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Over the last few weeks, users on Instagram have reported numerous instances of the platform hiding comments containing the Palestinian flag emoji . One of the hidden comments consisted of three flag emojis () and nothing else. A little investigation revealed that Instagram was labeling the symbol as “potentially offensive” content.

This is just one recent example of a pattern of bias and discrimination against Palestinian users and Palestinian content on social media.

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Workers at Meta and other tech companies are currently mobilizing against some of these harmful company policies and practices, which makes our grassroots pressure all the more critical and impactful at this moment. Our movements have been successful at pushing Meta to take steps to address its content moderation bias in the past, and we know we can bring about bigger and bolder reforms during this period if enough of us mobilize.

**Take a moment to sign the petition and tell Meta to #LetPalestineSpeak.**

Sincerely,
**American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)**

Sign Our Petition

*American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) is a grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging & educating Americans on Palestinian rights and the Israeli occupation. AMP is a premier national organization in the Palestine solidarity movement.*

Make a contribution here

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**Join us in front of the Israeli Embassy**

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Join us on Friday, December 1st at 12 PM EST to stand up for Gaza and demand a permanent ceasefire!

* **What:** Washington, D.C. Emergency Protest and Jumaa Prayer for Gaza
* **When:** Friday 12/1/2023 at 12 PM EST
* **Where:** Israeli Embassy, 3514 International Dr. NW, Washington, DC 20008

For 56 straight days now, we have witnessed some of the most devastating events and crimes in decades unfolding against the people of Gaza. Even though there is a pause this week, the Israelis have made it clear that they are not going to stop. With over 15,000 innocent lives taken, 70% being women and children, this only means more death and destruction for people who have been under siege for 16 years.

Israel cannot be allowed to continuously destroy Palestinian lives without any semblance of accountability. That's why we ask you to join us tomorrow to make it clear that the American people demand a ceasefire and an end to the siege. We must take a stand for Gaza. Let's make our voices heard: Not in our names!

*See you tomorrow.*

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As I sit here writing this, I’m watching my coworkers on a hunger strike in front of the White House, calling on President Biden to demand a \*lasting\* ceasefire.

But our government is not the only American institution funding the current Israeli genocide of Gaza.

War and apartheid are expensive endeavors. International banks financially power the infrastructure that keeps apartheid running.

**Citibank is the largest foreign bank in Israel, and has actively facilitated billions in Israeli military weapon funding.**

**Citibank is also active in The Netherlands!

If 10,000 people tweet @Citi on X/twitter, Citibank will not be able to ignore us. It will be a PR nightmare.

So far, over 3,000 people have already tweeted.

Can you use this tool to tweet @Citi now and help us get to 10,000 tweets?**

TWEET NOW

Citibank and other international banks are an important pillar upholding the massive power imbalance between the Israeli state and the Palestinian people.

At this moment, as Israel “pauses” but does not cease its genocidal assault on Gaza, the Citibank website notes that they “[boast] the largest presence of any foreign financial institution in Israel.”

Let’s remind them that propping up apartheid and genocide is nothing to boast about.

**Demand Citibank use their considerable investments in Israel to call for a permanent #Ceasefire in Gaza.**

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In the past seven weeks, we’ve witnessed unbearable tragedy. Yet we remain grounded in our beliefs: that the lives of Israelis and Palestinians are intertwined, and that the only safe future is a shared one, rooted in justice and freedom for Palestinians.

In the face of so much bloodshed and horror, it’s never been clearer that there is no military solution to oppression. We cannot bomb our way to peace — safety is found only in our collective liberation.

**That’s why, watching the Israeli military carry out its genocidal war on Palestinians, you chose to take action**. And so did hundreds of thousands of others.

The Israeli government’s genocidal war on Palestinians in Gaza — with the full backing of the U.S. government — has been devastating beyond words. Over 15,000 Palestinians have been killed, including over 6,000 children. War crimes abound, from the Israeli military’s use of white phosphorus, to its purposeful targeting of hospitals, churches, schools, refugee camps, and journalists and their families.

**we’ve held nothing back in our fight.**

We know that never again is for everyone — and never again is right now.

Together, we’ve moved fiercely every day to call for a ceasefire and an end to Israeli violence. And alongside Palestinian-led organizing, we have exerted incredible pressure on our elected officials to support an immediate, permanent ceasefire.

* **We have taken over *half a million* digital actions:** making calls and emails to Congress, media outlets, and campus administrations.
* In cities across the country, **we have filled public spaces in truly unprecedented numbers.**
* Our civil disobedience actions have **repeatedly made national headlines.**
* We have shown the world that **hundreds of thousands of Jews and allies** oppose turning Jewish grief into a weapon of war.

Stefanie Fox
Executive Director

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Join Queer Cinema for Palestine for **No Pride in Genocide**(Dec 2 – 10), a global program of film screenings and panel discussions online and across nine cities around the world.

**No Pride in Genocide** stands in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza and across all of historic Palestine, denouncing Israel’s genocidal attacks and ethnic cleansing against millions of Palestinians.

As Israel escalates its indiscriminate bombing campaign and use of “starvation as a weapon of war” killing more than 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza, **No Pride in Genocide** will be a loud voice in the growing global consensus calling for an immediate ceasefire and an end to Israel’s 75 year regime of settler colonialism and apartheid.

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**Join us in saying: No Pride in Genocide!**­­

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**No Pride in Genocide** is a call for queer and trans communities to take effective action in solidarity with Indigenous Palestinians in their struggle for freedom, justice and equality and to refuse apartheid Israel’s pinkwashing agenda.

As hundreds of thousands around the world rise up and take direct action to stop Israel’s war machine, **No Pride In Genocide** is part of the decolonial movement for justice for all and the long history of queer, First Nation, and Palestinian solidarity.

**Join us for events!**

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**Amsterdam · Beirut · Berlin · London Ontario · London UK · Montreal · Seoul · Toronto · Vancouver**

Organized by more than **40 partner groups** around the world and streamed on the **Toronto Queer Film Festival website**, No Pride in Genocide film programs and Palestinian and allied speakers will echo the call from Palestinians to refuse complicity with Israel’s apartheid regime.

Over the past five years, nearly **60 filmmakers** have pulled their films from the Israeli government-sponsored TLVFest LGBTQ+ film festival and **250 filmmakers**, film artists and scholars have signed the Queer Cinema for Palestine [**pledge**](https://r.sib.bdsmovement.net/mk/cl/f/sh/1t6Af4OiGsFVLT0gkcMZIZZEiuM6eR/HizOP1fo21Av).

**NO PRIDE IN GENOCIDE.**

**None of us are free, until all of us are free.**

In solidarity,

Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI)

My name is Serena. I’m an MPower Change member and I believe that we can do more to pressure corporations, specifically banks, to stop being complicit in the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza.

That’s why I am writing you today to ask for your help to reach Citibank with an urgent call:

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***CITIBANK IS ALSO ESTABLISHED IN THE  NETHERLANDS!***

Today, we are witnessing an active genocide in Gaza; it is a crisis of horrific magnitude, with over 15,000 killed in retaliatory assaults by Israel.

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Millions of people across the country are demanding a ceasefire in Gaza and calling for freedom in Palestine.

We are gaining traction in Congress with Rashida Tlaib and Cori Bush’s leadership, and we are on the streets every day, and in the halls of Congress nearly every day.

It’s time to pressure the financial institutions that are silent partners in Israel’s horrific violence against Palestinians.

Thank you for all you do.

In solidarity,

the team at MPower Change

P.S. Want to support our work towards justice for all people, **sign up for a recurring MPower Change gift now.**

Source:

1. "Israel," *Citigroup.*

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #54**

*UN agencies deliver fuel to hospitals in northern Gaza. Since the humanitarian pause began, the number of operational hospitals in the north has risen from one to five, although they are only able to provide very limited services. Photo by WHO, 29 November 2023*

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**Key points**

* On 29 November, the humanitarian pause entered its sixth consecutive day. It has enabled a major increase in the delivery of basic supplies into and across Gaza, primarily by the Egyptian and Palestinian Red Crescent Societies and UN agencies. However, as the UN Secretary-General stressed in a [**briefing to the Security Council**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=014bc20436&e=e9f9a91036), the level of aid “remains completely inadequate to meet the huge needs of more than two million people.”
* Aid convoys to areas to the north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north), which prior to the pause had been almost completely absent, continued on 29 November. The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and UNRWA delivered food and non-food items, medical supplies, and fuel to shelters hosting internally displaced persons (IDPs), as well as to warehouses and hospitals. The latter included two hospitals in Gaza city, Al Ahli and As Sahaba, which received a total 10,500 litres of fuel, enough to operate generators for about seven days.
* Despite the pause, there has been almost no improvement in the access of residents in the north to water, as most of the main water production facilities remain shut down, due to the lack of fuel and some also due to damages. Concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources persist.
* Enhanced aid distribution, including fuel to hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, and IDP shelters, also continued in areas south of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the south), where the vast majority of IDPs are staying. Cooking gas, which has been entering daily from Egypt since the start of the pause, has been available in the market at one distribution centre in Khan Younis, albeit in quantities well below the demand.
* One of the partially operational hospitals in the north, Kamal Adwan in Jabalia, urgently requires supplies and medical staff in the fields of obstetrics, paediatrics, neonatology, surgery, and orthopaedics. Eighty of its patients require immediate transfer to a better-equipped facility in the south for their survival. On 28 and 29 November, no evacuations of patients and wounded people from hospitals in the north to those in the south took place.
* The UN Secretary-General reiterated his call for “the opening of additional crossings and streamlined inspection mechanisms to facilitate the delivery of life-saving aid.”
* On 29 November, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) [**reiterated his concern**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=db883c5c10&e=e9f9a91036) about the high risk of infectious diseases in IDP shelters, attributing this to severe overcrowding and the disruption of health, water, and sanitation systems. He noted that more than 111,000 cases of acute respiratory infection, 36,000 cases of diarrhoea in children below five, and 24,000 cases of skin rash had been recorded since the start of the crisis.
* On 29 November, twelve Israelis and four foreign nationals, held as hostages in Gaza, and 30 Palestinian detainees, held in Israeli prisons, were released. The freed hostages included seven women and five children. Among the Palestinian detainees were 15 women and 15 children. Since the start of the pause, 210 Palestinians, 68 Israelis, and 20 foreign nationals have reportedly been release

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Since the humanitarian pause entered into force at 7:00 on 24 November, airstrikes, shelling, and ground clashes have largely ceased. However, in the early morning of 29 November, shelling by the Israeli navy towards the Gaza shore in the south was reported, resulting in no casualties.
* On 27 and 28 November, 160 bodies were recovered from the rubble, according to the Government Media Office (GMO) in Gaza. The office also stated that, since the start of hostilities, more than 15,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, including about 6,150 children and 4,000 women. The GMO, which is under the de facto authorities in Gaza, has been reporting casualties since the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza stopped doing so on 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north.
* The fatality toll since 7 October includes at least 198 Palestinian medics, according to the Gaza Ministry of Health; 112 UN staff; 70 journalists and media workers, according to the Palestinian Journalist Syndicate; and at least 15 Civil Defense staff, according to the Palestinian Civil Defense.
* Overall, 75 Israeli soldiers have been killed in Gaza since the start of the Israeli ground operations, according to official Israeli sources.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* Some IDPs in the south have been trying to go back to their homes in the north, despite the Israeli forces’ announcement that such movement is forbidden. On 24, 25 and 26 November, there were reports of shooting by Israeli forces towards IDPs attempting to move north, resulting in several casualties.
* In recent weeks, the Israeli military has been calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, every day between 9:00 and 16:00. No available estimate for the number of people who managed to cross on 29 November.
* The movement of unaccompanied children and separated families continues to be observed in the "corridor" in recent days. Humanitarian actors are assisting these children, including through registration of cases. However, urgent measures are required to augment the presence of child protection teams in shelters; enhancing registration efficiency and addressing the specific needs of these children.
* Up to 1.8 million people in Gaza, or nearly 80 per cent of the population, are estimated to be internally displaced. However, obtaining an accurate count is challenging; including because of difficulties in tracking IDPs staying with host families and accounting for those who returned to their homes during the pause but remain registered in UNRWA and other shelters.
* Nearly 1.1 million IDPs are registered in 156 UNRWA facilities across Gaza, of whom about 86 per cent (946,000) are registered in 99 UNRWA shelters in the south. Another 191,000 IDPs are estimated to be staying in 124 public schools and hospitals, as well as in other venues such as wedding halls, offices, and community centres. The rest are hosted by families.
* Due to the overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions at UNRWA shelters, there have been significant increases in some communicable diseases and conditions such as diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections and hygiene-related conditions like lice. There are also initial reports of disease outbreaks, including hepatitis.
* Concerns have been raised about vulnerable groups of people who are struggling with difficult shelter conditions. This includes people with disabilities; women who are pregnant, have recently given birth, or are breastfeeding; people who are recovering from injuries or surgeries; and those with compromised immune systems.
* Across the Gaza Strip, more than 46,000 homes have been destroyed and over 234,000 housing units have been otherwise damaged. These constitute over 60 per cent of the housing stock, as reported by the Shelter Cluster on 24 November.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 29 November, as in previous days, significantly larger convoys than prior to the pause, carrying a variety of humanitarian supplies, fuel and cooking gas entered Gaza from Egypt.
* On 29 November, the Rafah Egyptian border opened in both directions for the evacuation of ten wounded and sick people and nine of the people who were accompanying them, alongside the entry of 74 Gaza residents who had been stranded outside.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* The health system across the Gaza Strip continues to be overstretched amid severe shortage of medical supplies.
* On 29 November, UN agencies delivered to two hospitals in Gaza city, Al Ahli and Al Sahaba, lifesaving medicines and surgical supplies (in addition to fuel) estimated to be sufficient to meet the urgent health needs of 100 patients at each facility. Along with another three hospitals, these are the only five hospitals in the north (out of 24 prior to the hostilities), which are now functional, albeit partially, and admit some patients.
* In addition, on 29 November, the MoH in Gaza announced that the Indonesian Hospital in Beit Lahiya, also in the north, will reactivate parts of its dialysis department. Over the weeks prior to the pause, the hospital sustained extensive damage during bombardments and Israeli operations inside the compound. This follows a similar announcement regarding the dialysis department of Shifa hospital in Gaza city on 27 November.
* On 28 November, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delivered medical supplies, including, medication, pain relief and blood bags to the European Gaza hospital in Rafah, in the south.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* The Gaza Municipality has reportedly [**warned**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=0e6507eba9&e=e9f9a91036) about the potential flooding of large areas in the Sheikh Radwan quarter due to the overflow of a wastewater and rainwater lagoon in the city, following the accumulation of rain in recent days. Pumping from the lagoon has stopped for several weeks due to lack of fuel needed to operate the pumps, as well as damage to several conveyor lines.
* On 28 November, UNRWA and UNICEF continued delivering fuel to Gaza’s main water utility, which in turn distributed it to water and sanitation facilities in the south: two seawater desalination plants, 79 water wells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* In the south, UNRWA continues to operate eight water wells that provide potable and domestic water to IDP shelters, alongside water trucking operations. Solid waste collection from the camps, and emergency shelters and transfer to landfills also continues in the south.

**Food security**

* On 28 November, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) stated that Gaza suffers a US$1.6 million daily loss in farm production. The institution assesses the losses are likely higher considering the destruction of farm equipment and farmland, and damage caused to thousands of trees, especially olive trees. The economic impact is also significant, considering that 55 per cent of Gaza’s agricultural products used to be sold outside the coastal enclave, PCBS stated.
* The amount of cooking gas that has reportedly entered Gaza from Egypt since the start of the pause (about 85 tons per day) is a third of the equivalent daily average that entered between January and August 2023. Queues at a filling station in Khan Younis have reportedly extended for about 2 kilometres, with people waiting at them overnight. Meanwhile, reports indicate that people are burning doors and window frames to cook.
* Since 25 November, one WFP bakery has resumed operations on an ad-hoc basis, allowing the provision of bread to about 90,000 people in UN shelters in the south. Other bakeries are operating intermittently.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* On 28 November, for the sixth consecutive day, no rocket fire from Gaza towards Israel was reported. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October.
* Following the release of 88 hostages since 24 November, and 159 people remain captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals, according to Israeli sources. Furthermore, on 28 November, one Israeli civilian and three soldiers, initially missing, were declared killed. Before the pause, four civilian hostages had been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier had been rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages had reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* Between 19:00 on 28 November 18:00 on 29 November, Israeli forces killed four Palestinians, including two children, in an operation in Jenin Refugee Camp, which involved armed clashes with Palestinians, and airstrikes, resulting in extensive infrastructure and residential damage. During the withdrawal of Israeli forces, an eight-year-old and a 15-year-old child were shot and killed by Israeli forces. According to medical sources, during the operation, Israeli forces impeded the work of paramedics, denied access to a hospital, and arrested an injured person while paramedics were transferring him into a hospital. Since 7 October, 51 Palestinians were killed in Jenin Refugee Camp, representing 22 per cent of the overall fatalities reported.
* Between 7 October and 29 November, 238 Palestinians, including 63 children, were killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Of those, 229 were killed by Israeli forces, eight by Israeli settlers and one either by forces or settlers. The seven-week toll represents more than half of all Palestinians killed in the West Bank this year. Already, 2023 has been the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since OCHA began recording casualties in 2005.
* Two-thirds of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during search-and-arrest and other operations carried out by Israeli forces, including some – mainly in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates – involving exchange of fire with Palestinians. More than half of the fatalities were reported in operations that did not involve armed clashes.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 3,128 Palestinians, including at least 508 children; 45 per cent of them in the context of demonstrations and 46 per cent in the context of search and arrest and other operations. An additional 78 Palestinians have been injured by settlers and 18 others either by forces or settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition, compared with nine per cent in the first nine months of 2023.
* OCHA has verified four settler attacks that took place on 27 and 29 November and resulted in damage to Palestinian-owned property. According to Palestinian eyewitnesses, a group of Israeli settlers vandalized 135 olive trees, stole olive produce, agricultural equipment, solar panels, and construction equipment, and set fire to three tents in the outskirts of Yanun (Nablus), Deir Istiya (Salfit), Al Janiya (Ramallah) and Ein al Hilwa (Tubas).
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 295 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (33 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (223 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (39 incidents). This reflects a daily average of five incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. One-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* On 27 and 28 November, the Israeli authorities demolished, or forced people to demolish eight structures, including six homes, in East Jerusalem (three structures) and Area C (five structures) citing the lack of Israeli-issued building permits, which are almost impossible to obtain. As a result, 35 people, including 21 children, were displaced.
* On 28 November, in Deir Ammar Refugee Camp (Ramallah), Israeli forces demolished on punitive grounds the home of a family whose member was accused of killing an Israeli in August 2023. As a result, nine people, including six children, were displaced. Punitive demolitions are a form of collective punishment and are prohibited under international law.
* Additionally, 181 Palestinians, including 93 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 54 Palestinians, including 25 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

**Funding**

* As of 29 November, Member States have disbursed [**USD$262.8 million**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=67684d2799&e=e9f9a91036) against the updated Flash Appeal launched by the UN and its partners to implement its response plan in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 in the West Bank. This constitutes about 21 per cent of the $1.2 billion requested. An additional $250 million has been pledged by 23 November.

**Permanent ceasefire now. A pause is not enough.**

The Israeli military has killed over 15,000 Palestinians in Gaza in just over 50 days. Over 6,000 of them were children — that’s as many as the total number of children killed in armed conflicts around the world during 2021 and 2022 combined.

On Monday, a four-day “ceasefire” was extended for two days. The pause and its extension were no doubt the result of the extraordinary pressure being exerted by the movement for Palestinian liberation.

But the temporary ceasefire will end tonight. There can be no business as usual as long as the genocide being carried out against Palestinians in Gaza remains merely “on pause.”

That’s why on Sunday, 1,500 people led by JVP-NYC shut down New York City’s Manhattan Bridge on the busiest travel day of the year…

The tide is turning — nearly 50 members of Congress now support a ceasefire — but it’s not turning fast enough. That’s why we have to keep pushing.

Every day at 3pm ET/12pm PT, JVP hosts Power Half-Hours for Gaza. Sign up now to take collective action toward a ceasefire alongside hundreds of other people like you. The same link will work every day, Monday through Friday.

**Watch JVP: Media highlights.**

JVP isn’t just organizing our people to demand a ceasefire: We’re challenging our opposition’s narrative — one that conflates Jewishness with support for the state of Israel.

*JVP Executive Director Stefanie Fox joins Marc Lamont Hill on Al Jazeera's 'UpFront*.'

**Watch JVP**

**'Moving at the speed of trust.'**

This piece from New York Magazine is a deep dive into JVP’s work to meet this moment, and the organization and relationships that have helped us to do so.

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**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #53**

*Volunteers providing psycho-social support to children in southern Gaza through recreational activities in a school being used as a shelter for displaced people. Photo by the Palestine Red Crescent Society*

*29 november 2023*

**Key points**

* On 28 November, for the fifth consequent day, the humanitarian pause enabled humanitarian actors, primarily the Egyptian and Palestinian Red Crescent Societies and UN agencies, to enhance the delivery of assistance into and across Gazai. As reportedly agreed upon by Israel and Hamas, the initial four-day pause has been extended for an additional 48 hours starting on 28 November.
* On 28 November, a Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) aid convoy carrying food, medical supplies, water, and non-food items reached areas to the north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north). However, the bulk of aid distribution during the day took place in areas south of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the south), where the vast majority of internally displaced persons (IDPs) are staying. UNRWA continued distributing wheat flour to IDPs in and outside shelters. Key service providers, including hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, and IDP shelters, have been able to operate during the pause with daily fuel provision.
* Despite an increase in supplies entering Gaza since the pause began, the volume of incoming commodities is insufficient to meet the extensive needs. Aid groups have [**called**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=f6b2c35a00&e=e9f9a91036) for the immediate re-opening of more crossing points, including for the entry of commercial goods.
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**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

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* In recent weeks, the Israeli military has been calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, every day between 9:00 and 16:00. On 28 November, OCHA’s monitoring estimated that less than 400 people crossed south.
* IDPs interviewed by OCHA reported that the main reason they were moving southwards was the severe scarcity of food and water in the north. Furthermore, some indicated that the prices of food items available in the market had doubled, making them unaffordable.
* The movement of unaccompanied children and separated families has also been observed in the “corridor.” Humanitarian actors are assisting these children, including through registration of cases. However, urgent measures are required to augment the presence of child protection teams in shelters; enhancing registration efficiency and addressing the specific needs of these children.
* Up to 1.8 million people in Gaza, or nearly 80 per cent of the population, are estimated to be internally displaced. However, obtaining an accurate count is challenging; including because of difficulties in tracking IDPs staying with host families and accounting for those who returned to their homes during the pause but remain registered in UNRWA and other shelters.
* Nearly 1.1 million IDPs are registered in 156 UNRWA facilities across Gaza, of whom about 86 per cent (946,000) are registered in 99 UNRWA shelters in the south. Another 191,000 IDPs are estimated to be staying in 124 public schools and hospitals, as well as in other venues such as wedding halls, offices, and community centres. The rest are hosted by families.
* Due to the overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions at UNRWA shelters, there have been significant increases in some communicable diseases and conditions such as diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections and hygiene-related conditions like lice. There are also initial reports of disease outbreaks, including Hepatitis.
* [**Concerns have been raised**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=c7d496f1f9&e=e9f9a91036) about vulnerable groups of people who are struggling with difficult shelter conditions. This includes people with disabilities; women who are pregnant, have recently given birth, or are breastfeeding; people who are recovering from injuries or surgeries; and those with compromised immune systems.
* Across the Gaza Strip, more than 46,000 homes have been destroyed and over 234,000 housing units have been otherwise damaged. These constitute over 60 per cent of the housing stock, as reported by the Shelter Cluster on 24 November.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 28 November, as in previous days, convoys carrying humanitarian supplies, fuel and cooking gas could only enter Gaza from Egypt. Beyond aid convoys, the Rafah crossing with Egypt also opened on 28 November for the exit of wounded and sick people and foreign nationals, as well as for the entry of Gaza residents who had been stranded outside.
* On 28 November, about 300 Palestinian workers from Gaza, who had been stranded in Israel and the West Bank since 7 October, were transferred by the Israeli authorities to Gaza through the Kerem Shalom crossing, according to Israeli media reports. Beyond that, this crossing, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, has remained closed.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* On 27 November, the MoH in Gaza announced that the Shifa Hospital in Gaza city has been able to reactivate its dialysis department, opening its doors to people in the north in need of such treatment. Over the weeks prior to the pause, the hospital sustained extensive damage during bombardments and Israeli operations inside the compound.
* On 26 November, a UN convoy collected 7,600 doses of vaccines for various diseases from the Ministry of Health warehouse in Gaza city and transported them to southern Gaza, where they can be refrigerated. The need for this transfer arose due to the lack of refrigeration capacity in the north. After thorough inspections to ensure their validity, the vaccines will be utilized to enhance routine immunization, which has been hampered by a shortage of supplies and ongoing hostilities.
* Kamal Adwan hospital in Jabalia, one of the five hospitals partially operational in the north, urgently requires supplies and medical staff in the fields of obstetrics, paediatrics, neonatology, surgery, and orthopaedics. Eighty of its patients require immediate transfer to a better-equipped facility in the south for their survival. Evacuations from this and other hospitals are planned for the coming days, provided that the pause is extended.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* On 28 November, the Gaza city municipality warned of the health and environmental ramifications of the accumulation of more than 35 tons of solid waste in the city. The solid waste cannot be transferred to the main landfill located in the vicinity of Gaza’s perimeter fence, due to prohibition by the Israeli military, the municipality stated.
* On 28 November, UNRWA continued delivering fuel to the Gaza’s main water utility, which in turn distributed it to water and sanitation facilities in the south: two seawater desalination plants, 79 water wells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* Addressing people’s water needs in the north requires the reactivation of the water desalination plant and the water wells, which in turn depends on the conduct of repairs and the availability of fuel. Concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases persist due to water consumption from unsafe sources.
* In the south, UNRWA continues to operate eight water wells that provide potable and domestic water to IDP shelters, alongside water trucking operations. Solid waste collection from the camps, and emergency shelters and transfer to landfills also continues in the south.

**Food security**

* On 28 November, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) stated that Gaza suffers a US$1.6 million daily loss in farm production. The institution assesses the losses are likely higher considering the destruction of farm equipment and farmland, and damage caused to thousands of trees, especially olive trees. The economic impact is also significant, considering that 55 per cent of the Gaza’s agricultural products are exported, PCBS stated.
* The amount of cooking gas that has reportedly entered Gaza from Egypt since the start of the pause (about 85 tons per day) is a third of the equivalent daily average that entered between January and August 2023. Queues at a filling station in Khan Younis have reportedly extended for about 2 kilometres, with people waiting at them overnight. Meanwhile, reports indicate that people are burning doors and window frames to cook.
* Since 25 November, one WFP bakery resumed operations on an ad-hoc basis allowing the provision of bread to about 90,000 people in UN shelters in the south. Other bakeries are operating intermittently.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* On 28 November, for the fifth consecutive day, no rocket fire from Gaza towards Israel was reported. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October.
* Following the release of 60 hostages since 24 November, 153-166 people remain captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals, according to different Israeli sources. Furthermore, on 28 November, one Israeli civilian and three soldiers, initially missing, were declared killed. Before the pause, four civilian hostages had been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier had been rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages had reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* Between 18:00 on 27 November 18:00 on 18 November, three fatalities were reported in the West Bank, including two children. In one of these incidents, a 14-year-old Palestinian child was shot with live ammunition and later succumbed to wounds sustained in the chest during an Israeli military operation in Tubas city. Three other Palestinians were injured during the operation. The incident took place after Israeli forces raided the city, surrounded a house, and demanded a Palestinian to turn himself in. An exchange of fire between Israeli forces and Palestinians ensued while the forces were retreating from Tubas, during which the child was injured, and later pronounced dead at the hospital.
* Between 7 October and 28 November, 232 Palestinians, including 61 children, were killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Of those killed, 225 were killed by Israeli forces, eight by Israeli settlers and one either by forces or settlers. The seven-week toll represents more than half of all Palestinians killed in the West Bank this year. So far, 2023 has been the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since OCHA began recording casualties in 2005.
* More than 67 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during search-and-arrest operations and other operations carried out by Israeli forces, including some – mainly in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates – involving exchange of fire with Palestinians. More than half of the fatalities were reported in operations that did not involve armed clashes.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 3,101 Palestinians, including at least 500 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 73 Palestinians have been injured by settlers and 18 others either by forces or settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition, compared with nine per cent in the first nine months of 2023.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 287 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (33 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (215 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (39 incidents). This reflects a daily average of over five incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. One-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 181 Palestinians, including 93 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 54 Palestinians, including 25 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

*29 november 2023*

Today is the **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**. As the genocide in Gaza continues and we are on what could be the last day of this 4 day “pause”, we must take action in solidarity together like never before. It will take all of us, in the millions joining forces from all over the world, to stop this genocide.

Onward to liberation,

**AHMAD ABUZNAID**

Executive Director

**Every minute the genocide goes on, we must pull out all the stops to disrupt business as usual.**

A four-day break in Israel’s brutal bombings is NOT a ceasefire. Palestinians are dying, and Israel already delayed the pause one day to carpet bomb Gaza, including a UN school.

**Israel fully intends on bombing Gaza all over again. We can’t let that happen, Nico.**

Millions of people have been protesting for Palestine, pressuring Congress and disrupting the Macy’s Parade in multiple places yesterday. **Now we must all rise up together.**

Today, you can **boycott Black Friday and shut down business as usual** at every corner. Next week, you can show up on the **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**.

**Our voices are powerful. Our collective action when we combine forces is powerful. And this is only the beginning.**

You’ve been a part of building this mass movement that demands to be reckoned with. Together we’ve pressured **47 members of Congress** to call for a permanent ceasefire.

**IMAN ABID**

Organizing & Advocacy Director

Join Eyewitness Palestine for a timely and important webinar to learn about who Palestinian political prisoners are and the unjust Israeli system that detains them. While we welcome reprieve for Gazans who survived 47 days of relentless bombing by Israeli Forces, the so-called "humanitarian pause" does not amount to peace or calm for Palestinians.

As airstrikes have been paused, hundreds of Palestinians in the West Bank have been arrested and detained by the IOF, bringing the total number of Palestinians detained by the Occupation up to a remarkable 7,000, including children. Many of these Palestinians are held without trial or charge under a practice of Israeli military law called administrative detention.

In solidarity and toward a liberated Palestine,

**Nancy Mansour**

***Executive Director***

**Eyewitness Palestine**

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**Help AMP reach our #GivingTuesday goal!**

*28 november 2023*

**#GivingTuesday 2023 is here** and it couldn’t have come at a more crucial moment. The past 53 days have been some of the most devastating and destructive events in Palestine since 1967. But in these past 7 weeks, we’ve seen the movement for Palestine achieve things that could have never been imagined before. Millions of people across the globe have joined our movement, making clear to governments, international institutions, and the media that silence is no longer an option and justice for Palestine is inevitable, it’s just a matter of time.

For years, AMP has worked to advance the movement for justice in Palestine here in America. That’s why when this crisis began, we already knew where to start.

Our dedicated team has been proactive, organizing massive demonstrations across the country, leading initiatives to bring voices to Capitol Hill, sending tens of thousands of emails, and making tens of thousands of phone calls to elected officials demanding a ceasefire. We've taken to the airwaves on national and international media outlets, dispelling misinformation and presenting the truth to the American people. And we just wrapped up our 16th Annual Palestine convention, where thousands of supporters came out to learn and join our movement regardless of the attempts to cancel us.

Despite the ongoing genocide, the people of Gaza remain resilient. And just as they stand strong, we need to as well. The US is the most important arena after occupied Palestine to defend Palestinian rights and bring about positive change.

Sincerely,
**American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)**

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #52**

*A logistics team from the Egyptian Red Crescent Society in Al Arish airport, Egypt, organizing and preparing humanitarian aid for transport into Gaza. Photo by the Egyptian Red Crescent Society*

*28 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* The humanitarian pause, agreed upon by Israel and Hamas, was largely maintained on 27 November for the fourth consecutive day. It has enabled humanitarian actors, primarily the Egyptian and Palestinian Red Crescent Societies and UN agencies, to enhance the delivery of assistance into and across Gaza. To enable addressing the immense scope of needs, aid groups have [**called**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=9a166ffca9&e=e9f9a91036) for the immediate re-opening of more crossing points, including for the entry of commercial goods.
* On 27 November, dozens of UNRWA and Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) aid trucks reached areas north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north). The assistance included medical supplies, ready-to-eat food, wheat flour, bottled water, tents and blankets, which were delivered to four UNRWA shelters and three main warehouses for subsequent distribution. The aid also included small amounts of fuel delivered to water production facilities, towards their reactivation following the completion of repairs. Prior to the pause, the north had been largely inaccessible, and residents remaining there have faced a dire humanitarian situation.
* Aid distribution in areas south of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the south), where the bulk of an estimated 1.8 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are currently staying, also continued. UNRWA has continued distributing wheat flour to IDPs in and outside shelters. Key service providers, including hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, and IDP shelters, have continued receiving fuel on a daily basis enabling their operation.
* On 27 November, 11 Israeli hostages held in Gaza and 33 Palestinian detainees held in Israeli prisons were released. The freed hostages included two women and nine children. Among the Palestinian detainees were 30 boys and three women. Since the start of the pause, 150 Palestinians, 51 Israelis, and 18 foreign nationals have been released.
* Humanitarian partners have increased efforts to educate people about the dangers of unexploded ordnance. This includes training of trainers, holding in-person information sessions for IDPs in shelters, sharing posters and sending text messages. These actions have become more urgent with the ongoing pause, because more people are now moving through areas that might be contaminated.
* On 27 November, the UN Secretary-General [**called**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=eb3e4ae597&e=e9f9a91036) for “a full humanitarian ceasefire, for the benefit of the people of Gaza, Israel and the wider region,” alongside the immediate and unconditional release of the remaining hostages. He also commended the Governments of Qatar, Egypt and the United States for facilitating the current pause, recognizing the critical role of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Since the humanitarian pause entered into force at 7:00 on 24 November, airstrikes, shelling, and ground clashes have reportedly ceased.
* According to the Government Media Office, as of 18:00 on 23 November, more than 14,800 people have been killed in Gaza, including about 6,000 children and 4,000 women. This office, which is under the de facto authorities in Gaza, has been reporting casualties since the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza stopped doing so on 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north.
* As of 18:00 on 25 November, 75 Israeli soldiers have been killed in Gaza since the start of the Israeli ground operations, according to official Israeli sources.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* Some IDPs in the south have been trying to go back to their homes in the north, despite the Israeli forces’ announcement that such movement is forbidden. On 24, 25 and 26 November, there were reports of shooting by Israeli forces towards such IDPs, resulting in several casualties.
* In recent weeks, the Israeli military have been calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, every day between 9:00 and 16:00. No monitoring of such movements could be conducted on 27 November, due to security restrictions imposed by the Israeli military.
* In previous days, Israeli forces had been arresting some people moving through the “corridor.” IDPs interviewed by OCHA reported that Israeli forces had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through two structures, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are ordered to show their IDs and undergo into a facial recognition scan.
* The movement of unaccompanied children and separated families has also been observed in the “corridor”. Humanitarian actors are assisting these children, including through registration of cases. However, urgent measures are required to augment the presence of child protection teams in shelters; enhancing registration efficiency and addressing the specific needs of these children.
* Over 1.8 million people in Gaza, or nearly 80 per cent of the population, are estimated to be internally displaced. Of them, nearly 1.1 million IDPs are sheltering in 156 UNRWA facilities across Gaza. On 26 November, at least 13,000 additional IDPs sought refuge in UNRWA shelters in the south, presumably seeking food and services.
* About 191,000 IDPs are estimated to be in 124 public schools and hospitals, as well as in other venues such as wedding halls, offices, and community centres. The rest are sheltered by host families.
* Due to the overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions at UNRWA shelters, there have been significant increases in some communicable diseases and conditions such as diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections and hygiene-related conditions like lice.
* Concerns have been raised about vulnerable groups of people who are struggling with difficult shelter conditions. This includes people with disabilities; women who are pregnant, have recently given birth, or are breastfeeding; people who are recovering from injuries or surgeries; and those with compromised immune systems.
* Across the Gaza Strip, more than 46,000 homes have been destroyed and over 234,000 housing units have been otherwise damaged. These constitute over 60 per cent of the housing stock, as reported by the Shelter Cluster on 24 November.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* The total number of trucks that entered Gaza on 27 November is unclear at the time of writing as many continued to be processed during the evening hours.
* Beyond aid convoys, the Rafah crossing with Egypt also opened on 27 November for the exit of 34 wounded and sick people and 18 foreign nationals, as well as for the entry of about 300 Gaza residents who had been stranded in Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, has remained closed. On 24 November, the Protection and Shelter Clusters have called for the immediate re-opening of additional crossings, including for the entry of commercial goods.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* On 27 November, the MoH in Gaza announced that the Shifa Hospital in Gaza city has been able to reactivate its dialysis department, opening its doors to people in the north in need of such treatment. Over the weeks prior to the pause, the hospital sustained extensive damage during bombardments and Israeli operations inside the compound.
* On 26 November, a UN convoy collected 7,600 doses of vaccines for various diseases from the Ministry of Health warehouse in Gaza city and transported them to southern Gaza, where they can be refrigerated. The need for this transfer arose due to the lack of refrigeration capacity in the north. After thorough inspections to ensure their validity, the vaccines will be utilized to enhance routine immunization, which has been hampered by a shortage of supplies and ongoing hostilities.
* Kamal Adwan hospital in Jabalia, one of the five hospitals partially operational in the north, urgently requires supplies and medical staff in the fields of obstetrics, paediatrics, neonatology, surgery, and orthopaedics. Eighty of its patients require immediate transfer to a better-equipped facility in the south for their survival. Evacuations from this and other hospitals are planned for the coming days, provided that the pause is extended.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* On 26 November, technicians visited water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities in the north, carrying out an initial assessment of the damage sustained, and the repairs needed to reactivate them.
* On 27 November, UNRWA continued delivering fuel to the Gaza’s main water utility, which in turn distributed it to water and sanitation facilities in the south: two seawater desalination plants, 79 water wells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* Delivery of bottled water reached IDP shelters in the north on 26 and 27 November. However, addressing people’s water needs sustainably requires the reactivation of the water desalination plant and the water wells, which in turn depends on the conduct of repairs and the availability of fuel. Concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases persist due to water consumption from unsafe sources.
* In the south, UNRWA continues to operate eight water wells that provide potable and domestic water to IDP shelters, alongside water trucking operations.
* Solid waste collection from the camps, and emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continues in the south. About 50 truckloads were transferred to temporary dumping sites on 26 November.

**Food security**

* UNRWA distribution of flour outside of shelters continued on 26 and 27 November in the south, alongside small deliveries of flour to shelters in Jabalia, in the north. The latter were carried out as part of authorized convoys during the ongoing humanitarian pause.
* Cooking gas continued entering Gaza for the fourth consecutive day, at a pace of about 85 tons per day, well below people’s needs. Queues at a filling station in Khan Younis have reportedly extended for about 2 kilometres, with people waiting at them overnight. Meanwhile, reports indicate that people are burning doors and window frames to cook.
* Since 25 November, one WFP bakery has resumed operations on an ad-hoc basis allowing the provision of bread to about 90,000 people in UN shelters in the south.
* In the north, livestock is facing starvation and the risk of death due to shortage of fodder and water. Crops are being increasingly abandoned and damaged due to lack of fuel required to pump irrigation water. Across Gaza, farmers have been slaughtering their animals due to the immediate need for food and the lack of fodder to keep them alive. This practice poses an additional threat to food security as it leads to the depletion of productive assets.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* On 27 November, for the fourth consecutive day, no rocket fire from Gaza towards Israel was reported. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 20 November, the names of most of these fatalities have been released, including 859 civilians. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* Following the release of 50 hostages since 24 November, 167 people remain captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals, according to the Israeli authorities. Before the pause, four civilian hostages had been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier had been rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages had reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* No new fatalities were reported in the West Bank since 26 November afternoon.
* Between 7 October and 27 November, 231 Palestinians, including 59 children were killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Of those killed, 222 were killed by Israeli forces, eight by Israeli settlers and one either by forces or settlers. The seven-week toll represents more than half of all Palestinians killed in the West Bank this year. So far, 2023 has been the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since OCHA began recording casualties in 2005.
* More than 67 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during search-and-arrest operations and other operations carried out by Israeli forces, including some – mainly in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates – involving exchange of fire with Palestinians. More than half of the fatalities were reported in operations that did not involve armed clashes.
* Between 24 and 26 November, Israeli forces injured 158 Palestinians, including 124 children, during confrontations near the Israeli prison of Ofer, in anticipation of the release of Palestinian detainees as part of the humanitarian pause agreement. Family members of the detainees to be released were reportedly pressured by the Israeli authorities to sign a commitment with several restrictions regarding celebrations, gathering and, in some cases, their homes were searched.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 3,093 Palestinians, including at least 496 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 73 Palestinians have been injured by settlers and 18 others either by forces or settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition, compared to a monthly average of nine per cent of live ammunition injuries in the West Bank in the first nine months of 2023.
* OCHA verified two settler attacks that took place on 25 and 26 November and resulted in damage to Palestinian owned property. According to Palestinian eyewitnesses, a group of Israeli settlers vandalized 300 olive trees and stole agricultural equipment on the outskirt of Al Khadr (Bethlehem) and Bani Naim (Hebron) villages.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 287 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (33 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (215 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (39 incidents). This reflects a daily average of almost six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. One-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 181 Palestinians, including 93 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 54 Palestinians, including 25 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

*28 november 2023*

 Tomorrow, **November 29th, the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People,**the #BDS movement is calling for an **all day social media storm.** Our physical and digital actions can be used together to strengthen our demands:

* **Permanent ceasefire** and **lifting the siege** to stop Israel’s genocide in Gaza.
* **Lawful sanctions** on Israel, including a #MilitaryEmbargo.
* Pressure on the**International Criminal Court** (ICC) to issue **arrest warrants for Israeli leaders.**

**Click here for prepared messages and images**

**to use for the social media storm.**

Over the last 7 weeks, millions of you have taken to the streets for the**largest protests the world has seen in the last 20 years! We are grateful to each one of you** who, through your voices and creative actions, have built up unprecedented grassroots power to end Israel’s genocidal war against 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza. Yet, Western governments are continuing to arm, fund and provide political cover for Israel’s genocide.

**We must act urgently** to end all state, corporate and institutional complicity with Israel’s genocidal apartheid regime. Palestinian lives and livelihoods literally depend on it. To this end, and as time has shown, **BDS is the most effective form of solidarity with the Palestinian liberation struggle.**

**Share our 6 actions to stop          GazaGenocide now!**

**Tomorrow, we call for escalating worldwide peaceful mobilizations and expressions of meaningful solidarity to stop the genocide including:**

1. Whenever feasible, organizing peaceful disruptions, sit-ins, occupations, etc.
2. Disrupting the transport of weapons, or weapon parts, to Israel, including in transit states.
3. Pressuring parliaments and governments to cancel existing military-security contracts and agreements with Israel.
4. Intensifying BDS campaigns and campaigns to cut all ties to apartheid Israel and its complicit academic and cultural institutions as well as sports teams.
5. Mobilizing your community, trade union, association, church, social network, student government/union, city council, cultural center, etc. to declare itself an Apartheid Free Zone (AFZ).
6. Pressuring your elected officials to demand the International Criminal Court (ICC) issue arrest warrants for Israeli leaders. The ICC prosecutor should be replaced if he continues to drag his feet and ignore his legal obligations to stop the genocide.

**If not now, when?**

**Unite now to stop GazaGenocide and dismantle Israeli apartheid!**

**AMP Condemns Media Complicity in Dehumanization and Misinformation Leading to Multiple Violent Attacks on Palestinian Americans**

*28 november 2023*

On Sunday, November 26, 2023, three Palestinian students of U.S. universities were shot and severely injured in what appears to be a hate crime in Burlington, Vermont. The three were on a walk after a birthday party, wearing Palestinian kuffiyehs and speaking Arabic. Amid blatantly dehumanizing language against Palestinians in the media and the malicious defamation of Palestinian student activists, we call on local police, universities, elected officials, and media to state clearly that this is an anti-Palestinian hate crime and to stop dehumanizing Palestinians both overseas and here in the United States.

Former classmates of the Quaker Friends School in Ramallah, the three students Kinnan Abdelhamid, Hisham Awartani, and Tahseen Ahmad are being [**treated**](https://default.salsalabs.org/T3861fec2-679f-43e0-9838-4500011475e5/bd239b72-f70f-43b8-bb51-028f71312c68) at the University of Vermont Medical Center. One of them was shot in the neck and is in critical condition with likely spinal injuries and all three are reportedly in severe pain from multiple gunshot wounds.

Since the start of the bombardment of Gaza by Israel, officials and media have syndicated dehumanizing and sometimes false narratives surrounding the October 7th attacks. Likewise, the conflation of Palestine solidarity activism with anti-semitism, the vilification of pro-ceasefire protestors, and general ambivalence surrounding anti-Palestinian racism can be linked directly to attacks like this one. Violent attacks on Palestinians such as the murder of 6-year-old Wadea Al-Fayoume in Illinois, attacks on AJP Action staff, and others seen as Palestinian and Muslim are growing nationwide. Meanwhile, coverage of the war suggests that the death of over 6,000 Palestinian children—among close to 15,000 civilians killed in Gaza—are excusable casualties of the US-backed aerial attacks by the Israeli military.

Those who have cast doubt on the necessity of a ceasefire can only do so while dismissing the deaths of Palestinian civilians, leaning on brutalistic depictions of Palestinian armed factions and unverified or false accounts from October 7th, alongside sanitized depictions of Israel’s assault on Gaza. To date, in addition to the over 14,800-person death toll on Israel’s hands; over 50% of homes in Gaza have been completely leveled, tens of thousands have been injured; over 2,000 civilians are estimated stuck under rubble; close to 800,000 people are internally displaced; and food, energy and hospital infrastructure has been destroyed amid a near total blockade of humanitarian aid for over a month. In this vein, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders’s refusal to call for a ceasefire alongside his progressive colleagues (HR 786) makes him complicit in Palestinian dehumanization.

A man named Jason Eaton, 48, has been arrested by Burlington Police for the attempted murder of the three Palestinian-American students. He has pleaded “not guilty,” but reports also say he came out of his house with palms up as Burlington police arrived saying, “I have been waiting for you.” He was in possession of a .380 pistol which he reportedly purchased recently. Eaton’s mother said that he was in good health on Thanksgiving, and was a religious Christian. We do not yet know if he ascribes to Christian Zionism, a right-wing ideology that supports the state of Israel on the basis of Armageddonist biblical prophecy for the end of times. Genocidal rhetoric from such groups is common, as is association with white supremacy.

American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) condemns institutional complicity with rising anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim racism and Islamophobia. Influential Zionists, anti-Palestinian organizations like the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the American-Israeli Political Action Committee (AIPAC), Christians United for Israel (CUFI) continue to disseminate misinformation and hateful rhetoric surrounding Palestinians and pro-peace solidarity activists who are critical of Israel’s violent assault on Gaza. University officials have repeatedly conflated the critique of Israel with anti-semitism, thereby harming free speech on campus and fueling anti-Palestinian hate and attacks on Palestine solidarity activists like these students. Meanwhile, officials have skirted around clear condemnations of anti-Palestinian racism and refused to protect Palestinian student activists from hateful smear campaigns, sometimes bolstered by faculty and staff.

Members of Congress and other elected officials are also complicit in attacks on students like this, introducing McCarthyist legislation, censuring Congress’s only Palestinian, and [**claiming**](https://default.salsalabs.org/T617883c8-9cb8-4b40-9920-9cdf1378fc12/bd239b72-f70f-43b8-bb51-028f71312c68) there are “no innocent Palestinians.” AMP calls on officials to condemn hate crimes on the basis of Palestinian ancestry—not erasing the specific vulnerability of Palestinian students and Palestinian Christians by naming only “Arab” ancestry or Muslim background. We also call on officials to equally condemn the deaths or abuse of Palestinian children and other civilians, as they have done for Israeli women and children. Legislation like [**HR 3103**](https://default.salsalabs.org/T53c9586c-9eb4-4c3a-866d-d88b7350a5ef/bd239b72-f70f-43b8-bb51-028f71312c68) “Defending the Human Rights of Palestinian Children and Families” and HR 786 calling for a ceasefire should be universally uncontroversial amid violence that many experts call a genocide. More Palestinian children have died in the past 51 days than the annual sum of child deaths across all global conflict zones in the past three years. Anything short of condemnation fuels hate towards Palestinians and those in solidarity.

We affirm the rights of all Palestinians and Muslim Americans despite overwhelmingly dehumanizing rhetoric. We call on pro-peace solidarity activists to share our outcry against all hate crimes and to use their voices to speak out against campaigns to erase Palestinian humanity.

Signed,
American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)

**Demand President Biden and Members of Congress Call for A Permanent Ceasefire and Stand Against Hate Crimes**

*27 november 2023*

You are likely aware of the recent humanitarian pause in Gaza over the Thanksgiving holiday that has provided a momentary respite for the 2.3 million Palestinians suffering Israel’s attempted genocide. We must continue to advocate for a permanent ceasefire to put an end to the ongoing genocide.

**TAKE ACTION: URGE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT BIDEN TO CALL FOR AND FACILITATE AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE**

[If your member of Congress has called for a ceasefire, please reaffirm their efforts and urge them to continue down that path. You can track ceasefire calls here.]

Palestinians remain on the edge and are now less than 72 hours (after a two-day extension) away from the pause ending and Israel resuming its ongoing onslaught against them. Over the weekend, while Americans enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinners with their family and friends and their Black Friday shopping deals, the death toll reached a new high in Gaza, surpassing 18,000 Palestinians killed.

Closer to home, the recent shooting of three Palestinian students in Burlington, Vermont, is a stark reminder of the challenges faced by Palestinians and those of Palestinian descent continue here in the United States. This tragic hate crime underscores how the genocide of Palestinians is amplifying anti-Palestinian hate here. The young men whom a 48-year-old white man attacked told family members they were speaking a hybrid of English and Arabic before the man shot at them four times without saying anything before the attack, according to a family spokeswoman.

Sincerely,

**Ayah Ziyadeh**

*Advocacy Director, AJP Action*

*27 november 2023*

The four-day pause in violence in Gaza is about to end. **We desperately need a permanent and lasting ceasefire to save lives – and today, at 12 pm outside of the White House, a group of national leaders are beginning a hunger strike to make this demand clear.**

President Biden has continued to provide both the military and political cover for the over 14,850 Gazans killed by Israel, and for the siege conditions leading to starvation and a lack of food, water, and fuel in Gaza.  **I am joining a number of national leaders who are hunger striking starting today to illustrate the impact of Biden's policies on Palestinian lives and our country’s complicity in this devastation.**

Adalah Justice Project is working with the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, Jewish Voice for Peace, Dream Defenders, Democratic Socialists of America, elected officials, activists and more to plan daily programming all this week (Monday-Friday), including a nightly vigil to commemorate the thousands of lives lost. **Join me this week at the White House, Lafayette Square side - 1567 Pennsylvania Ave NW.**

President Biden is starving Gaza. We demand a permanent ceasefire and an end of military funding to Israel now!

In solidarity,
Sumaya Awad

**Adalah Justice Project**is a Palestinian-led advocacy organization based in the U.S. that builds cross-movement coalitions to achieve collective liberation. Our work is rooted in the conviction that drawing the linkages between US policy abroad and repressive state practices at home is crucial to shifting the balance of power.

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #51**

*UN staff collect and transport vaccines from Gaza city to southern Gaza, where they can be refrigerated, 26 November 2023. Photo by WHO*

*27 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* The humanitarian pause, agreed upon by Israel and Hamas, which took effect on 24 November, has been largely maintained for the third consecutive day. This pause has enabled the UN to enhance the delivery of assistance into and across Gaza.
* On 26 November, aid convoys reached areas north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north). UN agencies and the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) distributed 1,062 metric tonnes (MT) of ready-to-eat food to four UNRWA shelters in Jabalia camp; 185 MT of tents and blankets and 890 MT of bottled water to various sites; as well as 164 MT of medical supplies to Al Ahli hospital in Gaza city. The convoys were carefully inspected by Israeli forces deployed at a checkpoint near Wadi Gaza before proceeding northwards.
* The mission that reached Al Ahli Baptist Hospital evacuated at least 17 patients and wounded people, along with 11 of their companions, to the European Hospital in Khan Younis (in the south). Despite enormous shortages and constraints, Al Ahli remains operational and admitting patients.
* Aid distribution in areas south of Wadi Gaza, where the bulk of an estimated 1.7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are currently staying, has been accelerated over the past three days. Key service providers, including hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, and IDP shelters, have continued receiving fuel on a daily basis to operate generators.
* Over the past three days, cooking gas has entered Gaza, contrary to the time before the pause. However, the amounts fall well below the needs. Queues at a filling station in Khan Younis have reportedly extended for about 2 kilometres, with people waiting at them overnight. Meanwhile, reports indicate that people are burning doors and window frames to cook.
* On 26 November, 17 hostages held in Gaza and 39 Palestinian detainees held in Israeli prisons were released. The released hostages included 13 Israelis – four women and nine children – and four foreign nationals. Among the Palestinian detainees were 39 boys. Since the start of the pause, 39 Israelis, 117 Palestinians and 19 foreign nationals have been released.
* Between 25 and 26 November, Israeli forces in the West Bank killed seven Palestinians, including four children, bringing to 230 the Palestinian death toll since 7 October; 222 by Israeli forces and eight by settlers.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Since the humanitarian pause entered into force at 7:00 on 24 November, airstrikes, shelling, and ground clashes have reportedly ceased.
* In one incident involving Israeli tank fire east of the Al -Maghazi refugee camp, in the Middle Area, one Palestinian man was reportedly killed and another injured; the circumstances remain unclear.
* According to the Government Media Office, as of 18:00 on 23 November, more than 14,800 people have been killed in Gaza, including about 6,000 children and 4,000 women. This office, which is under the de facto authorities in Gaza, has been reporting casualties since the Ministry of Health in Gaza stopped doing so on 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north.
* As of 18:00 on 25 November, 75 Israeli soldiers have been killed in Gaza since the start of the Israeli ground operations, according to official Israeli sources.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* Upon the entry into force of the pause, Israeli forces announced that the movement of people from the south to the north is forbidden.
* On 26 November, the Israeli military continued calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. OCHA’s monitoring during the day estimated that less than 400 people crossed south.
* The OCHA monitoring team observed many people with injuries crossing through the “corridor” on 26 November. A man interviewed by OCHA at the crossing point revealed that they had to leave Kamal Odwan hospital, in the north, after it was hit the night prior to the pause.
* Israeli forces had been arresting some people moving through the “corridor.” IDPs interviewed by OCHA reported that Israeli forces had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through two structures, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are ordered to show their IDs and undergo into a facial recognition scan.
* The movement of unaccompanied children and separated families has also been observed in the “corridor”. Humanitarian actors are assisting these children, including through registration of cases. However, urgent measures are required to augment the presence of child protection teams in shelters; enhancing registration efficiency and addressing the specific needs of these children.
* The number of displaced people continues to increase. Over 1.7 million people in Gaza, or nearly 80 per cent of the population, are estimated to be internally displaced. Of them, nearly 927,000 IDPs are sheltering in 99 facilities in the south.
* Due to the overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions at UNRWA shelters, there have been significant increases in some communicable diseases and conditions such as diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections and hygiene-related conditions like lice.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* The total number of trucks that entered Gaza on 26 November is unclear at the time of writing as many continued to be processed during the evening hours. On 25 November, 200 trucks were dispatched from Nitzana.
* The Rafah crossing with Egypt has been also open on 26 November for the exit of wounded and sick people and dual and foreign nationals, as well as for the entry of Gaza residents who had been stranded in Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, has remained closed.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* On 26 November, a joint UN convoy collected 7,600 doses of vaccines for various diseases from the Ministry of Health warehouse in Gaza city and transported them to southern Gaza. The need for this transfer arose due to the lack of refrigeration capacity in the north. After thorough inspections to ensure their validity, the vaccines will be utilized to enhance routine immunization, which has been hampered by a shortage of supplies and ongoing hostilities. As of 25 November, 1,205 children were vaccinated at seven health centres according to the national vaccination programme, bringing the total number to 11,622 since 4 November.
* Kamal Odwan hospital in Jabalia, one of the four small hospitals still operational in the north, is facing immense pressure. Supplies and medical staff are particularly urgent in the fields of obstetrics, paediatrics, neonatology, surgery, and orthopaedics. Eighty patients require immediate transfer to a better equipped facility in the south for their survival. On 22 November, the vicinity of the hospital was heavily bombarded, reportedly resulting in dozens of fatalities and injuries; many of the latter are still waiting to receive treatment.
* Of the 11 medical facilities in the south, eight are currently functional. The bed capacity across Gaza has declined from 3,500 prior to the war to 1,400 as of 20 November, amid a surge in those seeking treatment. Only one of the currently functional hospitals in the south has the capacity to treat critical trauma cases or perform complex surgery, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).
* As of 25 November, nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were still operational in the south, recording 10,802 patient visits.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* Since the start of the humanitarian pause, UNRWA has collected and disposed hundreds of tons of solid waste that had been accumulating inside and outside its shelters in the south, benefiting about 1 million people.
* On 26 November, technicians visited water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities in the north, carrying out an initial assessment of the damage sustained, and the repairs needed to reactivate them.
* UNRWA continued delivering fuel to the Gaza’s main water utility, which in turn distributed it to water and sanitation facilities in the south: two seawater desalination plants, 79 water wells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* On 26 November, the first delivery of bottled water reached IDP shelters in the north since the Israeli ground operation began. Partners were previously unable to reach the northern areas due to intense ground operations and lack of fuel for track distribution. However, concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases persist due to water consumption from unsafe sources, as the water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline supplying water to the north are not functioning.

**Food security**

* The ready-to-eat food distributed at UNRWA shelters in Jabalia, in the north, on 26 November, included about 7.6 metric tons of high-energy biscuits provided by the World Food Programme (WFP). This covers the minimal daily food intake for 23,616 people for one day.
* Since 24 November, WFP has provided essential food assistance to 110,000 people in UNRWA shelters and host communities through the distribution of bread, food parcels, and electronic vouchers. Since 25 November, one WFP bakery has resumed operations on an ad-hoc basis allowing the provision of bread to about 90,000 people in UN shelters in the south.
* Food prices in the market have experienced an unprecedented surge. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, during October, food and beverages prices increased by 10 per cent; with vegetables increasing by 32 per cent, wheat flour by 65 per cent, and mineral water by 100 per cent.
* Despite the increase in food aid through Rafah, many people still lack food and fuel to cook. No additional bakeries are operational, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food Security Cluster members have raised serious concerns about the nutritional status of people, especially lactating women, and children. This is heightened in the north, which is more difficult to reach.
* Also in the north, livestock is facing starvation and the risk of death due to shortage of fodder and water. Crops are being increasingly abandoned and damaged due to lack of fuel required to pump irrigation water.
* Across Gaza, farmers have been slaughtering their animals due to the immediate need for food and the lack of fodder to keep them alive. This practice poses an additional threat to food security as it leads to the depletion of productive assets.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* On 25 November, no rocket fire from Gaza towards Israel was reported. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 20 November, the names of most of these fatalities have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* Following the release of 17 hostages on 26 November, 178 people remain captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals, according to the Israeli authorities. Before the pause, four civilian hostages had been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier had been rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages had reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces. On 25 November, the UN reiterated its call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 25 and 26 November, Israeli forces shot and killed seven Palestinians, including four children during Israeli forces operations. The deadliest incident, which lasted for ten hours, took place in Jenin Refugee Camp, and resulted in five Palestinians killed. The operation involved armed clashes with Palestinians, and airstrikes, resulting in extensive infrastructure and residential damage. According to medical sources, during the operation, Israeli forces impeded the work of paramedics, denied access to two hospitals, and arrested two people injured in one of the hospitals. Another Palestinian boy was killed by Israeli forces in Al Bireh (Ramallah) during stone throwing confrontations. Another Palestinian man was killed while inside his vehicle during an operation carried out by undercover Israeli forces in Yatma (Nablus). No Israeli casualties were reported.
* Since 7 October, 222 Palestinians, including 58 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent have been in the context of demonstrations concerning  Gaza; seven per cent have been killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent have been killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,904 Palestinians, including at least 369 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 73 Palestinians have been injured by settlers and 18 others either by forces or settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* On 25 November, three settler attacks resulted in damage to property and injuries. In one incident, a group of settlers accompanied by Israeli forces broke into Burqa village (Nablus), which was followed by confrontations with Palestinians; Israeli forces opened live fire, injuring one Palestinian. In another two incidents, according to Palestinian eyewitnesses, a group of Israeli settlers vandalized 155 olive trees in the outskirt of Immatin (Qalqiliya) and Qaryut (Nablus).
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 284 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (34 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (212 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (38 incidents). This reflects a daily average of almost six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 181 Palestinians, including 93 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 52 Palestinians, including 25 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

*26 november 2023*

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From: **Linda Sarsour** <info@mpowerchange.org>
Date: November 24, 2023

**We are doing everything we can to achieve a complete, permanent ceasefire, and we will not stop until that happens.**

I am so proud of us.

Proud of the millions of Palestinian, Muslim, and Arab youth, and the allies, all showing up loud and persistently on our phones, computers, and in the streets for Gaza.

**Together, MPower Change supporters have made more than half a million calls and emails to Congress demanding a #CeasefireNOW.**

And you and I both know we need to do more. **Help us do more.**

**We are all we got.** We take risks even though those risks, especially on Palestine, can come with consequences, I know all about that.

As long as I draw breath and can speak up, I will speak up for freedom for my people.

**I know that even if a ceasefire is achieved, Palestine will still not be free.** There will be people and organizations that move on to other things, but MPower is in for the long haul.

Thank you.
In solidarity,

Linda, and the MPower Change team

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #50**

*Displaced children in an UNRWA camp in southern Gaza. Photo by WHO, 14 November 2023*

*26 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* The humanitarian pause agreed by Israel and Hamas, which entered into force on 24 November, has largely held for the second day in a row. The pause has allowed the UN to scale up the delivery of assistance into and across Gaza.
* On 25 November, 200 trucks were dispatched from Nitzana and, of them, 187 entered Gaza by 19:00 local time. Additionally, 129,000 litres of fuel crossed into Gaza, as well as four cooking gas tanks. As of yet, the Israeli authorities have not allowed fuel to reach the areas north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north).
* The bulk of the aid that entered has been distributed in areas south of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the south). It has included 500 metric tonnes of wheat flour and 155,000 cans of ready-to-eat food provided to shelters hosting internally displaced persons (IDPs), as well as fuel distributed to hospitals, clinics, water wells, desalination plants and wastewater treatment facilities. UNRWA and humanitarian partners have been also able to collect some 400 tonnes of solid waste in and around shelters, and to conduct 30,000 primary health-care consultations, and provide psychosocial support to IDPs.
* The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) delivered 61 trucks containing food, non-food items, water, primary health-care medicines and emergency medical supplies to four distribution centres in the north. This is the largest delivery of assistance to the north since the Israeli ground operation began.
* On 25 November, 17 hostages held in Gaza and 39 Palestinian detainees held in Israeli prisons were released. The hostages released included 13 Israelis – five women and eight children – and four foreign nationals. Among the Palestinian detainees, six were women and 33 boys.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Since the humanitarian pause entered into force at 7:00 on 24 November, airstrikes, shelling, and ground clashes have reportedly ceased.
* No new fatality figures have been issued in the past 48 hours. According to the Government Media Office (GMO), as of 18:00 on 23 November, more than 14,800 people have been killed in Gaza, including about 6,000 children and 4,000 women. This office, which is under the de facto authorities in Gaza, has been reporting casualties since the Ministry of Health in Gaza stopped doing so on 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north.
* As of 18:00 on 25 November, the number of Israeli soldiers killed since the start of ground operations has remained 75, according to official Israeli sources.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 25 November, the Israeli military continued calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. Furthermore, they declared that the movement of people from the south to the north was forbidden. OCHA’s monitoring during the day estimated that less than 400 people .
* Israeli forces had been arresting some people moving through the “corridor.” IDPs interviewed by OCHA reported that Israeli forces had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through two structures, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are ordered to show their IDs and undergo what appears to be a facial recognition scan.
* In recent days, the movement of unaccompanied children and separated families has been observed in the “corridor.” Humanitarian actors are assisting these children, including through registration of cases. However, urgent measures are required to augment the presence of child protection teams in shelters; enhancing registration efficiency and addressing the specific needs of these children.
* According to the UN monitoring team, one such case was documented over the past week, and it included a child who had to cross through the checkpoint on his own following his father’s arrest at the checkpoint. The team registered his details, and another family took him to a shelter where administration works to protect these children, in anticipation of their reunification with their families.
* Over 1.7 million people in Gaza, or nearly 80 per cent of the population, are estimated to be internally displaced. Of them, nearly 896,000 IDPs are sheltering in 99 facilities in the south.
* Due to the overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions at UNRWA shelters, there have been significant increases in some communicable diseases and conditions such as diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections and hygiene-related conditions like lice.
* A humanitarian partner has carried out interventions with vulnerable IDPs and has assisted about 4,000 people with disability and injured people, including children with assistive devices, eyeglasses, hygiene kits, and more.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 25 November, 129,000 litres of fuel and, for the second consecutive day, four trucks of cooking gas, entered Gaza from Egypt. Fuel is being distributed by UNRWA in the south to support food distribution, and the operation of generators at hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, shelters, and other critical services.
* A total of 200 trucks of goods were dispatched from Nitzana on 25 November. Of them, 187 entered Gaza as of 19:00.
* On 25 November, 15 wounded and sick people, along with 2 companions and medical staff, left Gaza via the Rafah crossings. 25 dual and foreign nationals exited Gaza to Egypt. These figures exclude released hostages.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, has remained closed.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* On 25 November, the PRCS delivered eleven ambulances, three coaches and a flatbed to Shifa hospital, in Gaza city, to assist with the evacuation of injured people who still remain in there.
* Out of 24 hospitals operating in the north prior to the war, only four small ones are estimated to be operational and admitting new patients. Of the 11 medical facilities in the south, eight are currently functional. The bed capacity across Gaza has declined from 3,500 prior to the war to 1,400 presently, amid a surge in those seeking treatment. Only one of the currently functional hospitals in the south has the capacity to treat critical trauma cases or perform complex surgery, according to the WHO.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* Since the start of the humanitarian pause, UNRWA has collected and disposed 400 tons of solid waste that had been accumulating inside and outside its shelters in the south, benefiting about 1 million people.
* On 25 November, technicians visited water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in the north, carrying out an initial assessment of the damage sustained, and the repairs needed to reactivate them.
* Sewage flowing in the streets has been reported in several areas across Rafah, over the past few days. This is attributed to a combination of the limited operation of only one wastewater treatment plant due to fuel shortage and damage sustained by the sewage infrastructure.
* UNRWA continued delivering fuel to the Gaza’s main water utility, which in turn distributed it to water and sanitation facilities in the south: two seawater desalination plants, 79 water wells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* In the north, grave concerns of dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources continue. The water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline supplying water to the north are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for about two weeks due to partners’ inability to access the north.

**Food security**

* On 25 November, about 500 metric tons of wheat flour were distributed to 54,000 people in the south, alongside 155,000 cans of ready-to-eat food.
* Food prices in the market have experienced an unprecedented surge. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, during October, food and beverages prices increased by 10 per cent; with vegetables increasing by 32 per cent, wheat flour by 65 per cent, and mineral water by 100 per cent.
* Despite the increase in food aid through Rafah, many people still lack food and fuel to cook. No bakeries are operational, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food Security Cluster members have raised serious concerns about the nutritional status of people, especially lactating women, and children. This is heightened in the north, which is more difficult to reach.
* Also in the north, livestock is facing starvation and the risk of death due to shortage of fodder and water. Crops are being increasingly abandoned and damaged due to lack of fuel required to pump irrigation water.
* Across Gaza, farmers have been slaughtering their animals due to the immediate need for food and the lack of fodder to keep them alive. This practice poses an additional threat to food security as it leads to the depletion of productive assets.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* On 25 November, no rockets were reportedly fired towards Israel. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 20 November, the names of most fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* Following the release of 17 hostages on 25 November, 195 people remain captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals, according to the Israeli authorities. Before the pause, four civilian hostages had been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier had been rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages had reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces. On 25 November, the UN reiterated its call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 25 November, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man during a search-and-arrest operation in Qabatiya (Jenin). Another Palestinian man died of wounds sustained after being shot by Israeli forces during a search-and-arrest operation in Tulkarm Refugee Camp on 13 November, bringing the death toll during that operation to eight. No Israeli casualties were reported.
* Since 7 October, 215 Palestinians, including 55 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 48 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (456). About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent have been in the context of demonstrations concerning Gaza; seven per cent have been killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent have been killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,877 Palestinians, including at least 364 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 78 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* No new settler attacks were reported in the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 281 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (33 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (210 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (38 incidents). This reflects a daily average of almost six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* On 22 November, Israeli forces demolished eight structures in Mantiqat Shi'b al Butum (Hebron), due to the lack of Israeli-issued building permits. As a result, 19 people, including 11 children, were displaced.
* Additionally, 162 Palestinians, including 82 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 52 Palestinians, including 25 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

**Record-breaking attendance shows up for Gaza!**

*25 november 2023*

The 16th Annual Convention for Palestine in the US: Gaza's Resilience, The Ongoing Nakba, began with record first-day attendance numbers. Despite the attempts to silence us, leading to the cancellation of our initial venue, our convention has grown to over 3,500 attendees on the first day. Supporters of the Palestinian cause have resoundingly proven that they will remain steadfast and will not hesitate to join with one another to learn, to grieve, and to grow.

Speakers such as Nihad Awad and Dr. Osama Abuirshaid emphasized the centrality of political advocacy for Palestine in America, highlighting the groundbreaking work of AMP in this area. Palestinian American from Gaza, Huda Shubair, joined our inauguration, sharing her harrowing story of loss, as she mourns the murder of her parents, and numerous other family members, by Israeli occupation forces. Her strength in narrating a crushing personal story motivated attendees to turn their sorrow into action.

Join us tomorrow, Saturday, Nov 25th, for another day full of learning, sharing, and coping as a community tomorrow. **We value your attendance during such a difficult time and are honored to provide an engaging platform for our supporters.**

Sincerely,

**American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)**

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #49**

*In the first day of the humanitarian pause, the UN scaled up the delivery of humanitarian assistance into and across Gaza. Hundreds of thousands were assisted with food, water, medical supplies and other essential humanitarian items. Photo by WFP*

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**KEY POINTS**

* A humanitarian pause agreed by Israel and Hamas entered into force on 24 November at 7:00, with no major incident recorded as of 22:00. Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, has expressed hope that “this first day of the humanitarian pause is followed by many others and that it leads to a longer-term humanitarian ceasefire – for the benefit of the people of Gaza, Israel and beyond.”
* The 24 hours prior to the pause witnessed an intensification of Israeli strikes from air, land and sea in multiple areas throughout Gaza, alongside ground battles with Palestinian armed groups to the north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north) and in the Middle Area. In one of the deadliest incidents, at about 20:00 on 23 November, a school in Jabalia was hit in an airstrike, reportedly killing 27 people and injuring another 93.
* The pause has allowed the UN to scale up the delivery of assistance into and across Gaza. On 24 November, 200 trucks were dispatched from Nitzana to the Rafah crossing, and 137 trucks of goods were offloaded by the UNRWA reception point in Gaza, making it the largest volume of aid since the resumption of humanitarian deliveries on 21 October. Additionally, 129,000 litres of fuel and, for the first time since 7 October, four trucks carrying cooking gas, crossed into Gaza.
* The agreement reportedly  involves the gradual release of hostages and detainees. On 24 November, 24 hostages held in Gaza and 39 Palestinians held in Israeli prisons were released. The hostages released included 13 Israelis – nine women and four children – and 11 foreign nationals. Among the Palestinians detainees were 24 women and 15 boys.
* It is estimated that several thousands of Palestinians attempted to move from the area south of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the south) to the north on 24 November, despite an Israeli military warning that returning to the north is prohibited. In several reported incidents in the morning and the afternoon, Israeli forces opened fire and threw teargas canisters at people heading northwards; at least one person was reportedly killed, and dozens injured.
* On 24 November, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and a UN team evacuated at least 21 patients and wounded people, and 19 of their companions, from Al Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza city (in the north), to a hospital in Khan Younis (in the south). Despite the lack of electricity, supplies and food, Al Ahli resumed admitting patients and providing limited medical services, after being inaccessible for several days.
* Also on 24 November, an UN convoy was able to reach two UNRWA facilities sheltering internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the north, where it delivered flour and conducted an initial assessment. This is the first aid delivery to a shelter in the north in over one month.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Airstrikes, shelling and ground clashes intensified overnight and until the humanitarian pause entered into force at 7:00 on 24 November. The Jabaliya refugee camp, in the north, reportedly came under one of the heaviest artillery bombardments so far. Intense tank fire and ground operations by Israeli forces, as well as clashes with armed groups, were reported in areas to the east of A Bureij, Deir Al Balah, Al Mughraqa, An Nuseirat camp and Al Maghazi camp. Tank shelling was also reported east of Rafah and Khan Yunis.
* Several of the Israeli airstrikes carried out on 23 November resulted in many casualties. In addition to the incident in the Jabalia school (see above), the following incidents have been reported: Shortly after midday, two residential buildings in different parts of Rafah city were hit, reportedly killing a total of 14 people, including six children; at 13:00, a house in central Khan Yunis was hit, reportedly killing five people, including a pregnant woman; at about 15:00, a house in the Sheikh Radwan area of Gaza city was hit, reportedly killing ten people; at about 20:40, two cars in An Nuseirat camp were hit, reportedly resulting in 11 fatalities, most of them children.
* No new fatality figures have been issued in the past 24 hours. According to the Government Media Office (GMO), as of 18:00 on 23 November, more than 14,800 people have been killed in Gaza, including about 6,000 children and 4,000 women. This office, which is under the de facto authorities in Gaza, has been reporting casualties since the Ministry of Health in Gaza stopped doing so on 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north.
* As of 18:00 on 24 November, the number of Israeli soldiers killed since the start of ground operations has remained 75, according to official Israeli sources.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 24 November, the Israeli military continued calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. OCHA’s monitoring estimated that less than 400 people moved south.
* A man interviewed by OCHA at the crossing point indicated that the main reason forcing him and his family to leave the north was hunger. He further said that his family had received no food assistance for weeks and forcing them to break into groceries to find food to survive.
* In previous days, Israeli forces had been arresting some people moving through the “corridor.” IDPs interviewed by OCHA reported that Israeli forces had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through two structures, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are ordered to show their IDs and undergo what appears to be a facial recognition scan.
* The movement of unaccompanied children and separated families has also been observed in recent days. Humanitarian actors are assisting these children, including through registration of cases.
* Over 1.7 million people in Gaza, or nearly 80 per cent of the population, are estimated to be internally displaced. Of them, nearly 896,000 IDPs are sheltering in 99 facilities in the south.
* Due to the overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions at UNRWA shelters, there have been significant increases in some communicable diseases and conditions such as diarrhoea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections and hygiene-related conditions like lice.
* Due to the lack of space in shelters in the south, most displaced men and older boys are sleeping in the open, in school yards or in the streets, next to the external walls of the shelters. At least in one UNRWA shelter in Khan Younis, a few hundred of IDP families have been accommodated in tents outside the shelter premises.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 24 November, 129,000 litres of fuel and, for the first time since 7 October, four trucks of cooking gas, entered Gaza from Egypt. Fuel is being distributed by UNRWA to support food distribution, and the operation of generators at hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, shelters, and other critical services.
* A total of 137 trucks of goods were offloaded on 24 November, as of 18:00, by the UNRWA reception point in Gaza. Overall, between 21 October and 23 November at 18:00, at least 1,860 truckloads of humanitarian supplies (excluding fuel) have entered Gaza through the Egyptian border, compared with a monthly average of nearly 10,000 truckloads of commercial and humanitarian commodities (excluding fuel) entering Gaza before 7 October.
* On 24 November, an unconfirmed number of Palestinians stranded in Egypt, were allowed to return to Gaza, for first time since the outset of hostilities.
* The same day, 23 wounded and sick people, along with 21 companions, left Gaza via the Rafah crossings. No dual and foreign nationals exited Gaza to Egypt on 24 November. These figures exclude released hostages.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, has remained closed.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* On 23 November, at about 22:00, an Israeli airstrike reportedly hit the Indonesian hospital in Beit Lahia (North Gaza) destroying its generator. Subsequently, Israeli troops raided the hospital. At least one woman was reportedly killed and three patients were detained. The troops left the facilities at dawn. The hospital is not operational.
* On 24 November, Israeli forces also withdrew from the Shifa hospital compound in Gaza city, where they had been carrying out operations for nine days. Before leaving, the Israeli forces reportedly destroyed tunnel they had found underneath the compound; oxygen pipes and generators were also reportedly destroyed. Some 250 patients and staff members are estimated to remain at Shifa, which is currently non-operational.
* Out of 24 hospitals operating in the north prior to the war, only four small ones are estimated to be operational and admitting new patients. Of the 11 medical facilities in the south, eight are currently functional. The bed capacity across Gaza has declined from 3,500 prior to the war to 1,400 presently, amid a surge in those seeking treatment. Only one of the currently functional hospitals in the south has the capacity to treat critical trauma cases or perform complex surgery, according to the WHO.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff, and other civilians to evacuate safely.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* Sewage flowing in the streets has been reported in several areas across Rafah, over the past few days. This is attributed to a combination of the limited operation of only one wastewater treatment plant due to fuel shortage and damage sustained by the sewage infrastructure.
* UNRWA continues delivering fuel to the Gaza’s main water utility, which in turn distributed it to water and sanitation facilities in the south: two seawater desalination plants, 79 water wells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* In the north, grave concerns of dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources continue. The water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline supplying water to the north are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for about two weeks due to partners’ inability to access the north.

**Food security**

* On 24 November, UNRWA managed to distribute flour to two IDP shelters in the north. Other than that, no food distribution has been carried out in the north for several weeks. Due to the lack of cooking facilities and fuel, people have been resorting to consuming the few raw vegetables or unripe fruits that remain available to them. No bakeries are operational, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food Security Cluster members have raised serious concerns about the nutritional status of people, especially lactating women, and children.
* Also in the north, livestock is facing starvation and the risk of death due to shortage of fodder and water. Crops are being increasingly abandoned and damaged due to lack of fuel required to pump irrigation water.
* Across Gaza, farmers have been slaughtering their animals due to the immediate need for food and the lack of fodder to keep them alive. This practice poses an additional threat to food security as it leads to the depletion of productive assets.
* Food prices in the market have experienced an unprecedented surge. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, during October, food and beverages prices increased by 10 per cent; with vegetables increasing by 32 per cent, wheat flour by 65 per cent, and mineral water by 100 per cent.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres continued prior to the entry into force of the pause on 24 November, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities , the vast majority on 7 October. As of 20 November, the names of most fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* Following the release of hostages on 24 November, 211 people remain captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals, according to the Israeli authorities. Before the pause, four civilian hostages had been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier had been rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages had reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces. On 22 November, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, reiterated his call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* Over the past 24 hours, Israeli forces killed two Palestinians, including a 14-yearold child, during two search-and-arrest operations in Aqbat Jaber Refugee Camp (Jericho) and in Beita village (Nablus). No Israeli casualties were reported.
* Since 7 October, 213 Palestinians, including 55 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 48 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (454). About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent have been in the context of demonstrations concerning  Gaza; seven per cent have been killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent have been killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,877 Palestinians, including at least 364 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 78 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* No new settler attacks were reported in the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 281 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (33 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (210 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (38 incidents). This reflects a daily average of almost six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* On 24 November, in Rummana village (Jenin), Israeli forces demolished on punitive grounds the home of a family whose member was accused of killing an Israeli in August 2023. As a result, six people, including one child, were displaced. Punitive demolitions are a form of collective punishment and are prohibited under international law.
* Additionally, 162 Palestinians, including 82 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 48 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

**Countdown to genocide: the year before October 7**

*24 november 2023*

Over 12,000 Palestinians have been killed in the Israeli military’s genocidal war on Gaza. We don’t know exactly how many have died: With the collapse of Gaza’s healthcare system, it’s now impossible to count the dead.

This is devastation on an unimaginable scale. How did we end up here?

It depends on when you start the clock. Gaza was created by Israel in 1948, as a refugee camp to contain Palestinians displaced in the Nakba. Since 2007, Israel has kept Gaza under an illegal military siege, counting calories allowed in and permitting the water in Gaza to become undrinkable, creating a humanitarian crises widely condemned by the international community.

In November 2022, the most right-wing government in Israeli history came to power...

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**Can the ceasefire hold?
A special JVP Power Hour**

Please join JVP ED **Stefanie Fox** in conversation with **Ofer Cassif**, on the terms of the temporary peace deal, and the prospects for a permanent ceasefire.

Cassif is a Knesset member of the Jewish-Palestinian socialist party Hadash, and a longtime advocate for Palestinian rights across all the territories under Israeli governance. Ofer has advocated for an end to Israel's military occupation and the military detention of Palestinian political prisoners. Cassif was suspended from the Knesset for 45 days for his criticism on October 18th of the Israeli government for carrying out pogroms and ethnic cleansing against Palestinians.

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Vanmorgen om 06.00 uur Nederlandse tijd is in de Gazastrook een [**vierdaags bestand**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=209bacef80&e=37d294b014) ingegaan in de strijd tussen Israël en Hamas. Onderdeel van het bestand is de vrijlating van vijftig van de 240 door Hamas [**ontvoerde**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=2a732becac&e=37d294b014) Israëli’s. Israël laat op zijn beurt 150 van de [**zevenduizend**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=39492ade3e&e=37d294b014) Palestijnse politieke gevangenen vrij. In beide gevallen gaat het om vrouwen en kinderen. Het bestand wordt ook benut om de eerste humanitaire hulp en brandstof de landstrook binnen te brengen.  **Zoeken onder het puin**
De 46 dagen durende Israëlische aanvallen hebben tot dusver geleid tot tenminste 14.854 Palestijnse doden, onder wie 6.150 kinderen en vierduizend vrouwen, en tenminste 36 duizend gewonden. De hoop is dat de komende vier dagen de ruimte bieden om de puinhopen te doorzoeken. Zevenduizend burgers worden vermist, onder wie ruim 4.700 kinderen en vrouwen.

**Meer dood en destructie**
Israël is van plan de oorlog dinsdagochtend te hervatten. Gisteravond kondigde Israëls minister van Defensie Yoav Gallant nog tenminste twee maanden van intense gevechten aan. Legerwoordvoerder Daniel Hagari noemde de controle over Noord-Gaza slechts de eerste stap in een ‘lange oorlog’. De Palestijnen wacht nog veel meer dood en destructie.

Dat vooruitzicht is onacceptabel. De internationale gemeenschap heeft de plicht om verder geweld te voorkomen. Van Nederland mag hierin een leidende rol worden verwacht, bij voorkeur samen met gelijkgestemde Europese landen.

**‘Stop de oorlog in Gaza NU’**
Vanuit de samenleving zal een harde schreeuw moeten uitgaan naar politiek Den Haag om een nog grotere ramp te voorkomen. Het ‘Stop de oorlog in Gaza NU’ moet komende dagen zo oorverdovend klinken dat de regering wel in actie *moet* komen. We roepen organisaties en burgers op daaraan bij te dragen, en om zich aan te sluiten bij geplande [**protesten en wakes**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=d633e89e91&e=37d294b014), waaronder de landelijke demonstratie van zondag 26 november in Amsterdam.

**Bekijk hier het hele artikel over de gevechtspauze tussen Israël en Hamas.**

**Tweede Kamer debatteert over Gaza**

Op 23 november, de de eerste dag na het verkiezingsreces, debatteerde de Tweede Kamer over de rampzalige situatie in de Palestijnse Gazastrook. Het debat werd gevoerd door de Kamerleden die deel uitmaken van de vaste commissies voor Buitenlandse Zaken, Buitenlandse Handel en Ontwikkelingssamen­werking en Defensie met de respectievelijke demissionair bewinds­lieden Hanke Bruins Slot (CDA), Liesje Schreinemacher (VVD) en Kajsa Ollongren (D66).

Het debat is in zijn geheel terug te kijken op debatgemist.nl.

**Schriftelijke vragen**
Gezien de (inter)nationale maatschappelijke turbulentie over het buitenproportionele Israëlische geweld, en een serie schokkende [**onthullingen**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=088cb8923b&e=37d294b014) door *NRC*, werd besloten tot een voorafgaande schriftelijke vragenronde. In totaal werden door twaalf fracties 161 vragen ingediend waarop de antwoorden van minister Bruins Slot op 18 november aan de Kamer zijn gestuurd (113 pagina’s, onderaan deze pagina te downloaden). Zij vormden de basis voor het debat.

**Het debat**
Minister Bruins Slot leek weliswaar aan het begin van haar bijdrage aangedaan door het lijden dat ze tijdens haar bezoek afgelopen week aan beide kanten gezien had. En sprak onder meer over haar bezoek aan een Palestijnse arts die haar had verteld dat operaties in Gaza zonder verdoving worden uitgevoerd.

Opmerkelijk is dat de minister desalniettemin weigerde te erkennen dat er sprake is van schendingen van het internationaal recht. Kamerleden Van Dijk (SP), Sjoerdsma (D66) en Van Baarle (DENK) wezen er dan ook terecht op dat het niet moeilijk is om vast te stellen dat Israël de blokkade van Gaza in stand houdt en bij de oorlog met Hamas gebruik maakt van verhongering als tactiek.

Sjoerdsma vatte de kabinetspositie goed samen: 'Ik ben getergd door de opstelling van het kabinet wat betreft het niet willen vaststellen van schendingen, zeker als het over de blokkade gaat. Dat kost mensenlevens. Het gaat ook ten koste van Israëlische veiligheid. Het voedt haat en regionale instabiliteit en het gaat ten koste van onze eigen reputatie. Het gaat ook ten koste van de wereldwijde strijd tegen landen als Rusland en China.'

**Nederzettingen**
Tijdens het debat kwamen ook de illegale Israëlische nederzettingen op de bezette Westelijke Jordaanoever aan bod. Sjoerdsma, Van Dijk, Van Baarle en Boswijk (CDA) vroegen minister Bruins Slot om concrete maatregelen tegen kolonisten. Zij ging daarin mee en zegde toe met gelijkgezinde Europese landen te kijken naar gerichte maatregelen zoals inreisverboden tegen individuen die bij kolonistengeweld betrokken zijn.

Dat is dan wel een besluit dat, gezien de terroristische activiteiten van groepen kolonisten, minstens al veel eerder genomen had dienen te worden genomen. Naast andere, veel verder reikende strafmaatregelen jegens Israël zelf.  Over Nederlandse betrokkenheid bij handel met nederzettingen merkte minister Bruins Slot op dat Nederland geen diensten aan Nederlandse bedrijven verleent die activiteiten ontplooien ten behoeve van Israëlische nederzettingen. Wij zullen in de komende weken de Nederlandse medeplichtigheid bij handel met de illegale nederzettingen uitvoerig beschrijven.

**Kort geding**
Ook het Kort Geding dat The Rights Forum samen met andere organisaties tegen de Nederlandse staat aanspande wegens de export van onderdelen van gevechtsvliegtuigen naar Israël werd tijdens het debat besproken. Minister Schreinemacher gaf daarbij aan dat de zitting op 4 december zal plaatsvinden.

Kamerleden Teunissen (PvdD) en Piri (PvdA) leken ons standpunt met betrekking tot de levering militaire vliegtuigonderdelen aan Israël in ieder geval te steunen, omdat het risico bestaat dat die onderdelen worden gebruikt bij schendingen van het internationaal recht en Nederland daar niet actief aan mag bijdragen.

Inmiddels hebben wij ook onze [**petitie**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=047e551a35&e=37d294b014) 'Den Haag, maak nú werk van vrede in Israël/Palestina' aangeboden aan de Tweede Kamer. Dat deden wij tegelijkertijd met andere Nederlandse mensenrechtenorganisaties. Gezamenlijk haalden de organisaties ruim 200 duizend handtekeningen op. De petities werden in ontvangst genomen door een delegatie van Kamerleden van negen verschillende partijen.

**Opinie 'Palestijnse Nederlanders maken regering harde verwijten'**

Nederland heeft Israël onvoorwaardelijke steun gegeven voor het wekenlange geweld tegen de Palestijnen in Gaza en nagelaten aan te dringen op een staakt-het-vuren. In een brief roepen Palestijnen in Nederland de regering op tot rechtvaardigheid en effectieve actie.

**Lees hier de hele brief >**

**Opinie 'Onmacht, woede en frustratie'**

Max Wieselmann was 18 jaar actief voor de organisatie Een Ander Joods Geluid. Afgelopen week publiceerden wij de tekst die hij op 7 november uitsprak tijdens een solidariteitsbijeenkomst voor Gaza, georganiseerd door de stichting Groningen-Jabalya. Hij vraagt zich af: 'Wat hebben wij in hemelsnaam geleerd van de Holocaust?’

**Lees verder >**

*24 november 2023*

We are in a time of genocide.

I will not back down from doing everything I can to stop it.

And neither should you.

**We are doing everything we can to achieve a complete, permanent ceasefire, and we will not stop until that happens.**

I am so proud of us.

Proud of the millions of Palestinian, Muslim, and Arab youth, and the allies, all showing up loud and persistently on our phones, computers, and in the streets for Gaza.

**Together, MPower Change supporters have made more than half a million calls and emails to Congress demanding a #CeasefireNOW.**

And you and I both know we need to do more. **Help us do more.**

**We are all we got.** We take risks even though those risks, especially on Palestine, can come with consequences, I know all about that.

As long as I draw breath and can speak up, I will speak up for freedom for my people.

**I know that even if a ceasefire is achieved, Palestine will still not be free.** There will be people and organizations that move on to other things, but MPower is in for the long haul.

I honor each one of you for speaking up and showing up at this time.

Thank you.
In solidarity,

Linda, and the MPower Change team

*24 november 2023*

**Every minute the genocide goes on, we must pull out all the stops to disrupt business as usual.**

A four-day break in Israel’s brutal bombings is NOT a ceasefire. Palestinians are dying, and Israel already delayed the pause one day to carpet bomb Gaza, including a UN school.

**Israel fully intends on bombing Gaza all over again. We can’t let that happen.**

Millions of people have been protesting for Palestine, pressuring Congress and disrupting the Macy’s Parade in multiple places yesterday. **Now we must all rise up together.**

Today, you can **boycott Black Friday and shut down business as usual** at every corner. Next week, you can show up on the **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**.

**Join the How to Take Action on Palestine Solidarity Day webinar on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 1 PM ET, along with Mohammed El-Kurd, Macklemore, Aja Monet, Krystal Two Bulls, and Noura Erakat.** USCPR is hosting the webinar with thanks for Palestinian Feminist Collective and Dream Defenders for cosponsoring.

**Our voices are powerful. Our collective action when we combine forces is powerful. And this is only the beginning.**

You’ve been a part of building this mass movement that demands to be reckoned with. Together we’ve pressured **47 members of Congress** to call for a permanent ceasefire.

On Wednesday, you’ll get to take action alongside movement leaders who are resisting the Gaza genocide—from Palestinian analysts to popular music artist Macklemore.

Disrupt every moment, and acknowledge the genocide before your eyes. When we stand together on the side of humanity, we will win.

Onward to liberation,

**IMAN ABID**

Organizing & Advocacy Director

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*Displaced people seeking refuge in southern Gaza. With shelters being overcrowded, most displaced men and older boys are sleeping in the open, in school yards or in the streets, often next to the external walls of the shelters. Photo by WHO, 15 November 2023*

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* A humanitarian pause to start on 24 November has been agreed between Israel and Hamas. The agreement will reportedly involve the release of some of the Israeli hostages held in Gaza and some Palestinians held in Israeli prisons.
* Israeli strikes from air, land and sea reportedly intensified over the past 24 hours (as of 23 November afternoon) across most of Gaza, alongside ground battles with Palestinian armed groups in the north, Jabalia in particular. Many casualties have been reported.
* As of 23 November, about 200 patients and medical staff remain at the Indonesian hospital in Beit Lahiya (North Gaza) and are awaiting evacuation. The hospital continues to be surrounded by Israeli tanks. At about 22:00 on 24 November, the hospital was hit again and sustained damage, according to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza.
* Three children, including an infant in an incubator died in Kamal Odwan Hospital in Jabalia (North Gaza), on 22 November, reportedly due to the lack of electricity. The vicinity of the hospital was heavily bombarded that day, reportedly resulting in dozens of fatalities. This is one of the two hospitals north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north) that are still operational and admitting patients, albeit with limited services.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff, and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* On 22 November, Israeli forces reportedly dropped leaflets in villages east of Khan Younis, in southern Gaza (Al Qarara, Khuza’a, Bani Suheila, and Abasan), ordering residents to evacuate immediately westwards to “known shelters.” So far, there is no evidence of significant numbers of residents fleeing. Similar orders had been issues in this area in previous days.
* On 21 November, 111 Palestinian bodies, including children and women, were buried in a mass grave in Khan Younis. The bodies seem unidentified.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Bombardment and ground clashes have intensified over the past 24 hours. Israeli troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south along Wadi Gaza, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* On 23 November, at about 2:50, a residential building was struck in eastern Khan Yunis, southern Gaza, reportedly killing at least 14 people and injuring 13 others. On 22 November, at about 23:30, a residential building in Al Junainah area in Rafah, southern Gaza, was also hit, reportedly killing 14 people.
* According to the Government Media Office (GMO), as of 18:00 on 23 November, more than 14,800 people have been killed in Gaza, including about 6,000 children and 4,000 women. This office, which is under the local authorities in Gaza, has assumed MoH’s role following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north.
* As of 18:00 on 23 November, the number of Israeli soldiers killed since the start of ground operations has remained 75, according to official Israeli sources.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 23 November, the Israeli military continued calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. OCHA’s monitoring estimated that less than 500 people [**had moved south**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=151b5f3795&e=e9f9a91036), the second-lowest volume of movement observed since the “corridor” was opened. The low volume is largely attributed to the expectations generated by the humanitarian pause to be implemented from 24 November.
* Israeli forces have been arresting some people moving through the “corridor.” IDPs interviewed by OCHA reported that Israeli forces had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through two structures, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are ordered to show their IDs and undergo what appears to be a facial recognition scan.
* The OCHA monitoring team noted more people, including women, being detained while crossing on November 23 through the 'corridor' compared with previous days. The monitoring team has documented family accounts indicating that women had been detained for several hours and others for days before being released.
* The movement of unaccompanied children and separated families has also been observed in recent days. Humanitarian actors are assisting these children, including through registration of cases.
* Over 1.7 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced. Of them, about 1 million are staying in at least 156 UNRWA shelters across the Gaza Strip. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity and despite being unable to accommodate new arrivals, people continue to arrive.
* Due to the lack of space in shelters in the south, most displaced men and older boys are sleeping in the open, in school yards or in the streets, next to the external walls of the shelters. At least in one UNRWA shelter in Khan Younis, a few hundred of IDP families have been accommodated in tents outside the shelter premises.
* In recent days, UNRWA, in cooperation with the ‘Humanity and Inclusion’ NGO, has provided 3,830 persons with disabilities, injured people, children and the elderly with hygiene kits, assistive devices, eyeglasses, first aid kits and baby kits.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 23 November, 75,000 litres of fuel entered Gaza from Egypt, following an Israeli decision from 18 November to allow the daily entry of small amounts of fuel for essential humanitarian operations. Fuel is being distributed by UNRWA to support food distribution, and the operation of generators at hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, shelters, and other critical services.
* A total of 80 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies entered from Egypt on 23 November as of 18:00. Overall, between 21 October and 23 November at 18:00, at least 1,723 truckloads of humanitarian supplies (excluding fuel) have entered Gaza through the Egyptian border, compared with a monthly average of nearly 10,000 truckloads of commercial and humanitarian commodities (excluding fuel) entering Gaza before 7 October.
* On 23 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of 433 dual and foreign nationals and 17 wounded and sick people. Between 2 and 20 November, 9,576 dual and foreign nationals and 425 wounded and sick, and their medical accompaniers exited Gaza to Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, has remained closed.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* Israeli forces continue their operation in and around Shifa Hospital for the eighth consecutive day. Some 250 patients and staff members are estimated to remain at Shifa, currently non-operational due to critical shortages of power, water, and medical supplies.
* On 22 November, three paramedics with the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and one companion of an injured person were arrested by Israeli forces while being transferred in the convoy that evacuated people from Shifa Hospital. The incident occurred when the convoy reached a checkpoint dividing north and south Gaza. On 23 November, Israeli forces arrested the General Director of Shifa, along with other members of his medical crew, at the same checkpoint.
* Out of 24 hospitals operating in the north prior to the war, 22 are either out of service or unable to admit new patients. Of the 11 medical facilities in the south, eight are currently functional. The bed capacity across Gaza has declined from 3,500 prior to the war to 1,400 presently, amid a surge in those seeking treatment. Only one of the currently functional hospitals has the capacity to treat critical trauma cases or perform complex surgery, according to the WHO.
* For additional information on hospitals see the Key Points section above.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* Sewage flowing in the streets has been reported in several areas across Rafah, over the past three days. This is attributed to a combination of the limited operation of only one wastewater treatment plant due to fuel shortage and damage sustained by the sewage infrastructure.
* On 21 November, UNRWA delivered 19,500 litres of fuel to the Gaza’s main water utility. The following day, fuel was distributed to water and sanitation facilities in the south: two seawater desalination plants, 79 water wells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* In the north, grave concerns of dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources continue. The water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline supplying water to the north are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for about two weeks due to partners’ inability to access the north.

**Food security**

* Since 7 November, and as of the time of writing, members of the Food Security Sector have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. Due to the lack of cooking facilities and fuel, people have been resorting to consuming the few raw vegetables or unripe fruits that remain available to them. No bakeries are operational, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food Security Cluster members have raised serious concerns about the nutritional status of people, especially lactating women, and children.
* Also in the north, livestock is facing starvation and the risk of death due to shortage of fodder and water. Crops are being increasingly abandoned and damaged due to lack of fuel required to pump irrigation water.
* Across Gaza, farmers have been slaughtering their animals due to the immediate need for food and the lack of fodder. This practice poses an additional threat to food security as it leads to the depletion of productive assets.
* Food prices in the market have experienced an unprecedented surge. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, during October, food and beverages prices increased by 10 per cent; with vegetables increasing by 32 per cent, wheat flour by 65 per cent, and mineral water by 100 per cent.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 20 November, the names of most fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, 235 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. About 40 of them are reportedly children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages have reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces. On 22 November, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, reiterated his call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* Over the past 24 hours, Israeli forces killed two Palestinians in the West Bank. On 22 November, a 14-year-old child was shot and killed by Israeli forces during a search-and-arrest operation in Burin (Nablus). Another Palestinian man was killed while travelling in his vehicle on a road east of Ramallah; the circumstances remain unclear. No Israeli casualties were reported in any of these incidents.
* Since 7 October, 211 Palestinians, including 54 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 48 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (452). About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent have been in the context of demonstrations concerning Gaza; seven per cent have been killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent have been killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,866 Palestinians, including at least 364 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 78 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* On 21 and 22 November, OCHA recorded four settler attacks resulting in damage and injuries across the West Bank. In one incident, settlers physically assaulted an elderly Palestinian man in Yatta (Hebron) while he was working on his land. In three incidents, Israeli settlers broke into the Palestinian community of Al Mu’arrajat East (Ramallah), toured between the tents harassing and intimidating residents, and threw stones at a vehicle, causing damage. In Khirbet Zanuta and Susiya (both in Hebron), settlers vandalized 70 trees, damaged water pipelines, and set fire to a basic school, causing damage to two classrooms and the school’s kitchen.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 281 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (33 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (210 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (38 incidents). This reflects a daily average of almost six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 162 Palestinians, including 82 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 48 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

**Funding**

* As of 23 November, Member States have disbursed [**US$218.2 million**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=7ebf986b05&e=e9f9a91036) against the updated Flash Appeal launched by the UN and its partners to implement its response plan in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 in the West Bank. This constitutes about 18 per cent of the $1.2 billion requested. An additional $250 million has been pledged. Private donations are collected through the Humanitarian Fund.

**More aid delivered into Gaza on first day of humanitarian pause**

*24 November 2023*

During the humanitarian pause that has been in place since this morning, the UN was able to scale up the delivery of humanitarian assistance into and across Gaza.

200 trucks were dispatched from Nitzana to the Rafah crossing.

137 trucks of goods were offloaded by the UNRWA reception point in Gaza making it the biggest humanitarian convoy received since October 7.

129,000 litres of fuel and four trucks of gas also crossed into Gaza.

21 critical patients were evacuated in a large-scale medical operation from the north of Gaza.

Hundreds of thousands of people were assisted with food, water, medical supplies and other essential humanitarian items.

The UN welcomes the release of 24 hostages held in Gaza since October 7 and renews its call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

Humanitarian teams from the UN and partners will continue to ramp up humanitarian operations to meet the needs of people throughout Gaza in the coming days.

*23 november 2023*

**Boycott PUMA**

**PUMA is deeply complicit**in Israel’s military occupation. As Israel continues its incessant carpet bombing of Palestinians in Gaza, Israeli soldiers and armed settlers are attacking and killing Palestinians and ethnically cleansing Palestinian communities across the occupied West Bank. PUMA sponsors the Israel Football Association, which **governs and advocates for maintaining teams in illegal Israel settlements.**

**Let PUMA know you won’t buy into genocide!**

Genocide is the **gravest crime** under international law. Companies enabling it must pay a price until they end complicity in Israel’s crimes against Palestinians. **Take action now** against these companies and others profiting from genocide.

In solidarity,

The Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC)

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #47**

*On 22 November, 190 wounded and sick people, their companions, and medical teams from Shifa Hospital were evacuated to southern Gaza. The convoy was subjected to hours-long inspection process on the way, jeopardizing the health of the patients. Photo: A previous medical evacuation convoy on 19 November. Photo by WHO*

*23 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* On 22 November, 190 wounded and sick people, their companions, and a number of medical teams from Shifa hospital, in Gaza city, were evacuated in an ambulance convoy to the south, in coordination with UN and humanitarian agencies. The Palestine Red Crescent Society reported that, the evacuation lasted for almost 20 hours as the convoy was obstructed and subjected to inspection while passing through the checkpoint that separates northern and southern Gaza, “hence putting the lives of the wounded and sick people in danger.” Some 250 patients and staff members are estimated to remain at Shifa, which is no longer operational.
* On 21 November, at about 23:00, heavy strikes were reported on and around the Indonesian Hospital, Beit Lahiya (North Gaza), hitting the surgery department. According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, there are about 60 corpses lying near the hospital. Earlier in the day, some 500 patients and staff were evacuated from the hospital to a hospital in Khan Younis (in the south), in coordination with humanitarian agencies.
* On 22 November, the vicinity of Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahia was heavily bombarded, resulting in dozens killed, according to media reports. This is one of the two hospitals north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north) that are still operational and admitting patients. Since last night, it has admitted more than 60 dead and some 1,000 wounded people.
* The remaining 22 hospitals in the north are out of service. Of the 11 medical facilities in the south, seven are currently functional. The bed capacity across Gaza has declined from 3,500 prior to the war to 1,400 presently, amid a surge in those seeking treatment. Only one of the currently functional hospitals has the capacity to treat critical trauma cases or perform complex surgery, according to the WHO.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff, and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* UNRWA confirmed that 15 IDPs were killed in the 21 November incident, where a school in Al Bureij Camp serving as a shelter was directly hit (reported in Flash Update #46). Of them, nine were children and four were women; and another 20 people were injured. The school was hosting about 1,000 IDPs who were subsequently evacuated. Since 7 October, at least 191 people sheltering in UNRWA schools have been killed and 798 reported injured.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Intense ground clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups continued in and around Gaza city, as well as in several other areas in the north, Jabalia in particular. Airstrikes and shelling by Israeli forces also continued in multiple areas across Gaza. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south along Wadi Gaza, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* On 22 November, at about 9:30, ten buildings in Ash Shuja’iyeh area of Gaza city were struck, reportedly killing 30 people. On 21 November, at about 20:50, residential buildings were struck in the Abu Shamas area, in Deir Al Balah (Middle Gaza), reportedly killing at least 19 people and injuring more than 20.
* According to the Gaza Media Office, as of 14:00 on 22 November, more than 14,500 people have been killed in Gaza, including about 6,000 children and 4,000 women. This office, which is under the local authorities in Gaza, has assumed MoH’s role after the latter stopped updating fatality tolls.
* In the 24 hours preceding 18:00 on 22 November, two Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed in Gaza, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 75, according to official Israeli sources.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 22 November, the Israeli military continued calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. OCHA’s monitoring estimated that 250 people had moved south, the lowest volume of people documented since the “corridor” was opened. The decline is largely attributed to the expectations generated by the humanitarian pause to be implemented from 23 November.
* Israeli forces have been arresting some people moving through the “corridor.” IDPs interviewed by OCHA reported that Israeli forces had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through two structures, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are ordered to show their IDs and undergo what appears to be a facial recognition scan.
* One man interviewed by OCHA reported that his wife had been detained and forced to hand over their baby to him. The monitoring team has documented a few similar cases over the past few weeks, including instances where a mother was ordered to leave her baby with strangers.
* The movement of unaccompanied children and separated families has also been increasingly observed. An interagency plan is being developed to respond to this situation, including the registration of cases.
* Over 1.7 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including almost 945,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 156 UNRWA shelters across the strip. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity and are unable to accommodate new arrivals.
* In recent days, UNRWA, in cooperation with the ‘Humanity and Inclusion’ NGO, has provided 3,830 persons with disabilities, injured people, children and the elderly with hygiene kits, assistive devices, eyeglasses, first aid kits and baby kits.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 22 November, 75,000 litres of fuel entered Gaza from Egypt, following an Israeli decision from 18 November to allow the daily entry of small amounts of fuel for essential humanitarian operations. Fuel is being distributed by UNRWA to support food distribution, and the operation of generators at hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, shelters, and other critical services.
* A total of 80 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies entered from Egypt on 22 November as of 20:00. Overall, between 21 October and 22 November at 18:00, at least 1,479 truckloads of humanitarian supplies (excluding fuel) have entered Gaza through the Egyptian border, compared with a monthly average of nearly 10,000 truckloads of commercial and humanitarian commodities (excluding fuel) entering Gaza before 7 October.
* On 22 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of 433 dual and foreign nationals and 17 wounded and sick people. Between 2 and 20 November, 9,576 dual and foreign nationals and 425 wounded and medical accompaniers exited Gaza to Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed. According to media reports, the Israeli authorities have rejected requests by Member States to operate this crossing to increase the entry of humanitarian aid.

**Electricity**

* ince 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* Dialysis patients who were evacuated on 22 November from Shifa hospital were transferred to Abu Youssef An Najjar Hospital in Rafah, while other patients were evacuated to the European hospital in Khan Younis.
* In the coming days, UN and health partners are planning to conduct an assessment at Al Ahali Hospital, in Gaza city, which reportedly hosts hundreds of trauma patients with little to no medical support. During the visit, basic supplies and self-help medical items will be provided. The hospital is no longer admitting new patients and is not considered functional but is still in need of assistance.
* According to UNRWA, midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. There are an estimated 50,000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day. A total of 231 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at the health centres on 20 November.
* For additional information on hospitals see the Key Points section above.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* On 21 November, UNRWA delivered 19,500 litres of fuel to the Gaza’s main water utility. The following day, these were distributed to water and sanitation facilities in the south: two seawater desalination plants, 79 waterwells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* In the north, grave concerns of dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources continue. The water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline supplying water to the north are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for about two weeks due to partners’ inability to access north.

**Food security**

* Since 7 November, members of the Food Security Sector have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. Due to the lack of cooking facilities and fuel, people are resorting to consuming the few raw vegetables or unripe fruits that remain available to them. No bakeries are active due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food Security Cluster members have raised serious concerns about the nutritional status of people, especially lactating women, and children.
* Also in the north, livestock is facing starvation and the risk of death due to the shortage of fodder and water. Crops are being increasingly abandoned and damaged due to the lack of fuel required to pump irrigation water.
* Across Gaza, farmers have been slaughtering their animals due to the immediate need for food and the lack of fodder. This practice poses an additional threat to food security as it leads to the depletion of productive assets.
* Food prices in the market have experienced an unprecedented surge. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, during October, food and beverages prices increased by 10 per cent; with vegetables increasing by 32 per cent, wheat flour by 65 per cent, and mineral water by 100 per cent.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 20 November, the names of most fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, 235 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals, of whom 40 are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages have reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces. On 22 November, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, reiterated his call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* Over the past 24 hours, Israeli forces killed eight Palestinian men in three separate operations across the West Bank. Six fatalities occurred in the Tulkarm Refugee Camp, in an operation that involved armed clashes with Palestinians and Israeli airstrikes, resulting in extensive infrastructure and residential damage. Another Palestinian was killed in Azzun (Qalqiliya), when Israeli forces raided the area and opened fire at a vehicle he was traveling in, also injuring and arresting the other person in the vehicle. The other fatality was recorded during a search-and-arrest operation in Balata Refugee Camp (Nablus). No Israeli casualties were reported in any of these incidents.
* Since 7 October, 209 Palestinians, including 52 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 47 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (450). About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent have been in the context of demonstrations concerning  Gaza; seven per cent have been killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent have been killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,831 Palestinians, including at least 364 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 75 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* In the past 24 hours, two settler attacks resulted in damage and injuries. In one incident, a group of settlers accompanied by Israeli forces broke into a cemetery in Al Fundaqumiya village (Jenin), which was followed by confrontations with Palestinians; Israeli forces opened live fire, injuring two Palestinians. In another incident, armed assailants known by Palestinian residents to be settlers, yet wearing Israeli military uniforms, opened fire and physically assaulted a group of Palestinians harvesting their olives in Yanun village (Nablus), injuring one man, and smashing 12 bags of produce.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 277 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (32 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (207 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (3 incidents). This reflects a daily average of almost six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 162 Palestinians, including 82 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 48 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

**Funding**

* As of 22 November, Member States have disbursed [**US$190.4 million**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=dbf3085c69&e=e9f9a91036) against the updated Flash Appeal launched by the UN and its partners to implement its response plan in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 in the West Bank. This constitutes about 15.5 per cent of the $1.2 billion requested. An additional $250 million has been pledged, which if materialized, would bring the Flash Appeal funding level to 32 per cent. Private donations are collected through the Humanitarian Fund.

**While a pause is a positive step forward, an immediate and permanent ceasefire is necessary**

*22 november 2023*

*(WASHINGTON, D.C., 11/22/23)* **Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action) welcomes the newly announced deal in Gaza,** which includes a four-day truce between Israel and Palestinians. We recognize this as a positive development as a step towards de-escalation in the war on Gaza, which has led to immense suffering and loss for millions of Palestinians.

While we welcome any measures that diminish violence and save lives, this significant truce is not enough. We remain concerned that Israel is refusing to allow Palestinians from northern Gaza to return to their homes and continue to advocate for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. The situation in Gaza remains critical, with extensive loss of life and widespread devastation of communities. Israel's assault on Gaza has created unparalleled human suffering, with Israel’s actions being described as “genocide” by many in the international community.

While the prisoner exchange is a critical aspect of de-escalation, we firmly believe that going forward, Israel has a moral responsibility to unilaterally release the thousands of Palestinians it has taken as civilian captives. Doing so is vital to ensuring genuine progress in addressing the fundamental causes of this situation, namely Israel’s occupation and apartheid of Palestinians in their indigenous lands.

We must also emphasize the importance of holding Israel accountable should it violate the terms of this truce. Just a few hours ago, Israel renewed its calls for Palestinians to leave their homes in northern Gaza, further pushing its ethnic cleansing plan even during the truce. The international community, including the United States, must be prepared to take decisive action to ensure compliance with this pause and address any possible breaches. Failure to do so not only undermines the current efforts towards peace but also sets a dangerous precedent for future negotiations.

We stand in solidarity with all Palestinians who have been affected by this genocidal assault and remain dedicated to amplifying the voices that call for an end to violence and a future marked by dignity, justice, and equality for all.

Signed,

**Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action)**

**BREAKING: JVP welcomes reports of a temporary cessation in violence.**

*22 november 2023*

**JVP welcomes reports of a temporary cessation and calls for a permanent ceasefire.**

A permanent ceasefire is urgently needed to save lives. In response to the call from Palestinian civil society, historic numbers of people across the U.S. and the world have risen up to make this demand, and we are now seeing that the pressure is working.

We welcome reports of a temporary reprieve from Israel’s brutal bombardment of Palestinian civilians, and of the entrance of more humanitarian aid reaching Palestinians in Gaza. We also welcome the release and return home of more Israeli civilians held by Hamas and of Palestinian women and children held by Israel. Every single life saved — Palestinian and Israeli — is saving a whole universe.

This is the moment to be loud and clear: we need a full and lasting ceasefire now. We will double our organizing. We will keep protesting, keep calling, keep pushing.

The Israeli government’s collective punishment and unfolding genocide of Palestinians in Gaza cannot just be put on ‘pause’; it must be stopped. Fully.

Israel has killed more than 14,000 Palestinians, including over 5,800 children. Thousands more Palestinians are expected to die from starvation and dehydration. The situation in Gaza could not be more urgent or more dire. It will take Gaza a lifetime to recover.

This moment shows that a negotiated permanent ceasefire is possible. In fact, it is the only thing that will stop this violence. Once we have reached a permanent ceasefire, we cannot return to the status quo. We must address the root causes of injustice. A future of peace and safety for everyone, grounded in justice, freedom and equality for all, is still the only option.

There is no military solution. **We need a political solution — and we cannot get there until we have a full and lasting ceasefire.**

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #46**

*Aid distribution in the Gaza Strip. Screenshot from a video by PRCS*

*22 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* On 21 November, Al Awda Hospital in North Gaza, came under attack which killed four doctors and injured many patients. Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), which operates in the hospital, [**called**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=91442345d1&e=e9f9a91036) for the urgent and safe evacuation of more than 200 patients to a functioning medical facility. Since the start of the war, the World Health Organization (WHO) has documented 178 health attacks in Gaza Strip that resulted in 22 fatalities and 48 injuries among health care workers on duty.
* Some 500 patients and staff were evacuated on 21 November from the Indonesian Hospital in Beit Lahiya (North Gaza) to a hospital in Khan Younis (in the south), in coordination with humanitarian agencies. This follows an attack the previous day that directly hit the hospital and killed at least 12 people, according to the WHO. The hospital remains surrounded by Israeli troops and tanks, and fighting with armed groups has been reported in its vicinities, with additional patients and thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) trapped in the facility and awaiting evacuation.
* Only two small hospitals to the north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north), one in Gaza city and another in Beit Lahiya, are estimated to be partially operational and admit patients, with the remaining 22 being out of service. Of the 11 medical facilities in the south, seven are currently functional. The bed capacity across Gaza has declined from 3,500 prior to the war to 1,400 presently, amid a surge in those seeking treatment. one of the currently functional hospitals has the capacity to treat critical trauma cases or perform complex surgery, according to the WHO.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff, and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* On 20 November, at about midday, an UNRWA school in Al Bureij camp (Middle Area), sheltering IDPs, was reportedly hit by artillery fire, killing at least 12 people and injuring 35 others. As of 19 November, at least 176 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises had been killed and 778 injured.
* On 21 November, a WHO staff was killed alongside her 6-month-old baby, her husband and two brothers. As of 19 November, 108 UNRWA staff have been killed in Gaza since 7 October.
* Nearly 770,000 IDPs, out of 1.7 million, are sheltering in 99 UNRWA facilities south of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the south), in extremely overcrowded conditions. In the past two weeks, the agency has recorded a 35 per cent increase in skin diseases and a 40 per cent increase in cases of diarrhea. The poor sanitary conditions, combined with cold rain recently, has exacerbated the risk of epidemics and may lead to a spike in child pneumonia, according to the WHO.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Intense ground clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups continued in and around Gaza city, as well as in several other areas in the north, Jabalia in particular. Airstrikes and shelling by Israeli forces also continued in multiple areas across Gaza. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south along Wadi Gaza, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* Two airstrikes, one on 20 November, at around about 23:00, and one on 21 November, close to 6:00 a.m., hit residential buildings in the An Nuseirat Camp (Middle Area), reportedly killing 17 people in the former and 20 in the latter; dozens have been injured.
* Since 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, MoH in Gaza has not updated cumulative casualty figures. Their reported fatality toll as of 10 November at 14:00 (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery, per the latest available figures from MoH Gaza.
* Two journalists were reportedly killed on 20 November in Gaza city and in North Gaza. According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, at least 53 journalists have been killed since the hostilities began on 7 October.
* In the 24 hours preceding 18:00 on 21 November, two Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed in Gaza, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 73, according to official Israeli sources.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 21 November, the Israeli military continued calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. OCHA’s monitoring observed a significant decline in the volume of people moving during the day, however, no estimate could be produced. Most people arrived at Wadi Gaza by donkey carts or buses, and some on foot.
* Israeli forces have been arresting some people moving through the “corridor.” IDPs interviewed by OCHA reported that Israeli forces had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through two structures, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are ordered to show their IDs and undergo what appears to be a facial recognition scan.
* The movement of unaccompanied children and separated families, to leave their childrenhas been increasingly observed. An interagency plan is being developed to respond to this situation including the registration of cases.
* Over 1.7 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including almost 930,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 154 UNRWA shelters across the strip. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity and are unable to accommodate new arrivals.
* Overcrowding is contributing to the spread of diseases, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, prompting environmental and health concerns. On average, 160 people sheltering in UNRWA schools share a single toilet. In the Rafah Logistics base where more than 8,000 people have sought shelter, 400 people are sharing one toilet. Due to the poor sanitary conditions, since 7 November there has been a 35 per cent increase in skin diseases and a 40 per cent increase in cases of diarrhea.
* Over 15 per cent of the IDPs are estimated to have disabilities as of 1 November, yet most shelters are not adequately equipped for their needs. Shelters lack the required medical mattresses and beds, causing ulcers for people unable to move and other medical issues that cannot be treated in unsterilized conditions.
* In recent days, UNRWA, in cooperation with the ‘Humanity and Inclusion’ NGO, has provided 3,830 persons with disabilities, injured people, children and the elderly with hygiene kits, assistive devices, eyeglasses, first aid kits and baby kits.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 21 November, 63,800 litres of fuel entered Gaza from Egypt, following an Israeli decision from 18 November to allow the daily entry of small amounts of fuel for essential humanitarian operations. Fuel is being distributed by UNRWA to support food distribution, and the operation of generators at hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, shelters, and other critical services.
* A total of 79 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies entered from Egypt on 21 November as of 20:00. Overall, between 21 October and 21 November at 18:00, at least 1,399 truckloads of humanitarian supplies (excluding fuel) have entered Gaza through the Egyptian border, compared to a monthly average of nearly 10,000 truckloads of commercial and humanitarian commodities (excluding fuel) entering Gaza before 7 October.
* On 20 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of 571 dual and foreign nationals and 67 wounded and sick people. Between 2 and 20 November, nearly 8,448 dual and foreign nationals and 392 wounded and sick people exited Gaza to Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed. According to media reports, the Israeli authorities have rejected requests by Member States to operate this crossing to increase the entry of humanitarian aid.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* Israeli operations at Shifa Hospital continued on 21 November. Nineteen health workers and 259 patients remain in Shifa, according to MoH in Gaza, facing critical shortages of power, water, and medical supplies. This includes two people in intensive care, 22 dialysis patients, 32 stretcher patients, and 27 patients with spinal injuries, all of whom will be prioritized for an upcoming evacuation. The hospital is no longer operational and is not admitting new patients.
* For additional information on hospitals see Key Points section above.
* On 18 and 19 November, nine out of 22 UNRWA health centres were still operational in the Middle Area and the south, recording 19,162 patient visits.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* On 19 November, UNRWA and UNICEF distributed 19,500 litres of fuel two seawater desalination plants, 79 waterwells, 15 water pumping stations, 18 sewage pumping stations, and one wastewater treatment plant. This has enabled them to operate generators and resume operations, more than a week after they had been forced to shut down. An additional fuel distribution was expected on 21 November. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* In the north, grave concerns of dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources continue. The water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline supplying water to the north are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for over a week.

**Food security**

* Since 7 November, members of the Food Security Sector have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. Due to the lack of cooking facilities and fuel, people are resorting to consuming the few raw vegetables or unripe fruits that remain available to them. No bakeries are active due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food Security Cluster members have raised serious concerns about the nutritional status of people, especially lactating women, and children.
* Also in the north, livestock is facing starvation and the risk of death due to the shortage of fodder and water. Crops are being increasingly abandoned and damaged because of the lack of fuel which is required to pump irrigation water.
* Across Gaza, farmers have been slaughtering their animals due to the immediate need for food and the lack of fodder. This practice poses an additional threat to food security as it leads to the depletion of productive assets.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 20 November, the names of most fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, 236 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. The Israeli military spokesperson said on 20 November that 40 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages have reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces. On 17 November, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, reiterated his call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* No Palestinian fatalities have been reported in the West Bank in the past 24 hours.
* Since 7 October, 201 Palestinians, including 52 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 47 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (442). About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent have been in the context of demonstrations concerning Gaza; seven per cent have been killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent have been killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,814 Palestinians, including at least 355 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 74 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* In the past 24 hours, in three separate incidents, armed assailants known by Palestinian residents to be settlers, yet wearing Israeli military uniforms, raided Palestinian communities. In Kisan (Bethlehem), they broke into a home and physically assaulted a woman and a man and threatened to kill them if they do not leave the area. In the community of Tuba (southern Hebron), in an area declared by the Israeli authorities as “Firing Zone 918,” an animal shelter and fodder sacs were vandalized. In Mantiqat Shi'b al Butum (Hebron), water tanks and a solar panel system serving the community school were vandalized, along with a residential structure, and 20 trees were uprooted.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 271 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (33 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (202 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (36 incidents). This reflects a daily average of almost six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* No new displacements due to settler-related violence have been recorded during the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* On 21 November, Israeli forces demolished two structures in two separate locations in East Jerusalem, Al Isawiya and Silwan, due to the lack of Israeli-issued building permits. As a result, six people, including four children, were displaced. Additionally, 143 Palestinians, including 72 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 48 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitition.

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**Landelijke demonstratie zondag 26 november: Staakt-het-vuren nu - Stop de blokkade - Palestina vrij!**

*21 november 2023*

Op 26 November roepen wij een landelijke demonstratie op in Amsterdam, in solidariteit met het Palestijns volk, voor een staakt-het-vuren in Gaza, en een einde aan de Genocide die Israël daar pleegt.

Het is al bijna anderhalve maand sinds het begin van de brute Israelische aanval op Gaza. Ondertussen heeft Israël meer dan 12.000 Palestijnen gedood. Onder hen meer dan 5.000 kinderen en talloze zorgwerkers, journalisten en humanitaire werkers. De blokkade van Gaza is bijna absoluut: water en elektriciteit worden door de bezetter afgesloten en de humanitaire hulp die door wordt gelaten, is alleen symbolisch.

Israël volgt hierbij de Dahiya doctrine die stelt dat elke vorm van verzet met een maximum aan vernietiging wordt geconfronteerd. De aanval op Gaza draait daarmee om het collectief straffen van de Palestijnen voor de aanval van Hamas. Delen van de Israelische heersende klasse winden ook geen doekjes om hun genocidale intenties. Zo zijn de Palestijnen ‘menselijke dieren’ volgens minister van ‘Defensie’ Gallant en stelde IDF-woordvoerder Hagara dat ‘de nadruk ligt op schade, niet op accuraatheid’.

Met de gedwongen evacuatie van Noord-Gaza lijkt Israël uit te zijn op nog verdere uitbreiding van haar grondgebied. De Palestijnse vluchtelingen van 1948 worden zo andermaal verdreven. Tegelijkertijd krijgen ook kolonisten op de Westelijke Jordaanoever vrij spel in hun geweld tegen de Palestijnen. De extreemrechtse minister van ‘veiligheid’ Ben Gvir deelt gratis wapens uit aan kolonisten. Op deze manier grijpt Israël de aanval van Hamas aan voor verdere etnische zuivering.

Het Westen geeft Israel een carte blanche in haar genocide op de Palestijnen. Nederland weigert op te roepen voor een wapenstilstand, het absolute minimum. Ook exporteert Nederland nog steeds wapens aan Israel. Zo werden zelfs na het begin van de aanval op Gaza nog onderdelen voor F35-gevechtsvliegtuigen naar Israel verscheept. Dit terwijl het duidelijk is dat hiermee oorlogsmisdaden worden gefaciliteerd. Op tal van vlakken werken Nederlandse instituten zoals universiteiten en ministeries nog samen met de Apartheidsstaat.

Door geen arrestatiebevelen uit te vaardigen tegen Israëlische oorlogsmisdadigers wegens genocide en hen zelfs niet af te schrikken met waarschuwingen, is ook hoofdaanklager van het internationaal gerechtshof in Den Haag Karim Khan KC, medeplichtig aan het mogelijk maken van Israëls genocide tegen 2,3 miljoen Palestijnen in de Gazastrook.

Vanuit de Nederlandse bevolking is er beduidend minder steun voor Israël. De afgelopen weken gingen tienduizenden mensen de straat op om te protesteren tegen de genocide en sloten honderden mensen zich aan bij de sit-ins op stations. Het is belangrijk dat we de politieke druk op de Nederlandse regering verder opvoeren: in de publieke ruimte, in de politiek en op onze werkplekken.

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Deze oproeptekst fungeert als basis voor de landelijke demonstratie op 26 november in Amsterdam. De actie is een initiatief van BDS Nederland, de Palestijnse Gemeenschap & de Internationale Socialisten.

**Voor organisaties: onderteken hier de oproep**

Wij roepen organisaties op de tekst te ondertekenen en hun achterban op te roepen aan te sluiten bij de demonstratie. Wij moedigen organisaties ook aan om tijdens de actie zichtbaar aanwezig te zijn. Op die manier willen we de brede maatschappelijke steun voor de Palestijnen zichtbaar maken op straat.

**Shut Elbit Down! Stop the Israeli warmachine!**

Nederland levert F-35 reserveonderdelen aan Israël ondanks waarschuwingen voor mogelijke schendingen van het humanitaire oorlogsrecht.

Deze onderdelen worden gebruikt bij verwoestende bombardementen op scholen, ziekenhuizen, kerken en moskeeën in Gaza, met meer dan 10.000 burgerslachtoffers, waarvan bijna de helft onschuldige kinderen.

Dit is genocide, een gruwel die wij Nederlanders niet kunnen en willen ondersteunen. De prangende vraag dringt zich op: is vriendjespolitiek belangrijker dan mensenlevens? Een ethische afweging die ons collectieve geweten oproept.

Wij vragen de Nederlandse overheid dringend om te stoppen met de levering van reserveonderdelen voor gevechtsvliegtuigen, die betrokken zijn bij het veroorzaken van duizenden burgerslachtoffers.

Ons volk verzet zich tegen genocide, en we verwachten dat
de overheid deze praktijken eveneens afkeurt.

**Zaterdag 25 november om 14.00 uur, Kooiweg 40, Hoogerheide (Vliegbasis Woensdrecht)**

Let op**:***Vanaf 1300 uur rijden auto's van station Bergen op Zoom naar de vliegbasis en weer terug!*

**Voor meer demonstraties en andere acties, volg FreePalestineNL en MIGREAT op Instagram of de website van Plant een olijfboom**

**8 ways to have hard conversations about ceasefire this Thanksgiving.**

*21 november 2023*

In the past month, hundreds of thousands of people have joined JVP for the first time.

Many of us are probably overwhelmed by the scale of devastation that we’re seeing each day in Palestine. And some of us might be new to having hard conversations about Israeli apartheid. All of us are fighting every day for an immediate ceasefire, a critical first step to end the Israeli military’s relentless destruction of Gaza.

As we move into the holidays, we may struggle to talk to our family members and loved ones about Israeli violence.

This year, JVP’s How to Have Hard Conversations toolkit offers some skills and approaches on how to bring our family members and loved ones into support for a ceasefire — and how to engage beyond this moment in support of a future of Palestinian liberation and justice for all people.

**Practice these skills.**

Want some real-life practice having these hard conversations?

Join JVP-Bay Area **tonight, Tuesday, November 21** at either 7pm ET/4pm PT OR 9pm ET/6pm PT, for How to Not Ruin the Holidays: An Anti-Zionist Guide to Initiating Difficult Conversations About Israel.

**Tell Biden: Peace means ending Israeli apartheid.**

On Saturday, the Washington Post published an op-ed by President Joe Biden about Israel's war on Gaza. In the op-ed, Biden portrays Israel's devastating military assault as a war for democracy and erases the context of 75 years of Israeli apartheid and oppression of Palestinians.

*21 november 2023*

Millions of people across the country are demanding a ceasefire in Gaza and calling for freedom in Palestine.

MPower Change has facilitated over 500,000 calls and emails to Congress for #CeasefireNow — because we know the Israeli government’s genocidal attacks on Gaza are enabled by U.S. government funding.

**But other U.S. partnerships prop up Israel’s genocide and apartheid, and the one with Citibank is huge.**

“Citibank boasts the largest presence of any foreign financial institution in Israel.”¹

**Tell Citibank in The Netherlands to stop investing in apartheid and genocide.** I

When Israel’s new Finance Minister, Bezalel Smotrich, called for a Palestinian village to be “wiped out” earlier this year, entities like the International Monetary Fund and U.S. Chamber of Commerce refused to meet with him.²

But not Citibank. Instead, they held cordial meetings with Smotrich, helping “calm the markets,”³ effectively whitewashing Smotrich’s pro-genocide comments mere weeks after people had begun transferring billions of dollars from Israel.⁴

**Citibank’s functional support for Israeli apartheid is not new or just PR — they’ve been actively invested in it.**

Citibank has:

* Facilitated billions in Israeli military arms funding.⁵
* Bragged about helping multi-national corporations “set up shop” in Israel.⁶
* Made huge investments in Israel’s tech sector, itself deeply associated with decades of apartheid.⁷

Citibank is the largest U.S. bank operating in Israel — but it’s more than that.

**Let’s be clear about this: Citibank is a core partner to Israel, at a time when even Israeli investment experts say they “see too many…similarities between South Africa during apartheid and present-day Israel.”⁸**

**And just as Citibank was forced to stop doing business with South Africa, we can do the same with Israel and Citibank.⁹**

**Take a moment NOW: Tell Citibank to stop funding apartheid and genocide.**

Citibank has a history of profiting off occupation and misery. That’s why we launched BankingOnSolidarity.com in partnership with the Haitian Bridge Alliance, Undocublack, US Campaign for Palestinian Rights, and others.

Today, we are witnessing an active genocide in Gaza. It is a crisis of horrific magnitude, with over 13,000 women, men, children, and babies killed by Israel in retaliatory assaults. The U.S. government stands in support of Israel’s genocide and so does the largest U.S. bank operating in Israel: Citibank.

Citibank’s silence makes them a partner in genocide.

**Let’s not stay quiet about it.**

Thank you for all you do.

In solidarity,

Granate, Linda, Ishraq, and the MPower Change team

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*21 november 2023*

Millions of you have taken to the streets for the largest protests the world has seen in the last 20 years! We are grateful to each one of you who, through your voices and creative actions, have built up unprecedented grassroots power to end Israel’s genocidal war against 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza.

Yet, Western governments are continuing to arm, fund and provide political cover for Israel’s genocide.Theirs is an alliance of the world’s racist, colonial and hegemonic regimes that is a partner in Israel’s mass murder and starvation of Palestinians.

**Ending all state, corporate and institutional complicity with Israel’s genocidal apartheid regime is more urgent than ever.**Palestinian lives and livelihoods literally depend on it. To this end, and as time has shown,**BDS is the most effective form of solidarity with the Palestinian liberation struggle.**

Under the banner, Unite now to stop #GazaGenocide and start dismantling Israeli apartheid!, the Palestinian-led global **BDS movement calls for a Global Day of Action on November 29th,** the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, to **end business-as-usual with apartheid Israel.

We call for escalating worldwide peaceful mobilizations and expressions of meaningful solidarity to stop the genocide including:**

1. Whenever feasible, organizing peaceful disruptions, sit-ins, occupations, etc.
2. Disrupting the transport of weapons, or weapon parts, to Israel, including in transit states.
3. Pressuring parliaments and governments to cancel existing military-security contracts and agreements with Israel.
4. Intensifying #BDS campaigns and campaigns to cut all ties to apartheid Israel and its complicit academic and cultural institutions as well as sports teams.
5. Mobilizing your community, trade union, association, church, social network, student government/union, city council, cultural center, etc. to declare itself an Apartheid Free Zone (AFZ) on November 29th.
6. Pressuring your elected officials to demand real pressure on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to urgently prosecute Netanyahu and all other Israeli officials responsible for genocide, apartheid, and war crimes. The ICC prosecutor should be replaced if he continues to drag his feet and ignore his legal obligations to stop the genocide.

**If not now, when?**

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #44**

*The eviction of premature babies at risk from Shifa hospital to the southern Gaza Strip. Photo by UNICEF/El Baba, 19 November 2023*

*20 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* On 19 November, 31 out of the 36 premature babies, along with 16 staff and family members, were evacuated from Shifa Hospital, in Gaza city, to the neonatal intensive care unit of a maternity hospital, in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip. The remaining five babies had died in previous days due to the cut off of electricity and fuel. Another 259 patients who were unable to evacuate remain in Shifa, according to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza.
* Over the past 24 hours, at least six Palestinian journalists have been killed in Gaza, according to media reports. The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has preliminarily documented the death of 48 journalists since 7 October, including 43 Palestinian, 4 Israelis and 1 Lebanese, making it the deadliest month for journalists since CPJ began gathering data in 1992.
* The number of fatalities in the attack that directly hit Al Fakhouri school in Jabalia on 18 November is at least 24 people, as reported by UNRWA; others were injured. At the time of the incident, the facility was sheltering about 7,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs). A previous attack hitting this school, on 4 November, killed at least 12 people and injured 54. Since the start of hostilities, at least 176 IDPs have been killed in UNRWA premises and 778 have been injured, according to the agency.
* On 19 November, the UN Secretary-General [**expressed his shock**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=07719d8937&e=e9f9a91036) about the attacks hitting UNRWA schools and reaffirmed that UN premises are inviolable. He reiterated his call for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire and stated that “this war is having a staggering and unacceptable number of civilian casualties, including women and children, every day. This must stop.”
* In the West Bank, on 19 November, Israeli forces killed a Palestinian man with a disability during an operation that involved armed clashes in Jenin Refugee Camp. This brings the total number of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since 7 October to 200, including 52 children. Of these fatalities, 70 were recorded in refugee camps, the majority during operations carried out by Israeli forces, most of which involved armed clashes with Palestinians.
* On 19 November, 69,000 litres of fuel entered Gaza from Egypt. The Israeli authorities have confirmed that they would start allowing the entry of a daily amount of approximately 70,000 litres of fuel from Egypt, which is well below the minimum requirements for essential humanitarian operations. Fuel is set to be distributed by UNRWA to support food distribution, and the operation of generators at hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, shelters, and other critical services.
* On 19 November, UNRWA and UNICEF distributed 19,500 litres of fuel to water and sanitation facilities south of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the south), enabling them to operate generators and resume their operation. This fuel is expected to last for about 24 hours. To the north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north), all water and sanitation facilities are presumed to be shut down, and no distribution of bottled water has been taking place since the start of the Israeli ground operations on 28 October, raising grave concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Intense ground clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups continued in and around Gaza city, as well as in several areas in the North Gaza governorate, as well as in Khan Younis and east of Rafah (in the south). Airstrikes and shelling by Israeli forces also continued in multiple areas across Gaza. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south along Wadi Gaza, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* In two separate attacks reported on the afternoon of 18 November in Jabalia camp, two residential buildings were hit, reportedly killing 50 and 32 people, respectively.
* Since 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza has not updated cumulative casualty figures. Their reported fatality toll as of 10 November at 14:00 (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
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* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

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* Over 1.7 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including almost 900,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 154 UNRWA shelters. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity and are unable to accommodate new arrivals. According to preliminary reports, thousands of IDPs are seeking security and safety by sleeping against the walls of shelters in the south, out in the open.
* Overcrowding is contributing to the spread of diseases, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, prompting environmental and health concerns. On average, there is one shower unit for every 700 people and a single toilet for every 150 people. The congestion is affecting UNRWA's ability to provide effective and timely services.
* See the live IDP dashboard for the latest figures and more breakdowns.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* Apart from fuel trucks, 30 humanitarian truckloads entered Gaza through Egypt on 18 November (all of them after 18:00), and another 69 trucks on 19 November (all before 18:00). Overall, between 21 October and 19 November at 18:00, 1,268 trucks of humanitarian supplies have entered Gaza via Egypt (excluding fuel).
* On 17 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of 689 dual and foreign nationals and 41 wounded people. Between 2 and 17 November, nearly 6,500 dual and foreign nationals exited Gaza to Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed. According to media reports, the Israeli authorities have rejected requests by Member States to operate this crossing to increase the entry of humanitarian aid.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* Thirty-one out of the 36 premature newborns in Shifa hospital were evacuated in temperature-controlled incubators to the Al Helal Al Emarati Hospital in Rafah, where their condition is now being stabilized and they are being cared for in the neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The newborns’ condition was rapidly deteriorating in their previous location, where the remaining five babies had died following the collapse of medical services. UNICEF and partners are supporting the identification and registration of the babies to help trace and reunify them with their parents and family members where possible. OCHA coordinated access to the hospital and back to ensure the safety of the medical evacuation operation.
* On 19 November, Israeli raids reportedly continued in Shifa hospital, with at least one patient being arrested during searching and interrogation by Israeli forces.
* As of 17 November, the World Health Organization (WHO) documented more than 44,000 cases of diarrhea and 70,000 acute respiratory infections in Gaza shelters, but actual numbers may be significantly higher. Furthermore, they stated that rains and floods during the approaching winter season are likely to make an already dire situation even worse.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* On 19 November, UNRWA and UNICEF distributed 19,500 litres of fuel to water and sanitation facilities across the south, enabling them to operate generators and resume operations, more than a week after they had been forced to shut down. The fuel supplied during the day is expected to last for about 24 hours. The facilities supplied include one seawater desalination plant in Khan Younis, currently producing 2,500 cubic metres of potable water per day, 50 municipal wells, producing non-potable water for domestic uses, and 17 sewage pumping stations. The latter are critical in mitigating the risk of flooding. Supply of potable water in the south via two pipelines coming from Israel has continued.
* In the north, grave concerns of dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources continue. The water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for over a week, raising grave concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources.

**Food security**

* Since 7 November, members of the Food Security Sector have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. Due to the lack of cooking facilities and fuel, people are resorting to consuming the few raw vegetables or unripe fruits that remain. No bakeries are active due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food Security Cluster members have raised serious concerns about the nutritional status of people, especially lactating women, and children.
* Also in the north, livestock is facing starvation and the risk of death due to the shortage of fodder and water. Crops are being increasingly abandoned and damaged because of the lack of fuel which is required to pump irrigation water.
* Across Gaza, farmers have begun slaughtering their animals due to the immediate need for food and the lack of fodder. This practice poses an additional threat to food security as it leads to the depletion of productive assets.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 15 November, the names of 1,162 fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, 237 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. Media reports have indicated that about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of hostages have reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces. On 17 November, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, reiterated his call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 19 November, Israeli forces killed two Palestinians in confrontations that occurred during search-and-arrest operations in two refugee camps, Jenin and Ad Duhaisha (Bethlehem). The Jenin operation lasted for nearly 12 hours and involved armed clashes with Palestinians and Israeli airstrikes, which also resulted in extensive residential and infrastructure damage.
* Since 7 October, 200 Palestinians, including 52 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 47 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (441). About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent have been in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; seven per cent have been killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent have been killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,803 Palestinians, including at least 355 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 74 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* In the past 24 hours, armed assailants who, while known by Palestinian residents to be settlers, were wearing Israeli military uniforms, used a private vehicle to invade Palestinian lands on the southeast outskirts of Burin village (Nablus). They attacked a Palestinians who were harvesting, vandalizing agricultural equipment, and stealing one bag of olive produce.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 254 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (31 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (187 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (36 incidents). This reflects a daily average of almost six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* No new displacements have been recorded during the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 143 Palestinians, including 72 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 48 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

**Funding**

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[**Full Flash Update**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=a70164f3cc&e=e9f9a91036)Infographic

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
occupied Palestinian territory

*20 november 2023*

Hebron families are under attack! Today on World Children's Day, we ask that you **help us protect a family in Hebron!** Help us reach our goal before next week's Giving Tuesday!

Protect a family now!

Families are living under a terrible curfew, trapped in their homes while extremist Israeli settlers and soldiers terrorize the area. They need our help! We're fundraising to equip vulnerable families with security systems. **Help us reach our goal to protect 25 families on Giving Tuesday!**

1) Spread the word in your community, among friends and colleagues, and recruit others to donate or fundraise.

2) **Sign up to volunteer** as a fundraiser and help us reach our goal

**Some good news:**

In our last email, we called on you to help get Issa Amro back to his home, after he was tortured and evicted. **Your efforts worked** and Issa was allowed back to his house! Now, we need your help to lift the terrible curfew in the neighborhood.

With peace,

**Friends of Hebron**

*Working for Peace and Justice*

https://www.friendsofhebron.com/

*20 november 2023*

It has been 44 days since Israel initiated its genocidal attack on the Palestinians of Gaza.

Over the past six weeks, Adalah Justice Project has taken various actions with your support to demand a ceasefire. We have occupied Congressional offices on Capitol Hill, confronted Senators to increase pressure, organized protests at Congressional district offices, mobilized a mass rally in DC, participated in popular education programs, contributed to direct actions in DC and New York, and engaged influencers to use their platforms to advocate for a ceasefire.

You can find a rundown of all these actions on our Instagram.

We appreciate your solidarity in calling for an end to Israeli violence in Gaza. Through our action tool, you have collectively sent over 418,000 letters to Congress urging an immediate ceasefire. As a result, the number of Congressional members calling for a ceasefire has increased to 42, up from 18 members three weeks ago.

However, we cannot afford to ease our efforts as Israel continues to make clear its intension to continue this genocide, with full support from the White House.

**War Profiteers on Campus: How to Research Corporate Backers of War and Militarism at Your College**

**Shut Down It Down for Palestine! Black Friday**

SHUT IT DOWN FOR PALESTINE ON NOVEMBER 24: This Black Friday, the global call to shut it down continues! Find toolkits and ideas for actions and mobilizations at shutitdown4palestine.org/toolkits

With love and solidarity,
Sandra Tamari

P.S. We are consistently enhancing the content on [**gazaispalestine.com**](https://adalahjusticeproject.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0bf2ee459ffe94faa92e0dd6e&id=947e0b99a6&e=1c7eb3c247) to consolidate action tools, protests, and resources in one central location. We encourage you to utilize the information available on the website.

**Adalah Justice Project**is a Palestinian-led advocacy organization based in the U.S. that builds cross-movement coalitions to achieve collective liberation. Our work is rooted in the conviction that drawing the linkages between US policy abroad and repressive state practices at home is crucial to shifting the balance of power.

**If someone forwarded you this email, sign up here to get updates from AJP.**

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #43**

*A joint UN humanitarian assessment team visits Shifa Hospital in Gaza city on 18 November 2023. The team comprised public health experts, logistics officers, and security staff from OCHA, UNDSS, UNMAS/UNOPS, UNRWA and the World Health Organization, which led the team. Photo by WHO*

*19 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* On 18 November, some 2,500 internally displaced persons (IDPs), along with a number of mobile patients and hospital staff vacated Shifa hospital in Gaza city. This followed orders issued by the Israeli military, which continued its operations within the compound for the fourth consecutive day. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), by the afternoon hours, 25 health workers and 291 patients remained at the hospital. The latter includes 32 babies in critical condition, two people in intensive care without ventilation, and 22 dialysis patients. The hospital is no longer operational or admitting new patients.
* A joint UN [**humanitarian assessment team**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=429edf0f30&e=e9f9a91036) led by WHO visited Shifa on 18 November to assess the situation on the ground and conduct a rapid situational analysis, assess medical priorities, and establish logistics options for further missions. The team was requested to evacuate health workers and patients to other facilities. WHO and partners are urgently developing plans for the immediate evacuation of the remaining patients, staff and their families.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff, and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* In the past 24 hours, three schools serving as IDP shelters to the north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north) have been reportedly hit, resulting in many fatalities. In the Tal Az Za’atar school, in Beit Lahia, more than 50 people were killed on 18 November, according to media reports. The same day, scores, including children, were killed in UNRWA’s Al Fakhouri school in Jabalia, which shelters over 4,000 IDPs. On 17 November, another UNRWA school in Az Zaitoun neighborhood of Gaza city was also hit. Between 7 October and 16 November, at least 71 IDPs were killed and 573 injured, while sheltering in UNRWA facilities across the Gaza Strip.
* On 18 November, Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, deplored the news on children, women and men killed while sheltering at Al Fakhouri school, reminding that, “Shelters are a place of safety. Schools are a place for learning,” and adding that “Civilians cannot and should not have to bear this any longer.”
* On 18 November, 123,000 litres of fuel entered Gaza from Egypt. The Israeli authorities confirmed that they would start allowing the entry of a daily amount of nearly 70,000 litres of fuel from Egypt, which is well below the minimum requirements for essential humanitarian operations. Fuel is set to be distributed by UNRWA to support food distribution, and the operation of generators at hospitals, water and sanitation facilities, shelters and other critical services.
* Overnight (17-18 November), telecommunications services within Gaza were gradually restored after providers received a limited amount of fuel. The shutdown of services lasted for some 30 hours and brought the already challenging delivery of humanitarian assistance to nearly a halt, including life-saving assistance to people injured or trapped under the rubble as a result of airstrikes and clashes.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Intense ground clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups continued in and around Gaza city, as well as in several areas in the North Gaza governorate, as well as in Khan Younis and east of Rafah (in the south). Airstrikes and shelling by Israeli forces also continued in multiple areas across Gaza. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south along Wadi Gaza, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* The following are among the deadliest attacks reported in the past 24 hours, apart from those concerning the three schools mentioned above: on 18 November, at about 1:15  an apartment in Hamad town, Khan Yunis, was hit, reportedly killing 28 people and injuring 23 others; the same day, at about midday, at least ten people were reportedly killed when a building in the An Nuseirat Camp was hit; on 17 November, at about 06:00 a building in the Al Qarara area, northeastern Khan Yunis, was hit, reportedly killing 14 and injuring 20 others; the same day, at about 8:00, a building in eastern Rafah was hit, reportedly killing nine and injuring 10 others.
* Since 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza has not updated cumulative casualty figures. Their reported fatality toll as of 10 November at 14:00 (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
* According to the Palestine Journalists Syndicate in Gaza, 45 Palestinian journalists have been killed since 7 October. According to MoH, more than 198 Palestinian medical staff have been killed. According to the Palestinian Civil Defense, at least 12 of its members have been killed. And according to UNRWA, 103 of their staff have been killed since 7 October.
* In the past 24 hours, as of 18:00 today, six Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed in Gaza, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 62, according to official Israeli sources.
* On 18 November, the Israeli military announced a “tactical halt in military activities” for humanitarian purposes in the Ash Shabura area of Rafah.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 18 November, the Israeli military continued calling on residents in the north to evacuate and move south through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 7:00 and 16:00. OCHA’s monitoring team estimates that about 10,000 people moved during the day, most of whom arrived at Wadi Gaza by donkey carts and buses, and some on foot.
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**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* Apart from the three fuel trucks, no humanitarian supplies entered Gaza through Egypt on 18 November, as of 18:00. Backlogs and congestions have been created over the past days, with the depletion of fuel to operate forklifts and trucks in the receiving end, alongside logistical and safety challenges associated with the shutdown of telecommunications, and other factors. Since 21 October, 1,139 trucks of humanitarian supplies have entered Gaza via Egypt (excluding fuel).
* On 17 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of 689 dual and foreign nationals and 41 wounded people. Between 2 and 17 November, nearly 6,500 dual and foreign nationals have exited Gaza to Egypt.
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**Electricity**

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**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* On 17 November, at about 21:15, Wafa Geriatric Hospital in  An Nuseirat, Middle Area (south of Wadi Gaza), was reportedly hit by an airstrike killing two people, including the director, and injuring 15 others.
* On 18 November, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PCRS) stated that its emergency medical teams remain trapped at Al Ahli Baptist Hospital in Gaza city for the third consecutive day, amid heavy bombardment and gunfire. The teams have been unable to move outside and reach those who are injured safely.According to WHO, as of 17 November, 25 out of 36 hospitals in Gaza were non-functional due to lack of fuel, damage, attacks and insecurity. The other 11 hospitals were only partially operational and admitting patients with extremely limited services.
* For information about Shifa hospital see Key Points above.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* In the past few days, with no fuel, operations have halted in public sewage pumping stations, 60 water wells in the south, a desalination plant in the Middle Area, the two main sewage pumps in the south, and the Rafah wastewater treatment plant. The seawater desalination plant in Khan Younis is operating at 5 per cent of its capacity (some 300 cubic metres per day). Coupled with the shutdown of municipal sanitation work, this is posing a serious threat to public health, increasing the risk of water contamination and the outbreak of diseases.
* The main source of potable water in the south is two pipelines coming from Israel that supply together about 1,100 cubic metres per hour.
* In the north, the situation is even grimmer with grave concerns of dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources. The water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for over a week, raising grave concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources.

**Food security**

* The World Food Programme (WFP) has reported an increase in cases of dehydration and malnutrition and warned about the threat of starvation due to the collapsed food supply chain and insufficient aid delivery. Only 10 per cent of necessary food supplies have entered Gaza since the beginning of the hostilities.
* In the north, since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, as well as structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Members of the Food Security Sector have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. There are indications of negative coping mechanisms, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as consuming combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.

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**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 18 November, Israeli forces killed six Palestinians in two separate incidents, while an additional Palestinian died of wounds sustained on 9 November. Five of these fatalities, including one child, were recorded in the Balata Refugee Camp (Nablus), during a military operation that involved armed clashes with Palestinians and Israeli airstrikes, which also resulted in extensive residential and infrastructure damage. Another fatality was recorded during confrontations while search-and-arrest operations were underway in Tubas city.
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Since the war in Gaza began, **we have started a project under the title: “Voices Against War”**, whose goal is to amplify and spread the voices of Israelis who oppose the war in Gaza and call for a ceasefire.

This project is based on the belief that in such difficult times, where hopelessness and isolation prevail,**it is important to strengthen our network of anti-war solidarity activists and share with the world that there are Israelis who are acting against the war.** In times when resistance to the war is often conflated with antisemitism - a dangerous view that supports the silencing of anti-war voices, as being done also by the Israeli government – the voices of Israeli anti-war solidarity activists are important more than ever.

As part of this project, **we have created videos, showing anti-war activists who talk about their beliefs and demand a ceasefire**. We share with the world the voices of Israelis who have been affected by the war and call for its end, while strongly opposing those who demand revenge. We uplift the voices of those who declare clearly that only peace will bring security **and publish these videos and testimonies on our social media pages under the name "Voices Against War".**

One such videos is a **video of Maoz Inon, who lost both his parents at the October 7th attack**. Maoz calls for ending the war in Gaza. Even after his personal loss he still believes in peace and humanity as a way of living, and calls others to join him in opposing the Israeli government. [[**link to his video**](https://refusersolidarity.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=766e8a32ffe12bdef97341bb9&id=a9a11935cc&e=a1c3038122)].With the help of many comrades, we have been able to reach a wide audience with such messages. **To further spread the fact that the war in Gaza is not in the interest of all Israeli people**, on November 15th we released a new video showing the long-running policy of strengthening Hamas over truly protecting Israel’s citizens. **We need your help with sharing and circulating this video, so the world could learn about the true policy of Israel's government**.

The video reveals and highlights Netanyahu’s involvement and interests in strengthening Hamas and preventing a Palestinian state. **Netanyahu is the biggest obstacle to an end to the fighting in Gaza and to the release of the hostages**. Our goal is to show that the support of a terror organization is part of the right-wing’s agenda, which was based on a direct target of weakening the Palestinian authority and thus preventing the possibility of a united Palestinian state. The right-wing never wanted to negotiate for peace, all they wished for was to continue the Israeli occupation and oppression of Palestinians.

**We implore you to watch the video**, in which we bring to the streets of DC the true intentions of Netanyahu, who publicly acted to bolster Hamas and weaken the Palestinian Authorities. **Please, help us show Netanyahu's true face, by sharing the video and by following our pages:**

Twitter:https://x.com/againstwarvoice/status/1724789381989319163?s=20

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/Czqy8-cN-sk/

Facebook:https://fb.watch/okxfBnZg\_W/

With your help, we can reach more people and expose the right-wing agenda that led us to this horrible war.

In solidarity

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**Here’s the latest...**

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**Karim Khan QC maakt genocide mogelijk. Hij moet ontslagen worden.**

*18 november 2023*

Na het jarenlang falen van het Internationaal Strafhof (ICC) om Israëlische oorlogsmisdadigers te vervolgen en het [**recente opiniestuk**](https://click.mlsend2.com/link/c/YT0yMzUxMDY1NjU4MzgyMzU5NDc2JmM9dDBnNCZlPTAmYj0xMjQxODQwMjkyJmQ9azlyM3cwbg%3D%3D.M1NwZUs7Ziw8lI0QmWkGJEI15rnP-UHEewOT86GM80Y) van aanklager Karim Khan QC , waarin hij zijn totale hypocrisie ten gunste van de apartheid Israël en zijn westerse beschermheren verder blootlegt, roepen wij de staten die partij zijn bij het ICC op om erop aan te dringen hem te ontslaan

Door geen arrestatiebevelen uit te vaardigen voor Israëlische oorlogsmisdadigers voor #GazaGenocide en hen zelfs niet af te schrikken met waarschuwingen, is @KarimKhanQC medeplichtig aan het mogelijk maken van Israël's zich ontvouwende genocide tegen 2,3 miljoen Palestijnen in de bezette en belegerde Gazastrook.  Lees verder

**They Have Names, They Had Dreams**

Het begon met een berichtje: ‘kunnen we geen waardige uitvaart maken voor de slachtoffers in Gaza.’ Hierop startte een klein groepje met het uitwerken van dit idee tot het concept van de ‘Mobile Funeral’ met de titel They Have Names, They Had Dreams. Doelstelling werd een eerbetoon dat makkelijk verplaatsbaar is en door iedereen te gebruiken.

**Kennen wij hun namen?**

Verschillende mensen hebben op hetzelfde moment hetzelfde idee. Ramsey Nasser verwoorde het in zijn speech die inmiddels de wereld over gaat als volgt: kennen wij de namen van alle slachtoffers in Gaza? Binnen het project gingen wij op zoek naar zoveel mogelijk namen. Ons werk werd ‘onderbroken’ toen wij de lijst met bijna 7000 namen van het Ministery of Health uit Gaza ontvingen. Een nieuw proces volgde: het vertalen van alle namen met respect voor de slachtoffers en nabestaanden. De meeste vertalingen zijn gedaan door Palestijnen in de diaspora en de West-Bank.

**Ze hadden dromen**

Namen zijn nog steeds abstract. Daarom kozen wij voor een combinatie van namen met foto’s en verhalen. Het is belangrijk om mensen niet als nummers te zien maar als personen, die geliefd zijn of waren. Wij gebruikten foto’s en verhalen op de banners maar nog meer zijn er te zien op de website.

**Voor iedereen**

De Mobile Funeral bestaat uit zowel banners (14 banners met in totaal bijna 7000 namen en tientallen foto’s en verhalen) als uit een website en een Instagram account. Iedereen mag de banners gebruiken. Op de website zijn ze te downloaden en er staan instructies voor het printen. Ook kunnen ze van elkaar geleend worden. Voor gebruik van de complete set kan contact opgenomen worden. Het is mooi om te zien dat de banners binnen korte tijd al zoveel in gebruik zijn, zowel in Nederland als binnen Europa.

Meer informatie: www.theyhavenames.net

Instagram: theyhavenamesnetherlands

**Samenwerking van Europese universiteiten met Israël in EU-veiligheidsonderzoeksprogramma's**

De Europese Unie heeft verschillende financieringsprogramma's voor onderzoekssamenwerking, die openstaan ​​voor een aantal niet-EU-landen, waaronder Israël.

[**Stop Wapenhandel**](https://click.mlsend2.com/link/c/YT0yMzUxMDY1NjU4MzgyMzU5NDc2JmM9dDBnNCZlPTAmYj0xMjQxODQwMzAwJmQ9dDZpNnc2bQ%3D%3D.fB7GmR72Ykvb-f27Yqls7UqbNshi-3vU_Yb4IonnLNY) maakte een overzicht van alle samenwerking onder FP7, Horizon 2020 en Horizon Europa met de drie grote Israëlische wapenbedrijven ( Elbit , IAI en Rafael ) en met het Israëlische Ministerie van Defensie en het Ministerie van Openbare Veiligheid (inclusief niet-veiligheidsgerelateerde projecten ) voor Europese instellingen voor hoger onderwijs (met uitzondering van militaire, politie- en veiligheidsacademies) en alle veiligheidsgerelateerde onderzoeksprojecten onder dezelfde drie programma's met betrokkenheid van Israëlische entiteiten en Europese instellingen voor hoger onderwijs (met uitzondering van militaire, politie- en veiligheidsacademies).

Stop Wapenhandel is een onafhankelijke vredesgroep die zich met onderzoek en actie inzet tegen wapens, wapenproductie en wapenexport.

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #42**

*Majed (9), in a tent camp in Khan Younis following his displacement from Beit Hanoun. His home is said to have been destroyed after the family left. “I wish all of this was over. We’re tired of wars. What we need now is water and food. The amounts we get aren’t enough. We eat only once a day.” Photo by UNICEF/El Baba, 15 November 2023*

***18 november 2023***

**KEY POINTS**

* Since 16 November at about 16:00 and as of 22:00 on 17 November, contact with the Gaza Strip has been largely cut off, following the shutdown of landlines, cellular, and internet services due to the depletion of fuel used to run generators by telecommunications providers. This is the fourth communications blackout since 7 October, and the first caused by lack of fuel. As a result, this Flash Update contains minimal updated information about the humanitarian situation in Gaza over the past 24 hours.
* The telecommunications shutdown has brought the already challenging delivery of humanitarian assistance to an almost complete halt, including life-saving assistance to people injured or trapped under the rubble as a result of airstrikes and clashes.
* On 17 November, the Israeli authorities informed UNRWA that as of 18 November they would allow the entry into Gaza of a daily amount of 60,000 litres of fuel from Egypt. This is about 37 per cent of the fuel needed by the agency to support humanitarian operations, including food distribution, and operation of generators at hospitals and water and sanitation facilities.
* No humanitarian supplies were confirmed to have entered Gaza on 17 November, as of 18:00, for the third consecutive day. This is due to UNRWA’s inability to receive and distribute additional loads, because of its lack of fuel, compounded by the shutdown of telecommunications. However, one truck carrying a small amount of fuel is said to have gone in, pending confirmation.
* The World Food Programme (WFP) has reported an increase in cases of dehydration and malnutrition and warned about the threat of starvation due to the collapsed food supply chain and insufficient aid delivery. Only 10 per cent of necessary food supplies have entered Gaza since the beginning of the hostilities.
* On 17 November, for the third consecutive day, Israeli troops, accompanied by tanks, operated within the Shifa hospital compound in Gaza city. According to hospital administrators , since 11 November, 40 patients, including four premature babies, have died in the hospital due to the lack of electricity.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff, and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* In a briefing to the UN General Assembly informal plenary meeting on Gaza delivered today, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, reiterated his call for a humanitarian ceasefire and stressed the need to operate at least one additional crossing for the entry of humanitarian and commercial goods. He reiterated his call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages taken from Israel and held in Gaza.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* In the past 24 hours, there have reportedly been intense ground clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups in and around Gaza city as well as in several areas in the North Gaza governorate, in Khan Younis and east of Rafah (in the south). Intense strikes by Israeli forces also continued in the south. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south along Wadi Gaza, except for the “corridor” to the south. The Israeli military also announced a “tactical halt in military activities,” in the western Rafah and Tel As Sultan in the south, between 10:00 and 14:00.
* Two separate airstrikes in An Nuseirat, in the Middle Area, on 16 November, shortly before midnight, and on 17 November at about 11:00 a.m., hit residential buildings and resulted in a total of at least 20 fatalities and 140 people trapped under the rubble. Residents were reportedly trying to rescue those trapped with their hands and primitive tools, as Civil Defense operations had been largely halted due to the lack of fuel and the communication blackout.
* Since 11 November, the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza has not updated casualty figures. Their reported fatality toll as of 10 November at 14:00 (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
* Since 7 October, at least 71 internally displaced persons (IDPs) have been killed, and 573 injured, while sheltering in UNRWA facilities that were hit across the Gaza Strip.
* According to the Palestinian Journalist Syndicate in Gaza, 45 Palestinian journalists have been killed since 7 October. According to MoH, more than 198 Palestinian medics have been killed. According to the Palestinian Civil Defense, at least 12 of its members have been killed. And according to UNRWA, 103 of their staff have been killed since 7 October.
* In the past 24 hours, no Israeli soldiers were reported killed in Gaza, the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations is 56, according to official Israeli sources.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 17 November, the Israeli military continued calling on residents in the north to evacuate to the south through a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 7:00 and 16:00. However, due to the telecommunication blackout, OCHA was unable to monitor the movement of people and estimate their number.
* As of 11 November, there were about 807,000 Palestinians living in the north, constituting about two-thirds of the pre-war population, according to an estimate by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS). Reports by humanitarian partners suggest that a large percentage of those remaining in the north, possibly the majority, have been displaced. Many of them have lost their homes and are moving within the area, seeking food, water, accommodation and relative safety.
* Over 1.5 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including about 830,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 154 UNRWA shelters. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity and are unable to accommodate new arrivals. According to preliminary reports, thousands of IDPs are seeking security and safety by sleeping against the walls of shelters in the south, out in the open.
* Overcrowding is contributing to the spread of diseases, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, prompting environmental and health concerns. On average, there is one shower unit for every 700 people and a single toilet for every 150 people. The congestion is affecting UNRWA's ability to provide effective and timely services.
* See the live IDP dashboard for the latest figures and more breakdowns.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 17 November, as of 18:00, and for the third consecutive day, no aid trucks were confirmed to have entered via the Rafah Crossing. This is due to the communication shutdown and the lack of fuel. Since 21 October, 1,139 trucks carrying food, water and medical supplies have entered Gaza from Egypt. However, one truck carrying about 10,000 litres of fuel reportedly went in on 17 November, pending further confirmation.
* On 16 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of 262 Egyptian nationals and nine wounded people. Three UN staff were also allowed into Gaza, to support the humanitarian operations. Between 2 and 15 November, 138 injured people were taken for medical care in Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed. According to media reports, the Israeli authorities have rejected requests by Member States to operate this crossing to increase the entry of humanitarian aid.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* On 17 November, for the second consecutive day, Israeli forces, including tanks, have continued to surround Al Ahli Baptist Hospital, in Gaza city. Medical teams are unable to move outside and reach those who are injured safely.
* According to the World Health Organization (WHO), as of 17 November, almost 75 per cent of the hospitals in Gaza (25 out of 36) were non-functional due to lack of fuel, damage, attacks and insecurity. Eleven hospitals across the Strip, are currently partially operational and admitting patients with extremely limited services.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* On 16 November, UNRWA stated that 70 per cent of the people in the south have no access to clean water due to the absence of fuel needed for desalination and other water services. Furthermore, raw sewage started flowing in the streets in some areas.
* With no fuel, public sewage pumping stations, 60 water wells in the south, a desalination plant in the Middle Area, the two main sewage pumps in the south, and the Rafah wastewater treatment plant, have all ceased operations in the past few days. The seawater desalination plant in Khan Younis is operating at 5 per cent of its capacity (some 300 cubic meters per day). Coupled with the shutdown of municipal sanitation work, this is posing a serious threat to public health, increasing the risk of water contamination and the outbreak of diseases.
* The main source of potable water in the south is two pipelines coming from Israel that supply together about 1,100 cubic metres per hour. A number of still-operational private wells and desalination facilities are expected to shut down by 18 November due to the lack of fuel.
* In the north, the water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for over a week, raising grave concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources.

**Food security**

* The north is facing a critical shortage of food. Since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Members of the Food Security Sector have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. There are indications of negative coping mechanisms, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as consuming combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centers has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 15 November, the names of 1,162 fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, on 17 November, Israeli forces found near Shifa Hospital and took back to Israel the body of an Israeli female soldier who had been taken hostage on 7 October. According to the Israeli authorities, 237 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. According to some media reports, about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, one Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces, and three bodies of captives have reportedly been retrieved by Israeli forces: an Israeli soldier, an Israeli civilian and a foreign national.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* Over the past 24 hours, Israeli forces killed five Palestinians in two separate incidents. Three were killed during an Israeli operation in Jenin Refugee Camp, which lasted for more than 11 hours, involving armed clashes with Palestinians, and Israeli airstrikes, and resulting in extensive infrastructure and residential damage. Another two Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces after they reportedly opened fire at soldiers positioned at a checkpoint at the entrance of Hebron city. No Israeli casualties were reported.
* Since 7 October, 191 Palestinians, including 51 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 43 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (432). About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October have occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent have been in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; seven per cent have been killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent have been killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,684 Palestinians, including at least 287 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 74 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 251 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (30 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (185 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (36 incidents). This reflects a daily average of six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* No new displacements have been recorded during the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 143 Palestinians, including 72 children, have been displaced since 7 October following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits; and 48 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced following punitive demolitions.

**Funding**

* As of 17 November, Member States have disbursed US$146.6 million against the updated Flash Appeal launched by the UN and its partners to implement its response plan in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 in the West Bank. This constitutes about 12 per cent of the $1.2 billion requested. An additional $250 million has been pledged, which if materialized, would bring the Flash Appeal funding level to 32 per cent. Private donations are collected through the Humanitarian Fund.

Het Israëlische offensief op de Gazastrook lijkt zich steeds verder naar het zuiden uit te breiden. Waar gevechten met Hamas in de eerste instantie met name in het noorden, rondom Gazastad, plaatsvonden, heeft het Israëlische leger inmiddels ook in Khan Younis in het zuiden de Palestijnse burgerbevolking aangeraden te vertrekken ter voorbereiding op een grondoffensief.

De VN heeft herhaaldelijk aangegeven dat geen enkel gebied in Gaza als veilig kan worden beschouwd, waardoor dergelijke evacuatiebevelen illegaal zijn volgens het internationaal humanitair recht. In de afgelopen weken werden volgens het Israëlische leger als 'veilig' gemarkeerde gebieden alsnog gebombardeerd.

Naas het grondoffensief gaan ook de Israëlische bombardementen onverminderd door. In de afgelopen 24 uur vielen tientallen Palestijnse doden als gevolg van Israëlische bommen in Khan Younis (zuid-Gaza), het vluchtelingenkamp Nuseirat (centraal-Gaza) en het vluchteligenkamp Jabalia ten noorden van Gazastad.

Zelfs op de Westelijke Jordaanoever zet het Israëlische leger inmiddels luchtaanvallen in tegen de Palestijnse bevolking. Voor 7 oktober was dat uiterst ongebruikelijk, maar sindsdien worden er ook in de bezette gebieden met drones raketten afgevuurd. Bij een [**grootschalige aanval**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=3fa81179e3&e=37d294b014) op het vluchtelingenkamp bij de stad Jenin vielen op die manier vannacht tenminste drie doden. Tientallen andere Palestijnen werden gearresteerd, en er werd grote schade aangericht aan het vluchtelingenkamp.

**Wij strijden tegen oorlogsmisdaden, annexatie, bezetting en onderdrukking. Helpt u mee?**

**Belgische vicepremier De Sutter roept op tot sancties tegen Israël**

Na ruim een maand van grootschalig Israëlisch geweld tegen de Palestijnse burgerbevolking in de Gazastrook klinkt in België een steeds luidere roep om ingrijpen. Op 8 november pleitte vicepremier Petra De Sutter (Groen) in het [**Nieuwsblad**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=8527266f97&e=37d294b014) en een [**video op TikTok**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=80ea0d92f7&e=37d294b014) voor concrete sancties tegen Israël.

**Concrete maatregelen**
De Sutter stelt dat sancties onvermijdelijk zijn: ‘De bommenregen is onmenselijk. Terwijl er oorlogsmisdaden worden gepleegd in Gaza trekt Israël zich niets aan van de internationale eis voor een staakt-het-vuren. […] We kunnen niet wegkijken terwijl elke dag kinderen worden gedood in Gaza.’ Zij bepleit dan ook een aantal concrete maatregelen, waaronder een direct importverbod van producten uit Israëls illegale nederzettingen en het opschorten van het EU-Israël Associatieverdrag.

Eerder sprak premier Alexander De Croo (Open Vld) zich al uit tegen het disproportionele Israëlische geweld. Op 13 oktober [**benadrukte**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=a409416202&e=37d294b014) hij dat Israël zich dient te houden aan het internationaal oorlogsrecht: ‘Zelfs in een oorlog zijn er regels. Collectief de ganse bevolking van Gaza treffen kan niet, Gaza volledig afsluiten van water en energie is niet aanvaardbaar.’ België zal niet zomaar wegkijken als Israël oorlogsmisdaden begaat, waarschuwde hij.

**Schril contrast met Nederland**
De pleidooien van beide Belgische politici staan in schril contrast met de pro-Israëlische standpunten van de Nederlandse regering. Premier [**Mark Rutte**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=c497b8a641&e=37d294b014) (VVD) en ministers Dilan Yesilgöz (VVD) en Hanke Bruins Slot (CDA) boden Israël juist [**alle ruimte**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=ef5a77464c&e=37d294b014) voor zijn disproportionele geweld in Gaza. De Tweede Kamer sloot zich daar op schokkende wijze bij aan. Vorige week bleek dat Nederland Israël zelfs onderdelen levert voor F-35-gevechtsvliegtuigen die in Gaza worden ingezet tegen de Palestijnse burgerbevolking.

En dat terwijl uit een [**memo**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=bdf4537b90&e=37d294b014) van de Nederlandse Defensieattaché in Tel Aviv blijkt dat Israël onevenredig geweld gebruikt. Ook zou Israël het doel hebben om zoveel mogelijk infrastructuur en burgerlijke doelen te vernietigen.

**Bekijk hier het hele artikel over de oproep van vicepremier De Sutter en de Israëlkritiek van premier De Croo.**

**The Rights Forum klaagt Nederlandse staat aan**

Deze week maakten wij bekend dat The Rights Forum samen met Oxfam Novib, Amnesty International en PAX de Nederlandse staat voor de rechter daagt, vanwege diens opstelling ten aanzien van de oorlog in Gaza. Nederland gaat door met het exporteren van wapens naar Israël.

Daarmee maakt Nederland zich medeverantwoordelijk voor schendingen van het oorlogsrecht en de collectieve bestraffing van de burgerbevolking in Gaza.

Begin volgende week zal duidelijk worden wanneer het kort geding zal plaatsvinden. Wij eisen dat de regering zal handelen in lijn met de eigen beleidskaders, (grond)wettelijke verplichtingen en relevante internationale afspraken zoals het EU Gemeenschappelijk Standpunt en het Wapenhandelsverdrag (ATT).

**Opinie Oproep aan de Protestantse Kerk in Nederland: kom in actie voor de Palestijnen**

De Protestantse Kerk Nederland (PKN) zegt haar wegkijken van het leed van de Palestijnen te betreuren. Die erkenning krijgt echter pas betekenis als de kerk verantwoordelijk­heid neemt en tot concrete acties komt. Dat stellen vier voormalige ICCO-medewerkers in een open brief.

Die concrete acties moeten beginnen 'met het persoonlijk spijt betuigen aan Palestijnse christenen voor het wegkijken door de PKN. Daarnaast met een dringende oproep van de PKN aan de Nederlandse overheid om een staakt-het-vuren te ondersteunen. En tenslotte met het actief ondersteunen van initiatieven [...] om tot een duurzame oplossing en vrede te komen op basis van gelijkwaardigheid van Joden en Palestijnen in Israël en Palestina.'

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #41**

*Jamal inspects his home in Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, after it was heavily damaged in hostilities. By 6 November, over 40,000 housing units across the Gaza Strip had been destroyed, according to the Ministry of Public Works and Housing. Photo by ©UNICEF/Zaqout, 16 November 2023*

*17 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* On 16 November, for the second consecutive day, Israeli troops, accompanied by tanks, raided Shifa hospital compound in Gaza city, and reportedly took control of several sections. According to the hospital’s director, the southern section of the compound was damaged, including the radiology department, and the forces took several corpses from within the hospital. The impact of the military operation remains unclear.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff, and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* On 16 November, at about 16:00, Gaza’s telecommunications services shut down after the providing companies announced that fuel used to run generators had been depleted. Also, several communication infrastructures south of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the south) were hit and damaged on 14 November. Humanitarian agencies and first responders have warned that blackouts jeopardize the safety of civilians and the provision of life-saving assistance.
* Heavy airstrikes, shelling and fighting have continued over the past 24 hours. In one of the deadliest attacks on 15 November, at about 18:00, during the evening prayer time, the vicinity of the Ihya’ As Sunna Mosque in As Sabra neighbourhood of Gaza city was hit by an airstrike, reportedly killing 50 people and injuring others.
* On 16 November, for the second consecutive day, no trucks entered Gaza from Egypt. This is due to UNRWA’s inability to receive and distribute additional loads, because of its lack of fuel. The agency’s limited operational capacity was allocated to supplies received in previous days. UNRWA also announced that, due to the communication shutdown, it will be unable to manage or coordinate humanitarian aid convoys starting 17 November.
* The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) estimates that, as of 11 November, there were about 807,000 Palestinians living in areas north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north), constituting about two-thirds of the pre-war population there. The other third of the population, about 400,000 according to PCBS’s estimates, were presumably displaced to the south.
* The heads of the main UN and NGO humanitarian agencies [**stated**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=42431e97b3&e=e9f9a91036)on 16 November that they “will not participate in the establishment of any ‘safe zone’ in Gaza that is set up without the agreement of all the parties,” while stressing the parties’ obligation “to take constant care to spare civilians – wherever they are – and meet their essential needs.”

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Overnight (15-16 November), clashes continued between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups in and around Gaza city as well as in several areas in the North Gaza governorate and in Khan Younis (in the south). Intense strikes by Israeli forces also continued in the south. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* Deadly attacks over the past 24 hours included the following: on 16 November in the early hours of the morning, Israeli forces’ shelling reportedly struck the Central Petroleum Station at the northern entrance of Al Maghazi camp where displaced people were reportedly taking shelter, killing nine Palestinians and injuring dozens.
* On 15 November, for the fifth consecutive day, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza did not update casualty figures. The reported fatality toll of Palestinians in Gaza as of 10 November at 14:00 (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
* Active ground operations in the heart of Gaza city have continued to disrupt the movement of rescue teams and ambulances and people to obtain their essential needs, particularly food and water. Households in the western neighbourhoods of Gaza city appealed for help after their remaining food and drinking water had been depleted. Reportedly, they were unable to leave their homes because of the presence of Israeli ground troops and fighting. Multiple appeals by stranded households and family members underneath struck buildings and homes went unanswered; the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has been unable to respond to hundreds of calls to assist and evacuate.
* Since 7 October, at least 71 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were killed, and 571 injured, while sheltering in UNRWA facilities that were hit across the Gaza Strip.
* Reportedly, as of the 13 November, humanitarian partners working in education have documented the deaths of 3,117 students and 183 teachers since the start of the hostilities. Additionally, 4,613 students and 403 teachers were injured.
* In the past 24 hours, three Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed in Gaza, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 56, according to official Israeli sources.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* PCBS estimates that, as of 11 November, there were about 807,000 Palestinians in the north, constituting about two-thirds of the pre-war population there. The other third of the population, about 400,000, were presumably displaced to the south, based on PCBS’s estimates. Hundreds of thousands of those staying in the north are also displaced in public facilities, including schools and hospitals, and with host families.
* On 16 November, the Israeli military – which has called residents in the north to evacuate to the south – continued opening a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. The Israeli military also announced a “tactical halt in military activities,” in Ash Shujai’yeh and the Turkmen neighbourhoods, between 10:00 and 14:00, to enable the departure of people southward. OCHA’s monitoring team estimates that about 10,000 people moved during the day.
* Israeli forces have reportedly been arresting some IDPs fleeing through the “corridor.” There are anecdotal and eyewitness reports of some IDPs being beaten and stripped of their clothing. On 14 November, IDPs reported that the Israeli army had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through two structures, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are reportedly ordered to show their IDs and undergo what appears to be a facial recognition scan.
* Over 1.5 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including about 813,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 154 UNRWA shelters. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity. Overcrowding is leading to the spread of disease, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, raising environmental and health concerns. The overcrowding is affecting the Agency’s ability to deliver effective and timely services.
* See the live IDP dashboard for the latest figures and more breakdowns.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* UNRWA announced on 16 November that, due to the communication shutdown and lack of fuel, there will not be a cross-border aid operation at the Rafah Crossing on 17 November, as it will be impossible to manage or coordinate humanitarian aid convoys.
* On 16 November, no aid trucks entered via the Rafah Crossing. This is due to the backlog of aid from previous days that has not been transported without fuel. UNRWA used the fuel provided on 15 November to operate trucks and forklifts to clear the backlogs, but fuel has run out again.
* On 15 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of 607 foreign nationals and dual citizens, and ten injured people. Between 2 and 15 November, 129 injured people were taken for medical care in Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed. According to media reports, the Israeli authorities have rejected requests by Member States to operate this crossing to increase the entry of humanitarian aid.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted. The entry of fuel, which is desperately needed to operate electricity generators that run life-saving equipment, is banned.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* Prior to the Israeli military raid into Shifa hospital compound, according to the MoH in Gaza, bombardments hit and damaged parts of it, including the specialized surgeries department, the coronary care division, and a warehouse. After the troops entered, patients, staff and IDPs were reportedly relocated within the compound.
* The MoH in Gaza stated that, between 11 November and 16 November, 40 patients, including 3 premature babies, have died in Shifa Hospital due to lack of electricity. On 16 November, a patient who suffered from kidney failure died because dialysis machines at Shifa had stopped working.
* On 16 November, PRCS stated that Israeli forces, including tanks, had initiated a siege on the only operational hospital in northern Gaza, the Al Ahli Baptist Hospital, in Gaza City. Medical teams are unable to move outside and reach those who are injured safely.
* On 15 November, at about 20:30, a shell fired by Israeli forces hit the Jordanian field hospital in Gaza city, injuring seven of the medical team, who were members of the Jordanian Royal Medical Services.
* On 16 November, UNRWA reported that infectious diseases in shelters over the past two weeks have increased. It estimated that skin diseases have increased by 35 per cent and cases of diarrhea have increased by about 40 per cent.
* According to the MoH in Gaza, as of 16 November, nine out of the 35 hospitals in Gaza are partially functioning, as the rest have shut down their formal medical services.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* Due to the absence of fuel, on 16 November, UNRWA stated that 70 per cent of the people in the south have no access to clean water. Furthermore, raw sewage started flowing in the streets in some areas.
* With no fuel, public sewage pumping stations, 60 water wells in the south, a desalination plant in the Middle Area, the two main sewage pumps in the south, and the Rafah wastewater treatment plant, have all ceased operations in the past few days. The seawater desalination plant in Khan Younis is operating at 5 per cent of its capacity (some 300 cubic metres per day). Coupled with the shutdown of municipal sanitation work, this is posing a serious threat to public health, increasing the risk of water contamination and the outbreak of diseases.
* The main source of potable water in the south is two pipelines coming from Israel that supply together about 1,100 cubic metres per hour. A number of still operational private wells and desalination facilities are expected to shut down by 18 November due to the lack of fuel.
* In the north, the water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for over a week, raising grave concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources.

**Food security**

* The north is facing a critical shortage of food. Since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Members of the Food Security Sector have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. There are indications of negative coping mechanisms, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as consuming combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 15 November, the names of 1,162 fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, on 16 November, Israeli forces found near Shifa Hospital and took back to Israel the body of an Israeli woman who had been taken hostage on 7 October. According to the Israeli authorities, 237 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. According to some media reports, about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, and one female Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces. On 15 November, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, [**renewed his call**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=6884c13b0e&e=e9f9a91036)to release the hostages immediately and unconditionally.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 16 November, three Palestinians carried out a shooting attack at the Tunnels checkpoint (Bethlehem), killing one Israeli soldier and injuring another three, and were subsequently shot and killed by Israeli forces.
* Since 7 October, 186 Palestinians, including 51 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Four Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 43 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (430). About 66 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates; 24 per cent were in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; seven per cent were killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers; two per cent were killed in settler attacks against Palestinians; and one per cent during punitive demolitions.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,661 Palestinians, including at least 282 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional 74 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* On 15 November, Israeli settlers reportedly from Peduel vandalized two agricultural structures, a latrine, water tanks after they broke into the western outskirt of Kafr ad Dik (Salfit).
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 248 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (30 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (182 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (36 incidents). This reflects a daily average of six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* On 15 November, in East Jerusalem, Israeli forces demolished on punitive grounds the family home of a Palestinian who killed seven Israelis in an attack in January 2023, and was subsequently killed by Israeli forces. This house was sealed immediately after the attack and the family was displaced at that time. A total of 48 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced since 7 October following punitive demolitions.
* On 15 November, one household, comprising eight people, including five children displaced after Israeli forces demolished their home in Area C of Shuqba village (Ramallah), due to the lack of Israeli-issued building permits. Since 7 October, another 135 Palestinians, including 66 children, have been following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits.
* Additionally, since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities. These numbers were updated on 16 November following the receipt of new information.

**Funding**

* As of 15 November, Member States have disbursed US$142.3 million against the updated Flash Appealaunched by the UN and its partners to implement its response plan in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 in the West Bank. This constitutes about 12 per cent of the $1.2 billion requested. An additional $250 million has been pledged, which if materialized, would bring the Flash Appeal funding level to 32 per cent. Private donations are collected through the Humanitarian Fund.

**At least 5,000 Palestinian Children have been murdered by Israel; join us in DC this Saturday for a children’s march**

*16 november 2023*

Since October 7th, at least 5,000 Palestinian children have been killed by Israeli occupation forces in Gaza. 1,755 children have been reported missing and are presumed dead under the rubble of destroyed buildings.

Join AMP this **Sunday, November 19th, at 11 am** to recognize the children's lives that have been taken in Gaza over the last six weeks and continue our demand for a ceasefire and end to Israel’s war crimes. **This march will be family-friendly; parents are encouraged to bring their children.**

**Ceasefire Now: Children’s March
Sunday, November 19th at 11 am
Where: Meet at Franklin Park, 1332 I St NW, Washington, DC 20005**
*(we will be marching to the White House)*

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #40**

*A tent camp where displaced Palestinian families take refuge in southern Gaza. On 15 November, the Israeli authorities extended their evacuation calls, thus far limited to the northern Gaza Strip, to parts of the south. Photo by WHO, 15 November 2023*

***16 november 2023***

**KEY POINTS**

* On 15 November, Israeli troops, including tanks, entered Shifa hospital compound in Gaza city and reportedly took control of several sections, searched them and interrogated people. Due to the disruption of communications in the area, the impact of the military operation remains unclear.
* Out of 24 hospitals with in-patient capacity in the north, only one, Al Ahli in Gaza city, is presently operational and admitting patients. Eighteen hospitals have shut down and evacuated since the start of hostilities, including three – An Nasr, Ar Rantisi and Al Quds – over the past three days.
* Another five hospitals, including Shifa, are providing extremely limited services to patients who have already been admitted.These hospitals are not accessible, do not have electricity and supplies and are not admitting new patients.
* The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) reported that it has been unable to respond to hundreds of calls to assist and evacuate people wounded or trapped under the rubble. IDPs fleeing from the north are reporting the presence of dead bodies in the streets. As of 10 November, about 2,700 people, including some 1,500 children, remain missing and presumed to be trapped or dead under the rubble, according to the MoH in Gaza.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* On 15 November, some 23,000 litres of fuel entered Gaza from Egypt, the first such delivery since 7 October. The Israeli authorities have restricted the use of this fuel only to use for UNRWA trucks distributing aid. The entry of fuel for all other purposes remains banned including for hospital generators and water and sanitation facilities. Given UNRWA requires about 160,000 litres of fuel per day to runbasic humanitarian operations. It has had to halt key services.
* On 15 November, around midday, the As Salam Mill in Deir Al Balah was reportedly hit and destroyed. This was the last functioning mill in Gaza, and its destruction means that locally produced flour will not be available in Gaza in the foreseeable future.
* Also on 15 November, Gaza’s telecom companies announced the gradual cessation of all communication and internet services in the Strip, following the exhaustion of fuel reserves to operate generators. Humanitarian agencies and first responders have warned that blackouts jeopardize the provision of life-saving assistance.
* Also on 15 November, the Israeli military reportedly dropped leaflets in areas east of Khan Younis, in southern Gaza, ordering the residents of Al Qarara, Khuza’a, Bani Suheila and Abasan towns, to evacuate immediately to “known shelters.”
* In the north, hundreds of thousands of people who are unwilling or unable to move to the south remain amid intense hostilities. They are struggling to secure the minimum amount eof water and food for survival. The consumption of water from unsafe sources raises serious concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases. The World Food Programme (WFP) has [**expressed**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=bf11baef22&e=e9f9a91036) concern about malnutrition and starvation.
* The UN Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, stated today that “the carnage in Gaza cannot be allowed to continue,” presenting a ten-step plan to address the unfolding humanitarian crisis, including agreeing on a humanitarian ceasefire, respecting international humanitarian law, and allowing the entry of fuel.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Overnight (14-15 November), clashes continued between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups in and around Gaza city as well as in several areas in the North Gaza governorate and in Khan Younis (in the south). Intense strikes by Israeli forces also continue in the south. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* Deadly attacks over the past 24 hours included the following: on 14 November, in the afternoon, airstrikes reportedly hit Al Mohophin School, in Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood, Gaza city, killing 17 people; the same day, at about 20:30, airstrikes reportedly hit a residential building in As Saftawi area, north of Gaza city, killing 13 people, including six women; on midday 14 November, airstrikes reportedly hit a building in Al Qarara, east of Khan Yunis, killing nine people; on 15 November, at around midday, airstrikes reportedly hit As Salhi Towers area, in Nuseirat, killing 14 people.
* On 15 November, for the fifth consecutive day, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, the MoH in Gaza did not update casualty figures. The reported fatality toll of Palestinians in Gaza as of 10 November at 14:00 (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
* In the past 24 hours, two Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed in Gaza, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 53, according to official Israeli sources.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 15 November, the Israeli military – which has called on residents in the north to evacuate to the south – continued opening a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. The Israeli military also announced a “tactical halt in military activities,” in As Salam and An Nour neighbourhoods of Jabaliya between 10:00 and 14:00, to enable the departure of people southward. OCHA’s monitoring team estimates that about 8,000 people moved during the day.
* Israeli forces have reportedly been arresting some IDPs fleeing through the “corridor.” There are anecdotal and eyewitness reports of some IDPs being beaten and stripped of their clothing. On 14 November, internally displaced persons (IDPs) reported that the Israeli army had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to pass through go through two checkpoints, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. IDPs are reportedly ordered to show their IDs and undergo what appears to be a facial recognition scan.
* Over the past 48 hours, IDPs staying outside the overcrowded shelters in the south have been affected by intermittent rainfall and flooding, which have damaged or destroyed tents and makeshift areas where they are seeking shelter. These conditions are subjecting these IDPs to an increasing risk of illness and waterborne disease
* Over 1.5 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including about 813,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 154 UNRWA shelters. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity. Overcrowding is leading to the spread of disease, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, raising environmental and health concerns. The overcrowding is impacting the Agency’s ability to deliver effective and timely services.
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**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On the afternoon of 15 November, one truck of fuel entered Gaza, leaving an insufficient amount of time to refuel the trucks needed to distribute the humanitarian aid that had been delivered to warehouses in Rafah on 14 November. Given the warehouses were at capacity, the Agency was not able to receive additional humanitarian shipments.
* Dozens of trucks waiting on the Egyptian side of the Rafah crossing are expected to enter on 16 November. Since 21 October, 1,139 trucks carrying mainly medicines, food and water have entered Gaza via the Rafah crossing with Egypt, representing a fraction of the needs.
* On 14 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of about 600 foreign nationals and dual citizens, and four injured people. Between 2 and 13 November, some 135 injured people were taken for medical care in Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed. According to media reports, the Israeli authorities have rejected requests by Member States to operate this crossing to increase the entry of humanitarian aid.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted. The entry of fuel, which is desperately needed to operate electricity generators that run life-saving equipment.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* Prior to the Israeli military raid into the Shifa hospital compound, according to the MoH in Gaza, bombardments hit and damaged parts of it, including the specialized surgeries department, the coronary care division, and a warehouse. After the troops entered, patients, staff and IDPs were reporteldy relocated within the compound.
* On 14 November, some 200 people, including medical staff and 25 patients were evacuated by the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) from Al Quds hospital in Gaza city, to a hospital in Khan Younis, in the south. The trip, which reportedly lasted seven hours, was partially done on foot amid rain and muddy streets. The vicinities of the hospitals had been bombarded over the past week and, since 11 November, the hospital has been under an electricity blackout.
* For the third consecutive day, the main generator at Al Amal hospital in Khan Younis shut down due to lack of fuel. The hospital has been running one small generator which is supplying electricity to the labour room and the lights in the reception area. Over 8,000 IDPs are sheltering in this highly overcroweded facility.
* The MoH in Gaza stated that, on 15 November, 179 bodies held at Shifa, which could not be evacuated or properly maintained, were buried in a mass grave inside the compound.
* The Israeli military has repeatedly alleged that Palestinian armed groups operate a military compound within and underneath the Shifa hospital. The hospital’s management and the Palestinian MoH have strongly denied these allegations and have called for an independent investigation.
* UNRWA has continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 124 medical teams deployed to the shelters. However, the fuel reserves of the health centres may have been depleted today. UNRWA operations will entirely depend on solar energy, which is designed only to cater for minimum operation. Functionality of the solar energy is not guaranteed as any malfunction or battery failure may cause complete stop of all operation.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* Due to the absence of fuel, on 14 November, UNRWA’s solid waste removal services began shutting down, posing an environmental hazard, with about 400 tons of rubbish per day accumulating in overcrowded camps and IDP shelters.
* Due to lack of fuel, public sewage pumping stations, 60 water wells in the south, the a desalination plant in the Middle Area, the two main sewage pumps in the south, and the Rafah wastewater treatment plant have all ceased operations in the past few days. The seawater desalination plant in Khan Younis is operating at 5 per cent of its capacity (some 300 cubic metres per day). Coupled with the shutdown of municipal sanitation work, this is posing a serious threat to public health, increasing the risk of water contamination and the outbreak of diseases.
* The main source of potable water in the south are two pipelines coming from Israel that supply together about 1,100 cubic metres per hour. A number of private wells and desalination facilities which are still operational are expected to shut down over the coming two days due to the lack of fuel.
* In the north, the water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for over a week, raising grave concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources.

**Food security**

* Lack of food in the north is of increasing concern. Since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Members of the Food Security Sector have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. There are indications of negative coping mechanisms, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as consuming combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 15 November, the names of 1,162 fatalities in Israel have been released, including 859 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* On 14 November, Israeli sources confirmed that one of the captured soldiers had been killed. Hamas had claimed that she was among of 57 hostages killed by Israeli airstrikes. According to the Israeli authorities, 238 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. According to some media reports, about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, and one female Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces. On 15 November, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, [**renewed his call**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=4830c48326&e=e9f9a91036) to release the hostages unconditionally.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 14 November, a Palestinian child died of wounds sustained after being shot by Israeli forces during a search-and-arrest operation in Jenin Refugee Camp on 29 October.
* Since 7 October, 183 Palestinians, including 47 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Three Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 42 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (427). About 65 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates. Some 26 per cent were in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; two per cent were killed in settler attacks against Palestinians, one per cent during punitive demolitions and the remaining six per cent were killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,655 Palestinians, including at least 27 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional, 74 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* On 13 and 14 November, assailants believed to be Israeli settlers uprooted an unconfirmed number of Palestinian-owned olive trees in As Sawiya village (Nablus), next to the Rehelim settlement. Access to this area by Palestinians requires permission by the Israeli authorities.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 246 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (30 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (180 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (36 incidents). This reflects a daily average of over six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* No new displacements have been recorded during the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, at least 121 Palestinian households comprising 1,149 people, including 452 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 48 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced since 7 October following punitive demolitions, and another 135 Palestinians, including 66 children, following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits.

**Funding**

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**Shubair Family Killed in Israeli Airstrike**

*15 november 2023*

It is with utmost grief and sadness that we write to inform you of the tragic loss of Professor Mohammad Eid Shubair, his wife Rehab Mohamad Shubair, their daughter-in-law Najat Ayoub Alhelo, and their eldest son, Muhammad Malik Shubair in an Israeli airstrike on their home in the vicinity of the Al Shifa hospital in Gaza City.

Professor Shubair is the father-in-law of our Chicago chapter board member, Alaa Abusamaan. We offer our deepest condolences to Alaa and his wife Hoda Shubair over the devastating loss of their loved ones.

Professor Mohammad Eid Shubair was a well-respected scholar and president of the Islamic University in Gaza. Beloved by all in his community, his loss has sent shockwaves across Gaza and the world. Their home, in the immediate vicinity of the Al Shifa hospital, was bombed just three days ago. Those who survived the bombing and attempted to walk the close distance to the hospital were shot dead by Israeli forces besieging the hospital.

The savagery of this genocidal rampage has destroyed any semblance of humanity expected from an occupying power such as Israel. The indiscriminate bombardment of Gaza has taken the lives of many relatives and friends of our staff and community members. The immense pain and trauma we’ve all experienced this month is indescribable.

We pray that Allah accepts the Shubair family into the highest of heavens and grants them the status of martyrdom. We ask Allah to insert tranquility and patience in the hearts of those they left behind and to give us all strength as we fight against the genocide of the Palestinian people.

Sincerely,
***The AMP Family***

**AJP Action condemns attacks on its staff and calls on media & politicians to end complicity in anti-Muslim, anti-Palestinian hate speech**

*15 november 2023*

A member of Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action) was attacked in St. Louis, Missouri, on Friday, November 11, 2023. AJP Action Government Relations Coordinator Neveen Ayesh reported to local police that her home was broken into on Friday, and she was shot at in her car just blocks from her apartment soon after. The shot broke her driver-side mirror. Attacks on activists like Ayesh are fueled by dehumanizing language about Palestinians that is rampant in media and political portrayals of the genocide in Gaza.

We call on Missouri police to investigate this incident as a hate crime, and we ask law enforcement to prosecute the perpetrators to the full extent of the law. Attacks such as this have a chilling effect on free speech as anti-violent advocates for Palestinian rights face unchecked retribution amid the vilification of Palestinian activism in media, academia, and politics.

This incident is just one of many forms of escalated harassment AJP Action staff, the staff of its affiliate 501(c)3 organization American Muslims for Palestine (AMP), and Palestine solidarity activists of all faiths have faced amid Israel’s bombardment of Gaza, which has now reached its 39th day with over 11,100 Palestinians killed. AJP Action and AMP Executive Director Executive Director Osama Abu Irshaid has received multiple hate calls and text messages threatening his life and telling him to “*go back to your country.*” Other AMP staff and members have reported similar threats.

AJP Action condemns all violence against our team and Palestine solidarity activists, who are using their constitutionally protected right to protest against the ongoing genocide of Palestinians. We also condemn the widespread repression of Palestine solidarity activism nationwide: on college campuses, in workplaces, and in government. We likewise stand with Jewish solidarity activists in [**condemning**](https://default.salsalabs.org/T481eb6a5-9a14-4aef-a099-d1237bac2c61/bd239b72-f70f-43b8-bb51-028f71312c68) the conflation of anti-Israel critique with antisemitism.

Journalists and elected leaders alike have repeatedly propagated anti-Palestinian and anti-Muslim talking points that often come directly from Israeli leadership—with little to no critical examination or even fact-checking. Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri has similarly raised unfounded suspicions of Palestinian student groups’ ties to Hamas based simply on their condemnation of occupation and apartheid—introducing legislation to federally investigate students for their pro-Palestinian sympathies. Such discourse is actively endangering Palestinian and Muslim lives.

In just the first week of Israel’s bombardment of Gaza, 6-year-old Wadea Al-Fayoume was [**stabbed**](https://default.salsalabs.org/T369cc48b-f0cf-45e2-b77d-6fa686ab5c65/bd239b72-f70f-43b8-bb51-028f71312c68) to death by his landlord in Illinois; in the second week, a 19-year-old Sikh man was physically attacked on a bus in New York City; in the third week, a man on the New York City subway violently [**attempted**](https://default.salsalabs.org/T10a50b4f-53b9-46d3-b1cc-e0a61f5ad602/bd239b72-f70f-43b8-bb51-028f71312c68) to pull a young Muslim woman’s hijab off and called her a terrorist; in the fourth week, a Stanford student was seriously [**injured**](https://default.salsalabs.org/Td08903b3-e069-423e-bc60-9129c62430f8/bd239b72-f70f-43b8-bb51-028f71312c68) as a man drove his car into the student while yelling hateful rhetoric—among many other examples. The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) has reported over 1200 incidents of harassment faced by Muslims since October 7th, an over 200% jump compared with last year.

Such violence against Muslim and Palestinian communities is not new: in the wake of violent rhetoric about Muslims after 9/11 and the infamous “Muslim ban” of the Trump Administration, violent hate crimes spiked against Muslims or those perceived to be Muslim. AJP Action calls on media, academics, and politicians to be accountable for inciting such violence against our communities and those in solidarity with us.

*“We will continue to stand against the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza and across occupied Palestine. We will continue to call for a ceasefire and an end to the root causes of violence. And we refuse to be silent as activists are wrongfully defamed and as anti-Muslim racism is weaponized once again to overlook slaughter in the Middle East and to silence pro-peace Americans,”* Dr. Abu Irshaid said.

*“I blame those in leadership positions for continuing to uphold racist, Islamophobic, and anti-Palestinian rhetorics that fuel these hate crimes,”* Ayesh said. A police report has been filed with the Richmond Heights Police Department.

While we face these reprehensible attacks, we affirm that this will not deter our efforts to amplify the voices of oppressed people in the Gaza Strip who are being subjected to genocide at the hands of the Israeli government—aided and abetted by the Biden administration.

Signed,

**Americans for Justice in Palestine Action (AJP Action)**

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6404 Seven Corners Place, Ste NFalls Church, Virginia 22044**Question?**Email us at [**info@ajpaction.org**](https://default.salsalabs.org/T2651a0aa-0ca5-4eb3-ac93-2da717ceaeed/bd239b72-f70f-43b8-bb51-028f71312c68)or call **(703) 534-1904**

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #39**

*“In Gaza city, it was difficult to secure water and food,“ a displaced Palestinian told OCHA upon arrival to the southern area on 14 November. ”When available, food is very expensive.“ Photo of a displaced family in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip. Source: WHO, 1 November 2023*

*14 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* Only one of the hospitals in Gaza city and northern Gaza (hereafter: the north) is reportedly still operational at a minimum level for those inside the hospital, as of 14 November; all others have ceased operations due to the lack of power, medical consumables, oxygen, food and water, compounded by bombardments and fighting in their vicinities. Al Ahli Hospital, in Gaza city, currently accommodates over 500 patients and is reportedly the sole medical facility able to admit patients in the north. However, it too faces increasing shortages and challenges.
* Forty patients died in Shifa hospital on 14 November, according to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza. The hospital reported preparations for a mass grave inside the compound to burry 180 bodies of patients, which cannot be evacuated due to the intense fighting.
* According to the World Health Organization (WHO), as of 14 November, more than half of the hospitals in Gaza (22 out of 36) were non-functional due to lack of fuel, damage, attacks and insecurity.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. Hospitals must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff and other civilians to evacuate safely. WHO has warned that the evacuation of hospitals in the north, as demanded by the Israeli military, would be a “death sentence” for some patients, because operational hospitals in the south cannot admit more patients.
* On 14 November, UNRWA reported that, in 48 hours, telecommunication companies are expected to run out of fuel to operate data centres and connection sites. In some areas, they have reportedly shut down already. The companies have had to depend on fuel-run generators since Gaza’s black out on 11 October.
* Although 91 trucks carrying humanitarian aid entered from Egypt on 14 November, the distribution of supplies to shelters, clinics and other beneficiaries has largely come to a halt due to lack of fuel. The Israeli authorities have indicated that, on 15 November, they would allow the entry of a limited amount of fuel into Gaza, to be used exclusively to run trucks for the distribution of incoming humanitarian aid. This represents a fraction of the fuel needs for humanitarian operations. Meanwhile, the entry of fuel for any other use, including the operation of generators at hospitals, and at water and sanitation facilities, remains banned. This will be the first time since 7 October that fuel is allowed into Gaza.
* Hundreds of thousands of people who are unwilling or unable to move to the south remain in the north amid intense hostilities. They are struggling to secure the minimum amount of water and food for survival. The consumption of water from unsafe sources raises serious concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases. The World Food Programme (WFP) has expressed concern about malnutrition and starvation.
* In the West Bank, Israeli forces shot and killed eight Palestinians over the past 24 hours, bringing the fatality toll among Palestinians since 7 October to 182, including 46 children.
* As of 14 November, Member States have disbursed US$132.1 million against the Flash Appeal made by the UN and its partners to implement its response plan in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 in the West Bank. This constitutes about 11 per cent of the $1.2 billion requested. Additionally, $335 million has been pledged.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Overnight (13-14 November), clashes continued between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups in and around Gaza city as well as in several areas in the North Gaza governorate and in Khan Younis (in the south). Intense strikes by Israeli forces also continue in the south, and ground incursions appear to continue in the area south-east of Khan Yunis. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* Deadly attacks included the following: On 13 November, at about 23:00, Israeli airstrikes reportedly hit and destroyed 12 houses near the Jabalia services sports club (in the north), killing 31 Palestinians and injuring others. The following morning, at about 5:30, Israeli airstrikes reportedly hit two buildings in Khan Yunis (in the south), killing 13 Palestinians and injuring 20 others.
* On 14 November, for the fourth consecutive day, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza did not update casualty figures. The reported fatality toll of Palestinians in Gaza as of 10 November at 14:00 (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
* Active ground operations in the heart of Gaza city and near the hospitals, along with the lack of fuel, have halted the movement of rescue teams and ambulances in those areas. Multiple appeals by stranded households and family members underneath struck buildings, including their own homes, have gone unanswered. According to the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), hundreds of calls have been received at the PRCS emergency number from besieged Palestinians in Gaza city, urgently requesting ambulances for the wounded, evacuation for trapped families, and assistance for those under rubble. Many of these calls for help have gone unanswered due to lack of fuel and insecurity.
* In the last 24 hours, two Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed in Gaza, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 51, according to official Israeli sources.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 14 November, for the twelfth consecutive day, the Israeli military – which has called and exerted pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards – opened a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. OCHA’s monitoring team estimates that about 17,000-18,000 moved on 14 November, significantly less than in the previous days, with an estimated xx total to since [date].
* Numerous reports indicate that Israeli forces have been carrying out arrests among IDPs fleeing through the corridor, alongside allegations of beating, stripping and other forms of violence. On 14 November, IDPs have reported that the Israeli army had established an unstaffed checkpoint where people are directed from a distance to go through two containers, where a surveillance system is thought to be installed. People are reportedly ordered to show their IDs and undergo what appears to be a facial recognition scan.
* Over the past 24 hours, IDPs staying outside the overcrowded shelters in the south have been affected by intermittent rainfall and related flooding, which have damaged or destroyed tents and makeshifts where they lived. Alongside lower temperatures, this is exposing people to increasing risk of disease.
* Over 1.5 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including about 787,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 154 UNRWA shelters. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity. Overcrowding is leading to the spread of diseases, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, raising environmental and health concerns, and limiting the Agency’s ability to deliver effective and timely services.
* See the live IDP dashboard for the latest figures and more breakdowns.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* A total of 91 trucks, carrying food, medicines, health supplies, bottled water, blankets, tents and hygiene products, crossed from Egypt into Gaza on 14 November as of 18:00. This brings the number of trucks that have entered Gaza since 21 October to 1,187, representing a fraction of the needs.
* On 13 November, the Egyptian border opened for the evacuation of about 600 foreign nationals and dual citizens, and four injured people. Between 2 and 13 November, some 135 injured people were taken for medical care in Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed. According to media reports, the Israeli authorities have rejected requests by Member States to operate this crossing to expedite the entry of humanitarian aid.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, after the Israeli authorities cut off the electricity supply, and fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant depleted. The entry of fuel, which is desperately needed to operate electricity generators that run life-saving equipment.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* The situation of hospitals in the north remains dire. Only of of the hospitals is reportedly operational. Heavy fighting continues around Shifa and Al Quds hospitals.
* According to WHO, on 14 November, over half of the hospitals in Gaza (22 out of 36) are non-functional due to lack of fuel, damage, attacks and insecurity. The 14 hospitals in the south remaining open have barely enough supplies to sustain critical and lifesaving surgeries and provide inpatient care, including intensive care
* On 14 November, a power outage affected Al Amal Hospital in Khan Younis, in the south, following a failure of its sole generator, according to PRCS. This put 90 patients at risk, including 25 in critical condition. Additionally, 9,000 IDPs are seeking refuge at the hospital and PRCS premises.
* On 14 November, the Nursing Director at the European Gaza Hospital was quoted in a media outlet as stating that the hospital had run out of water. This would affect over 400 patients and thousands of IDPs sheltering on the premises.
* On 14 November, Médecins Sans Frontières reported that live ammunition had been fired into one of three of their premises (near Shifa Hospital), where more than 100 people, including staff and their families, had taken shelter.
* The Israeli military has repeatedly alleged that Palestinian armed groups operate a military compound within and underneath the Shifa hospital. The hospital’s management and the Palestinian MoH have strongly denied these allegations and have called for an independent investigation.
* Active ground operations in the heart of Gaza city and near the hospitals in North Gaza governorate have halted the movement of rescue teams and ambulances in those areas. According to PRCS, hundreds of calls have been received at an emergency number from Palestinians in Gaza city, urgently requesting ambulances for the wounded, evacuation for trapped families, and assistance for those trapped under rubble.
* UNRWA has continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 124 medical teams deployed to the shelters. However, the fuel reserves of the health centres may have been depleted today. UNRWA operations will entirely depend on solar energy, which is designed only to cater for minimum operation. Functionality of the solar energy is not guaranteed as any malfunction or battery failure may cause complete stop of all operation.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* Due to the absence of fuel, on 14 November, UNRWA’s solid waste removal services began shutting down, posing an environmental hazard, with about 400 tons of rubish per day accumulating in overcrowded camps and IDP shelters.
* Due to lack of fuel, public sewage pumping stations, 60 water wells in the south, the two main desalination plants in Rafah and the Middle Area, the two main sewage pumps in the south, and the Rafah wastewater treatment plant have all ceased operations. Coupled with the shutdown of municipal sanitation work, this is posing a serious threat to public health, increasing the risk of water contamination and the outbreak of diseases.
* In the north, the water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for over a week, raising grave concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases due to  water consumption from unsafe sources.

**Food security**

* Lack of food in the north is of increasing concern. Since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food security partners have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. There are indications of negative coping mechanisms due to food scarcity, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as consuming combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 10 November, the names of 1,162 fatalities in Israel have been released, including 845 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* On 14 November, Israeli sources confirmed that one of the captured soldiers had been killed. Hamas had claimed that she was among of 57 hostages killed by Israeli airstrikes. According to the Israeli authorities, 238 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. According to some media reports, about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, and one female Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces. On 13 November, Humanitarian Coordinator Lynn Hastings renewed her [**call**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=4be0691d32&e=e9f9a91036) to release the hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* Israeli forces shot and killed eight Palestinians, between 13 November at night and noontime on 14 November. The deadliest incident, which lasted for several hours, took place in Tulkarm Refugee Camp, and resulted in seven Palestinians killed. The operation involved armed clashes with Palestinians, and airstrikes, resulting in extensive infrastructure and residential damage. According to medical sources, during the operation, Israeli forces impeded the work of paramedics. Another Palestinian was killed after he attempted to stab an Israeli soldier positioned at Beit Einun roundabout east of Hebron city.
* Since 7 October, 182 Palestinians, including 46 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Three Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 42 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (426). About 65 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates. Some 26 per cent were in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; two per cent were killed in settler attacks against Palestinians, one per cent during punitive demolitions and the remaining six per cent were killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,650 Palestinians, including at least 278 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional, 74 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* In the past 24 hours, OCHA verified four settler attacks. In two of these incidents, armed assailants who, while known by Palestinian residents to be settlers, were wearing Israeli military uniforms, raided the communities of Umm At Tiran and the already displaced community of At Taybe (both in Hebron), where they vandalized a residential structure, agricultural, water tanks and punctured the tires of vehicles. In two other incidents, in Mantiqat Shi'b al Butum in Masafer Yatta (southern Hebron) and the displaced community of Ein ar Rashash (Ramallah), 18 tents used for residential and agricultural purposes were vandalized, along with two solar panel systems, and an electronic generator, and about 10 bags of livestock fodder.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 244 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (30 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (177 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (37 incidents). This reflects a daily average of over six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* No new displacements have been recorded during the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, at least 121 Palestinian households comprising 1,149 people, including 452 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 45 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced since 7 October following punitive demolitions, and another 135 Palestinians, including 66 children, following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits.

**Funding**

* On 7 November, the UN and its partners issued a plan that outlines the minimum necessary to scale up humanitarian operations in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 of the most vulnerable in the West Bank. An estimated US$1.2 billion is required to deliver existing humanitarian services amid ongoing hostilities. The UN has shared its response plan with potential donors and partners as part of an updated Flash Appeal.
* Private donations are collected through the Humanitarian Fund.

**As repression grows, so does solidarity.**

*14 november 2023*

In schools and universities across the country, the demand for an immediate ceasefire and an end to genocide is spreading. Right now, it’s clear that educational institutions can either be places where dissent is stifled and students are censored and repressed, or places where we fight together for liberation. Join JVP in taking action to support everyone in our schools fighting for justice.

**Repression on campus.**

As the Israeli military carries out a genocide against Palestinians in Gaza, anti-Palestinian groups in the U.S. are working overtime to shut down demands for a ceasefire — including at Columbia University, where the student chapters of JVP and Students for Justice in Palestine [**were just suspended**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/73326613/438158574/-510827098?sourceid=1001761&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9KVlAvSlZQLzEvNjE4ODEiLA0KICAiRGlzdHJpYnV0aW9uVW5pcXVlSWQiOiAiNWZkZjFmN2UtZmU4Mi1lZTExLTg5MjUtMDAyMjQ4MzJlODExIiwNCiAgIkVtYWlsQWRkcmVzcyI6ICJzYWdpdGFyMkBrcG5tYWlsLm5sIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=zCDVc8QXRVsMi74lZF2Jsg4qwYpFcJeO8wva3MSAunw=&emci=b6c10cb1-4682-ee11-8925-00224832e811&emdi=5fdf1f7e-fe82-ee11-8925-00224832e811&ceid=63050).

**Solidarity is growing.**

On Monday, the Chicago Teachers Union came out strongly in support of an immediate ceasefire — and called on other unions across the U.S. to do the same.

As one of the first major unions standing up for ceasefire, we can expect that they'll receive backlash. So we need to make sure that they feel that they have a movement behind them.

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Samen met Oxfam Novib, Amnesty International en PAX dagen wij de Nederlandse staat voor de rechter wegens schendingen van het internationaal recht tijdens de oorlog in Gaza

**De recente wapenexport naar Israël maakt Nederland medeverantwoordelijk voor schendingen van het oorlogsrecht en de collectieve bestraffing van de Palestijnse burgerbevolking in Gaza.**

Eerder riepen we de regering al op om *alle*gepleegde schendingen van het internationaal humanitair oorlogsrecht te veroordelen. Ondanks meer dan twaalfduizend Palestijnse doden in Gaza – waarvan ruim tweederde vrouwen en kinderen – en heldere uitspraken van de VN en andere internationale organisaties, weigert Nederland Israël publiekelijk aan te spreken op de ernstige schendingen van het oorlogsrecht. Eerder hebben we ook de afschuwelijke aanslagen op en ontvoeringen van burgers door Hamas veroordeeld.

**Ambtenaren waarschuwden**

Afgelopen week bleek dat de Nederlandse regering weigert om de uitvoer van onderdelen voor F-35-gevechtsvliegtuigen naar Israël te stoppen. NRC schreef dat ambtenaren waarschuwden dat hiermee in Gaza mogelijk ‘ernstige schendingen van het humanitair oorlogsrecht’ worden begaan.

Ook de Nederlandse ambassade in Tel Aviv waarschuwde. In strijd met het [**eigen**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=df874c8ef7&e=37d294b014)wapenexportbeleid en internationale verdragen heeft het kabinet toch besloten om de onderdelen te blijven leveren.

Door de voortdurende bombardementen op Gaza wordt ook het verlenen van humanitaire hulp ernstig belemmerd. Intussen zijn al meer dan honderd VN-medewerkers gedood. Medewerkers van hulporganisaties zijn gedwongen om elders in Gaza een goed heenkomen te zoeken. Zij leven in doodangst en voelen zich verlaten door de weigering van Nederland om zich uit te spreken voor een staakt-het-vuren.

**Kort geding**

Wij bereiden nu samen met de andere organisaties een kort geding voor tegen de Nederlandse staat. Wij eisen dat de regering handelt in lijn met het eigen beleid, wettelijke verplichtingen en internationale afspraken.

 **Nederland is al jaren medeplichtig aan schendingen van internationaal recht. Dit moet nu stoppen.**

We houden u op de hoogte!

**Wij strijden tegen oorlogsmisdaden, annexatie, bezetting en onderdrukking. Helpt u mee?**

**NEDERLANDSE STAAT AANGEKLAAGD OM ZIJN HOUDING TEGENOVER ISRAËL.**

*14 november 2023*

Eindelijk worden nu ook de beschikbare rechtsmiddelen in de strijd gegooid tegen de genocide op de Palestijnen, die nu al meer dan een maand lang aan de gang is! En die maar voortgaat onmetelijk en onvoorstelbaar massaleed aan te richten onder miljoenen mensen, dag en nacht.

En ook in de VS worden nu processen gestart. Waarom hier, vanuit het medeschuldige kapitalistische Westen, door degenen die aan de kant van de Palestijnen staan, niet veel eerder naar dit beschikbare middel van juridische actie werd gegrepen, is een raadsel. Want alle beschikbare middelen die naar hun aard proportioneel zijn, waaronder desnoods ook volstrekt proportionele geweldsmiddelen, om deze genocide te stoppen, moesten hiertegen al lang in het geding gebracht zijn: nood breekt wet!

Hoe dan ook, ook het middel van het recht moet hier, alsnog en ten volle, worden benut en tot ontplooiing worden gebracht. En dat niet eenmaal, niet tweemaal, maar in een veelvoud van processen. Volgens het principe van ‘frappez toujours’. Zoals ook alle andere middelen van verzet, synchroon, onafhankelijk en onophoudelijk, moeten worden ingezet.  En waarbij vooral het strijdmiddel van de massa-aktie voorop zal moeten blijven staan!

Grondslag van deze juridische procedure zal zijn de medeverantwoordelijkheid en medeplichtigheid van de Nederlandse Staat, in handen van Rutte en co, voor diens schendingen van het oorlogsrecht en de collectieve vernietiging van de Gazaanse burgerbevolking, zoals deze ook nu weer extra aan het daglicht treden vanwege de Nederlandse wapenexport naar Israël.

Het kort geding wordt voorbereid door Oxfam Novib, Amnesty International, PAX en The Rights Forum.

Sagitar

**BREAKING NEWS !**

*13 november 2023*

**JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO, PALESTINIANS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN, SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN, AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LLOYD AUSTIN TO STOP U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL’S UNFOLDING GENOCIDE AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

Attorneys from the Center for Constitutional Rights are suing Biden, Blinken, and Austin "for failing to prevent an unfolding genocide where they have influence over the State of Israel to do so, and directly abetting its development with weapons, funds, and diplomatic cover."

As this lawsuit makes plain, Israel is able to continue its genocide of Palestinians in Gaza because it is backed by the United States.

And it’s not just the Biden administration; it’s Congress too. Most of our representatives are failing to call for a ceasefire. Congress continues to vote for billions of dollars in military aid that enables Israel to keep bombing churches, refugee camps, and hospitals.

We know that the Biden administration isn’t listening to us right now. But we’ve heard report after report from insiders that our calls and emails are making a difference for individual members of Congress.**

Numerous Israeli government leaders have expressed clear genocidal intentions and called Palestinians “human animals."  At the same time, the Israeli military has bombed civilian areas and infrastructure, used illegal chemical weapons, and deprived Palestinians of everything necessary for human life, including water, food, electricity, fuel, and medicine.

**Those statements of intent – when combined with mass killing, the total siege, and complete destruction – reveal evidence of an unfolding crime of genocide.**

Meanwhile, the United States boasts of its close coordination, and ability to influence Israeli actions, yet it has failed to exercise any of that influence to stop the unfolding genocide.

**Congress should be supporting the Palestinian plaintiffs and representing the majority of their constituents who are calling for a ceasefire - not further enabling Israel’s genocide in Gaza.**

**Please keep taking action to support a ceasefire. Millions of lives depend on it.**

With resolve,
Sandra Tamari

**Adalah Justice Project**is a Palestinian-led advocacy organization based in the U.S. that builds cross-movement coalitions to achieve collective liberation. Our work is rooted in the conviction that drawing the linkages between US policy abroad and repressive state practices at home is crucial to shifting the balance of power.

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #37**

*A hospital patient being transported southwards through a “corridor” opened by the Israeli military following its calls to evacuate northern Gaza. Photo by OCHA, 12 November 2023*

*13 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* Bombardments and armed clashes around the Shifa hospital in Gaza city intensified since the afternoon of 11 November. Critical infrastructure, including the oxygen station, water tanks and a well, the cardiovascular facility, and the maternity ward, was damaged,and three nurses killed. While many internally displaced persons (IDPs) and some staff and patients have managed to flee, others are trapped inside, fearing to leave or physically unable to do so. Some 3,000 patients and staff, alongside 15,000 IDPs are believed to remain in the hospital.
* At Shifa, two premature babies and ten other patients have died since the power outage that started on 11 November, compounded by the lack of medical consumables. Another 36 babies in incubators as well as kidney dialysis patients are at hightened risk of death. On 12 November, the World Health Organization (WHO) [**indicated**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=79ceb44b01&e=e9f9a91036) that it had lost communication with its contacts in Shifa.
* On 12 November, the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) [**announced**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=483db5c0ac&e=e9f9a91036) that the Al Quds Hospital in Gaza city was no longer operational due to the depletion of available fuel and power outage.
* On the afternoon of 11 November, an airstrike reportedly hit and destroyed the Swedish clinic in Ash Shati camp, west of Gaza city, were some 500 IDPs were sheltering. The casualty toll remains unclear. Overnight (11-12 November), another airstrike hit Al Mahdi Hospital in Gaza city, reportedly killing two doctors and injuring others.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL). They must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* The building of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Gaza city and an UNRWA school in Beit Lahiya, both of which were hosting IDPs, were hit on 11 and 12 November, respectively, resulting in an unclear number of casualties.
* The flight of tens of thousands of IDPs southwards from the areas north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter “the north”), through a “corridor” opened by the Israeli military, continued on 12 November.
* Hundreds of thousands of people remaining in the north are struggling to survive. Consumption of water from unsafe sources raises serious concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases. The World Food Programme (WFP) has expressed concern about malnutrition and starvation.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups in and around Gaza city, in several areas in the North Gaza governorate and to a lesser extent in the Middle area continued overnight (11-12 November), alongside Israeli bombardments from the air, sea, and land across the Gaza Strip. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* Other deadly attacks included the following: on 11 November, at about 13:00, a building in the Ash Shabora area of Rafah (in the south) was hit, reportedly killing 13 people and injuring 15 others; on 12 November, at about 2:00 a.m., two consecutive airstrikes in Jabalia camp reportedly killed 18 Palestinians; on 12 November, at about 10:00 a.m., a residential building in Bani Suhaila, east of Khan Yunis (in the south), was hit, reportedly killing at least 13 Palestinians and injuring 20 others.
* On 12 November, for the second consecutive day, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza did not update casualty figures. The Palestinian fatality toll in Gaza as of 10 November at 14:00  (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
* No fatalities among Israeli soldiers operating in Gaza have been reported over the past 24 hours. The total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations stands at 47, according to Israeli official sources.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 12 November, for the nineth consecutive day, the Israeli military – which has called upon residents of the north to leave southwards – opened a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. Additionally, the Israeli military announced via its social media channel in Arabic “a tactical halt in military activities” between 10:00 and 14:00 in Jabalia and Izbat Malin, next to Gaza city, to enable people to leave southwards. Tens of thousands of displaced people evacuated.
* IDPs reached the main junction next to Wadi Gaza on foot or donkey carts, given that the Israeli military reportedly stopped vehicles at about 4-5 kilometres away from that point. Most were able to carry only a few belongings. Most IDPs arrived exhausted and thirsty. UN monitors and NGOs distributed water and biscuits next to the junction.
* One UNRWA school and one health centre in Gaza city were hit by a strike on 11 November. The health centre was sheltering over 1,000 IDPs, some of whom were able to flee with UNRWA’s coordination southwards.
* The number of IDPs in the south continues to increase, with UNRWA sheltering 618,000 people in 97 facilities, three of which were recently opened in Rafah. Following these openings, the average number of IDPs per shelter slightly declined. However, UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity. Overcrowding is leading to the spread of diseases, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, raises environmental and health issues and limits the Agency’s ability to ensure effective and timely services.
* Over 1.5 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including about 778,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 154 UNRWA shelters.
* See the live IDP dashboard for the latest figures and more breakdowns.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* A total of 76 trucks, carrying food, medicines, health supplies, bottled water, blankets, tents and hygiene products, crossed from Egypt into Gaza on 12 November as of 18:00. This brings the number of trucks that have entered Gaza since 21 October to 981.
* As of the time of writing, it is unclear whether the Egyptian border was operated on 12 November for the evacuation of foreign nationals and dual citizens, or injured people. Between 2 and 9 November, 131 injured people were taken for medical care in Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed, as does the Israeli pedestrian crossing of Erez.
* In the International Humanitarian Conference held on 9 November in Paris, the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths stated that “the modest number of trucks we have so far managed to get in via the Rafah border crossing is wholly inadequate compared to the vast sea of needs […] We need to get hundreds of trucks per day into Gaza, not dozens, and be allowed to reach every place people are sheltering.”

**Electricity**

* 11 November marked one month since Gaza has been under an electricity blackout, following Israel’s shutting off the electricity supply and the depletion of fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant.The entry of fuel, which is desperately needed to operate electricity generators to run life-saving equipment, remains banned by the Israeli authorities.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* Bombardments and clashes between Israeli troops and armed groups around the Shifa hospital in Gaza city intensified since the afternoon of 11 November.
* The Israeli military has repeatedly alleged that armed groups operate a military compound within and underneath the Shifa hospital. The hospital’s management and the Palestinian MoH have strongly denied this allegation and have called for an independent investigation.
* An unconfirmed number of IDPs, along with several staff and patients have reportedly fled the Shifa hospital over the past few days, amid the intensified attacks and Israeli calls to evacuate it. The Israeli military has claimed it had opened “a corridor” for people to leave the hospital. However, reports cited by the WHO indicated that some of those fleeing have come under fire, resulting in casualties. Humanitarian agencies have received desperate calls from staff and patients’ relatives willing to leave but fearing reported snipers around the hospital. Others, particularly people with disabilities, are physically unable to leave by themselves. According to the MoH in Gaza, as of 12 November, there were some 1,500 patients and 1,500 medical personnel at Shifa hospital, along with at least 15,000 IDPs.
* The last generator at the Shifa hospital ran out of fuel on 11 November. Since the start of the power outage, which is compounded by the lack of medical consumables, two premature babies and ten other patients have died in the hospital, according to the Palestinian MoH in Ramallah. Shifa’s director has stated to the media that by tomorrow 13 November, kidney dialysis patients might die due to the inability to treat them. The MoH has also warned about the inability of the hospital staff to bury the bodies of about 100 fatalities, which began to decompose in the hospital yard, alongside risks associated with the medical waste accumulated inside the departments.
* The Israeli military has reported that, in the morning of 12 November, its troops attempted to deliver to Shifa hospital 300 litres of fuel for urgent medical purposes, and that the delivery was not taken by the hospital. Shifa’s director has stated to the media that the amount delivered would have been sufficient for 15-30 minutes only, noting that the hospital would have accepted it if was delivered through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
* On 12 November, PRCS reported that the Al Quds Hospital in Gaza city was no longer operational due to the depletion of available fuel and power outage. Medical staff are making every effort to provide care to patients and the wounded, even resorting to traditional medical methods amid dire humanitarian conditions and a shortage of medical supplies, food, and water.
* As of 11 November, only seven out of 18 PRCS ambulances in the north were still functioning, but at risk of completely ceasing operations due to fuel depletion.
* UNRWA has continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 124 medical teams deployed to the shelters. Between 10 and 11 November, a total of 18,076 were treated.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* As of 9 November, following a few days of limited operation, all municipal water wells across the Gaza Strip had to shut down again due to lack of fuel. As a result, the trucking and pumping of brackish water for non-drinking domestic uses came to a halt.
* Anecdotal reports indicate that people hosted or living near the sea, are reaching the beaches to bathe and wash clothes in the sea, as well as carrying seawater to their homes and shelters for domestic consumption. This practice may carry various negative health ramifications due to the high pollution levels of seawater.
* In the north, neither the water desalination plant nor the Israeli pipeline is operational. Similarly, no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters has taken place for over a week. There is serious concern about dehydration and waterborne diseases following water consumption from unsafe sources.
* UNRWA has been providing about 1.5 litres of potable water and 3-4 litres of non-potable water per person per day in all shelters in the south. In the largest shelter located in Khan Younis (over 21,700 IDPs), UNRWA in partnership with UNICEF, installed a desalination plant, which turns brackish water extracted from wells, into potable water.
* Transfer of solid waste to landfills in most municipalities has largely stopped due to lack of fuel and insecurity. Waste is accumulating in the streets and outside IDP shelters, creating a high risk of airborne diseases and infestation of insects and rats. By contrast, solid waste collection from the camps and IDP shelters has continued intermittently: about 100 loads were transferred to temporary dumping sites on 10-11 November.

**Food security**

* Lack of food in the north is of increasing concern. Since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, as well as the damage sustained by many. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food security partners have been unable to deliver assistance in the north as access has been largely cut off There are indications of negative coping mechanisms due to food scarcity, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as consuming combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.
* Women, especially those pregnant or lactating, struggle to find food, putting their families at risk. Their ability to nourish themselves and their children is severely compromised, endangering their health and well-being.
* Access to bread in the south is also challenging. The only operative mill in Gaza remains unable to grind wheat due to a lack of electricity and fuel. Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October. Only one of the bakeries contracted by WFP, along with eight other bakeries in the south, intermittently provides bread to shelters, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue lasting over 5 hours in front of bakeries, where they are exposed to airstrikes.
* WFP and its partners report that some essential food items such as rice, pulses, and vegetable oil are nearly depleted in the market. Other items, including wheat flour, dairy products, eggs, and mineral water, have disappeared from the shelves in shops across Gaza over the past two days. Despite limited stock at the wholesale level, these items cannot reach retailers due to extensive damage, security issues, and the lack of fuel. Food and beverage prices have surged by 10 per cent since the start of hostilities, with fresh vegetable prices spiking by 32 per cent, potato prices rising by 30 per cent, and fresh fruit prices increasing by 27 per cent.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media (the reported estimate has been revised by Israeli sources), the vast majority on 7 October. As of 10 November, the names of 1,162 fatalities in Israel have been released, including 845 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, 239 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. Media reports indicate that about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, and one female Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces. Hamas has claimed that 57 of the hostages had been killed by Israeli airstrikes. On 12 November, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres, renewed his [**call**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=2f89aba434&e=e9f9a91036) to release the hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 12 November, a Palestinian man died of wounds sustained by Israeli forces during a search-and-arrest operation in Burqa village (Nablus).
* Since 7 October, 172 Palestinians, including 46 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Three Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 42 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (417). About 59 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates. Some 27 per cent were in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; seven per cent were killed in settler attacks against Palestinians, and the remaining seven per cent were killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,586 Palestinians, including at least 267 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional, 74 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* In the past 24 hours, Israeli settlers, reportedly from Tappuah, threw stones, physically assaulted and injured three Palestinian farmers, including two women, in the village of Jamma’in (Nablus).
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 241 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (30 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (174 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (37 incidents). This reflects a daily average of over six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* No new displacements were recorded during the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, at least 121 Palestinian households comprising 1,149 people, including 452 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 45 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced since 7 October following punitive demolitions, and another 135 Palestinians, including 66 children, following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits.

**Funding**

* On 7 November, the UN and its partners issued a plan that outlines the minimum necessary to scale up humanitarian operations in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 of the most vulnerable in the West Bank. An estimated US$1.2 billion is required to deliver existing humanitarian services amid ongoing hostilities

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Flash Update #36**

*Premature babies at Shifa hospital in Gaza. On 11 November, two babies died when their life support stopped working and 37 babies in incubators are said to be at imminent risk of death. Screenshot from a video by UNICEF, 16 October 2023*

***12 november 2023***

**KEY POINTS**

* Israeli shelling and ground attacks intensified around hospitals in Gaza city and northern Gaza (hereafter: the north) on 11 November, with several being directly hit. According to media reports, civilians, patients, and staff were shot at while attempting to flee the Shifa hospital in Gaza city.
* On 11 November, power at the Shifa and the Indonesian hospital (northern Gaza) was reportedly cut off after fuel for generators ran out; generators at Al Quds hospital (Gaza city) failed and could not be repaired due to the bombardment and fighting. At Shifa, two babies died when their life support stopped working and 37 babies in incubators are at imminent risk of death, according to the Ministry of Health in Ramallah.
* On 11 November, following reports on the attacks hitting Shifa hospital, the OCHA Under-Secretary-General and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, [**stated**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=59ade9978e&e=e9f9a91036): "There can be no justification for acts of war in health care facilities, leaving them with no power, food or water, and shooting at patients and civilians trying to flee.”
* Hospitals are explicitly entitled to specific protection under international humanitarian law (IHL). They must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare the patients, medical staff, and other civilians, who must be protected under IHL. All feasible precautions must be taken to avoid incidental civilian harm, including effective warnings, which take into account the ability of patients, medical staff and other civilians to evacuate safely.
* The flight of tens of thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the north southwards through a “corridor” opened by the Israeli military, continued on 11 November.
* Hundreds of thousands of people who remain in the north are struggling to get the essentials for their survival. Consumption of water from unsafe sources raises serious concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases.
* The reported fatality toll since 7 October includes at least 192 medical staff, according to MoH Gaza. Of them, at least 16 medical staff were on duty when killed, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Furthermore, 101 UNRWA staff have been killed, the highest number of UN personnel killed in a conflict in the history of the organization. Eighteen Palestinian Civil Defense personnel and 44 Palestinian journalists have also been killed since this crisis began.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* On 11 November, clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups were reported in and around Gaza city, in several areas in the North Gaza governorate and to a lesser extent in the Middle area. Meanwhile, intense Israeli bombardments from the air, sea, and land continued across the Gaza Strip, while Palestinian armed groups continued launching projectiles toward Israel. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* On 10 November, at about 17:00, an Israeli airstrike hit Al Buraq school in Gaza city, which was being used as a shelter for IDPs, killing 50 people. The Israeli military stated that the airstrike targeted a Palestinian commander hiding in the school.
* On 11 November, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, the MoH in Gaza did not update casualty figures. The Palestinian fatality toll in Gaza as of 10 November at 14:00 stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
* As of 10 November, 66 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in UNRWA shelters have been killed and 558 injured. One-third of these fatalities and most of those injured (at least 400) occurred in facilities in the south.
* In the past 24 hours, five Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed in Gaza, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 47, according to Israeli official sources.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 11 November, for the eighth consecutive day, the Israeli military – which has called upon residents of the north to leave southwards – opened a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. It is estimated that tens of thousands of displaced people evacuated.
* IDPs reached the main junction next to Wadi Gaza on foot or donkey carts, given that the Israeli military reportedly stopped vehicles at about 4-5 kilometres away from that point. Most were able to carry only a few belongings. Most IDPs arrived exhausted and thirsty. UN monitors and NGOs distributed water and biscuits next to the junction.
* Over 1.5 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced. Among them, almost 760,000 IDPs are staying in at least 149 UNRWA shelters, where overcrowding is a major concern. The average number of IDPs per UNRWA shelter exceeded 6,250, which is nine times higher than their intended capacity. On average, 160 people sheltering in UNRWA facilities share a single toilet and there is one shower unit for every 700 people. The worsening sanitary conditions, along with the lack of privacy and space, generate health and safety hazards.
* See the live IDP dashboard for the latest figures and more breakdowns.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* For the second consecutive day, the Egyptian border was closed for the evacuation of foreign nationals and dual citizens, and injured people. Between 2 and 9 November, 131 injured people were taken for medical care in Egypt.
* A total of 53 trucks, carrying food, medicines, health supplies, bottled water, blankets, and hygiene products crossed from Egypt into Gaza on 11 November as of 18:00. This brings the number of trucks that have entered Gaza since 21 October to 914. This is far below the quantities needed to meet the needs of over two million people besieged in Gaza.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed, as does the Israeli pedestrian crossing of Erez.
* In the International Humanitarian Conference held on 9 November in Paris, the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths [**stated**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=a8a1932875&e=e9f9a91036) that “the modest number of trucks we have so far managed to get in via the Rafah border crossing is wholly inadequate compared to the vast sea of needs […] We need to get hundreds of trucks per day into Gaza, not dozens, and be allowed to reach every place people are sheltering.”

**Electricity**

* 11 November marks one month since Gaza has been under an electricity blackout, following Israel’s shutting off the electricity supply and the depletion of fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant.
* The entry of fuel, which is desperately needed to operate electricity generators to run life-saving equipment, remains banned by the Israeli authorities.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* On 11 November, communication was cut off from hospitals in the north of Gaza. Therefore, information has been difficult to verify and there are no updates to the reported fatality toll.
* On 11 November, the Director of Shifa hospital was cited in the media as stating that there was no more food, water or electricity. A patient in the Intesive Care Unit and two incubated babies reportedly died as their life support machines shut down due to absence of electricity. It is estimated that 15,000 people are still sheltering within Shifa Hospital.
* The Israeli military has repeatedly alleged that armed groups operate a military compound within and underneath the Shifa hospital. The hospital’s management and the Palestinian MoH have strongly denied this allegation and have called for an independent investigation.
* On 11 November, it was reported that Al Quds hospital’s generator had failed, and technicians were unable to fix it due to sniper fire. Out of the most critical patients, seven are in the ICU and three babies are in incubators.
* As of 11 November, according to the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), seven out of their eighteen ambulances in the north were still functioning, but at risk of completely ceasing operations in the coming hours due to fuel depletion.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* As of 9 November, following a few days of limited operation, all municipal water wells across the Gaza Strip had to shut down again due to the lack of fuel. As a result, the trucking and pumping of brackish water for non-drinking domestic uses came to a halt.
* Anecdotal reports indicate that people hosted or living near the sea, are reaching the beaches to bath and wash clothes in the sea, as well as carrying seawater to their homes and shelters for domestic consumption. This practice may carry various negative health ramifications due to the high pollution levels of seawater.
* In the north, neither the water desalination plant nor the Israeli pipeline are operational. Similarly, no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters has taken place for over a week. There is serious concern about dehydration and waterborne diseases following water consumption from unsafe sources.
* UNRWA has been providing about 1.5 litres of potable water and 3-4 litres of non-potable water per person per day in all shelters in the south. In the largest shelter located in Khan Younis (over 21,700 IDPs), UNRWA in partnership with UNICEF, installed a desalination plant, which turns brackish water extracted from wells, into potable water.
* Water entering from Egypt in bottles and jerry cans can only address the drinking needs (three litres per person per day) of about 4 per cent of the people.
* Transfer of solid waste to landfills has largely stopped across the Gaza Strip, due to lack of fuel and insecurity. Waste is accumulating in the streets and outside IDP shelters, creating a high risk of airborne diseases and infestation of insects and rats.

**Food security**

* Lack of food in the north is of increasing concern. Since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, as well as the damage sustained by many. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food security partners have been unable to deliver assistance in the north during the past nine days. There are indications of negative coping mechanisms due to food scarcity, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as consuming combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.
* Access to bread in the south is also challenging. The only operative mill in Gaza remains unable to grind wheat due to a lack of electricity and fuel. Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October. Only one of the bakeries contracted by WFP, along with eight other bakeries in the south, intermittently provides bread to shelters, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue for long hours in front of bakeries, where they are exposed to airstrikes.
* WFP and its partners report that some essential food items such as rice, pulses, and vegetable oil are nearly depleted in the market. Other items, including wheat flour, dairy products, eggs, and mineral water, have disappeared from the shelves in shops across Gaza over the past two days. Despite limited stock at the wholesale level, these items cannot reach retailers due to extensive damage, security issues, and the lack of fuel. The prices of available food items in the market have increased by 10 per cent since the start of hostilities, according to a WFP survey.
* While about 9,000 tons of wheat grain are stored in mills in Gaza, a significant portion of it cannot be used, due to massive destruction, security concerns, and shortages of fuel and electricity.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centers has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. Overall, about 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media (the reported estimate has been revised by Israeli sources), the vast majority on 7 October. As of 10 November, the names of 1,162 of fatalities in Israel have been released, including 845 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, 239 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. Media reports indicate that about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, and one female Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces. Hamas has claimed that 57 of the hostages had been killed by Israeli airstrikes. On 9 November, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, renewed his call to release the hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 11 November, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man during a search-and-arrest operation in Arraba village (Jenin).
* Since 7 October, 169 Palestinians, including 46 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Three Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 42 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (417). About 59 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates. Some 27 per cent were in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; seven per cent were killed in settler attacks against Palestinians, and the remaining seven per cent were killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,560 Palestinians, including at least 262 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. Seventy Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 32 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 235 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (29 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (170 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (36 incidents). This reflects a daily average of over six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* Since 7 October, at least 121 Palestinian households comprising 1,149 people, including 452 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 45 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced since 7 October following punitive demolitions, and another 135 Palestinians, including 66 children, following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits.

**Funding**

* On 7 November, the UN and its partners issued a plan that outlines the minimum necessary to scale up humanitarian operations in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 of the most vulnerable in the West Bank. An estimated US$1.2 billion is required to deliver existing humanitarian services amid ongoing hostilities. The UN has shared its response plan with potential donors and partners as part of an updated Flash Appeal..

**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel
Flash Update #38**

*Aid distribution in an UNRWA facility hosting displaced Palestinian families. Screenshot from a video by UNICEF*

*13 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* All but one of the hospitals in Gaza city and northern Gaza (hereafter: the north) are reportedly out of service, as of 13 November, due to the lack of power, medical consumables, oxygen, food and water, compounded by bombardments and fighting in their vicinities. Al Ahli Hospital, in Gaza city, which currently accommodates over 500 patients, is reportedly the sole medical facility able to receive patients, amid increasing shortages and challenges.
* In Shifa hospital, 32 patients, including three premature babies, have reportedly died since 11 November, following the power cut and amid dire conditions. As of midnight, between 12 and 13 November, some 600-650 inpatients, 200-500 staff, and 1,500 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were believed to have remained in the hospital. Among the patients at heightened risk of death were reportedly 36 babies in incubators and a number of kidney dialysis patients.
* Hospitals and medical personnel are specifically protected under international humanitarian law (IHL) and all parties to the conflict must ensure their protection. And they must not be used to shield military objectives from attack. Any military operation around or within hospitals must take steps to spare and protect the patients, medical staff, and other civilians. All feasible precautions must be taken, including effective warnings, which consider the ability of patients, medical staff and other civilians to evacuate safely. The Israeli authorities have called for the evacuation of hospitals in the north. However, as the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned, this would be a “death sentence,” given that the entire medical system is collapsing and hospitals in southern Gaza cannot admit more patients.
* On 13 November, UNRWA warned that its humanitarian operations, including the distribution of aid entering through the Rafah crossing, are expected to halt within the next 48 hours, following the total depletion of its fuel reserves. In this context, two primary water distribution contractors working for the agency in the south ceased operations on 13 November, leaving 200,000 people without access to potable water. Furthermore, humanitarian organizations are facing severe communication breakdowns, which is also associated with fuel depletion.
* The Israeli military continued calling and exerting pressure on residents of the north to move southwards. An estimated 200,000 have moved since 5 November through a “corridor” opened by the Israeli military, according to OCHA monitoring. Overcrowding and limited access to shelter, food and water, in the south, are of increasing concern.
* Hundreds of thousands of people, who are either unwilling or unable to move to the south remain in the north, remain amid intensified hostilities. They are struggling to secure the minimum amount of water and food for survival. The consumption of water from unsafe sources raises serious concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases. The World Food Programme (WFP) has [**expressed**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=70ae761930&e=e9f9a91036) concern about malnutrition and starvation.
* UNRWA is verifying reports that Israeli forces entered one of its schools, and two of its health centres, in the north and forced IDPs that were sheltering there to leave southwards. Subsequently, the two health centres were reportedly stuck with artillery fire. In Rafah, an UNRWA guest house serving as a residence for UN staff was directly hit by Israeli naval strikes, severely damaging it but resulting in no casualties. The coordinates of these facilities had been shared in advance with the Israeli military.
* UN offices globally lowered flags to half-mast on 13 November, mourning the loss of 102 UNRWA staff killed since the start of the escalation of hostilities in Gaza. This is the highest death toll among UN staff in such a short period in the history of the UN.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* Clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups in and around Gaza city continued overnight, in several areas in the North Gaza governorate. Intense strikes by Israeli forces also continue in the south, and ground incursions appear to continue in the area south-east of Khan Yunis. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south, except for the “corridor” to the south.
* Deadly attacks included the following: on 12 November, at about 04:00 p.m., a building in Khan Younis (in the south) was hit, reportedly killing 11 people and injuring 25 others; on 13 November, at about 02:00 a.m., a house was hit in As Sabra area, in Gaza city, reportedly killing 12 Palestinians; on 13 November, at about 11:00 a.m., a residential building in An Nuseirat was hit, reportedly killing seven Palestinians and injuring others.
* On 13 November, for the third consecutive day, following the collapse of services and communications at hospitals in the north, the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza did not update casualty figures. The reported fatality toll of Palestinians in Gaza as of 10 November at 14:00 (latest update provided) stood at 11,078, of whom 4,506 were said to be children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery. Another 27,490 Palestinians have reportedly been injured.
* Active ground operations in the heart of Gaza City and near the hospitals along with the lack of fuel have halted the movement of rescue teams and ambulances. Multiple appeals by stranded households and family members underneath struck buildings and homes went unanswered. According to the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), hundreds of calls have been received at the emergency number from besieged Palestinians in Gaza city, urgently requesting ambulances for the wounded, evacuation for trapped families, and assistance for those under rubble. Many of these calls for help have gone unanswered.
* In the last 24 hours, two Israeli soldiers were reportedly killed in Gaza, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 49, according to official Israeli sources.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 13 November, for the tenth consecutive day, the Israeli military – which has called and exerted pressure on residents of the north to leave southwards – opened a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00 hrs. The Israeli military also announced on its social media platforms in the Arabic language, “a tactical halt in military activities,” in selected areas for a few hours, to enable the departure of people southwards.
* IDPs reached the main junction next to Wadi Gaza on foot or donkey carts, given that the Israeli military reportedly stopped vehicles at about 4-5 kilometres away from that point. Most were able to carry only a few belongings. Most IDPs arrived exhausted and thirsty. The UN and NGOs distributed water and biscuits next to the junction. Numerous accounts highlight that Israeli forces made arrests while people were passing through the corridor. Additionally, there are reports of some people being subjected to acts of violence, including being stripped, beaten, and, in some instances, fired upon.
* As a result of strikes near an UNRWA school in Deir Al Balah, three IDPs were injured. The school shelters about 4,000 IDPs. In the north, another UNRWA school was directly hit, damaging the building, with no injuries reported.
* Over 1.5 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced, including about 778,000 IDPs who are staying in at least 154 UNRWA shelters. The number of IDPs in the south continues to increase, with UNRWA sheltering 627,000 people in 97 facilities, three of which were recently opened in Rafah. UNRWA shelters are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity. Overcrowding is leading to the spread of diseases, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, raising environmental and health concerns and limiting the Agency’s ability to deliver effective and timely services.
* See the live IDP dashboard for the latest figures and more breakdowns.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* A total of 115 trucks, carrying food, medicines, health supplies, bottled water, blankets, tents and hygiene products, crossed from Egypt into Gaza on 13 November as of 18:00 hrs. This brings the number of trucks that have entered Gaza since 21 October to 1,096. According to UNRWA, humanitarian operations at Rafah crossing are expected to cease by 14 November, due to the depletion of fuel to operate trucks and machinery to take supplies from the border and unload them in Gaza; if no additional fuel comes in, other supplies will not come in either.
* On 13 November, the Egyptian border operated for the evacuation of about 600 foreign nationals and dual citizens, and four injured people. Between 2 and 13 November, some 135 injured people were taken for medical care in Egypt.
* The Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed, as does the Israeli pedestrian crossing of Erez.

**Electricity**

* Since 11 October, the Gaza Strip has been under an electricity blackout, following Israel’s shutting off the electricity supply and the depletion of fuel reserves for Gaza’s sole power plant. The entry of fuel, which is desperately needed to operate electricity generators to run life-saving equipment, remains banned by the Israeli authorities.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* The situation of hospitals in the north remains dire. All but one of the hospitals are no longer operational. Shifa and Al Quds hospitals are being subject to heavy strikes.
* In the past 24 hours, bombardments and clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinian armed groups around Shifa hospital continued. People in and near the hospital, including a technical worker, a patient and IDPs, have reportedly been shot by snipers. The ICU facility, the maternity ward, and the top floor of the surgery building, were hit and damaged A fire broke near the department treating patients with kidney disorders. .
* The Israeli military has repeatedly alleged that Palestinian armed groups operate a military compound within and underneath the Shifa hospital. The hospital’s management and the Palestinian MoH have strongly denied these allegations and have called for an independent investigation.
* Today, according to the Israeli military, a Palestinian armed group opened fire from the vicinity and from within Al Quds hospital compound, run by Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), while civilians were fleeing the facility; dozens of members of these Palestinian armed gGroups were reportedly killed by Israeli forces. The PRCS strongly denied the Israeli claims about armed individuals launching projectiles from inside the hospital.
* On 13 November, a joint convoy of the PRCS with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) heading to Al Quds hospital in Gaza city to evacuate patients, was forced to return after it left Khan Younis, due to the relentless bombardment and insecurity around the hospital. The medical team, patients, and their families, reportedly remain besieged in the hospital with no food, water, or electricity.
* Active ground operations in the heart of Gaza city and near the hospitals in North Gaza governorate, have halted the movement of rescue teams and ambulances. According to PRCS, hundreds of calls has been received at emergency number from besieged Palestinians in Gaza city, urgently requesting ambulances for the wounded, evacuation for trapped families, and assistance for those trapped under rubble.
* UNRWA has continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 124 medical teams deployed to the shelters. However as of 14 November, the fuel reserves of the health centres will be depleted if no additional fuel is provided. UNRWA operations will entirely depend on solar energy, which is designed only to cater for minimum operation. Functionality of the solar energy is not guaranteed as any malfunction and/or battery failure will cause complete stop of all operation.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* In the absence of fuel, as of 14 November, UNRWA solid waste removal services will begin to shut down, posing an environmental hazard, with about 400 tons of rubish per day accumulating in overcrowded camps and IDP shelters.
* Due to lack of fuel, public sewage pumping stations, 60 water wells in the south, the two main desalination plants in Rafah and the Middle Area, the two main sewage pumps in the south, and the Rafah wastewater treatment plant have all ceased operations. Coupled with the shutdown of municipal sanitation work, this is posing a serious threat to public health, increasing the risk of water contamination and the outbreak of diseases.
* Anecdotal reports indicate that people hosted or living near the sea, are reaching the beaches to bathe and wash clothes in the sea, as well as carrying seawater to their homes and shelters for domestic consumption. This practice may carry various negative health ramifications due to the high pollution levels of seawater.
* In the north, the water desalination plant and the Israeli pipeline are not functioning. There has been no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters for over a week, raising is grave concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases due to water consumption from unsafe sources.

**Food security**

* Lack of food in the north is of increasing concern. Since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, and structural damage. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food security partners have been unable to deliver assistance in the north, as access has been largely cut off. There are indications of negative coping mechanisms due to food scarcity, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as consuming combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.
* Women, especially those pregnant or lactating, struggle to find food, putting their families at risk. Their ability to nourish themselves and their children is severely compromised, endangering their health and well-being.
* Access to bread in the south is also challenging. The only functioning mill in Gaza remains unable to grind wheat, due to a lack of electricity and fuel. Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October. Only one of the bakeries contracted by the World Food Programme (WFP), along with eight other bakeries in the south, intermittently provides bread to shelters. This is dependent on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue an average of over five 5 hours in front of bakeries, where they are exposed to airstrikes.
* WFP and its partners report that some essential food items such as rice, pulses, and vegetable oil, are nearly depleted in the market. Other items, including wheat flour, dairy products, eggs, and mineral water, have disappeared from the shelves in shops across Gaza over the past two days. Despite limited stock at the wholesale level, these items cannot reach retailers due to extensive damage, security issues, and the lack of fuel. Food and beverage prices have surged by 10 per cent since the start of hostilities, with fresh vegetable prices spiking by 32 per cent, potato prices rising by 30 per cent, and fresh fruit prices increasing by 27 per cent.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centres has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. In total, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media, the vast majority on 7 October. As of 10 November, the names of 1,162 fatalities in Israel have been released, including 845 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, 239 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. According to some media reports, about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, and one female Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces. Hamas has claimed that 57 of the hostages had been killed by Israeli airstrikes. On 13 November, Humanitarian Coordinator Lynn Hastings renewed her [**call**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=a1f51d0c9c&e=e9f9a91036) to release the [**hostages.to**](http://hostages.to/) release the hostages.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 13 November, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man while he was inside his vehicle during a search-and-arrest operation in Hebron city.
* Since 7 October, 173 Palestinians, including 46 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Three Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 42 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (418). About 59 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates. Some 27 per cent were in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; seven per cent were killed in settler attacks against Palestinians, and the remaining seven per cent were killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,625 Palestinians, including at least 275 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. An additional, 74 Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 33 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* No settler-related incidents against Palestinians were reported in the past 24 hours.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 241 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (30 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (174 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (37 incidents). This reflects a daily average of over six incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* No new displacements were recorded during the past 24 hours. Since 7 October, at least 121 Palestinian households comprising 1,149 people, including 452 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* Additionally, 45 Palestinians, including 24 children, have been displaced since 7 October following punitive demolitions, and another 135 Palestinians, including 66 children, following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits.

**Funding**

* On 7 November, the UN and its partners issued a plan that outlines the minimum necessary to scale up humanitarian operations in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 of the most vulnerable in the West Bank. An estimated US$1.2 billion is required to deliver existing humanitarian services amid ongoing hostilities. The UN has shared its response plan with potential donors and partners as part of an updated Flash Appeal.
* Private donations are collected through the Humanitarian Fund.

**The Biden administration is lying when it says it can’t stop the war on Gaza.**

*13 november 2023*

More than ten thousand Palestinians, including 4,200 children, have been killed in Israel’s assault on the Gaza Strip that began more than a month ago in response to Hamas’s surprise attack that killed 1,400 Israelis. As the humanitarian crisis and mass death mounts in Gaza — and as 237 Israelis are still being held hostage by Hamas — President Joe Biden is facing a great deal of pressure from millions of protesters around the world, 80 percent of Democratic voters, over five hundred Biden campaign alumni, Oxfam, Amnesty International, Doctors Without Borders, twenty-five Arab and Jewish peace groups in Israel, and eighteen United Nations agencies to call for a cease-fire.

Biden explicitly rejected these calls last Thursday, saying there is “no possibility” of a cease-fire, and is still lobbying Congress for an additional $14.3 billion in new weapons and military funding for Israel. Seeking to maintain its brand as a defender of human rights and progress, the Biden administration has instead tried a number of compromise measures to square the circle of its enlightened self-image with support for an unprecedented violent siege and bombing campaign.

Faced with a massive PR crisis, the White House is now trying a fresh approach: feed compliant reporters a narrative that calls for Biden to push for a cease-fire are moot anyway, because the United States executive branch is more or less unable to influence Israel, even if it wanted to. It’s part of a broader tactic with the Biden White House: when it wants to do something conservative or take no action on popular progressive policies it feigns helplessness to avoid ideological conflict.

*13 november 2023*

It is with heavy hearts that we highlight Gaza for the November Newsletter. Gaza is an ancient city along the Mediterranean coast with a rich history dating back thousands of years. In the early 20th century, none of the people in Gaza could have envisioned that their historically rich coastal region, situated on ancient trading and maritime routes with open borders connecting Africa to Asia, would transform into the world's largest concentration camp, confining over two million Palestinians by the end of the century, with 50% of them under the age of 18, and 70% below the age of 24. Currently, Gaza is being bombarded again by Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF). Though Gaza has been the target of many attacks by the IOF, this current attack is unlike anything Gaza has seen in terms of ruthlessness and indiscriminate attacks. As of November 12th, over 11,000 Palestinians have been killed by the IOF, primarily in airstrikes. Over 40% of these deaths are children. Over 27,000 Palestinians have been injured, and are struggling to find treatment as hospitals in Gaza run out of supplies, fuel, and other necessities to keep the facilities running.

Gaza, the ancient Canaanite city, one of the world's oldest, was established nearly 5,000 years before the violent establishment of Israel.  Before it became known as an open-air prison, Gaza was renowned for its stunning beaches, expansive shores, and fertile agricultural lands. The city was celebrated for its open-hearted hospitality, welcoming any traveler wishing to explore. There were once seven gates that were wide-open to travelers wishing to enter Gaza. They have now been replaced by three heavily armed, unsightly metal barriers that are only unlocked at the discretion of militant gatekeepers. Only the door of heaven remains opened for the souls of Gaza's children, who decided to soar proudly to heaven without seeking permission from the blind and avaricious colonial world.

**A TRIBUE TO THE UNSUNG HEROES OF GAZA- PALESTINIAN JOURNALISTS SPEAK TRUTH AMID BOMBARDMENT OF GAZA**

The current genocide in Gaza has drawn global focus, as the Israeli Occupation Forces continues its ongoing attacks. But who are the people sharing the news? International journalists have been banned by Israeli authorities from entering Gaza, which has put the onus of spreading the truth on Palestinians in Gaza as they are trying to survive.

From January 2000 to October 6, 2023, before the start of the recent aggression, Israel murdered 36 journalists, from Palestine and beyond, including Al Jazeera's Palestinian-American journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, who was killed by the IOF in May 2022 in the West Bank with no accountability.

42 journalists in Gaza have been murdered by the IOF since October 7, 2023. This makes Israel responsible for over half of the death of journalists worldwide, killed in international conflicts.

In the midst of dodging airstrikes and waiting hours in line for water, journalists like Moataz Azaiza, Abdallah Alattar, Bisan Owda, and Hind Khoudary continue to show the world the reality that Gaza is forced to live under. They are the heroes that they never signed up to be. Many journalists have even reported on the deaths of their own families. Al Jazeera veteran journalist, Wael Al-Dahdouh, reported on the deaths of his immediate families, including his wife, Amna, and two of his children, Sham and Mahmoud, as well as his grandson, who was only one-and-a-half years old. Aldahdouh returned to work the very next day, determined to continue reporting to the world what Gaza endures at the hands of the IOF.

The Palestinian people in Gaza and throughout Palestine have continued to show strength, resilience, and steadfastness in ways that no human being should have to. Despite an Israeli imposed communications blackout, these journalists continue to risk their lives to document Gaza's truth. The reason they do this is not just so that we can see, but so that we can **ACT,**and we must act by demanding a ceasefire, now!

**Kom nu in actie tegen deze bedrijven die profiteren van de genocide op het Palestijnse volk!**

*12 november 2023*

Mensen met een geweten over de hele wereld zijn terecht verbijsterd, woedend en voelen zich soms machteloos. Velen voelen zich gedwongen om alle producten en diensten van bedrijven die op enigerlei wijze verbonden zijn met Israël te boycotten. De verspreiding van uitgebreide “boycotlijsten” op sociale media is hiervan een voorbeeld. De vraag is hoe we boycots effectief kunnen maken en daadwerkelijk impact kunnen hebben door bedrijven verantwoordelijk te houden voor hun medeplichtigheid aan het lijden van de Palestijnen.

De BDS-beweging maakt gebruik van de historisch succesvolle methode van gerichte boycots, geïnspireerd door onder meer de Zuid-Afrikaanse anti-apartheidsbeweging, de Amerikaanse burgerrechtenbeweging en de Indiase antikoloniale strijd.

Voor maximale impact moeten we ons strategisch richten op een relatief kleiner aantal zorgvuldig geselecteerde bedrijven en producten. Bedrijven die een duidelijke en directe rol spelen in de misdaden van Israël en waar er een reëel potentieel is om te winnen, zoals het geval was bij onder meer G4S, Veolia, Orange, Ben & Jerry’s en Pillsbury. Het dwingen van grote, medeplichtige bedrijven, door middel van strategische en contextgevoelige boycot- en desinvesteringscampagnes, om een einde te maken aan hun medeplichtigheid aan de Israëlische apartheid en oorlogsmisdaden tegen de Palestijnen, zendt een zeer krachtige boodschap uit naar honderden andere medeplichtige bedrijven: ‘uw tijd zal komen, dus ga weg’. voordat het te laat is!”

 **Help ons de boodschap verspreiden om onze impact te maximaliseren! Free Palestine!**

**Our elected officials are feeling the force of our advocacy, and we can’t stop**

*10 november 2023*

I hope this message finds you well. Yesterday, AMP and AJP Action spearheaded an impactful event with over 200 concerned constituents from the DMV area, urging Members of Congress to address the alarming situation in Gaza. Despite nearly five weeks of indiscriminate bombing and war crimes committed by Israel on Palestinians, not a single representative from the DMV had publicly called for a ceasefire.

Our DMV Advocacy Day was marked by powerful and emotional meetings with key offices, leaving attendees reenergized to persist in our advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and at every level of government for Palestine. We had discussions with high-level staff and direct conversations with Members of Congress, such as Congressman Beyer. Constituents engaged in a fruitful dialogue with him, addressing concerns and exploring avenues to bridge the gap in his support for a ceasefire. It was evident that our collective pressure was making a significant impact.

The landscape of American public opinion has undergone an unprecedented shift, resulting in heightened pressure on elected officials and their staff to address the rights of Palestinians. This marks a historic moment in U.S. Palestinian advocacy, with offices experiencing greater scrutiny than ever.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we maintain this momentum. We must continue leveraging our rights as American constituents to amplify our voices, ensuring that our tax dollars cease to fund actions that amount to genocide. Our objective is clear: to work towards a fundamental shift in the U.S. government's stance on Israel, dismantling the longstanding support for actions that perpetuate and enable genocide, occupation, and settler colonialism.

Please join us in the continued critical effort of advocacy. Together, we can wield our collective influence to bring about substantive change and ensure that our elected representatives stand for justice and liberation for Palestinians.

Sincerely,

**Ayah Ziyadeh**

*Advocacy Director, AJP Action*

*10 november 2023*

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**By systematically silencing and retaliating against their workers, Google is evading accountability for providing material support to the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza & the violent apartheid system Palestinians have lived under for decades.**

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**Add your name to their demand:**

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Thank you for everything you do.

In solidarity,

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**Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel Flash Update #35**

*A Civil Defense team on a mission to rescue survivors and retrieve bodies from beneath the rubble in a residential area of Gaza. About 2,700 people, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing. Eighteen Palestinian Civil Defense personnel have reportedly been killed since 7 October 2023. Photo by the Civil Defense, 2 November 2023.*

*10 november 2023*

**KEY POINTS**

* An estimated 30,000 additional people fled areas north of Wadi Gaza (hereafter: the north) southwards through a “corridor” opened by the Israeli military on 10 November. At about 15:00, several explosions were recorded in that “corridor,” resulting in fatalities and injuries, among those fleeing, according to initial reports
* Israeli bombardments around hospitals in Gaza city and the North Gaza governorate intensified on 10 November, with several being directly hit. By noon, Israeli ground forces reportedly completed the encirclement of four hospitals in An Nasser area of Gaza city. One of them, a pediatric hospital, stopped operations on 9 November after sustaining significant damage. This brings to 20 (out of 36) the number of hospitals throughout Gaza that are no longer functioning.
* The head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) sub-delegation in Gaza [**stated**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=85413969c9&e=e9f9a91036) today that “the destruction affecting hospitals in Gaza is becoming unbearable and needs to stop. The lives of thousands of civilians, patients and medical staff are at risk.”
* On 10 November, the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, stressed following reports on attacks hitting Shifa: "under international humanitarian law, hospitals must be protected" adding that "acts of war in places of grace must stop.”
* Hundreds of thousands of people remaining in the north are struggling to survive. Consumption of water from unsafe sources raises serious concerns about dehydration and waterborne diseases. The World Food Programme (WFP) has expressed concern about malnutrition and starvation.
* The reported fatalities since 7 October include at least 192 medical staff, according to MoH Gaza. Of them, at least 16 were on duty when killed, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). The fatalities further include 101 UNRWA staff; this is the highest number of UN personnel killed in a conflict in the history of the organization. Eighteen Palestinian Civil Defense personnel and 44 Palestinian journalists have also been killed.
* In the West Bank, 51 Palestinians were displaced on 10 November from a herding community in Hebron following systematic settler violence and threats, bringing to 1,149 the number of people displaced in this context since 7 October. Another 18 people were displaced on 9 and 10 November following punitive demolitions of homes in Hebron and East Jerusalem; of whom some family members had been convicted or accused of killing Israelis.
* On 10 November, Israeli forces killed a Palestinian child in the West Bank, bringing the total number of Palestinian children killed by Israeli forces or settlers to 47 since 7 October.

**Hostilities and casualties (Gaza Strip)**

* On 10 November, clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups were reported in and outside of Gaza city, in several areas in the North Gaza governorate and to a lesser extent in the Middle area. Meanwhile, intense Israeli bombardments from the air, sea, and land continued across the Gaza Strip, while Palestinian armed groups continued launching projectiles toward Israel. Israeli ground troops have maintained the effective severance of the north from the south.
* Between 9 November (14:00) and 10 November (14:00), 260 Palestinians were killed in Gaza, according to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza. According to initial information, on 9 November at about 16:20, an airstrike hit a residential building in Rafah, southern Gaza, killing 26 people and injuring 15; on 10 November, in two separate strikes, buildings in Jabalia Refugee Camp in the north of Gaza were hit, reportedly killing eleven and injuring several others.
* The fatality toll reported by MoH in Gaza since the start of the hostilities stands at 11,078, of whom 4,506 are said to be children and 3,027 women. About 2,700 others, including some 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery. Another 27,490 Palestinians were reportedly injured.
* As of 10 November, 66 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in UNRWA shelters have been killed and 558 injured. One-third of these fatalities and the majority of those injured (at least 400) occurred in facilities in the south.
* In the past 24 hours, at least one Israeli soldier was reportedly killed in Gaza and another died from injuries sustained previously, bringing the total number of soldiers killed since the start of ground operations to 42, according to Israeli official sources.
* See the latest snapshot for more breakdowns.

**Displacement (Gaza Strip)**

* On 10 November, for the seventh consecutive day, the Israeli military – which has called upon residents of the north to leave southwards – opened a “corridor” along the main traffic artery, Salah Ad Deen Road, between 9:00 and 16:00. It is estimated that over 30,000 people evacuated.
* These internally displaced persons (IDPs) reached the main junction next to Wadi Gaza on foot or donkey carts, as vehicles were reportedly stopped by the Israeli military at about 4-5 kilometers away from that point. Most were able to carry only few personal belongings. Most IDPs arrived exhausted and thirsty. UN monitors and NGOs distributed water and biscuits next to the junction.
* “We came from Gaza city; the way was terrifying. They [Israeli soldiers] stopped my elderly father telling him to ask one of the children to leave his bag behind. They also arrested a man in front of us” (IDP interviewed by OCHA monitors).
* Over 1.5 million people in Gaza are estimated to be internally displaced. Among them, 588,000 IDPs are staying in 94 UNRWA shelters in the south, where overcrowding is a major concern. The average number of IDPs per UNRWA shelter exceeded 6,250, which is nine times higher than their intended capacity. On average, 160 people sheltering in UNRWA schools’ facilities share a single toilet and there is one shower unit for every 700 people. The worsening sanitary conditions, along with the lack of privacy and space, generate health and safety hazards.
* See the live IDP dashboard for the latest figures and more breakdowns.

**Humanitarian Access (Gaza Strip)**

* On 10 November, the Egyptian border was closed for the evacuation of foreign nationals and dual citizens, and of injured people. Between 2 and 9 November, 131 injured people were taken for medical care in Egypt.
* A total of 30 trucks, carrying food, medicines, health supplies, bottled water, blankets, and hygiene products crossed from Egypt into Gaza on 10 November as of 18:00. This brings the number of trucks that have entered Gaza since 21 October to 861. This is far below the quantities needed to meet the needs of over two million people besieged in Gaza.
* Overnight (9-10 November), a group of 982 Palestinian workers from Gaza who had been stranded in Israel, and then in the West Bank, since 7 October, were transferred back to Gaza via the Israeli Kerem Shalom crossing. After boarding Israeli buses at the West Bank checkpoint of Tarqumiya (Hebron), Israeli forces reportedly cuffed the workers’ hands and legs and took their mobile phones.
* Otherwise, the Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel, which prior to the hostilities was the main entry point for goods, remains closed, as does the Israeli pedestrian crossing of Erez.
* In the International Humanitarian Conference held on 9 November in Paris, the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths [**stated**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=f8f68f417f&e=e9f9a91036) that “the modest number of trucks we have so far managed to get in via the Rafah border crossing is wholly inadequate compared to the vast sea of needs […] We need to get hundreds of trucks per day into Gaza, not dozens, and be allowed to reach every place people are sheltering.”

**Electricity**

* Gaza remains under a full electricity blackout since 11 October, following Israel’s halt of its power and fuel supply, which triggered the shutdown of Gaza’s sole power plant.
* The entry of fuel, which is desperately needed to operate electricity generators to run life-saving equipment, remains banned by the Israeli authorities.

**Health care, including attacks (Gaza Strip)**

* Since 9 November afternoon, Israeli bombardments around hospitals in the north intensified. The vicinity of Shifa hospital was hit five times during this period, with at least seven fatalities reported, along with damage to the maternity ward. On the evening of 9 November, buildings surrounding the Indonesian Hospital, in Beit Lahiya (northern Gaza), were repeatedly bombarded from the air, resulting in deaths and injuries. Around the same time, the Rantisi Hospital in Gaza city was directly hit, causing fires and damage. In the early hours of 10 November, the vicinities of Al Awda hospital in Jabalia, and Al Quds hospital in Gaza city were bombarded; the intensive care unit at the latter sustained damage.
* The ICRC stressed today: “The rules of war are clear. Hospitals are specially protected facilities under international humanitarian law. The ICRC urgently calls for the immediate protection of all civilians, including humanitarian workers and medical personnel. This protection is not only a legal obligation but a moral imperative to preserve human life in these terrible times”.
* Since 2 November, 12 children with cancer or blood disorders have been evacuated through Rafah crossing, with their companions, to Egypt and Jordan. Before the escalation, about 100 patients were referred for treatment outside of Gaza every day. The two specialized hospitals offering care to cancer patients have been overwhelmed, undersupplied, exposed to attacks and, due to the insecurity, forced to close.
* WHO [**warned**](https://ochaopt.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5a6b19e1cb44562e4e7a92167&id=2cc7c7b814&e=e9f9a91036) on 8 November of the risk of the rapid spread of infectious diseases and bacterial infections due to the water shortage and related consumption of contaminated water. Since mid-October, over 33,500 cases of diarrhea have been reported, mostly among children under five; by contrast, the monthly average of diarrhea cases in the latter group in 2021 and 2022 stood at 2,000.
* Nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the south, recording 6,530 patient visits on 8 November. These centres also provide medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women. There are an estimated 50,000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day. A total of 718 post-natal mothers have been attended in UNRWA shelters since the beginning of October.

**Water and sanitation (Gaza Strip)**

* On 9 November, following a few days of limited operation, all municipal water wells across the Gaza Strip had to shut down again due to the lack of fuel. As a result, the trucking and pumping of brackish water for non-drinking domestic uses came to a halt.
* Anecdotal reports indicate that people hosted or living near the sea, are reaching the beaches to bath and wash clothes in the sea, as well as carrying seawater to their homes and shelters for domestic consumption. This practice may carry various negative health ramifications due to the high pollution levels of seawater.
* In the north, neither the water desalination plant nor the Israeli pipeline is operational. Similarly, no distribution of bottled water among IDPs accommodated in shelters has taken place for over a week. There is serious concern about dehydration and waterborne diseases following water consumption from unsafe sources.
* In the south, one of the two desalination plants shut down on 9 November due to a lack of fuel, while the other operated at about five per cent of its capacity supplying drinking water to IDP shelters through trucking. Two pipelines from Israel connected to Deir al Balah and Khan Younis are also providing households connected to the network with driking water for a few hours per day.
* UNRWA has been providing about 1.5 litres of potable water and 3-4 litres of non-potable water per person per day in all shelters in the south. In the largest shelter located in Khan Younis (over 21,700 IDPs), UNRWA in partnership with UNICEF, installed a desalination plant, which turns brackish water extracted from wells, into potable water.
* Water entering from Egypt in bottles and jerry cans can only address the drinking needs (three litres per person per day) of about 4 per cent of the people.
* Transfer of solid waste to landfills has largely stopped across the Gaza Strip, due to lack of fuel and insecurity. Waste is accumulating in the streets and outside IDP shelters, creating a high risk of airborne diseases and infestation of insects and rats.

**Food security**

* Lack of food in the north is of increasing concern. Since 7 November, no bakeries have been active, due to the lack of fuel, water, and wheat flour, as well as the damage sustained by many. Wheat flour is reportedly no longer available in the market. Food security partners have been unable to deliver assistance in the north during the past nine days. There are indications of negative coping mechanisms due to food scarcity, including skipping or reducing meals and using unsafe and unhealthy methods for making fire. People are reportedly resorting to unconventional eating, such as combinations of raw onion and uncooked eggplant.
* Access to bread in the south is also challenging. The only operative mill in Gaza remains unable to grind wheat due to a lack of electricity and fuel. Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October. Only one of the bakeries contracted by WFP, along with eight other bakeries in the south, intermittently provides bread to shelters, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue for long hours in front of bakeries, where they are exposed to airstrikes.
* Food supplies entering from Egypt include mainly ready-to-eat food (canned tuna and date bars) and are primarily distributed to IDPs and host families in the south.
* WFP and its partners report that some essential food items such as rice, pulses, and vegetable oil are nearly depleted in the market. Other items, including wheat flour, dairy products, eggs, and mineral water, have disappeared from the shelves in shops across Gaza over the past two days. Despite limited stock at the wholesale level, these items cannot reach retailers due to extensive damage, security issues, and the lack of fuel. The prices of available food items in the market have increased by 10 per cent since the start of hostilities, according to a WFP survey.
* While about 9,000 tons of wheat grain are stored in mills in Gaza, a significant portion of it cannot be used, due to massive destruction, security concerns, and shortages of fuel and electricity.

**Hostilities and casualties (Israel)**

* The indiscriminate firing of rockets by Palestinian armed groups towards Israeli population centers has continued over the past 24 hours, with no reported fatalities. Overall, about 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities as cited by the media (the reported estimate has been changed by the Israeli sources), the vast majority on 7 October. As of 10 November, the names of 1,162 of fatalities in Israel have been released, including 845 civilians and police officers. Of those whose ages have been provided, 33 are children.
* According to the Israeli authorities, 239 people are held captive in Gaza, including Israelis and foreign nationals. Media reports indicate that about 30 of the hostages are children. So far, four civilian hostages have been released by Hamas, and one female Israeli soldier was rescued by Israeli forces. Hamas has claimed that 57 of the hostages had been killed by Israeli airstrikes. The Emergency Relief Coordinator, Martin Griffiths, renewed his call to release the hostages on 9 November.

**Violence and casualties (West Bank)**

* On 10 November Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian child during a search-and-arrest operation in Ayda Refugee Camp (Bethlehem).
* Since 7 October, 168 Palestinians, including 46 children, have been killed by Israeli forces; and an additional eight, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Three Israelis have been killed in attacks by Palestinians.
* The number of Palestinians killed in the West Bank since 7 October accounts for 42 per cent of all Palestinian fatalities in the West Bank in 2023 (416). About 59 per cent of the fatalities since 7 October occurred during confrontations that followed Israeli search-and-arrest operations, primarily in Jenin and Tulkarm governorates. Some 27 per cent were in the context of demonstrations in solidarity with Gaza; seven per cent were killed in settler attacks against Palestinians, and the remaining seven per cent were killed while attacking or allegedly attacking Israeli forces or settlers.
* Since 7 October, Israeli forces have injured 2,552 Palestinians, including at least 25 children, over half of them in the context of demonstrations. Sixty-six Palestinians have been injured by settlers. Some 32 per cent of those injuries have been caused by live ammunition.
* In the past 24 hours, armed settlers opened fire and injured with live ammunition a Palestinian herder in the village of Kisan (Bethlehem). The incident occurred as Palestinian herders were grazing sheep when settlers reportedly from Asfar settlement outpost and threatened herders at gunpoint to leave, leading to stone throwing between the Palestinian herders and settlers, before one of the settlers opened live fire.
* Since 7 October, OCHA has recorded 233 settler attacks against Palestinians, resulting in Palestinian casualties (29 incidents), damage to Palestinian-owned property (168 incidents), or both casualties and damage to property (36 incidents). This reflects a daily average of seven incidents, compared with three since the beginning of the year. Over one-third of these incidents included threats with firearms, including shootings. In nearly half of all incidents, Israeli forces were either accompanying or actively supporting the attackers.

**Displacement (West Bank)**

* In recent weeks, ten Palestinian households, comprising 51 people, including seven children, were displaced from At Taybe herding community (Hebron) following several raids by armed assailants, known by Palestinian residents to be settlers, who threatened to kill them if they did not leave.
* Since 7 October, at least 121 Palestinian households comprising 1,149 people, including 452 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions. The displaced households are from 15 herding/Bedouin communities.
* On 9 and 10 November, Israeli forces demolished on punitive grounds the homes of four families whose members were convicted or accused of killing Israelis in previous months. Three of the targeted homes were in Hebron city and one in the Shu’fat Refugee Camp in East Jerusalem. As a result, 18 people, including eight children, were displaced. Punitive demolitions are a form of collective punishment and are prohibited under international law.
* In total, 45 Palestinians, including 24 children have been displaced since 7 October, following punitive demolitions, and another 135 Palestinians, including 66 children, following demolitions in Area C and East Jerusalem, due to lack of permits.

**Funding**

* On 7 November, the UN and its partners issued a plan that outlines the minimum necessary to scale up humanitarian operations in support of 2.2 million people in the Gaza Strip and 500,000 of the most vulnerable in the West Bank. An estimated US$1.2 billion is required to deliver existing humanitarian services amid ongoing hostilities. The UN has shared its response plan with potential donors and partners as part of an updated Flash Appeal.
* Private donations are collected through the Humanitarian Fund.

*10 november 2023*

Het geweld in Gaza houdt  nog altijd aan. Deze week werd het onvoorstelbare aantal van tienduizend Palestijnse slachtoffers gepasseerd, van wie naar schatting zo'n 70% uit vrouwen en kinderen bestaat. Ook raakten ruim 25 duizend Palestijnen in de Gazastrook gewond. Ook op de bezette Westoever loopt het aantal slachtoffers op. Sinds 7 oktober doodden Israëlische militairen en kolonisten daar 175 Palestijnen, onder wie 46 kinderen.

**Humanitaire crisis**
De [**humanitaire crisis**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=cccd0ceced&e=37d294b014) in Gaza is niet te overzien. Ongeveer 1,6 miljoen Gazanen - rond de 70% van de totale bevolking - zijn op de vlucht geslagen, grotendeels naar het zuiden van de bezette kuststrook. Veertigduizend woningen werden totaal vernietigd door Israëlische bombardementen, bijna een kwart miljoen andere raakten beschadigd. Daarmee is ongeveer de helft van alle woningen in Gaza geheel of deels vernietigd.

De VN doet enorm veel om de vluchtelingen in het zuiden van Gaza op te vangen, en draagt inmiddels de zorg voor bijna 600 duizend mensen, verspreid over 92 opvangcentra. De humanitaire situatie daar is schrijnend: gemiddeld wordt elk toilet gedeeld door 160 personen, en elke douche door 700 personen. Water en voedsel is nauwelijks voorhanden.

**Demonstraties in Nederland**
Afgelopen week hebben duizenden Nederlanders op talloze plekken in het land gedemonstreerd. Op universiteiten, stations, kerken en op straat spraken Nederlandse burgers zich uit tegen het geweld in Gaza, tegen het Nederlandse beleid dat dit mogelijk maakt, en voor een staakt-het-vuren.

Wilt u ook deelnemen aan één van deze bijeenkomsten? Houd dan onze agenda in de gaten, waar wij proberen de steunbetuigingen aan burgerslachtoffers en verschillende demonstraties zo goed mogelijk bij te houden.

**Wij strijden tegen oorlogsmisdaden, annexatie, bezetting en onderdrukking. Helpt u mee?**

**Nederland levert Israël onderdelen voor F-35’s die Gaza bombarderen**

De Nederlandse regering heeft een recente levering van onderdelen voor Israëlische F-35-gevechtsvliegtuigen doorgang laten vinden, ook al was bekend dat die in de Gazastrook worden ingezet tegen de burgerbevolking.

**Oorlogsmisdaden**
Dat blijkt uit onderzoek van *NRC*, dat dinsdagavond werd gepubliceerd. De

kwestie draait om een door Israël geplaatste bestelling van reserve-onderdelen voor zijn F-35’s. Die worden geleverd uit het distributiecentrum van fabrikant Lockheed Martin in Woensdrecht. Daarom is een Nederlandse exportvergunning vereist.

De juristen op het ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken waarschuwden dat met de F-35’s ‘ernstige schendingen van het humanitair oorlogsrecht’ worden begaan, schrijft NRC. Om die reden zou de vergunning moeten worden geweigerd. Maar de ministers Hanke Bruins Slot (CDA) en Liesje Schreinemacher (VVD) negeerden het advies en gaven hun zegen aan de export. NRC citeert ‘ingewijden’ die stellen dat de toestemming berustte op angst voor de gevolgen van een weigering. In feite heeft de regering zich laten chanteren door Israël en de VS – ten koste van Palestijnse mensenlevens.

**Olie op het vuur**
De kwestie is olie op het vuur van de groeiende maatschappelijke onvrede over het regeringsbeleid. Van alle kanten wordt afkeuring uitgesproken over de eenzijdige en inhumane opstelling van de regering. Daar komt nu bovenop dat Nederland ook materieel bijdraagt aan het Israëlische geweld.

 **Bekijk hier het hele artikel, waarin ook de reactie van Liesbeth Zegveld, hoogleraar internationaal recht en lid van de Raad van Advies van The Rights Forum, aan bod komt.**

Volgens een nieuwe peiling van I&O Research is twee derde van de Nederlanders van mening dat premier Rutte nú werk moet maken van een staakt het vuren! De oorlogsmisdaden en verschrikkingen moeten zo snel mogelijk stoppen. Deel de oproep van The Rights Forum, PAX voor Vrede, Amnesty, Oxfam, SOMO, Hivos en Save the Children via Twitter of Instagram.

**Amnesty International: ‘Israëlisch leger gebruikte witte fosfor in Gaza en Libanon’**

Amnesty presenteerde de afgelopen weken wat het noemt ‘overtuigend bewijs’ voor het gebruik van witte fosfor door de Israëlische strijdkrachten. Beide publicaties zijn gebaseerd op video’s en foto’s die zijn geverifieerd door het *Crisis Evidence Lab* van de mensenrechtenorganisatie.

Ook andere organisaties – waaronder Human Rights Watch – en journalisten maakten de afgelopen weken melding van het gebruik van witte fosfor in Gaza en Zuid-Libanon.

**Wat is witte fosfor?**
Witte fosfor is een extreem brandbare stof die in granaten wordt gebruikt om een rookgordijn op te trekken, een doelwit te markeren of brand te veroorzaken. Blootstelling aan de stof leidt in milde gevallen tot hoesten en kortademigheid, maar kan ook aantasting van organen en levensgevaarlijke brandwonden veroorzaken. De stof kan een temperatuur van achthonderd graden bereiken en bij contact met de huid doorbranden tot op het bot.

De inzet van witte fosfor is niet in alle gevallen verboden, maar het gebruik ervan in of nabij bevolkt gebied is dat wel. Het internationaal humanitair recht (oorlogsrecht) schrijft voor dat burgers en civiele objecten dienen te worden ontzien. Amnesty International schrijft: ‘Aanvallen waarbij geen onderscheid wordt gemaakt tussen burgers en burgerobjecten en strijders en militaire doelen zijn willekeurig en dus verboden.’

**Lees hier meer over het gebruik van witte fosfor door Israël en het bewijs van Amnesty.**

**Opinie Angstaanjagende eindscenario’s in Gaza**

De geschiedenis van Gaza laat zich lezen als een aaneenschakeling van protesten, verzet, repressie, deportatie en collectieve bestraffing van de bevolking. Daaraan wordt nu een inktzwart hoofdstuk toegevoegd, **stelt Jan Keulen in een opiniestuk op onze website**.

De vraag dient zich aan wat het einddoel is van het Israëlische offensief. Hoe ziet Gaza eruit op de dag dat Hamas is vernietigd en Israël claimt de oorlog gewonnen te hebben? Hoe gaat het verder met de meer dan twee miljoen Palestijnen die in de enclave wonen, wie zal het gebied besturen? Is een vreedzame oplossing van de Palestijnse kwestie nog mogelijk?

**Lees verder >**

**VVD en BBB in gesprek met Israëlisch politicus die oproept tot nieuwe Nakba**

Tweede Kamerleden van de VVD en de BoerBurgerBeweging (BBB) schoven op maandag 6 november virtueel aan bij een Israëlische collega die opriep tot een nieuwe Nakba, de verdrijving van ten minste 750 duizend Palestijnen door Joods-Europese terreurgroepen en het Israëlische leger tussen eind 1947 en begin 1949. De oproep tot geweld en etnische zuivering is van Ariël Kallner, lid van het Israëlische parlement (Knesset) voor premier Netanyahu’s Likudpartij.

**Geen plaats**
Voor standpunten als die van Kallner moet geen plaats zijn in de Tweede Kamer. Kamerlid Sjoerd Sjoerdsma (D66) wees er terecht op dat Kallner oproept tot misdaden die ook in Nederland strafbaar zijn. Een ruime Kamermeerderheid besloot dan ook het videogesprek te boycotten.

Voor de VVD, BBB, SGP en BVNL gold Kallners oproep echter niet als bezwaar - zij namen wel deel aan het gesprek.

**Lees hier het hele artikel.**

**Rashida Tlaib shouldn’t be the one getting censured.**

*9 november 2023*

The US House voted 234-188 on Tuesday to censure Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), the only Palestinian-American member of Congress, with twenty-two Democrats and all but four Republicans supporting the measure. Tlaib’s supposed offense? Her use of the phrase “from the river to the sea,” a Palestinian liberation slogan that has been the target of a right-wing misinformation campaign to convince people it’s a call for violence and ethnic cleansing.

The text of the GOP’s censure resolution accuses her of “calling for the destruction of the state of Israel,” and describes the slogan as “a genocidal call to violence to destroy the state of Israel and its people to replace it with a Palestinian state extending from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea.” Republicans have been joined in their parade of slander by prominent Democrats, including House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries, who said the phrase was “widely understood as calling for the complete destruction of Israel.” In the most incendiary and brazenly dishonest bit of character defamation, Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) charged that Tlaib, who has been on the receiving end of an uptick in death threats, “is calling for the genocide of the Jewish people.”

You will not be surprised to learn that Tlaib has done no such thing. “From the river to the sea is an aspirational call for freedom, human rights, and peaceful coexistence, not death, destruction, or hate,” Tlaib had written earlier, partly sparking the firestorm. “My work and advocacy is always centered in justice and dignity for all people no matter faith or ethnicity.”

**AMP’s Annual Convention will continue during Thanksgiving weekend in Chicago**

*9 november 2023*

As we speak, Israeli air and artillery strikes continue to relentlessly pummel Gaza while illegal settlers rampage through our cities and villages in the West Bank, and Israeli authorities carry on with their apartheid policies throughout historic Palestine. The genocide in Gaza is being broadcast live for the whole world to see. The displacement of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank continues on a scale of apocalyptic proportions.

However, the Palestinian people keep showing us the way forward. They refuse to raise the white flag despite the atrocities they're facing. We at AMP draw our resilience from their steadfastness and remain committed to advancing the Palestinian cause in our streets, schools, campuses, media, and halls of power.

**For that reason, we refuse to be silenced and refuse efforts to disrupt one of the largest gatherings for Palestine in the US. We promised you that we will remain determined to hold our Annual Convention for Palestine as planned and we will deliver!**

Sincerely,

***American Muslims for Palestine (AMP)***

*7 november 2023*

The situation in Palestine is an international emergency! While carpet bombing innocent civilians in Gaza, Israel has seized on the opportunity to persecute nonviolent community organizers and expel whole communities from their homes. **This includes the torture and eviction of our own executive director Issa Amro from his house in occupied Hebron.**

We need your help!

Sign the petition [**here**](https://www.friendsofhebron.com/getissahome?e=8c0f46e2ebe410a0032ff3f14cac6d49&utm_source=hebronfreedomfund&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=issa_evict_mass_oct_20_8&n=5) and demand:

1) Safe return of Issa Amro and all displaced Palestinians to their homes.

2) Protection for all civilians and nonviolent defenders like Issa Amro.

3) Immediate ceasefire in Gaza and a resolution based on the historical roots of the conflict.

4) An end to Israel's ongoing ethnic cleansing, land-taking and system of apartheid in Palestine.

**On October 7th, Issa was abducted while on his way back to his house.**

"A group of soldiers and settlers in army uniform jumped on me," Issa tells us. "They beat me, and took me to an army base. They blindfolded me and handcuffed me so tightly that it shut off the blood flow to my hands. I fainted twice from the pain. The feeling has still not fully returned. It was the torture of my life."

**"They threatened to rape me.**They cocked their guns and put it on my head and said they would shoot me. I thought that this was going to be my last moments."

Issa was then left under strict curfew in his house. Soldiers came and raided the yard. On October 20th, a group of Israeli soldiers showed up and told Issa to leave the house. **They evicted him without producing a written order.** This act goes against Israel's own laws.

"I am traumatized," Issa tells us. "This house is my life." He is now homeless and has been staying with friends.

On November 6th, an Israel soldier **broke into the yard and stole security cameras.**

Issa's house doubles as a community center for nonviolent resistance, and he has received many international guests here, including diplomats, Congress members, celebrities and Nobel Prize winners. **Take action and help us get Issa back to his house!**

Issa represents one of many civilians in the West Bank who have been abducted and tortured or evicted from their homes since October 7th.

With peace,

**Friends of Hebron**

*Working for Peace and Justice*

*7 november 2023*

Demonstratie Centraal Station Amsterdam tegen genocide gepleegd door Israël tegen de Palestijnse bevolking in Gaza en de Westbank.

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**We took over the Statue of Liberty to demand a ceasefire.**

*7 november 2023*

Yesterday, hundreds of Jews and allies took over the Statue of Liberty to demand a ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the genocide of Palestinians.

The action marked a sharp escalation, one month into Israel’s genocidal war on Gaza. Over 10,000 Palestinians have now been killed, among them over 4,000 children.

The takeover on Liberty Island was led by JVP-NYC. Hundreds of us — young people and elders, rabbis, descendants of Holocaust survivors, elected officials — chanted “Ceasefire now” and carried banners that read “The world is watching”, “Palestinians should be free”, and “Never again for anyone.”

*“We came to the Statue of Liberty today because we are inspired by the words of our Jewish ancestor, Emma Lazarus, that are etched into the monument,” said Jay Saper, an JVP organizer. “Those words compel us to take action to support the Palestinians of Gaza yearning to be free. And we will continue to take action until we bring about a cease-fire and until Palestinians are free.” -*[***New York Magazine***](https://click.everyaction.com/k/72970557/436964113/575104262?sourceid=1001761&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9KVlAvSlZQLzEvNjE4ODEiLA0KICAiRGlzdHJpYnV0aW9uVW5pcXVlSWQiOiAiMDdjNjY3YWMtOWI3ZC1lZTExLWIwMDQtMDAyMjQ4MzJlMWJhIiwNCiAgIkVtYWlsQWRkcmVzcyI6ICJzYWdpdGFyMkBrcG5tYWlsLm5sIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=HuZPy0XsL_f83qQ2VlNzAoLUkKFFPRqJ7MwKzyj9Vos=&emci=56d16956-f37c-ee11-b004-00224832eb73&emdi=07c667ac-9b7d-ee11-b004-00224832e1ba&ceid=63050)

In cities across the country, people of conscience are mobilizing to demand a ceasefire. Our protests are shifting and evolving tactically…

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**Pro-Palestine protests are becoming a mass movement.**

*6 november 2023*

On October 20, thousands of protesters marched through the streets of New York City to call for an immediate cease-fire and an end to hostilities in Gaza. Jeremy Cohan, cochair of New York City Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) and a Jewish organizer, told reporters that “we have to do what we have to do for justice and for peace.” Sumaya Awad, a prominent Palestinian member of DSA and author, said much the same that night: “We’re out here, it’s pouring rain, we’re wet, but they have blood on their hands.”

These are the sentiments of the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have mobilized for a cease-fire in recent weeks, as Israel carries out its indiscriminate bombardment of Gaza following the brutal October 7 Hamas attacks. Just one month into the ongoing crisis, with well over nine thousand Palestinians in Gaza killed (the vast majority of them civilians, including some four thousand children), and with international pressure heightening, the United States is witnessing perhaps its largest and most coordinated antiwar movement since the demonstrations against America’s invasion of Iraq in 2003.

A week ago, Palestinians in New York marched across the Brooklyn Bridge in droves, while demonstrations in Los Angeles and San Francisco drew thousands the last two weeks of October. Hundreds rallied in Austin, Texas, last weekend. Students have walked out at universities in New York and California, defying the on-campus repression that organizations like the Anti-Defamation League are trying to stoke. Tens of thousands showed strength in the Palestinian stronghold of Chicago through a series of marches last month, demanding an immediate cease-fire and the end of Israel’s decades-long occupation. Thousands of young Jewish Americans staged dazzling actions over the last two weeks, including a sit-in on Capitol Hill and an occupation of Grand Central station in New York and the 30th St Station in Philadelphia.

All of this culminated in Saturday’s National March on Washington for a Free Palestine, which is being hailed as the largest demonstration for Palestine in US history. Tens of thousands strong, the march brought together labor organizers, black civil rights activists, Jewish anti-Zionists, antiwar veterans, and relative newcomers invigorated by events like the George Floyd protests of 2020. Prominent Palestinians such as Noura Erakat and Dr. Omar Suleiman condemned the failings of the international order to prevent the atrocities in Gaza and called on supporters of Palestine to use their voice to demand change. Elsewhere in the United States, tens of thousands conducted concurrent marches in cities like San Francisco, Chicago, and Provo, Utah.

*5 november 2023*

In the past few weeks, the  Jewish Arab war resistance movement is experiencing one of its hardest and most terrifying moments – perhaps the worst it has been in at least a generation. You can help us support their activities here.

On October 25th, police shut down an Arab-Jewish meeting in the Israeli city of Haifa, the main subject of which was calling for resistance to the war and the harming of innocents.  **An activist was arrested in Jerusalem for having a sign on his balcony that read “No sanctity in an occupied city.”** A right-wing mob attacked left-wing Journalist, Israel Frey, in his home, from which he had to be evacuated by police forces. In Jerusalem, police brutally dispersed a silent assembly for the return of the abductees. In addition to these events, attacks online towards left-wing activists are becoming worse, with right-wing groups publishing addresses of prominent activists online. All of this, of course, is happening as, any of us, **both Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, have grieved significant losses in recent weeks, the deaths of many loved ones**. Now more than ever it is dangerous to raise your voice against the war and against the occupation.

**The anti-war groups we support in Israel are under threat, but they keep struggling and resisting.** With your help, we can continue to support the activities of our partners, both through donations and in helping to amplify their voices internationally at this critical point when international pressure is the most likely path to end the attack on Gaza.

**Today we are sharing the words from Yesh-Gvul, one of the first Israeli groups to call for a ceasefire.** A movement that aims to sway public opinion against wars of choice, and the occupation of Palestinian territories. Yesh Gvul was founded in 1982 with the outbreak of the First Lebanon War, as a refusal movement of soldiers in the reserves force. In recent years, its members have battled the continuing occupation together with other organizations, helped conscientious objectors, and led monthly vigils.

In the past weeks of war about 1,300 Israelis were murdered, and 239 were abducted. In the Gaza Strip over 10,000 were murdered, of which more than 3,600 were children. **In the face of this horrible reality, Yesh Gvul posted the following text as a front-page ad published in Haaretz newspaper daily:**

After weeks of continuous killing and harm to Israeli and Palestinian citizens, we say enough! Enough of the killing, enough of the systemic harm to civilians and neighborhoods, enough of the collective punishment.

We call on the government to immediately enter into negotiations for the release of the hostages, a ceasefire, as well as finding a political solution to the long-standing conflict between us and the Palestinians. There is no military solution to a political conflict: it is the continuation of the occupation and oppression that brought us this far.

It won't end until we talk and guarantee a safe life for all people between the sea and Jordan, for all of us - Israelis and Palestinians alike.

The shock and anger at the horrific massacre and the terrible war crimes of Hamas do not justify harming the innocent, even when they are on the other side of the border, under the rule of an abominable enemy.
 It is forbidden to execute without trial, it is forbidden to torture during investigations and arrests, collective punishments must not be imposed. Citizens must not be denied food, water, electricity, and medical care. It is forbidden to take part in war crimes!

Yesh Gvul and other Israeli war resistance groups we support need us more than ever, they are counting on us! Please Support our struggle by donating.

In solidarity,

Mattan Helman
executive director
Refuser Solidarity Network

*3 november 2023*

Met name de bombardementen blijven zorgen voor grote aantallen Palestijnse slachtoffers. Zo kwamen begin deze week ruim tweehonderd Palestijnen om het leven bij Israëlische bombardementen op het Jabalia vluchtelingenkamp in het noorden van de Gazastrook. Eén van de doelwitten was een VN-school in het vluchtelingenkamp. Daar vielen op 2 november tenminste twintig doden.

Sinds de aanval van Hamas op 7 oktober kwamen volgens het Ministerie van Gezondheid ruim negenduizend Palestijnen in Gaza om het leven als gevolg van Israëlische bombardementen. Op de Westoever doodden Israëlische militairen en kolonisten 132 Palestijnen, en raakten ruim tweeduizend Palestijnen gewond.

Op 1 en 2 november werd de grensovergang bij Rafah tussen Gaza en Egypte geopend. Enkele tientallen gewonde Palestijnen konden naar een Egyptisch veldhospitaal worden geëvacueerd, en enkele honderden inwoners van Gaza met een buitenlands paspoort mochten het gebied verlaten.

**Wij strijden tegen oorlogsmisdaden, annexatie, bezetting en onderdrukking. Helpt u mee?**

**Uitnodiging Palestina Israël-verkiezingsdebat**

Op 22 november zal er een debat plaatsvinden over de genocide door Israël en de VS, die gesteund wordt door Nederland en het overgrote deel van de rest van de westerse wereld.

Het debat zal plaatsvinden in **Nieuwspoort, Den Haag.**De inloop is vanaf **17:30 uur en het debat begint om 18:00 uur.**

**Je kunt je aanmelden voor het debat op de website van PAX.** Daar is ook meer informatie over de bijeenkomst te vinden.

**Rutte zet Nederland aan de verkeerde kant van de geschiedenis**

Op 24 oktober vond in de Tweede Kamer een debat plaats met demissionair premier Mark Rutte (VVD) ter voorbereiding op de bijeenkomst van EU- regeringsleiders van 26 en 27 oktober. Het debat was grotendeels gewijd aan de Gazacrisis. Vorige week vrijdag publiceerden wij een artikel over de moties die naar aanleiding van dit debat zijn ingediend. Deze week stonden wij uitgebreid stil bij de bijdrage van premier Rutte.

**Ultieme bondgenoot**
Over zijn optreden valt veel te zeggen - en dat doen wij ook in het [**artikel**](https://rightsforum.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=259401a17cfcc2916fe8034ed&id=20be843434&e=37d294b014) - maar de kern is duidelijk: premier Rutte presenteerde zich als ultieme bondgenoot van Israël. Van hem mag de rechtsorde terzijde worden geschoven als de belangen van Israël en zijn ‘vriend Bibi’ daarom vragen.

Zo antwoordde hij op de vraag hoe lang Israël mag doorgaan met bombarderen dat dit niet is vast te stellen en alleen door Israël moet worden bepaald. Daaraan voegde hij toe dat Israël zich moet houden aan het humanitair oorlogsrecht.

In tegenstelling tot vrijwel alle experts stelde hij het afsluiten van water, voedsel en brandstof door Israël echter niet te willen bestempelen als het collectief bestraffen van een bevolking. Volgens Rutte kan hij die constatering ‘niet doen op basis van de feiten’, ook al spreken die voor zich en worden ze nota bene door Israël zelf bevestigd.

**Doel heiligt de middelen**
Daarnaast moet volgens de premier het doel van de schendingen worden beoordeeld:

*Het doel van Israël moet het herstellen van de afschrikking zijn. Dat is essentieel voor het op lange termijn overleven en zelfs voor het op de middellange termijn overleven van deze staat. Vervolgens bekijk je hoe je dat op een manier doet dat het een minimumeffect heeft op de gewone burgerbevolking.*

Met andere woorden: het doel heiligt de middelen. Als Israël van mening is dat schending van de rechtsorde nodig is om te kunnen overleven steekt Rutte zijn duim op.

**Dader onderzoekt zichzelf**
Ruttes claim dat Israël zich heeft te houden aan het humanitair oorlogsrecht werd nog verder uitgekleed. Geconstateerde schendingen door Israël moeten volgens hem pas achteraf worden onderzocht, nadat we ze eerst hebben laten begaan.

Dat onderzoek moet dan gebeuren door Israël zelf, aldus de premier, en pas daarna, eventueel, aan de rechter worden voorgelegd. Het verleden heeft echter afdoende uitgewezen dat Israëlische onderzoeken uitsluitend zijn bedoeld om rechtvaardigheid te voorkomen. Ook Rutte weet dat. Zijn pleidooi voor Israëlisch onderzoek naar de misdaden die nu in Gaza worden begaan komt dan ook feitelijk neer op het verlenen van *carte blanche*.

**Palestijnse journalisten mikpunt van geweld**

Het internationale *Comité voor de Bescherming van Journalisten* (CPJ) luidt de noodklok vanwege het gebrek aan bescherming van journalisten in Palestina, schreven we afgelopen weekend. Met name in de Gazastrook, waar sinds 7 oktober inmiddels zeker 26 Palestijnse journalisten omkwamen door Israëlische bombardementen, verkeren zij in permanent levensgevaar. Ook op de bezette Westelijke Jordaanoever en in Israël worden Palestijnse journalisten geconfronteerd met toegenomen geweld en bedreigingen.

**RIGHT NOW in Washington, DC 180 human rights activists are holding sit-ins at eight Senate offices to call for an immediate ceasefire.**

*3 november 2023*

At this moment on Capitol Hill, **180 human rights activists are holding sit-ins at eight senators’ offices—as I write this, more than 40 have already been arrested.** They're demanding senators publicly call for an immediate ceasefire for Gaza and an end to U.S. weapons and military funding to Israel.

**Sixty-six percent of U.S. voters support a ceasefire**, as found in a **recent poll by Data for Progress**. Meanwhile, the House of Representatives voted yesterday to send Israel **$14.3 billion in additional weapons**.

Human rights activists are currently protesting inside these **eight senators’ offices:** Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA), Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA), Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI), Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), and Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA).

If you're not in the U.S., please see the PS for how you can help.

Activists are calling out senators for remaining silent during a genocide, arming Israel with plans to send $14.3 billion in additional weapons, and refusing to speak the demand of the streets: **“Ceasefire NOW.**

As the clock ticks, and as each minute passes, time is running out for Palestinian people in Gaza. The Israeli military has been constantly bombing Gaza for four weeks since Oct. 7, 2023, **killing at least 9,227 Palestinian people**, and wounding over 32,500. Another 2,030 are missing, likely dead or trapped under rubble. The healthcare system has collapsed, with 16 of 35 hospitals out of service. And the bombs are still dropping, as Israel attacks refugee camps, hospitals, and the oldest church in Gaza.

As dozens of major cities hold massive protests each day, hundreds of thousands of people of conscience are taking courageous actions to end U.S. complicity in Israel’s atrocities. Today’s sit-ins at the Senate are only the beginning.

Thanks for all you're doing.

Onward to liberation,

**AHMAD ABUZNAID**

Development Director

**We mourn the lives lost and continue to fight for our rights**

*1 november 2023*

As the devastating death toll in Gaza climbs towards 9,000, the impact on the Palestinian-American community is immeasurable. The loss of family, friends, and loved ones to this senseless violence creates an indelible mark on our collective spirit. This wanton violence, unchecked and relentless, extends its tragic reach across families, homes, and communities.

It is with profound sorrow that we inform you of the grievous loss suffered by members of our own team due to the ongoing Israeli onslaught on Gaza. **Taher Herzallah**, our esteemed outreach director, **Zarefah Baroud**, our dedicated digital media associate, and **Alaa Abusaman**, a board member of our Chicago Chapter, have tragically lost family members amid the continuous bombardment of Gaza. Despite facing such personal devastation, they have continued to demonstrate unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in their roles. 7 members of the Herzallah family and at least 25 members of the Baroud family have been killed by Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip in the past few weeks.

The entire team at American Muslims for Palestine extends our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to Taher, Zarefah, and Alaa, and their families. In these times of unfathomable loss, we ask Allah (SWT) to accept them as martyrs and to safeguard their families and the resilient people of Gaza from further harm. We ask Allah (SWT) to grant them and their families resilience, fortitude, and unwavering strength during this time.

While we mourn the thousands of innocent Palestinian lives lost in Gaza due to the ongoing Israeli brutal genocide, we at AMP are more determined than ever to bring it to an end, especially as the Biden administration continues to be complicit in this horrific genocide. Please keep the victims, their families, and our community in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
**The AMP Family**

**In Congress, Rashida Tlaib and JVP are under attack.**

*1 november 2023*

Tonight, the House will likely be voting on a truly unhinged and Islamophobic resolution, introduced by Marjorie [**‘Jewish-Space-Lasers’**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/72611736/435874053/2034048320?sourceid=1001761&nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9KVlAvSlZQLzEvNjE4ODEiLA0KICAiRGlzdHJpYnV0aW9uVW5pcXVlSWQiOiAiOTRmYzg4MTAtZWQ3OC1lZTExLWIwMDQtMDAyMjQ4MzJlYjczIiwNCiAgIkVtYWlsQWRkcmVzcyI6ICJzYWdpdGFyMkBrcG5tYWlsLm5sIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=gfauno0uls2NY5DkVdQkJHqxmaexpHPNdwGA7QHlbiQ=&emci=8c31c549-e978-ee11-b004-00224832eb73&emdi=94fc8810-ed78-ee11-b004-00224832eb73&ceid=63050)Taylor Greene. The resolution attempts to censure Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, and directly names and attacks Jewish Voice for Peace.

Why? Because on October 18, over 500 Jews and allies sat on the floor of a Congressional house office building, in prayer and song, to demand an immediate ceasefire to save Palestinian and Israeli lives and to stop the Israeli military’s genocide of Palestinians in Gaza.

Greene is an insurrection supporter herself — but now, ironically, she is desperately trying to create a dangerous precedent by labeling participants in peaceful, First Amendment-protected demonstrations led by Jewish activists as “insurrectionists.” Clearly, Greene is threatened by Palestinians and Jews coming together to work for peace and justice.

Greene’s resolution is ridiculous on its face — and we won’t let it distract from the unfolding genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. We’re going to keep escalating until our elected officials demand an immediate ceasefire.

**Biden has now called for an additional $14.3 billion to be sent to the Israeli military. But there is plenty we can still do.**

**Keep up the pressure.**

Every day, JVP hosts Power Half-Hours for Gaza. This Friday, JVP Action and the Adalah Justice Project are taking over — joined by Congresswoman Cori Bush.

Sign up now: the same link will work every day, Monday through Friday, at 3pm ET/12pm PT.

JVP members join a community of thousands of people working together towards freedom and justice for all, from the U.S. to Palestine. Becoming a member commits to your stake in the movement — and it amplifies your power.

**Actions in the coming week.**