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# GAZA

THE ABOMINABLE DESOLATION

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# THE ABOMINATION OF THE DESOLATION OF GAZA

Since October 2023, Israel has been accused of ever-increasing violations of international law during its military operations in Gaza. These violations include:

- 1. Targeting of civilians: Israeli airstrikes have led to large-scale civilian casualties, with hospitals, schools, and residential buildings being struck. This is considered a violation of international humanitarian law, which requires distinguishing between military targets and civilians.
- 2. Blocking humanitarian aid: Israel has restricted the flow of essential humanitarian supplies such as food, water, and medical aid into Gaza. Human rights organizations have criticized the blockade and restrictions as disproportionate and unlawful, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.
- **3.** Use of collective punishment: Highranking Israeli officials have publicly stated their intent to deprive civilians in Gaza of basic needs as part of their military strategy. Denying essential services to civilians as a form of collective punishment violates the Geneva Conventions.
- 4. Destruction of infrastructure: Multiple



civilian infrastructures, including medical facilities, places of worship, and universities, have been damaged or destroyed in Israeli strikes, further worsening the humanitarian situation.

These actions have drawn widespread condemnation from the international community, including calls for investigations into potential war crimes.



## **A Brief History of Gaza**

The name "Gaza" is derived from the Semitic root "zz," which means "strong" or "mighty," reflecting its ancient strategic and military significance. The city has been known by various names throughout history, including "Ghazzah" in Arabic and "Azzah" in Hebrew. The ancient Egyptians referred to it as "azzat," while the Greeks called it "Gaza."

Gaza is located on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea, bordered by Israel to the north and east, and Egypt to the south. The Gaza Strip is approximately 41 kilometres long and 6-12 kilometres wide, covering an area of about 365 square kilometres. As of 2024, the population of the Gaza Strip is approximately 2 million, making it one of the most densely populated areas in the world. The majority of the population consists of Palestinian refugees and their descendants, who were displaced during the 1948 war.

#### **Brief History**

Gaza's history dates back to ancient times, with evidence of habitation as early as the Bronze Age (around 3000 BCE). The city's strategic

location along the Mediterranean coast made it a key trade hub, linking Africa and Asia. The city's early inhabitants were likely Canaanites, and it later became a vital part of the Philistine Pentapolis, a group of five Philistine cities mentioned in the Bible.

Throughout its history, Gaza has been ruled by various empires and civilizations, including the Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Arabs. After the Muslim conquest in the 7th century, Gaza became an important Islamic city, flourishing under the Umayyad and Abbasid Caliphates. During the Ottoman period (1517-1917), Gaza was part of the Empire's administrative region of Palestine. It became a vibrant centre of trade and culture, especially during the 18th and 19th centuries. By the 1930s, Gaza was part of the British Mandate for Palestine, with a population that was predominantly Arab Muslim, alongside Christian and Jewish communities.

#### 1948

The 1948 Arab-Israeli War, which followed



the declaration of the State of Israel, marked a turning point in Gaza's history. The war led to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, many of whom fled to Gaza, significantly increasing its population. The influx of refugees transformed Gaza into a densely populated area, setting the stage for future conflicts and challenges.

#### 1948 - 1967

During the Egyptian administration of Gaza (1948-1967), Gaza remained a focus of regional tensions. The territory was subject to frequent cross-border skirmishes and military operations between Israel and Egyptian-controlled Gaza. This period also saw the rise of Palestinian nationalism, with the Gaza Strip becoming a hotbed for political activism and resistance against Israeli occupation.

#### 1967- October 7, 2023

Following the Six-Day War in 1967, Israel occupied Gaza, a situation that persists despite international calls for a two-state solution. The Oslo Accords in the 1990s led to limited Palestinian self-rule in Gaza, but the region remained volatile. In 2007, Hamas took control of Gaza after a brief civil conflict with Fatah, leading to an Israeli-Egyptian blockade that severely restricted the movement of goods and

people. This blockade, along with repeated conflicts between Hamas and Israel, has led to humanitarian crises in Gaza. The population has endured repeated military operations, economic hardship, and a dire humanitarian situation.

#### **October 7, 2023**

Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel from Gaza, resulting in widespread casualties among both civilians and military personnel. The Israeli military response operated under the controversial Hannibal Directive, a military policy intended to prevent soldiers from being taken hostage, even at the cost of their lives. Of the approximately 1,200 Israelis killed that day, around one-third were military personnel, while another third were killed by Israeli fire. Following the attack, Israel responded with an aggressive military campaign against Gaza, resulting in extensive destruction and loss of civilian life. The military campaign was accompanied by a blockade, restricting humanitarian aid and creating conditions of starvation. Despite international condemnation, including findings by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC), the genocide has persisted.

## **Civilians**

At least 42,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli attacks, most of them civilians, with unknown thousands more buried under rubble. Credible reports (e.g. the Lancet) estimate the direct and indirect killings to be in the range of 4 - 10 times the current confirmed killings; so between 200,000 to 400,000 people killed, from a population of 2.1 million.





## **Children & Infants**

Of those killed, at least 12,000 are children. In a document released by Gaza's health ministry in September 2024, more than 100 pages of the 649-page document are victims under the age of 10; and the first adult name does not appear until page 215. As from September 2024, 169 babies born after 7 October have been killed.



## **Journalists**

In its effort to systematically suppress all independent news coverage from Gaza and scrutiny of its military crimes, Israel has openly targeted journalists and media institutions. Over 165 journalists have been killed, including 120 Palestinians, three Lebanese and two Israelis. In addition, Al Jazeera offices in Gaza and the West Bank were shut down in order to ensure a total news blackout and reliance on IDF-crafted news bulletins and propaganda.



Despite protections for media workers under international law, Israel has continued its campaign of targetting journalists, and their families, through airstrikes, arrests and snipers.

"[We] must work collectively to ensure that journalist killers are brought to justice ... and that the public's right to be informed is protected from those whose power is threatened by the scrutiny of reporting."

— Jodie Ginsberg, CEO, Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)



Palestinian journalist Wael Dahdouh praying the *janazah* (funeral) prayer over his family members, who were targeted and killed in an Israeli airstrike on October 26, 2023.

Palestinian journalist Salma al-Qadoumi was shot in the back while she was covering Israel's invasion of Khan Younis on August 19, 2024. Over 21 women journalists have died since Israel began its hostilities.



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Mohammad Balousha, a Palestinian journalist and the administrative and financial manager of the Gaza office of the local news TV channel Palestine Today, was killed in an Israeli airstrike on the Al-Saftawi neighborhood in northern Gaza on October 17, 2023.

A relative bids farewell during the funeral of Palestine TV journalist Mohamed Abu Hatab and 11 family members, the day after they were killed in an Israeli bombardment of Khan Yunis in November 2023.

## **Medics**

As of September 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) and humanitarian organizations report that since October 2023, Israel has attacked over 500 healthcare facilities, resulting in the deaths of more than 800 healthcare workers, with 1,100 injured and 130 ambulances destroyed or heavily damaged. Additionally, over 350 Palestinian health workers are still detained by Israeli forces.



Above Photo: Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) volunteers killed since October 2023 by Israel: (from left to right) Mohammed Al Ahel, Alaa Al Shawa, Ahmad Al Sahar, Mahmoud Abu Nujaila, and Reem Abu Lebdeh.

"Hospitals, medical staff, and civilians all have protected status under international law, law that the Israel military has flagrantly ignored every day through its repeated targeting of healthcare facilities and staff."

— Rohan Talbot, Medical Aid for Palestine (MAP)



Hammam Alloh, an internal medicine physician and nephrologist, took turns with other doctors to care for patients at Gaza's Al-Shifa Hospital, despite nearby bombardments. He was killed with 26 members of his family when his home was bombed in November 2023.



Adnan Al Bursh, head of Orthopedics at Shifa Hospital, was tortured to death in an Israeli prison. He was detained in northern Gaza for "national security reasons".

**Amer Shoaib,** a decorated British military veteran and consultant orthopaedic surgeon, was targeted in Gaza by a guided missile while working.



**Ziad Eldalou,** internal medicine physician at the Shifa Hospital in Gaza, was detained by Israeli forces on March 18, 2024, during a raid on the hospital. He died three days later, on March 21, while in Israeli detention.

Dima Abdullatif Mohammed Alhaj, 29 years old, who worked with the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Trauma and Emergency Team, died during an Israeli airstrike on her family home in southern Gaza on 21 November 2023.



## **Places of Worship**

Over 880 mosques and three churches, including ancient ones over 1,000 years old, have been completely destroyed in Gaza, with over 200 additional mosques damaged



#### **Byzantine Church of Jabalia**

#### October 2023

Over 1,700 years old, this site has witnessed the reign of 24 Byzantine emperors and 14 Muslim caliphs from both the Abbasid and Umayyad dynasties throughout its history.

#### **AI-Sousi Mosque**

#### October 2023

Struck by a missile, causing significant damage to the mosque's main prayer area and surrounding facilities.

#### **Al-Katiba Mosque**

#### October 2023

Severely damaged during an airstrike that also impacted surrounding residential buildings, leading to partial destruction of the mosque's roof and walls.

#### **Al-Amin Muhammad Mosque**

#### October 2023

Hit by an airstrike, causing extensive damage to the structure and resulting in the destruction of parts of the prayer hall and minaret.

#### **Al-Omari Mosque**

#### October 2023

Al-Omari Mosque, dating back to the Mamluk era, was heavily damaged by airstrikes.

#### **Al-Gharbi Mosque**

#### October 2023

Al Gharbi Mosque in Gaza City was destroyed in an Israeli airstrike.

#### **Ahmed-Yassin Mosque**

#### October 2023

Ahmed Yassin mosque was levelled by Israeli airstrikes.

#### **Imam Shafi'i Mosque**

#### October 2023

Imam Shafi'i Mosque, a significant religious site in Gaza City, was hit by airstrikes. The main prayer area and surrounding facilities were severely damaged, leading to the complete closure of the mosque.

#### **Saint Porphyrius Orthodox Church**

#### October 2023

Saint Porphyrius Orthodox Church, one of the oldest churches in Gaza, was damaged by a nearby airstrike.

#### **Al-Nour Mosque**

#### October 2023

Al-Nour Mosque was destroyed in an airstrike targeting areas in Rafah. The mosque's main building, including its dome and minaret, collapsed completely. The destruction caused a halt to all prayer services and religious gatherings.

#### **Al-Khulafa Mosque**

#### October 2023

Al-Khulafa Mosque was struck by airstrikes, leading to the destruction of its main prayer hall and ablution areas.

#### **AI-Sousi Mosque**

#### October 2023

Al-Sousi Mosque was hit by airstrikes and suffered significant damage. The mosque's minaret collapsed, and parts of the roof were destroyed, making it unsafe for worshippers.

#### **Al-Farug Mosque**

#### October 2023

Al-Faruq Mosque, a central mosque in Khan Younis, was struck and severely damaged.

#### **Al-Saraya Mosque**

#### October 2023

Al-Saraya Mosque, located in the heart of Gaza City, was hit by airstrikes, resulting in the partial collapse of the building.

#### Al-Tagwa Mosque

#### October 2023

Al-Taqwa Mosque, a major mosque in Beit Lahiya, was destroyed by airstrikes, causing significant damage to its main hall, dome, and surrounding facilities. The mosque was completely demolished, with no structure left for future use.

#### **Al-Abrar Mosque**

#### October 2023

Al-Abrar Mosque was severely damaged by airstrikes. The building sustained substantial structural damage, particularly to its roof and walls. The mosque is now considered unsafe for congregational prayers.

#### **Al-Qassam Mosque**

#### November 2023

Struck by an airstrike, causing significant structural damage and destruction of parts of the prayer hall.

#### Al-Masoudia Mosque

#### November 2023

Damaged by shelling, resulting in the partial collapse of the main prayer hall and damage to the mosque's exterior.

#### **Al-Abbas Mosque**

#### November 2023

Attacked by airstrikes, which led to the destruction of the mosque's minaret and severe damage to its interior.



#### **Saint Hilarion Monastery**

#### November 2023

The monastery of Saint Hilarion/Tell Umm Amer is one of the oldest sites in the Middle East.

#### **Al-Mustafa Mosque**

#### November 2023

The Israeli occupation army bombed this mosque in Sheikh Nasser area of Khan Younis, the 4th mosque destroyed that day.

#### **Jaffa Mosque**

#### December 2023

Jaffa Mosque in Gaza City was destroyed in an Israeli airstrike.

#### Al-Farooq Omar Ibn Al-Khattab Mosque

#### December 2023

Damaged during nearby airstrikes, resulting in shattered windows, damage to the roof, and structural cracks.

#### Sayed al-Hashim Mosque

#### December 2023

The Sayyed Al-Hashim Mosque, considered one of the most important mosques in the Old City of Gaza because it is thought to hold the tomb of Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him)'s grandfather, Hashim Bin Abd Manaf, was also destroyed.

#### **Othman Bin Qashqar Mosque**

#### December 2023

Located in Gaza city, hit by air raids by Israeli forces and destroyed,

#### **Holy Family Church**

#### December 2023

The Church of the Holy Family was hit by an Israeli airstrike that partially destroyed the parish school and the pastor's office.





#### Al-Masjid al-Omari al-Kabir

#### December 2023

Thought to be the first mosque built in the Gaza strip 1400 years ago.

#### Katib al-Wilaya Mosque or Welayat Mosque

#### December 2023

This small historic mosque was originally built by the Burji Mamluks in 1432. The mosque suffered damage as a result of an Israeli airstrike on the nearby Church of Saint Porphyrius.

#### **Al-Nasr Mosque**

#### January 2024

Suffered damage due to shelling that destroyed the mosque's dome and caused extensive internal damage.

#### **Al-Shuhada Mosque**

#### February 2024

Partially destroyed by airstrikes, with significant damage to the prayer hall, library, and minaret.

#### **Imam Shafi Mosque**

#### March 2024

Damaged in an airstrike that affected both the mosque and adjacent residential buildings, causing significant structural damage.

#### **Al-Rahma Mosque**

#### March 2024

Struck by shelling, resulting in the collapse of the minaret and damage to the surrounding courtyard.

#### **Al-Bukhari Mosque**

#### March 2024

The Israeli occupation targeted Al-Bukhari



Mosque in Deir Al-Balah, causing its complete destruction.

#### **Al-Riad Mosque**

March 2024

Israeli forces have bombarded a neighbourhood in Khan Younis, hitting al-Riad mosque, which was heavily damaged by the attack.

#### **Al-Salah Mosque**

April 2024

Hit during an airstrike that destroyed the mosque's minaret and caused heavy damage to its interior.

#### Al-Khulafa Al-Rashidin Mosque

*April* 2024

Severely damaged by an airstrike, leading to the destruction of the main prayer hall and extensive damage to other parts of the mosque.

#### Sheikh Zakaria Mosque in the Daraj

April 2024

Sheikh Zakaria Mosque in Gaza City, which dates back over 800 years, was destroyed by the Israeli military.

#### **Bilal Ibn Rabah Mosque**

May 2024

Damaged by shelling that led to partial destruction of the mosque's structure and the adjacent community center.

#### **Al-Quds Mosque**

June 2024

Struck by airstrikes, leading to the destruction of its minaret and severe damage to the mosque's interior and exterior.

#### **Al-Omari Mosque**

*June 2024* 

Gaza's oldest mosque was hit by an airstrike, causing significant damage to its historical structure, including the main dome and prayer hall.

#### **Al Shamaa Mosque**

July 2024

An Israeli raid targeting the vicinity of Al-Shamaa Mosque in Al-Zeitoun neighborhood, southeast of Gaza City damaged the mosque which was built in 1315.

#### **Ibn Othman Mosque**

July 2024

Israeli warplanes fired several missiles at Gazas second largest historical mosque in the Shuja'iyya neighbourhood. The mosque had been standing in Central Gaza for over 600 years and had a location in the neighbourhood's main market.

#### **Al-Tagwa Mosque**

August 2024

Damaged by shelling that resulted in the destruction of the roof and walls of the mosque, impacting the main prayer area.

#### **Al-Karameh Mosque**

August 2024

Hit by an airstrike, leading to the destruction of parts of the mosque's structure, including its minaret and prayer hall.

#### **Bani Saleh Mosque**

August 2024

Israeli soldiers stormed the Bani Saleh Mosque in northern Gaza and burned all the Qur'ans inside it.

#### **Al-Rahman Mosque**

September 2024

Attacked by airstrikes, causing severe damage to the mosque's structure and nearby residential buildings.



## **Universities**

More than 80% of educational institutions in Gaza have been severely damaged or destroyed including all of the 19 universities, (affecting 90,000 students).

85% of the 796 schools in Gaza have been destroyed (affecting 625,000 students). The remainder have been repurposed as refuge for the displaced.

#### **Islamic University of Gaza**

#### October 2023

The Islamic University of Gaza, one of the largest and most prominent educational institutions in Gaza, was hit by multiple airstrikes.

#### **AI-Aqsa University**

#### October 2023

Al-Aqsa University sustained severe damage from airstrikes. The university's main campus, including lecture halls, faculty offices, and libraries, was hit, leading to the suspension of all academic activities.

#### **University College of Applied Sciences**

#### October 2023

The University College of Applied Sciences, known for its technical and vocational programs, was damaged by airstrikes.

#### **Al-Quds Open University**

#### October 2023

Al-Quds Open University's Gaza branch was heavily damaged due to airstrikes. Key facilities, including lecture halls, libraries, and computer labs, were destroyed.

#### **Gaza University**

#### October 2023

Gaza University was struck by airstrikes, causing substantial damage to its main buildings, including classrooms and faculty offices.

#### **Palestine Technical College**

#### October 2023

Palestine Technical College, an institution known for its engineering and technology programs, was severely damaged by targeted airstrikes.

#### **Al-Azhar University - Gaza**

#### October 2023

Al-Azhar University, one of Gaza's major academic institutions, sustained heavy damage from airstrikes. Key buildings, including the main administrative block, science and technology faculties, and student housing, were destroyed.

#### **University of Palestine**

#### October 2023

The University of Palestine was targeted by airstrikes that led to the destruction of its main campus facilities.



#### **University College of Applied Sciences (UCAS)**

November 2023

Targeted by shelling that resulted in damage to its computer science and engineering departments.

#### **Al-Quds Open University**

November 2023

Damaged during an airstrike in a nearby area, resulting in broken windows, structural damage, and the destruction of some academic resources.

#### **Palestine Technical College**

November 2023

Suffered damage from shelling, which led to the destruction of parts of its technical training facilities, affecting courses in vocational and applied sciences.

#### **Gaza University**

December 2023

Attacked by airstrikes, causing significant damage to several buildings, including the main administration building and student facilities.

#### **Israa University**

January 2024

Destroyed by Israeli military. The IDF had been using the campus as an ad hoc detention facility for interrogating Palestinian detainees before transferring them to an unknown location. Al-Aqsa University

#### January 2024

The main campus in Gaza City sustained damage due to an airstrike, affecting the faculties of humanities and education.

#### **University of Palestine**

January 2024

Damaged in an airstrike that destroyed parts of its campus, including classrooms and administrative offices.

#### **College of Science and Technology - Khan Younis**

February 2024

Hit by airstrikes that caused severe damage to laboratories and classrooms, disrupting the academic calendar and affecting the practical training of students.

#### Palestine Polytechnic University (PPU) - Gaza Branch

March 2024

Damaged by shelling, which impacted the faculty of engineering.

#### **University of Gaza (newly established)**

April 2024

Newly established university campus partially destroyed by an airstrike that led to damage to several buildings, including the main library and administrative offices.

#### **Open University of Jerusalem (Al-Quds University)**

#### - Gaza Branch

May 2024

Suffered damage from an attack that affected its distance-learning infrastructure and office facilities.

#### **Gaza Community College for Tourism Studies**

June 2024

Damaged by nearby explosions, impacting the college's hospitality training facilities.

#### Dar Al-Da'wa University College for Humanities

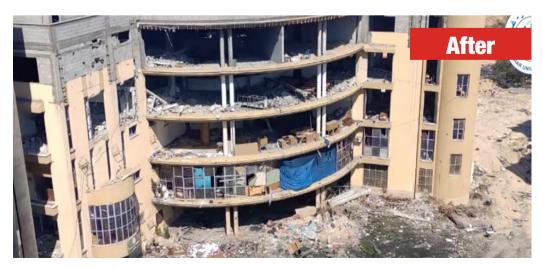
July 2024

Hit by an airstrike, causing significant damage to the main academic block and faculty offices.

#### **AI-Ribat University College**

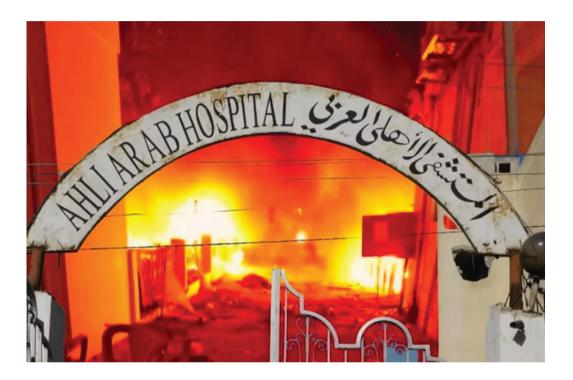
August 2024

Suffered damage from airstrikes that destroyed parts of its facilities, particularly the law and public administration departments.



## **Hospitals**

Over 350 attacks have been recorded on healthcare facilities. These assaults have severely impacted 98 healthcare facilities, including 27 of Gaza's 36 hospitals, causing damage to critical infrastructure.



#### **Al-Ahli Arab Hospital**

#### October 2023

80 bed hospital in Gaza City run by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. An Israeli strike killed 471 peole and injured 342.

#### **Al-Quds Hospital**

#### October 2023

At least 21 people were injured; the hospital's glass was shattered and part of the ceiling collapsed.

#### The Indonesian Hospital

#### October 2023

Faced heavy damage from shelling and airstrikes. Key areas of the hospital, including emergency and surgical units, were hit, severely restricting its ability to operate.

#### **Al-Durrah Pediatric Hospital**

#### October 2023

The hospital, which specialized in children's care, was damaged by Israeli airstrikes. Its infrastructure and critical equipment were affected, severely hampering its ability to provide pediatric emergency and specialized care.

#### **Al-Ahli Arab Hospital**

#### October 2023

Run by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the hospital suffered a direct hit from an airstrike. The blast destroyed parts of the hospital complex, including surgical and pediatric wards, and caused multiple casualties among patients and staff.

#### **Beit Hanoun Hospital**

#### October 2023

Beit Hanoun Hospital was heavily damaged by contin-



uous shelling and bombardment. Emergency services, general care wards, and several other sections of the hospital sustained severe damage, forcing a reduction in its medical capacity.

#### **Nasser Hospital**

#### October 2023

Nasser Hospital was struck by airstrikes, damaging its emergency and surgical units. The hospital, a key facility in the southern Gaza Strip, saw its capacity to provide critical medical services severely reduced.

#### **Kamal Adwan Hospital**

#### October 2023

Kamal Adwan Hospital faced extensive damage from airstrikes. The hospital's emergency care and surgical units were significantly impacted, affecting its ability to serve the northern Gaza population.

#### **European Gaza Hospital**

#### October 2023

European Gaza Hospital, one of the largest hospitals in the southern region, was heavily damaged by airstrikes. Critical areas, including intensive care units and surgical departments, were impacted, significantly reducing its operational capacity.

#### **Indonesian Hospital**

#### October 2023

Gaza's largest medical facility faced numerous threats and was hit by shelling multiple times, leading to significant damage to its infrastructure, including power outages and compromised medical services.

#### **Al-Shifa Hospital**

#### November 2023

The hospital was placed under siege by the Israeli military on 11th November. It held 1500 patients, 1500 medical workers and 15,000 displaced people. There were also over 200 dead bodies placed in the hospital's courtyard.

#### **AI-Quds Hospital**

#### November 2023

Hit during shelling, causing significant damage to the building and equipment. The hospital struggled to maintain its operations due to damage and lack of essential supplies.

#### **Beit Hanoun Hospital**

#### November 2023

Sustained serious damage from artillery shelling, leading to partial destruction and the evacuation of patients and staff.

#### **Nasser Medical Complex**

#### November 2023

Suffered damage from nearby explosions, with several wards impacted, forcing a reduction in services.

#### **Rantisi Pediatric Hospital**

#### November 2023

Provides care for children with chronic illnesses like cancer; was damaged in airstrikes. The destruction of vital medical equipment and infrastructure severely impacted its specialized pediatric care services.



#### **Al-Shifa Hospital**

#### November 2023

Al-Shifa Hospital, the largest and main hospital in Gaza, sustained severe damage due to airstrikes around the vicinity. As the principal healthcare facility, it has faced significant strain on its services, including emergency care, surgery, and intensive care.

#### **Al-Nasir Hospital**

#### November 2023

Al-Nasir Hospital, known for its emergency and pediatric services, was heavily damaged in continued airstrikes. The destruction of key infrastructure has made it challenging for the hospital to provide care, especially for pediatric cases.

#### **Al-Shifa Hospital**

#### November 2023

Gaza's largest medical facility faced numerous threats and was hit by shelling multiple times, leading to significant damage to its infrastructure, including power outages and compromised medical services.

#### **Indonesian Hospital**

#### November 2023

The Indonesian Hospital, located in the northern Gaza Strip, suffered extensive damage from airstrikes, impacting its ability to operate and provide medical care.

#### **Al-Durrah Children's Hospital**

#### December 2023

Damaged by nearby strikes; sections of the pediatric care units were rendered unusable, affecting care for children and infants.

#### **European Gaza Hospital**

#### December 2023

Struck by airstrikes, causing significant infrastructural damage and disruptions to its emergency and surgical operations.



#### **Al-Rimal Clinic**

#### December 2023

Severely damaged by airstrikes, which led to the suspension of many services offered at the clinic.

#### **Helal Al-Emirati Hospital**

#### January 2024

Damaged in an airstrike that hit nearby areas, affecting its ability to provide critical healthcare services.

#### **Al-Nasr Children's Hospital**

#### January 2024

Hit by airstrikes, causing damage to the pediatric wards and creating a shortage of essential medical supplies.

#### **Al-Wafa Hospital**

#### February 2024

Damaged due to nearby shelling, impacting its rehabilitation services.

#### **Kamal Adwan Hospital**

#### February 2024

Sustained damage from aerial bombardment, causing a halt in its surgical and emergency operations.

#### **Al-Shifa Hospital**

#### March 2024

Overnight raid and 2 week seige, hundred of dead Palestinians found in and around hospital and hospital mostly destroyed

#### **Al-Quds Red Crescent Hospital**

#### March 2024

Damaged in an attack that affected its emergency response and trauma care capabilities.

#### **Al-Rantisi Hospital for Children**

#### March 2024

Suffered damage from shelling, affecting specialized services for pediatric patients, particularly those with chronic illnesses.

#### **Maternity and Women's Health Hospital**

April 2024

Severely damaged due to nearby explosions, affecting its capacity to provide maternity care.

#### **AI-Fawwar Medical Center**

May 2024

Struck by artillery, leading to extensive damage to its facilities and equipment.

#### **Al-Karama Hospital**

June 2024

Damaged during a raid, which destroyed parts of the building and interrupted services.

#### **Ahli Baptist Hospital**

July 2024

Gaza medical teams evacuated the hospital after the Israeli armys warning with Israeli quadcopter drones firing at civilians.

#### **Al-Mujamma Medical Center**

July 2024

Hit in an airstrike, leading to damage in its surgical and intensive care units.

#### Abu Youssef al-Najjar Hospital

August 2024

in May 2024 An-Najjar Hospital evacuated following the Israeli army announced that it had taken control of the Palestinian side of the Rafah border crossing, before finally closing







either killed, injured, missing, or detained.

#### 49,032 Killed

The killed number includes those presumed dead under the rubble.

Civilians	4
Children	1

44,180 6,164

Women 10.399





9 out of every 10 people killed are civilians



Journalists killed



Civil defense workers killed

#### The Gaza Strip

More than 2.2 million people live in the Gaza Strip, an area of about 365 square kilometers, which is divided into five main governorates: North Gaza, Gaza City, Deir al-Balah, Khan Younis, and Rafah.

#### Splitting the strip

On 13 October 2023, the Israeli military issued forced displacement orders to residents of North Gaza and Gaza City, instructing them to move to the central and southern governorates of the strip. A few eeks later, Israel completely separated the northern governorates from the central and southern regions, preventing the displaced from returning to their homes and executing dozens of

### Genocide in Gaza

On 7 October 2023, following a military attack by Palestinian factions in Gaza on Israel, Israel launched a devastating war on the Gaza Strip. Since then, Israel has committed hundreds of violations that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, which the International Court of Justice has described as a plausible genocide.



1,240

of the population was forcibly displaced

Since 13 October 2023, Israel has issued dozens of forced displacement orders, forcing dozens of noticed assignatement orders, forcing the vast majority of the population to relocate in schools and makeshift tents. According to the Israeli military, those who don't comply with the orders "may be identified as accomplices of a terrorist organisation" 90%

Healthcare

523 killed

717 injured

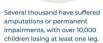
professionals



#### Buildings destroyed or damaged

Since the onset of its war on Gaza, the Israeli military ha pursued a scorched earth policy, decimating the strip's

Housing units	516,500
Schools	489
Industrial facilities	2,830
Mosques	760
Churches	3
Heritage sites	203
Press headquarters	182



94,100

Injured



#### Detainees/forcibly disappeared

Euro-Med Monitor conducted interviews with 100 released detainees from Gaza, and documented 42 forms of torture and inhuman, humiliating and degrading treatment practiced against Palestinians in Israeli prisons and detention centers, including:























high levels of acute food insecurity <sup>2</sup>. Around 100 Palestinians, including 42 children, have died due to severe malnutrition



humanitarian missions to the northern Gaza Strip

#### Six indicators Israel failed to comply with ICJ ruling

specific provisional measures to prevent the crime of genocide against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip. However, Israel has failed to comply with the ruling, as evidenced by six

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## **Other**

**Infrastructure** - 60% of Gaza's residential buildings have been damaged or destroyed. 80% of commercial facilities have been destroyed. 65% of road networks have been destroyed. And 65% of cropland has been destroyed.

**Refugee camps** - The Jabaliya camp has been under airstrikes many times, as has Al-Shati camp, Al-Bureij, Al-Maghazi, Nuseirat, Shaboura and Tel al-Sultan camps. Of the eight refugee camps in Gaza, five were already bombed by November.

**Places of shelter -** in one single month, Israel attacked 16 shelter centres. And by May, at least 169 UNRWA facilities had been affected by strikes.

**Cultural places -** 200 historic buildings have been damaged or destroyed, along with 12 museums and numerous cultural centres. During the first six months of the war, the Israelis destroyed about 60% of Gaza's cultural heritage sites and monuments.

Emergency vehicles/aid trucks - 120 ambulances have been completely destroyed; aid trucks destined for Gaza have been attacked and set on fire by settlers in the West Bank. And there have been at least eight strikes on aid workers' convoys and premises in Gaza since October.

# Treatment of Palestinian Prisoners and Israeli Hostages

Of the 240 hostages taken by Hamas on 7 October, 117 hostages have been returned alive to Israel, 105 of those being released in a prisoner exchange deal; 4 were released by Hamas and 8 rescued by the IDF. Currently, Hamas holds 66 hostages still alive and 35 bodies.

The hostages were treated well, given medical treatment and lived interspersed among homes. This was clearly reflected in their appearance and reactions when they were released as well as in many interviews they gave afterwards.

Over 3,000 Gazans are currently in Israeli jails. On their release they tell of physical torture, sexual abuse, starvation, attacks from dogs, beatings, exposure to the cold for prolonged periods, deprivation of food, sleep, water, medical attention and subjection to all manners of abuse, including rape. They do not receive medical attention and many are released with life-long scars, traumas and disabilities.

It is thought that 226 Palestinian children are presently in Israeli jails. Reports made to Save the Children tell of children facing increasing hunger and abuse, including sexual violence, with conditions deteriorating and contagious diseases such as scabies on the rise, being forced to stand naked in extreme temperatures and violent beatings. Some are as young as 12 or 13. Most prisoners are held without charge or trial under Israel's policy of administrative detention.











#### SEXUAL ABUSE AND TORTURE

In August 2024, Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem released a report on systematic Israeli abuse, torture, sexual violence and rape of Palestinian detainees, calling the Israeli prison system a "network of torture camps". The report includes extensive testimonies from Palestinians.



## A LITANY OF LIES EVERY ACCUSATION IS A CONFESSION

Hasbara is a term used to describe Israel's public diplomacy, or propaganda. The word "hasbara" translates to "explanation" in Hebrew, and it often refers to government-sanctioned initiatives, media strategies, and grassroots efforts designed to justify Israeli actions, especially concerning its military activities.

Hasbara seeks to influence international opinion by framing Israel as a victim of aggression, emphasizing its right to self-defense, and highlighting democratic values. It is often described as propaganda by critics because of its focus on shaping narratives to downplay Israeli human rights violations, occupation policies, or military offensives. The tactics of hasbara include social media campaigns, public relations strategies, and the use of talking points to counter criticism of Israeli actions.

By promoting Israel's perspective, hasbara plays a significant role in softening international backlash and garnering support for Israeli policies.

Date	The Lie	Rebuttal
7 October	Claims of sexual violence and mass rape. Testimonies of Israelis, IDF soldiers.	No evidence, no credible witnesses, despite widespread video footage of the attacks.
7 October	Pregnant woman had belly sliced open and the fetus killed. Testimony of Israeli Citizen	No evidence.
7 October	Hamas massacred over 1500 music festival goers and civilians. Still continues to be reported by mainstream western media although Israeli media itself has debunked this.	IDF were ordered to carry out the 'Hannibal Directive'. Most of the Israeli civilians killed that day were by their own armed forces (Apache helicopters firing on vehicles which had taken Israelis as hostage or Israeli tanks firing at houses in Kibbutz).
10 October	News Reportings of 40 babies beheaded by Hamas. Reported worldwide, including President Biden claiming he had seen photos of this.	No evidence. Now thoroughly debunked and no claims that it ever happened.
13 October	Israel denies using white phosphorus.	Clear evidence of regular use. Video footage and testimonies from medics treating the burns.
13 October	Israeli military denied attacking a civilian convoy, which was fleeing (as ordered by Israel) on a route they confirmed to be safe,	Amnesty International verified videos of the attack and concluded it was the result of an airstrike.
18 October	IDF release fake audio footage of Hamas Militants, claiming responsibility for Al-Ahli Arab Hospital bombing.	Linguistic experts could not match dialect to those in Gaza.  Channel 4 Forensic Analysis found recording to be digitally manipulated.
25 October	Misidentified Mohammed Zendiq as another person, Saleh Aljafarawi and of being a crisis actor.	Various Israeli Social Media outlets, including official Israel X account, and by Eli David.
26 October	UCLA protests chants were claimed to be calling for genocide "Israel, Israel you can't hide, we want Jewish genocide!"	They were actually charging Israel with genocide (true chant was "Israel, Israel, you can't hide, we charge you with genocide"
1 November	Baby cooked in an Oven spread by United Hatzalah volunteer.	<ul><li>No evidence corroborating this</li><li>Eli Beer repeated lies</li><li>ZAKA confirmed this to be false</li></ul>

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9 November	Woman claiming to be a nurse from Shifa Hospital claiming that Hamas attacked the building and stole the fuel and medicine.	None of the hospital staff claim to have seen this woman Revealed to be actress and influencer, Hannah Abutbul.
10 November	Claimed weapons were being held at the Indonesian Hospital in Gaza, which lead to its bombing.	The weapon shown in a video of the hospital circulating online was a baton, commonly used by security, not a rifle.w
11 November	Used footage from the production of a Lebanese film, and claimed they were Palestinian crisis actors. Spread by Israeli Prime Minister's spokesperson, Ofir Gendelman.	Shown to be part of a Lebanese film.
11 November	Posted a mistranslated video of a woman who was talking about finding her son that was killed by the IDF & identifying him from his belt. Spread by The Embassy of Israel to US X account.	Fake subtitles suggest she's a prisoner of Hamas and prefers the Jews.
14 November	IDF at Al-Rantisi Hospital showcasing the roster of Hamas terrorists guarding the hostages.	It was a calendar.
1 December	Claim that Gazan man mourning baby is a doll.	The Jerusalem Post later deleted the article, and made a statement, citing they made an error (but kept it vague and didn't clarify what they originally reported).
9 December	Claim to have captured Hamas militant, as seen in a video.	Revealed to be a local Palestinian man (Munir Qeshta al-Masry a small business owner). In the footage, an Israeli soldier is heard giving directions in Arabic: "Grab the gun I gave you, but don't shoot it, we don't want trouble, walk slowly and leave it on the ground on the other side."
10 January	Journalist, Hamza al-Dahdouh and cameraman Mustafa Thuraya killed. Claims was al-Dahdouh was linked to Jihadist groups as engineers. IDF showcased a document "found by our troops in Gaza" which included Al Dahdouh's name on a list of Palestinian Islamic Jihad "operatives from the electronic engineering unit.	IDF document released in poor quality, making it hard to assess its authenticity. Two regional experts told BBC Verify the use of English alongside Arabic in the document was unusual.  •Family confirm he had no background in engineering.
27 January	UNRWA employees were involved in October 7 held links with Hamas.	No substantial evidence to support this. All hires are vetted by Israel before they are allowed to work for UNRWA.
29 January	Israel claimed there was a Hamas tunnel underneath a cemetery.	Resulted in the desecration of said cemetery. No proof provided for this claim.
4 February	Israel claimed they were providing aid to Gaza and provided video footage, Official Israel X account.	Footage was later proven to be from March 2022.
17 February	Hamas is stealing aid.	David Satterfield, the Biden administration's special Middle East envoy for humanitarian issues said that Israeli officials have not presented "specific evidence of diversion or theft".
25 February	IDF denied involvement in the murder of killing of Hind Rajab, alongside her 6 family members and 2 paramedics.	Independent investigations countered these claims.

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10 March	Israeli army published footage of a drone targeting two men claiming that one of them was carrying a rocket launcher (RPG).	It emerged that they were carrying a bicycle. "The army apologizes for this mistake," - Israeli army spokesman'. Claims the incident will be investigated by the army.
29 March	Israel denies responsibility for the Flour Massacre and The IDF said fewer than ten of the casualties directly resulted from Israeli fire. State multiple deaths caused by stampede. Repeated by Eylon Levy.	•The BBC reported that the IDF's video proof was edited into four sections.  •CNN reported that multiple eyewitness accounts also contradict the IDF's
29 August	Israeli Soldier died by suicide after trauma from October 7 in open letter.	Investigation lead to reveal that the letter was fabricated, as reported by Israeli News Channel 13.  German ambassador in Tel Aviv has admitted that he spread fabricated propaganda.
5 September	Reports from Israeli "intelligence sources", that Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar plans to escape Gaza and smuggle Israeli hostages to Iran.	Israel's Channel 12 refuted the article's claims.
6 September	Claims to have found a document on Sinwar's computer that laid out a Hamas plan to manipulate the international community, "exert psychological pressure" on hostage family members and use a ceasefire to rearm. It claimed that the document was evidence that Hamas does not want a ceasefire and does not care about the suffering of Palestinian civilians. Reported in Bild - Germany's most widely read daily newspaper.	Ynet disputed this. A document was found. Not an official strategy, not penned by Sinwar or any other senior Hamas leader. Nothing stating Hamas was willing to prolong the negotiations as claimed.
	Hamas uses civilians as human shield.	•Amnesty International found no evidence to support this •Human Rights Watch found no evidence to support this
General	At least 128 members of Congress were targeted by an Israeli-linked operation to spread pro-Israel military content  Objectives include  •Driving a wedge between Palestinians and African-Americans to prevent solidarity  •Targeting Canadian citizens with narratives suggesting that Canadian Muslims are pushing for Sharia Law.  •Targeting citizens of Gulf countries and telling them to worry about their own affairs	Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs. Websites created appear to covertly target mostly younger, progressive Americans with a pro-Israeli spin on the war in Gaza.  Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs also claimed the department was establishing a team to promote Israel, specifically on social media (from 2009).

## **GAZA TIMELINE**

DATE	INCIDENT
October 20	123
7	Palestinian resistance fighters launch a sophisticated attack on Israeli military targets and settlements resulting in an initial rout of occupation defences. Israeli forces respond using the Hannibal Directive, which results in them killing many Palestinians as well as Israelis. Of the 1200 Israelis killed on that day, the majority were soldiers but many were civilians who were attending a music festival and were the victims of indiscriminate shooting by Israeli forces. 200 - 250 Israelis are taken hostage.
7	Retaliatory airstrikes on Gaza begin, along with a total siege.
9	The Yassin Mosque in the Shati refugee camp was destroyed by an Israeli airstrike
12	The Gaza Strip's sole power station ceased operations due to an Israeli blockade, leading to severe consequences for hospitals and other critical infrastructure
13	Israel tells the million residents of Gaza City to move south beginning a process that will uproot the entire population of the Gaza Strip.
14	The Diagnostic Cancer Treatment Centre at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital was severely damaged by Israeli rocket fire.
20	The Grand Al-Omari Mosque, the largest and oldest mosque in Gaza, was first struck by Israeli rockets
	First set of hostages released by Hamas
21	Some aid trucks pass the Rafah border crossing from Egypt into Gaza, where food, water, medicines and fuel are running out. Forced starvation is an official Israeli policy.
23	Two women, 79 and 85, released, hug Hamas goodbye, criticise Shin Bet and IDF at press conference later
	Israeli strike kills 15 Palestinians in Gaza school
	Two more hostages released
24	50 hostages released over 4 days in exchange for 150 Palestinian hostages (many of whom were arbitarily imprisoned again later)
25	13 released
26	17 Israeli hostages released in exchange for 39 Palestinian hostages
27	Israel launches its ground offensive in Gaza.
	One hostage released
November	2023
I	Evacuations begin through the Rafah crossing for an estimated 7,000 foreign passport-holders and people needing urgent medical treatment. The vast majority of Gazans cannot leave.
4	The Sheikh Zayed Al Nahyan Mosque in Gaza City was destroyed.
6	The historic Omari Mosque in the Old City of Gaza was significantly damaged by Israeli airstrikes.
15	Israeli troops enter Gaza's biggest hospital, Al Shifa, after a siege of several days.
19	Yemeni Houthis took over an Israeli-linked cargo ship (ship: Galaxy leader) on the Red Sea
2.1	Israel and Hamas announce a truce, which will last seven days, to exchange hostages held in Gaza for Palestinians detained by Israel, and let in more aid.

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	Around half the hostages - among them women, children and foreigners - are released in return for 240 Palestinian women and teenage detainees, before war resumes on Dec. 1.
25	The Rashad al-Shawa Cultural Center, a Brutalist building, was hit by Israeli shelling.
26	Child, 13 released
29	Mother released, thanks Hamas
	105 Israeli hostages released by this point and 240 Palestinian hostages freed
December 202	23
4	Israeli forces launch their first big ground assault in southern Gaza, towards the main southern city, Khan Younis.
8	Grand Al-Omari Mosque was struck a second time and further damaged.
16	Israeli forces mistakenly kill three Israeli hostages in Gaza.
	People take to the streets in Tel Aviv to protest killing of their own by IOF
17	The main building of Israa University was destroyed by IDF mines, including its library and national museum.
26	Israeli forces launch a ground assault on areas in the central Gaza Strip, again putting hundreds of thousands to flight, most of them already displaced.
27	Israel's military chief Herzi Halevu stated that the 'war' in Gaza would go on for "many more months" after more bombings and shelling of the Gaza strip, particularly on refugee camps and schools.
29	South Africa brought a case against Israel before the International Court of Justice alleging that Israel had committed and was committing genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, contravening the Genocide Convention, including what South Africa described as Israel's 75-year apartheid, 56-year occupation, and 16-year blockade of the Strip.
30	The Central Archives of Gaza City, containing thousands of historically important documents, were destroyed.
30	The Hamam al-Sammara bath in the Zeitoun Quarter of the Old City was destroyed.
30	The Omari Mosque in Gaza City was further damaged, with its rare book collection destroyed.
January 2024	
II	U.S. and British warplanes, ships and submarines launch strikes across Yemen in retaliation for Houthi forces attacking Red Sea shipping.
	Late January: Israeli forces intensify their effort to encircle Khan Younis. Following this campaign, more than half Gaza's population will end up sheltering in Rafah.
21	Netanyahu outright rejected making a deal with Hamas to end the war, despite calls from Israeli politicians for the release of the captives.
	178 Palestinasn were killed and 293 injured with Israels attacks nearing Khan Younis's Nasser Hospital.
	Taxes collected by Israel which were bound for Gaza's Palestinian Authority was sent to Norway rather than the PA. The PA refused the partial transfer of money stating that "any deductions from our financial rights are rejected by us"
23	Israel reports 2.4 soldiers killed in Gaza, its worst single-day loss of the war.
26	The International Court of Justice in The Hague, also known as the World Court, orders Israel to prevent genocide but stops short of ordering a halt to fighting.

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29	Hind Rajab, a six year old Palestinian girl in the Gaza strip, was killed by Israeli forces during an invasion. The IOF also killed her family members and 2 paramedics who came for her rescue. Hind was missing for 12 days before her body was found; The audio of the phone call between the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, Hamedeh and Hind in the family's call for aid was published by the Red Crescent.
	By January 2024: Out of 36 hospitals, only 13 remained partially functional due to extensive damage and operational challenges.
February 20	24
11-12	Massive air strikes by Israel, murdering 67 Palestinian civilians, and rescuing 2 hostages.
12	The IOF launched an assault on Rafah, killing over 83 people. The airstrikes destroyed one mosque and multiple inhabited homes. The prosecutor of te ICC (Karim Khan) stated that reports coming from Rafah seemed to be ignoring laws of armed conflict.
15	Israeli troops raid Nasser hospital complex after claims that Hamas had been operating within the hospital. Displaced Palestinians forced to lravr, no water or food available.
16	Satellite images shown along Egypt's border with Gaza, claimed to be carried out in preparation for housing Palestinian refugees after Egypt has consistently said it would not open its borders.
20	World Food Programme stops deliveries to northern Gaza despite warning of "looming famine in the north" due to aid convoys enduring complete choas and violence due to collapse of civil order.
	US vetoes UN's immediate ceasefire call
29	More than 100 Gazans are killed queuing for aid in the presence of Israeli troops who opened fire, in one of the deadliest incidents of the war. Palestinian authorities say most were killed with heavy machine guns in a "massacre".
March 2024	
Ю	Despite international pressure on the eve of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month begins with no truce.
12	A ship carrying 200 tons of aid for Gaza leaves Cyprus in a pilot project to open a sea corridor. Aid agencies say sea deliveries and air drops cannot replace supplies over land through checkpoints still restricted by Israel.
	The IPC global hunger monitor says famine is now projected by May in Gaza, where food shortages are the most pervasive it has seen. More than half of Gaza's population - far more than the 20% associated with famine - is already experiencing the worst level of food shortage, category 5 or "catastrophe".
18	Israel launches a new assault on Al Shifa Hospital. Over the next two weeks, Israel will claim to have killed hundreds of fighters in combat there and arrested hundreds of others. Medical staff and Hamas deny fighters are present and say many civilians were killed.
25	U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. The United States abstains from the vote rather than veto it, a rare break from Israel.
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13	Tehran responds to the embassy strike by firing hundreds of missiles and drones at Israel, Iran's first ever direct attack on Israel. Most are intercepted with the help of the United States and other allies, and no one is killed. Six days later, drones explode in the central Iranian city of Isfahan in what is widely presumed to be Israel's retaliation.
30	After weeks of pro-Palestinian student protests spreading on U.S. university campuses, police arrest demonstrators who seized a building at Columbia University in New York.
	Netanyahu renewed his 'promise' to Israel to launch a ground assault on Rafah in southern Gaza "with or without a deal" to achieve "total victory". Hamas had repeatedly said it would not accept a deal that does not include a permanent ceasefire and a complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza.
May 2024	
6	Israeli forces seize the Rafah crossing point and prevent aid from entering Gaza
9	Israeli forces launched a ground invasions on the South of Gaza City (Al-Zaytoun neighbourhood) for the 3rd time since November, targeting 4 residential homes, streets and agricultural lands.
	Abu Youssef Al-Najjar Hospital, the main medical facility in Rafah Governorate, was shutdown.
10	South Africa subnitted to the ICJ an "urgent Request" including Israel to cease military operations in trh Gaza Strip, provide humanitarian aid to the population of Gaza
11	Israeli military issued evacuation orders to Al-Edari, Al-Jneina and Kherbet Al-Adas neighbourhoods and Rafah and Al-Shaboura refugee camps to head to the 'humanitarian zone' in Al-Mawasi
	The evacuation of Jabalia (northern Gaza) ordered by Israeli military. Israeli forces invaded Jabalia as well as Israeli airstrikes in this area. Dozens of Palestinians were killed.
2.1	Israeli forces launched attacks on both Kamal Adwan Hospital and Al-Awda Hospital in the early morning, both being the last functioning hospitals in northern Gaza. Intene aerial and artillary bombardment preceded the forces surrounding the hospitals and shooting anyone moving. These two hospitals were put out of operation
29	Israels PM's aide (Tzachi Hanegbi) says he expects the 'war' to continue for at least the rest of the year
30	At least 53 Palestinians were killed and 357 wounded including in the bombing and invading of Southern Rafah
30	UNESCO documented 450 Israeli attacks on Gaza's healthcare system, leading to a total collapse of medical infrastructure.
June 2024	
8	4 hostages released, in good conditon, smiling and hugging, thanked and greeted Hamas a friendly departure. Their conditon reflects good treatment by their captors and an even better relationship.
14	Brazil denounces Israels strikes on southern Gaza. Presidents Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's office stated that the political leaders of the democratic world "cannot remain silent in the face of this endless amssacre"
	Al Mawasi camp was attacked had at least 90 Palestinians die ad 300 wounded; described by the Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor as "nothing new". Israel claims the commander of Hamas's Khan Younis killed i this air strike but no confirmation.
	Turkish foreign minister Hakan Fidan urges more pressure on Israel to end the war in Gaza in a joint news conference with Saudi Arabias foreign minister
20	After an IOF's top spokesperson has said that Hamas is a militant group that can not be eliminated, Israels government said that the IOF is committed to the destruction of Hamas
2.2	Israeli attack on Shati refugee camp and Tuffah neighbourhood in Gaza City, at least 42 Palestinians.

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	Qatari Foreign Minister said in Doha that Qatar beleives that a "Ceasefire in Gaza is only way to de-escalate conflicts on all fronts"
24	Reports (Sae the Children) say up to 21,000 children are estimated to be missing in the chaos of Gaza: trapped beneath rubble, detained or forcibly transfered, buried in unmarked graves or lost from their families.
25	Israeli forces deliberately targeted 5 densely populated displacement camps across Gaza including centres in Gaza City and western parts of Khan Yunis within less than 48 hours.
26	Israeli forces hit southern Lebanon iwith a drone in the town of ad-Dhahira.
	Yemen's Houthis targeted a large ship in the Israeli port of Haifa with a number of drones, joint military operation with the Islamic Resistance in Iraq. 2 vessels were sunk and another was seized.
27	Eastern Gaza city hit with an immediate evacuation order, thousands of Palestinians fled hastily, many of them being wounded.
29	Palestinian fighters in North Gaza ambush Israeli troops in the Shujayea neighbourhood a day after tanks and troops rolled in and sent tens of thousands of terrified civilians fleeing. The Israeli military has flattened the entire residential area.
5	Nasser Medical Complex at risk of being overwhelmed with shut down of European Hospital after new evacuation order in Khan Younis. Spread of disease more likely as Palestinians rely on seawater for washing, cleaning and drinking
8	At least 40 Palestinians killed in the Gaza strip, including striking a school in Nuseirat.
9	29 Palestinians, mostly women and children, were killed in an attack ona UN-run school in Nuseirat, Khan Younis. This is the 4th school attacked in 4 days by Israel
	US aid pier will be reinstalled on the beach to be used to give humanitarian aid to Gaza for a few days before being removed permanenty.
10	NATO Summit in Washnigton DC had a lack of discussion about Gaza, deemed 'conspicious' especially when the US announced its resumed shipment plan of $500$ pound bombs to Israel.
11	Hamas accuses Israel of stalling over ceasefire negotiations tp gain time and thwart the current round of talks
13	Israeli airstrikes hit the Al-Mawasi area near Khan Yunis. Kileed at least 90 Palestinians and injured over 300 more. The targets were in an area that survivors were told was safe, a 'safe zone'. Follwing the airstrikes, Israeli aircrafts opened fire as soon as ambulance and civil defence teams arrived,
19	UN court (Inetrnational Court of Justice) orders Israel to end its occupation of Palestinian territories " as rapidly as possible" and make full reparations. The court also advised other states not to recognise the occupation as lawful or aid or assist it.
20	New road built at the south of Gaza, near Rafah, to support the long-term prescence of Israeli troops. Israel also has opetational control of the Philadelphu corridor (strip of land that runs next to the border with Egypt) where Israeli prescence has been prohibited since 1979.
by end of July	UNESCO placed the Saint Hilarion Monastery on its list of World Heritage sites in danger due to ongoing damage
August 2024	
I	At least 15 Palestinains killed by Israelu strike on a school sheltering dozens of displaced families
4	In Holon, Israel, a stabbing attack results in two deaths and two injuries. The Palestinian attacker is later shot and killed by Israeli police.
4	At least four people are killed and 18 others are injured in an Israeli strike on the al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir al-Balah in the Gaza Strip.

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5	Israel hands over 89 decomposed and unidentifiable Palestinian bodies to the Gaza Ministry of Health.
5	The United Kingdom temporarily halts all arms exports to Israel while conducting a policy review.
6	Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas announces a visit to Moscow from August 12–14 to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The purpose of the visit is to discuss the peace process regarding the Israel–Hamas conflict and to "strengthen bilateral relations in all areas" between the two countries.
6	In the United States, Massachusetts District Judge Richard Stearns orders that Harvard University must respond to a lawsuit alleging that the university deliberately ignored safety requests from Jewish students amid "severe and pervasive harassment" on campus. The judge also deems the university's argument that antisemitic actions are protected by the First Amendment as "dubious."
6	A court in Berlin, Germany, convicts a woman and imposes a fine on her for "condoning a crime" after she led a chant of "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" at a protest in October 2023.
6	$Yahya\ Sinwar\ is\ named\ the\ new\ leader\ of\ Hamas,\ following\ the\ assassination\ of\ Ismail\ Haniyeh\ in\ Tehran.$
7	Six Palestinians are killed in an Israeli raid on the Maghazi refugee camp and in Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip.
10	At least 93 Palestinians have been killed in an Israeli strike on a school and mosque in Gaza sheltering displaced people, according to local officials, sparking international outrage.
23	Baby contracts Gaza's firsr case of polio in 25 years, paralysed in one leg.
27	2 hostages released
31	Palestinian health authorities and UN workers begin large-scale campaign of polio vacciniations
September 202	24
I	Israeli air strikes on both Gaza City and Bureij refugee camp, murdering 4 Palestinians.
	6 Israeli prisoners of war killed by Israeli airstrikes
	World Heath Organisation started polio vaccination campagn. The campaign was part of an urgent response to prevent the spread of polio after it was detected in Gaza after 25 teard of being polio free,
2	5 people have been murdered in Israeli air strikes in Nuseirat and Jabalia refugee camps
	Rising cases of Hepititas A raise concerns
	Hundreds of Israeli protesters marched towards Israel's defence headquarters in Tel Aviv, calling for a deal to release the captives in Gaza.
3	At least 35 Palestinian murdered and 67 injured, reported by Gaza's health ministry.
4	IOF kills 42 Palestinians and injures 107, bringing death toll to 40,861 Palestinians.
	Mass protests within Israel against Netanyahu and his coalition cabinet to secure a ceasefire deal in Gaza to see the return of the the 90 or so captives thought to remain in Gaza
5	Israeli drone murders at least 6 Palestinians in the occupied West Bank
	Israeli miltary raid in Tulkarem
	Israeli army murders teenager during West Bank raid, using a bulldozer, drags the body
9	al-Mawasi, Khan Younsis 'safe zone' attacked by 5 missiles (US made, 2000 pound). At least 19 people were killed while many others were missing, a survivor described the bombing as only being able to see 'red and grey'.
	Türkiye condemns Israel's attack on al-Mawasi. Their foreign ministry says it will continue to stand for Palestinians and "march for justice and freedom".

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	UN human rights chief Volker Turk accuses Israel of showing "blatant disregard for international law", citing Israel rejecting the ICJ's July opinion that called Israel's occupation illegal.
10	Norweigan Refugee Council has said that repeated attacks on densely populated areas of Gaza has demonstrated Israels "unlawful relocation directives have failed to protect or offer any guarantees of safety for Palestinians"
	The IOF publicly confirmed they killed 3 Israeli hostages in a strike in November.  At least 19 people have been killed in an Israeli strike on a designated "safe zone" on a tent camp in the al-Mawasi area of Khan Younis,
11	ICC prosecutor calls on its judges to issue arrest warrents for the Israeli leaders as well as the Hamas leaders.
	Israeli strike killed 6 UNRWA staff on a strike of a school the UN run in central Gaza, with a total of 18 people being killed.
15	Houthis 'well-prepared for a long war' with Israel , Netanyahu says Israel will 'exact heavy price' after Yemeni Houthis claim responsibility for ballistic millise attack that reached central Israel.
	Rising tide levels and heavy rainfall has meant dozens of displaced people have evacuated from their tents in western areas of Khan Younis.
2.1	At least 22 Palestinians have been killed in an Israeli attack that hit Zeitoun School, which was sheltering displaced people in Gaza City
22	40 Palestinians were killed and 58 others wounded
25	Israeli air strike on a home in the Bureij refugee camp
26	39 Palestinians were killed in Israeli attacks
28	at least 52 Palestinians were killed in Israeli attacks in the past 48 hours,
30	More women and children killed in Gaza by Israeli military than any other recent conflict in a single year – Oxfam