestinians were killed and 26 others injured on Friday in an Israeli bombing that targeted ambulances in front of the Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City.

The massacre was committed against an ambulances convoy that were carrying a number of wounded people for treatment in Egypt.



A UNRWA school-turned-shelter was also battered with Israeli missile strikes, killing dozens and injuring dozens more. Satellite imagery of the northern Gaza Strip in the aftermath of heavy bombardments has identified more than 1,000 craters visible from space within approximately 10 square kilometres.

In one area - just half a kilometre wide - a group of residential blocks has been bombed so severely that about 100 craters, some as large as 45ft (13.9m), are visible.

## Saturday

#### 4 November 2023

Israeli fighters bombed the power generator and solar energy panels at Al-Wafa Hospital in central Gaza City on Saturday, disabling the primary electricity generator at the facility. Israeli military struck power generators and solar panels in AlRimel Street, in central Gaza.

Israeli strikes targeted a public water tank that supplies several neighborhoods east of Rafah, in southern Gaza Strip. The Israeli army has widened its air and ground attacks on Gaza.



At least 51 Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike on the Al-Maghazi refugee camp at midnight Saturday in the central Gaza Strip. Most of the casualties were children and women.

Field reporters said Israeli army used internationally-prohibited white phosphorus artillery shells and munitions in strikes on western and northern Gaza, including in the Beach refugee camp, to the west.

The Israeli army pummeled the Indonesian Hospital, north of Gaza Strip, with 15 strikes, causing severe damage to its infrastructure.

### **2.** Political and Humanitarian Aftermaths

UN experts warned that Israeli crimes in the Gaza Strip amount to a genocide and a humanitarian catastrophe, expressing deep frustration with Israel's refusal to halt plans to decimate the besieged Gaza strip.

Human rights organizations, including PRC, have launched incessant calls for urgent and immediate action. Israel's allies also bear responsibility and must act now to prevent its disastrous course of action.

Experts expressed "deepening horror" about Israeli airstrikes against refugee camps, namely Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza, and shelters for the displaced. Israeli attacks on these facilities are brazen breach of international law and war crimes. Attacking a camp sheltering civilians including women and children is a complete breach of the rules of proportionality and distinction between combatants and civilians.

Over 800 scholars and practitioners of international law, conflict studies and genocide studies signed a public statement warning of the possibility of genocide being perpetrated by Israeli forces against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

In the letter, released just days after Israel began bombing Gaza, they said they were "compelled to sound the alarm about the possibility of the crime of genocide being perpetrated by Israeli forces against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. We do not do so lightly, recognising the weight of this crime, but the gravity of the current situation demands it."

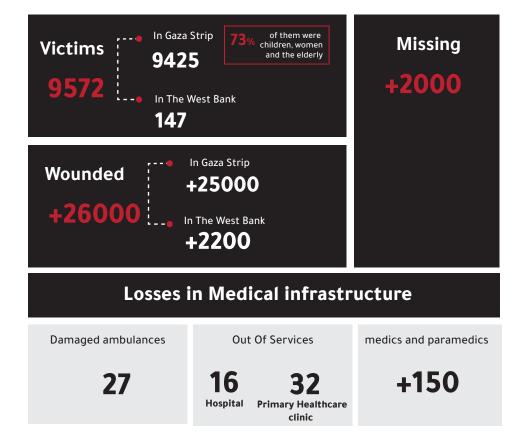
Israel's defence minister's order of a "complete siege" of the Gaza Strip prohibiting the supply of fuel, electricity, water and other essential necessities itself indicates an intensification of an already illegal, potentially genocidal siege to an outright destructive assault.

## **3.** Human and Material Loss

At the end of the 29th day of the war, the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli bombardment in Gaza and raids in the West Bank now stands at 9,572. At least 26,000 others are injured, and over 2,000 missing - feared dead under the rubble of destroyed buildings in Gaza. In Gaza alone, the death toll has hit 9,425, more than 2/3 of whom are children, women, and the elderly.

150 medics and paramedics were also killed and 27 ambulances damaged. 16 hospitals and 32 primary healthcare facilities have gone out of operation.

The bombing takes place amid Israel's incessant attacks targeting civilian objectives and infrastructure. New batches of displaced people have also been fatally bombed on their way to new shelters.



Israel has dropped more than 25,000 tons of explosives on the Gaza Strip, an area covering no more than 365 square kilometers, since the start of its large-scale war on 7 October, equivalent to two nuclear bombs.

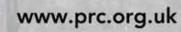
Nearly 22,000 residential units were damaged and 40,000 were completely destroyed. 220 schools sustained massive destruction, including 60 schools that were reduced to the ground. 53 mosques and churches were also wrecked by the brutal onslaughts.

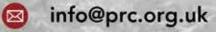
Material Losses		
Mosques and churches	Damaged Schools	Completely Destroyed Residential Units
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	Destroyed Schools	Units <b>22000</b>

Up to the moment of writing, every single person in Gaza goes to bed each night not knowing whether they will wake up or die in their sleep amid Israel's swelling air bombardment that has claimed the lives of nearly 10,000 people. Despair, panic, and trauma are now a way of life for children in Gaza, with no safe place in the enclave and no one knowing when or where barrages of bombs would drop.









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