



Ongoing aggression on the West-Bank Continues

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The Israeli occupying state has continued its aggressive military operations in the West Bank, particularly targeting the Jenin, Tulkarm, and Tubas governorates. Over the course of these raids, which began on August 28, 2024, at least 24 Palestinians have been killed, including eight in Jenin, five in Tulkarm, and four in Tubas. More than 30 others have been injured, and numerous homes have been raided, with civilians subjected to harsh field interrogations. Moreover, the Israeli occupying forces have besieged refugee camps, blocked access to medical facilities, and caused extensive destruction to infrastructure, including roads, water, and sewage systems.

In Jenin, the Israeli occupying state has intensified its siege, with military reinforcements brought in amidst violent clashes. The situation has grown increasingly dire, with electricity cut off in large parts of the city and the camp, including the main hospitals, which are now relying on generators and dwindling water supplies. The occupation forces have obstructed the work of medical staff and restricted access to hospitals, exacerbating the aggression.

This ongoing aggression is being compared to the extensive military operations conducted by the Israeli occupying state in Jenin during 2002, which left the city and its refugee camp heavily damaged. The current assault has led to the destruction of around 70% of Jenin's streets and 20 kilometers of water and sewage networks, leaving 80% of the refugee camp without access to water. The Jenin municipality has reported that citizens have been forced to evacuate their homes, which have been turned into military barracks by the occupying forces.

International human rights organizations have condemned the actions of the Israeli occupying state as potential war crimes, emphasizing that as an occupying power, it has a legal obligation to allow access to humanitarian aid. Kenneth Roth, former head of Human Rights Watch, has criticized the military's approach of targeting the civilian population under the pretext of fighting militants, describing it as a clear violation of international law.

In the end, the siege of Jenin and the broader aggression across the West Bank are part of the most extensive military operations by the Israeli occupying state in the region in decades. This ongoing oppression has resulted in widespread destruction, significant civilian casualties, and a deepening humanitarian crisis, further straining the already fragile conditions in the occupied Palestinian territories. All the while, the international community continues its futile attempts to call for an end to the violence and for the Israeli occupying state to meet its obligations under international law.

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Report on Human Rights Violations against Palestinian Prisoners

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Under Israeli occupation, the plight of Palestinian prisoners has long been marked by severe hardships, characterized by restrictive conditions, limited rights, and widespread abuse. However, the escalation of hostilities since October 7th, 2023, has brought an unprecedented intensification of these conditions, with violence and brutality in prisons reaching alarming levels. Reports have surfaced of increased torture, the widespread use of solitary confinement, and even more stringent restrictions on legal and family access. The scale of arrests has also surged, with over 9,623 Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank detained in Israeli prisons as of July 2024.

The situation for Palestinian prisoners has grown perilously oppressive, with Israeli prisons becoming increasingly isolated from international scrutiny. A comprehensive report by B'Tselem, based on testimonies from 55 Palestinians, reveals a systematic policy of abuse and torture that permeates multiple aspects of prison life. This includes severe overpopulation, a lack of sunlight, denial of contact with the outside world, restrictions on religious practices, confiscation of personal belongings, and prolonged periods of darkness. Moreover, the report details various forms of physical and psychological abuse, including sleep deprivation, violence during prisoner transfers, and the use of sexual violence as a tool of subjugation. The deprivation of adequate living conditions is further exacerbated by the lack of medical treatment, food shortages, and even the cutting off of water supplies.

These conditions starkly violate international law, which unequivocally prohibits torture under all circumstances. The Convention against Torture (CAT), the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and the Rome Statute, all ratified by Israel, define these practices as serious crimes. The Fourth Geneva Convention mandates the humane treatment of prisoners, demanding that they be provided with adequate living conditions, including proper hygiene, sufficient food and water, appropriate clothing, and regular access to exercise and fresh air. Yet, the testimonies of Palestinian prisoners indicate that these standards are consistently flouted, with many detainees enduring sleep deprivation, extreme cold, starvation, and poor hygiene—each a clear contravention of international law.

Recent reports further substantiate the systematic abuse of Palestinian prisoners, documenting widespread instances of both physical and psychological torture. Testimonies describe brutal beatings, the use of torture devices, and the deployment of attack dogs as part of an official policy seemingly endorsed by the Israeli state. This points to a broader pattern of state-sanctioned violence, raising serious concerns about the commission of war crimes and crimes against humanity.



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Sleep deprivation, in particular, is a recurrent theme in detainees' testimonies, with Israeli prison guards employing tactics such as loud music, bright lights, and screaming into microphones to rob prisoners of rest. This method of torture represents a profound violation of the detainees' rights to bodily and mental integrity, as well as their right to health. Despite the clear mandate of international law that prisoners be treated with dignity and protected from harm during transport, reports of severe abuse during transfers are rife. Detainees often suffer beatings, blindfolding, and shackling during these poorly monitored transfers, often resulting in death.

The issue of sexual violence as a method of torture further illustrates the extent to which international norms are being disregarded. Despite international law's absolute prohibition of such practices, testimonies from Palestinian detainees reveal that sexual violence is frequently employed as a form of torture and control. This includes genital beatings, forced nudity, sexual assault, and gang violence by soldiers and prison guards, with some accounts detailing particularly egregious incidents of rape.

The ongoing abuses faced by Palestinian prisoners under Israeli occupation raise profound questions about the efficacy and enforcement of international human rights standards. How can the international community hold states accountable when such blatant violations persist? What mechanisms need to be strengthened or reformed to ensure that the rights of prisoners are upheld? As these atrocities continue, the global community must grapple with its role in either enabling or confronting such systematic injustices.

As these atrocities continue unchecked, it becomes increasingly clear that the real test is not just in holding perpetrators accountable but in confronting the profound complicity of a world that allows such injustices to flourish. This struggle is as much about the resilience and resistance of those oppressed as it is about the failures of the global community. What will it take for all of us—across borders, ideologies, and experiences—to turn collective outrage into tangible change?

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Rise in the Continuous Violations against Palestinian Children

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The ongoing genocide in Gaza, driven by the Israeli occupying state, has created a catastrophic environment where even basic public health initiatives are overshadowed by the extreme violence and deprivation that define daily life. The recent polio vaccination campaign, aimed at protecting around 640,000 children under the age of 10, is a stark reminder of the broader, more profound crisis that Palestinian children face. This effort, while vital, is being conducted amidst overwhelming brutality, displacement, and a deep mistrust toward all entities involved, including the international community, which has played a complicit role in the suffering.

The resurgence of polio in Gaza, with the first confirmed case in 25 years, highlights the dire state of public health under the oppressive conditions imposed by the Israeli occupation. The spread of this highly contagious virus, which can cause irreversible paralysis or death, has forced health authorities to take action. However, the genocidal campaign waged by the Israeli occupying forces has severely undermined the effectiveness of such interventions. Families, displaced and living in overcrowded, unsanitary shelters, are battling not just the threat of disease but also the broader consequences of a collapsed infrastructure, rampant malnutrition, and constant violence.

In these shelters and hospitals, which are barely functioning due to the relentless aggression, the vaccination campaign unfolds as just one small part of a much larger struggle for survival. The deteriorating living conditions, marked by a lack of clean water, adequate sanitation, and access to basic medical care, have made Palestinian children highly vulnerable to a range of diseases. The constant exposure to violence and the inability to access consistent healthcare have made the fight against polio just one of many battles these children face.

There is a pervasive mistrust among Palestinians, not just toward the vaccination efforts, but toward all international interventions, which are seen as part of the machinery that perpetuates their suffering. Many families, who have seen their children killed or maimed by Israeli bombs, are deeply skeptical of the motives behind these health campaigns. This mistrust is compounded by the fact that the same international community that now seeks to vaccinate their children has long turned a blind eye to the daily atrocities committed against them, or worse, has been complicit in their oppression.

The focus on vaccination, while important, fails to address the core issue: the ongoing genocide and the severe impact of the Israeli occupation on every aspect of life in Palestine, specifically in Gaza. The health crisis facing Palestinian children is not just a result of disease, but of a systematic campaign of violence and deprivation that has destroyed the very fabric of their society. The root causes of this crisis are political and structural, and until these are addressed, efforts to protect children from diseases like polio will remain superficial, offering temporary relief at best.

The current situation forces a critical examination of all actors involved, including the international entities that have enabled or ignored the suffering of Palestinian children. What role do these entities play in sustaining the conditions that allow such crises to continue? How can the real sources of this ongoing violence and deprivation be confronted? The answers to these questions are crucial to achieve a just and safe future for Palestinian children, a future that is free from oppression.

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Report on the Impact of War and Genocide on Women in Gaza

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The genocide in Gaza continues to devastate lives, with women bearing the brunt of unimaginable hardships. Under the relentless violence, Palestinian women find themselves at the mercy of forces beyond their control, enduring forced displacement, arbitrary detention, and brutal mistreatment. Their experiences are marked by strip searches, public humiliation, and various forms of torture, which have only intensified as the war rages on. These are not just violations—they are acts that strip away dignity, layer by layer, leaving deep, unhealable wounds.

- **Displacement and Basic Needs:** The mass displacement of nearly 1 million women and girls in Gaza has created a situation where even the most basic necessities are luxuries. Privacy is a distant memory, and the lack of essential hygiene products forces women into degrading compromises, using whatever scraps they can find to manage their menstruation. In these conditions, dignity is not just lost—it is obliterated. The day-to-day existence for these women is a struggle against a tide of indignities, each one a reminder of the life they no longer have.
- **Economic Struggles:** Gaza's shattered economy has left women in a state of profound desperation. Those who were already on the margins—struggling to find work, to provide for their families—are now pushed to the brink. The blockade crushes any semblance of opportunity, particularly for female-headed households that now teeter on the edge of survival. The reliance on humanitarian aid is a bitter reality, offering too little, too late, and eroding any sense of independence these women once held. Their roles as educators, healers, and leaders in their communities are now memories of a time when they still had something to give.
- **Health Challenges:** The decimation of Gaza's health sector has created a landscape where access to medical care is a distant hope rather than a guarantee. For women, this means facing pregnancy and childbirth in conditions that are not just inadequate, but dangerous. Thousands of women are giving birth in overcrowded, filthy environments where the risk of infection, complication, or death looms large. Malnutrition and the scarcity of medical supplies make each birth a battle for survival—one that many do not win. The increasing number of miscarriages and deaths among premature babies is not just a statistic; it is a silent scream echoing through the ruins of Gaza's health infrastructure.



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- **Psychosocial Impact:** The psychological scars inflicted by continuous violence are deep and unrelenting. Women in Gaza are not just survivors—they are prisoners of their own minds, trapped in a cycle of trauma that leaves them paralyzed with fear and despair. PTSD, anxiety, and depression are not just conditions; they are the daily realities that make each day a struggle to endure. The need for mental health support is overwhelming, yet these services are as scarce as everything else, leaving women to navigate their pain alone, in silence.
- **Impact on Education:** The war has ripped apart the educational opportunities for women and girls, leaving a void where hope for the future once existed. Schools lie in ruins, and with them, the dreams of young women who once saw education as a path to a better life. Now, that path is blocked, and the future is bleak. This loss is not just personal—it is communal, a severing of the ties that bind a society together and propel it forward.
- **Challenges of Displacement:** Displacement has forced women into living conditions that defy description—overcrowded, unsanitary, and utterly dehumanizing. The destruction of their homes means more than just a loss of shelter; it is the obliteration of a sense of safety, of identity, of belonging. In these conditions, women are isolated from the support networks that once offered them strength, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. The daily struggle to secure food, water, and medical care becomes a fight for survival, where the weakest are often the ones who suffer the most.
- **Gender-Based Violence:** The violence inflicted on women in Gaza is not just a byproduct of war; it is a deliberate weapon. The trauma of genocide spills over into homes, where women face increased risks of abuse and exploitation. The disintegration of social structures leaves them exposed, vulnerable, and often alone in their suffering. This violence is not just physical—it is psychological, spiritual, and cultural, leaving scars that go far beyond the immediate pain and suffering.

The war in Gaza is not just a political or military conflict; it is a profound human catastrophe that crushes the lives of women under its weight. The resilience these women display is not a testament to their strength but a reflection of the unimaginable burdens they are forced to bear. As the world looks on, the question is not just what can be done, but whether anything will be done to protect these women from further harm, to restore their dignity, and to offer them a future that is not defined by violence and loss. The silence of the international community is deafening, and the cost of that silence is measured in lives shattered beyond repair.



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