

An Annotated Bibliography of Independent Reports Documenting (and Condemning) Israel's Genocide in Gaza

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Introduction

The genocide in Gaza is the most documented genocide in human history. It is also the first ever "live-streamed" genocide, where anyone can watch civilians (and thousands of children) be burned alive, buried alive, bombed, and starved to death in near real-time on their phones.

This extensive video footage in the age of social media has naturally provided the material for the most remarkable and detailed documentaries on genocide, war crimes, and other violations of international law ever created. This includes Al Jazeera's *Investigating War Crimes in Gaza* (October 3, 2024) and *The Night Won't End: Biden's War on Gaza* (June 21, 2024), TRT World's *Holy Redemption* (September 18, 2024), *The Evidence* by Anadolu Agency (November 17, 2024) not to mention shorter eye-opening videos such as Double Down News' *The Most Documented Genocide in History* (January 4, 2024), and many others.

The written reports in this document exclude the tens of thousands of hi-definition color videos of the genocide that are publicly available, as well as unreleased documentation, such as the 2 volume South Africa vs. Israel Memorial (October 2024) for the ICJ (pictured below), which are confidential by court law until the case is finished. Nevertheless, the publicly available written reports are based on the best evidence and testimony available, and documents Israel's genocide in Gaza as thoroughly as one can in a written language.



South Africa files 750-page evidence against Israel in ICJ genocide case

South Africa filed 750 pages of "overwhelming" proof that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands on Monday, the deadline for submitting final evidence in the ongoing trial.

The evidence is detailed in over 750 pages of text, supported by exhibits and annexes of over 4,000 pages.

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Before listing the reports, consider some of the basic facts of the situation. In less than a year, the Israeli occupation forces:

1. Dropped the equivalent of seven nuclear bombs (comparable to Hiroshima and Nagasaki; over 80,000 tones) on one of the densest populations on earth in a space less than a third the size of London. This constituted the most destructive bombing campaign since WWII. "Gaza is now a different colour from space. It's a different texture" (Van Den Hoek cited in Al Jazeera 2023)
2. Killed more journalists than WWII and Vietnam combined (CPJ 2024), and killed more United Nations workers than any other event in United Nations history (UN 2024).
3. Destroyed more United Nations schools and buildings than any other event in its history (OHCHR 2024).
4. Killed an average of 500 children per week. (The primary method of dying was the following: buried alive, burned alive, dismembered, starved.)
5. Created what appears to be the fastest forced-famine on record (Regan and Lau 2024); "What's unique about this [famine] has been the speed...We've never seen 2.2 million civilians made to go hungry within weeks. So we've never seen this degree of hunger used as a weapon so quickly and so completely—ever." (Michael Fakhri, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food; 2024).
6. Created the highest number of child amputees in history (Griswold 2024).
7. Displaced over 90% of the population (Agent France-Press 2024) and destroyed over 2/3 of housing.

8. Bombed every hospital (36) and university (12) in Gaza, going far beyond ordinary war crimes into “scholasticide” (OHCHR 2024). Among the university presidents and thousands of professors assassinated (Gaza had one of the highest number of PhDs per capita in the world), professor Refaat Alareer was warned by the IDF that they were going to assassinate him, and he posted his poem, [“If I Must Die,”](#) hours before he and his family were bombed (Alareer 2024).
9. Destroyed the sanitation system and revived the Polio virus. As with the use of smallpox blankets by the European colonizers in the Americas, this was a strategic use of disease. The former head of Israel’s National Security Council, General Giora Eiland argued that “We must not shy away from this, as difficult that may be. After all, severe epidemics in the south of Gaza will bring victory closer and reduce casualties among the IDF soldiers” (Middle East Eye 2023); only IDF soldiers were vaccinated for Polio (Bletter 2024), and over 1 million polio vaccines were blocked from entering Gaza.
10. Cut off 94% of water to all of Gaza. (Oxfam 2024)

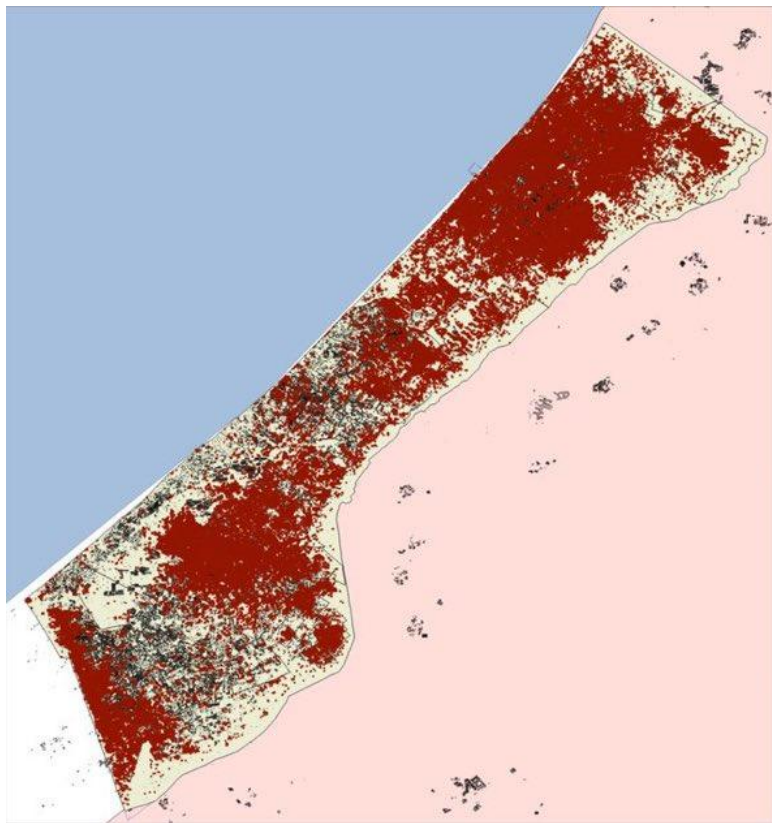
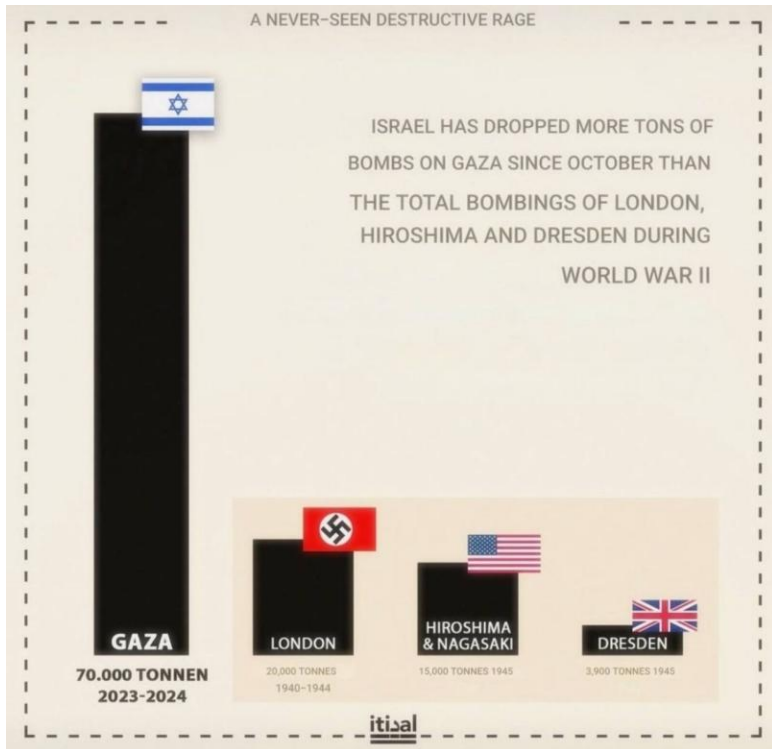
Unmarked mass graves in the Gaza Strip



• There are **over 120 newly established, unregulated mass graves in the Gaza Strip, the majority of which remain undocumented**, as many are situated within private homes, lands, and gardens. Some of these graves are occasionally relocated, resulting in the constant fluctuation of their numbers and locations.

• The locations of the graves are distributed across residential neighborhoods, courtyards of homes, streets, wedding halls, sports fields, and the yards of hospitals, schools, and mosques.

It has been said that the "war in Gaza" is the first war in history where (a) 100% of the population is displaced, (b) over 2/3 of all residential housing is destroyed, and (c) over half the victims are women and children. The Gaza genocide is not simply genocide, but is a *record-breaking* genocide.



Children killed in conflicts



Sources: United Nations and Ministry of Health in Gaza

Specific Intent of Genocide

Statements made by Israeli officials indicating their intent to exterminate the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip as a whole



Bring down buildings!
Bomb without distinction!! Stop with this impotence. You have ability. There is worldwide legitimacy! Flatten Gaza. Without mercy! This time, there is no room for mercy.

Tally Goltiv
Member of the Israeli Knesset



7
october
2023

8
october
2023



Nakba to the enemy now! This day is our Pearl Harbor. We will still learn the lessons. Right now, one goal: Nakba! A Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of 48. A Nakba in Gaza and a Nakba for anyone who dares to join

Ariel Kaliner
Member of the Israeli Knesset



Those are animals, they have no right to exist. I am not debating the way it will happen, but they need to be exterminated. This attack is not enough, there should be more, there should be no limits to the response, I said it a million times, until we see hundreds of thousands fleeing Gaza, we the IDF has not achieved its mission

Yoav Kisch
Israel's Education Minister



9
october
2023

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october
2023



I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals, and we are acting accordingly.

Yoav Gallant
Israel's Defense Minister



Erase Gaza. Nothing else will satisfy us. It is not acceptable that we maintain a terrorist authority next to Israel. Don't leave a child there expel everyone.

Nissim Vaturi
Deputy speaker of Israel's Knesset



9
october
2023

12
october
2023



Humanitarian aid to Gaza? No electrical switch will be turned on, no water hydrant will be opened, and no fuel truck will enter Gaza until the Israeli abductees are returned. No one will preach morals to us.

Israel Katz
Israel's then Economy Minister and current Foreign Minister



It's an entire nation out there that is responsible. This rhetoric about civilians not aware, not involved, it's absolutely not true. They could've risen up, they could have fought against that evil regime.

Isaac Herzog
Israel's President



13
october
2023

13
october
2023



I don't care about Gaza. I literally don't care at all. They can go out and swim in the sea. I want to see dead bodies of terrorists around Gaza.

May Golan
Israel's Minister for the Advancement of the Status of Women



Destroy a neighborhood in Gaza everyday the abductees are in their hands. If we blink, we run out of global credit. Every day that the abductees are with them, a neighborhood must be destroyed on its inhabitants.

Almog Cohen
Member of the Israeli Knesset



23
october
2023

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october
2023



We cannot go back to the same conception... we need to exact a territorial price from them, including returning Jewish settlements at least to the north of Gaza Strip

Ohad Tal
Member of the Israeli Knesset



Without hunger and thirst among the Gazan population, we will not succeed in recruiting collaborators, we will not succeed in recruiting intelligence, [or]... in bribing people with food, drink, medicine, in order to obtain intelligence.

Tally Goltiv
Member of the Israeli Knesset



23
october
2023

The annotated bibliography below lists independent reports of Israel's genocide by a variety of organizations and specialists. It is generally written in chronological order, from earliest to the most recent.

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[Third World Approaches to International Law Review. \(2023\). "Public Statement: Scholars Warn of Potential Genocide in Gaza."](#) On October 15, less than two weeks after October 7, "over 800 scholars and practitioners of international law, conflict studies and genocide studies signed a public statement warning of the possibility of genocide." The immediate intent of Israel's genocide was clear enough to document, as well as its actions up to this point, which included cutting off the water supply to Gaza and its 2.2 million inhabitants.

[Center for Constitutional Rights \(2023\). "Stop the Genocide: United States Complicity and Failure to Prevent the Israeli Government's Unfolding Genocide of Palestinians."](#) This organization filed a federal lawsuit on November 13, 2023 against President Biden and his cabinet for facilitating the genocide in Gaza. The lawsuit, with a 44-page brief, is based on genocide laws in the US. (The case was dismissed on technical grounds.)

[South Africa. \(2023\). "Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip \(South Africa v. Israel\)." International Court of Justice. *South Africa vs. Israel*.](#) This is the original 84-page court brief ("application institutional proceedings") for Israel's genocide at the Genocide Convention of the International Court of Justice. It was filed in December 29, less than three months after Israel's invasion of Gaza. The reason why SA filed so quickly was because (a) the permanent damage done was already catastrophic, (b) the public intent to destroy Gaza was so explicit, and (c), so many innocents were being slaughtered. The reason why South Africa filed against Israel (and not another country) is likely because [Israel facilitated and directly supported the apartheid regime](#), its [technologies](#), and apartheid militaries until its collapse in the 1990s. (Note that Israel denies the genocides in Armenia and Bosnia because it also funded them as well. See the important and eye-opening essay by Princeton/Rutgers historian Zachary Foster, "[Israel's Support for Apartheid, War Crimes, and Genocide Around the World.](#)")

South Africa. (2024). Court Orders to Israel for genocide case 192 (February and March) Israel completely rejected the requests made by South Africa and recognized by the court. This was so obvious and well document that when South Africa requested provisional measures twice ([here](#) and [here](#)) to cease specific genocidal activity (e.g., destroying Rafah, the last remaining refugee camp in Gaza; cutting off water and blocking aid trucks, etc.), the court responded by issuing direct orders with near unanimous consent. They were all ignored by the IDF.

[Segal, Raz, et. al. \(December 7, 2024\). "Statement of Scholars in Holocaust and Genocide Studies on Mass Violence in Israel and Palestine since 7 October." *Contending Modernities \(University of Notre Dame\)*.](#) This is a public statement jointly authored/signed by over fifty-five holocaust scholars warning of genocide. The opening paragraph is: "We, scholars of the Holocaust, genocide, and mass violence, feel compelled to warn of the danger of genocide in Israel's attack on Gaza." Note that it's compiler and organizer, Raz Segal, wrote an earlier essay in *Jewish Currents* (within days after the October 7 events) entitled "[A Textbook Case of Genocide.](#)"

[**Lemkin Institute for Genocide Research. \(December 29, 2023\). "Statement on Why We Call the Attack on Gaza Genocide."**](#) R. Lemkin coined the term "genocide" in 1944. The Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention (founded in 2017) aims to prevent genocide in Lemkin's legacy. They concluded by December (as with the above), that Israel was committing genocide.

[**Albanese, F. \(March 24, 2024\). "Anatomy of a Genocide – Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 to Human Rights Council." United Nations.**](#) To assess what was happening in Gaza, the United Nations assigned a specialist to investigate and report back to the human rights council. Albanese concluded that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza under the "camouflage" of "humanitarian" catastrophe caused by a defensive war.

[**University Network for Human Rights. "Genocide in Gaza." \(May 15, 2024\).**](#) A 105-page report by some of the world's leading law schools. The University Network of Human Rights is comprised of the International Human Rights Clinic at Boston University School of Law, the International Human Rights Clinic at Cornell Law School, the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria, and the Lowenstein Human Rights Project at Yale Law School. Their extensive report documents Israel's genocide in Gaza.

[**Human Rights Watch. \(February 26, 2024\). "Israel Not Complying with World Court Order in Genocide Case."**](#) This leading human rights organization argued that Israel fails to obey the Genocide Conventions orders to cease genocidal acts. Furthermore,

[**"the co-founder of Human Rights Watch, whose German Jewish parents had to flee Nazi Germany, told CNN he now believes Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. Aryeh Neier, who was also head of the American Civil Liberties Union, previously didn't believe Israel's military actions on Gaza could be considered genocide, but he changed his mind after witnessing how Israel has systematically deprived Gaza's civilian population of food and water."**](#)

[**Mordecai, Lee. \(Regularly Updated; originally January, then updated in June and December, 2024\). "Bearing Witness to the Israel-Gaza War." \(witnessing-the-gaza-war.com\)**](#) Mordecai is a Senior Lecturer in history at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He wrote an extensive 126-page document with many first-hand eye-witness evidence posted on social media about Israel's genocide. "I, Lee Mordechai, a historian by profession and an Israeli citizen, bear witness in this document to the horrible current situation in Gaza as events are unfolding. The enormous amount of evidence I have seen, much of it referenced later in this document, has been enough for me to believe that Israel is currently committing genocide against the Palestinian population in Gaza."

[**Goldberg, Amos. \(May 14, 2024\). "Yes It is Genocide." Jewish Voice for Labour.**](#) Goldberg is Professor of Holocaust History at Hebrew University of Jerusalem and wrote an article explaining the genocide in Gaza. As summarized in the article's heading:

In most cases of genocide, the perpetrators of the murder said they were acting in self-defense. The fact that what is happening in Gaza does not resemble the Holocaust, writes Holocaust scholar Amos Goldberg, does not mean that it is not genocide.

Yes, it is genocide. Although it is so difficult and painful to admit this and despite all efforts to think otherwise, at the end of six months of a brutal war it is no longer possible to escape this

conclusion. Jewish history will henceforth be stained with the mark of Cain of the “crime of crimes,” which cannot be erased from its forehead. As such, it will stand trial for generations.

[Bartov, Omer. \(August 13, 2024\). "As a former IDF soldier and historian of genocide, I was deeply disturbed by my recent visit to Israel." *The Guardian*.](#) A short report written by a leading holocaust scholar. He explains, based on his recent visits to Israel, why he believes Israeli society has degraded to the same level as Nazi Germany, and why he changed his mind that after May 6, 2024, it is clear Israel is committing genocide of Gaza.

[Sultany, Nimar. \(2024\). "A Threshold Crossed: On Genocidal Intent and the Duty to Prevent Genocide in Palestine." *Journal of Genocide Research*, 1–26.](#) This article, written by a legal scholar and focusing on the intent criteria, documents Israel's genocide in Gaza..

[El-Affendi, A. \(2024\). "The Futility of Genocide Studies After Gaza." *Journal of Genocide Research*, 1–7.](#) Notes that the failure to condemn the Israeli genocide in Gaza and defenses of it in the literature and by others, has undermined the concept of genocide itself. This is similar to other remarks by [International Law Professor Neve Gordon \(Queen Mary University, London](#) “If the world accepts the way Israel now interprets the principle of proportionality, then genocide will become justified” (2024).

[Khatib, R., McKee, M., and Yusuf, S. \(2024\). "Counting the dead in Gaza: difficult but essential." *The Lancet* 404\(10449\), pp. 237-238.](#) This article, in perhaps the most prestigious medical journal in the world, argues that about 186,000 people have died in Gaza since July 2024, amounting to about 7% of the total population. (This suggests that well over 300,000 were killed by October 2024, since the conditions only worsened.)

[Forensic Architecture. "A Spatial Analysis of the Israel Military's Conduct in Gaza Since October 2023." *October 15, 2024.*](#) An 827-page report by a UK firm extensively documents the IDF's genocidal destruction of civilian infrastructure in Gaza.

[Euromed Human Rights Monitor. "De-Gaza: A Year of Israel's Genocide and the Collapse of the World Order." *October 7, 2024.*](#) A 111-page report by a Geneva-based human rights organization (led by former Princeton professor and UN international lawyer, Richard Falk) extensively documents Israel's genocide over the first year.

[United Nations Special Committee. "A/79/363: Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories." *September 20, 2024.*](#) This special committee at the United Nations concludes that "The developments in this report lead the Special Committee to conclude that the policies and practices of Israel during the reporting period are consistent with the characteristics of genocide."

[Albanese, Francesca. "Genocide as Colonial Erasure." *United Nations Human Rights. October 24, 2024.*](#) Documents the Gaza genocide in the context of settler colonialism. (Albanese went on a speaking tour across the world after publishing this report.)

[Wikipedia. "Gaza Genocide."](#) This open source article, with over 600 references, was officially listed at the top of Wikipedia's master list of genocides on November 11-12, 2024. It is an extensive

encyclopedia entry documenting the Gaza genocide, which at that point in time was becoming accepted in more mainstream circles. (E.g., in the same week, the British Prime Minister was finally [asked his definition of genocide; he refused to answer.](#))

[United Nations Human Rights Commission. "Six-month update report on the human rights situation in Gaza: 1 November 2023 to 30 April 2024." November 8, 2024.](#) This 32-page report documents war crimes (particularly, starvation used as a weapon of war) committed by the IDF's destructive campaign, and reveals that the genocide's victims are over 70% women and children.

[Human Rights Watch. "Hoping, Starving, and Besieged." November 14, 2024.](#) 154-page report that documents the genocidal evacuation orders of the IDF in Gaza since October 7, 2024. It shows that such "evacuations" constitute genocidal ethnic cleansing (just like the "Trail of Tears" to kill off Indians during American expansion).

[Amnesty International. "Israel/Occupied Palestinian Territory: 'You Feel Like You Are Subhuman': Israel's Genocide Against Palestinians in Gaza." \(November 5, 2024\).](#) Amnesty is probably the largest and most respected international human rights organization. They waited (perhaps too long) to publicly take sides and substantiate the heavy claim of genocide in this 296-page report, which confirms that Israel is indeed, carrying out genocide.

[European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights. "Gaza and the Matter of Genocide." \(December 16, 2024\).](#) This Berlin-based human rights and legal organization concludes in a 7 page statement that there is a sound legal basis for concluding the Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

[Human Rights Watch. "Israel's Crime of Extermination, Acts of Genocide in Gaza." \(December 19, 2024\).](#) This 179-page report from a leading international human rights organization concludes that Israel is committing genocidal acts in Gaza, giving special attention to Israel's withholding of water and the intentional destruction of other conditions necessary for life.

[Airwars. "Patterns of Harm Analysis: Gaza October 2023." \(December, 2024\).](#) This international violence and war watchdog non-profit produced a 29-page report specifically examining the genocidal bombing campaign of Israel in Gaza the month that the assault began (October 2023). The total of 1900 children killed by Israel in Gaza during this period was 7x the number killed in a single month in any other war that it has studied.

Day **280**

THE ISRAELI GENOCIDE IN THE GAZA STRIP

7 October - 12 July 2024



* The killed number includes those presumed dead under the rubble

* The published numbers are continuously reviewed and updated based on new information collected from additional eyewitnesses and sources.



of the population is either killed, injured, missing, or detained.

50,292
Killed

The killed number includes those presumed dead under the rubble.

Ministry of Health Records	41,900
Civilians	45,155
Children	16,577
Women	10,488



of the casualties are children



of the casualties are women



Journalists killed



Civil defense workers killed



of the population was forcibly displaced

Since 13 October 2023, Israel has issued dozens of forced displacement 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"



Healthcare professionals

987 killed
1230 injured
80 Doctors Killed



of the per capita share of water has decreased due to the extensive destruction of water infrastructure



of the population face high levels of acute food insecurity*. Around 100 Palestinians, including 42 children, have died due to severe malnutrition



of organized international humanitarian missions to the northern Gaza Strip have been prevented or obstructed by Israeli authorities

101,700
Injured

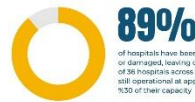
Several thousand have suffered amputations or permanent impairments, with over 10,000 children losing at least one leg.



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:

- Rape
- Sexual assaults
- Electric shocks
- Splitting/urinating on detainees
- Strip-searches
- Willful killing under torture



of hospitals have been destroyed or damaged, leaving only 12 out of 36 hospitals across the strip still operational at approximately 50% of their capacity



of the buildings have been destroyed or damaged



of the schools and universities have been destroyed or damaged

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 weeks 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 civilians who attempted to return.



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 Yunis, and Rafah.

A year 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.

Population distribution

North Gaza	84,412
Gaza City	234,300
Gaza City	748,100
Gaza City	276,200
Deir al-Balah	216,216
Khan Yunis	1,300,986
Khan Yunis	428,357
Rafah	791,300
Rafah	278,217
Rafah	30,300

* January 2023, ** July 2024

Buildings destroyed or damaged

Since the onset of its war on Gaza, the Israeli military has pursued a scorched earth policy, decimating the strip's civilian infrastructure, property, and essential buildings.

Housing units	816,500
Schools	409
Industrial facilities	2,838
Mosques	814
Churches	3
Heritage sites	263
Press headquarters	92

Six indicators Israel failed to comply with ICJ ruling

On 26 Jan 2024, the International Court of Justice issued a decision ordering Israel to implement 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 fundamental indicators of its violations of the ICJ's decision:

- 1 Mass killings
- 2 Causing serious physical/mental harm
- 3 Imposing inhuman living conditions
- 4 Using starvation as a weapon
- 5 Imposing an environment meant to prevent childbirth
- 6 Public incitement to genocide

* As of 2023, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
* As of June 2024, Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Famine Review Committee



"Innocent Palestinian civilians are being butchered. Starved. Rounded up, to then be executed or stripped naked, kidnapped and taken to Israeli detention centres, already known as torture centers for the Palestinians"

Francesca Albanese - UN Special Rapporteur in oPt



UNICEF spokesperson James Elder:

At night, sleeping feels like "lying in a coffin" as Palestinian girls express a desperate hope for death to end their nightmare

Telegram: QudsNEN

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@Qudsnews

TRTWORLD

Israeli prison accused of sodomising, electrocuting civilians kidnapped in Gaza: NYT



BREAKING

Sky News Reports That Professor Adnan Al Bursh Was Likely Raped To Death In The Israeli Prison

LPC