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Israel's Aggression Against Occupied Palestine  
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## Overview





The end of December marked the 452 days of Israel's genocidal aggression against the Gaza Strip. The Israeli Occupation Forces, IOF, continued targeting defenseless Palestinian civilians and their property by air, land and sea committing dozens of massacres. The IOF continued targeting residential homes, shelter centres, displaced persons' gatherings and their tents without warning, in addition to widespread destruction of infrastructure and issuing more forced displacement decisions to clear Palestinians from the northern part of the Gaza Strip.

Israeli military operations continued during December in all areas of the Gaza Strip. Still, they were focused in particular on the northern Gaza Strip in Beit Hanoun, Jabablia and Beit Lahiya, targeting hospitals and shelter centres. On 27 December 2024, IOF stormed Kamal Adwan Hospital, set it on fire, detained most of its medical staff, and ordered those who had remained to leave. During the same week, as part of a broader campaign to destroy Gaza's healthcare system, three other hospitals were attacked: Al-Wafa and Al-Ahli Arab Hospitals in Gaza and Al-Awda Hospital in the north. Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor [revealed](#) that IOF committed heinous crimes while storming Kamal Adwan Hospital and the surrounding areas which included deliberate killings, field executions, as well as sexual and physical assaults on women and girls from medical teams and displaced women in the area. Moreover, the UN Human Rights Office accused Israel in a [report](#) of committing war crimes by deliberately launching attacks against hospitals and civilians.

IOF has also been using starvation as a weapon of war to kill and displace Palestinians by blocking the entry of humanitarian aid, particularly in the north. According to UNOCHA, between October 6 and December 30, 2024, the UN attempted to get to the besieged Palestinians in the northern Gaza Strip 164 times. However, the Israeli authorities categorically rejected 148 of these attempts and obstructed 16. For his part, the head of the UN aid coordination office in Gaza, Georgios Petropoulos, [stated](#) that "dying hungry and in pain" is an increasingly likely outcome for children, mothers, aid workers, and teachers alike that "when we raise these things with Israeli authorities, they reject virtually every single practical solution that we table; the aid system has been weaponised."

In parallel with the ongoing genocidal war against the Gaza Strip, the occupation forces escalated their aggression against the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. A comprehensive campaign throughout the West Bank that included raids, arrests, and assassinations was carried out, primarily concentrated in the governorates of Tulkarem, Nablus and Jenin, killing a total of 37 Palestinians.

	<p>At least 1,161 Palestinians were killed, 1,124 in Gaza and 37 in the West Bank. The Palestinian Ministry of Health, MoH, records noted that between October 7, 2023, and December 31, 2024, the death toll reached 46,388 Palestinians, 45,553 in the Gaza Strip and 835 in the West Bank.</p>
	<p>Over 3,429 Palestinians were injured. Of those, approximately 3,129 were in Gaza. Between October 7, 2023, and December 31, 2024, at least 115,079 Palestinians were injured, among them at least 108,379 in Gaza. (MoH)</p>
	<p>According to various <a href="#">media</a> reports, the Israeli army has committed around 3,800 massacres among the Palestinians in Gaza. Moreover, an estimated number of 10,000 people are believed to be missing or dead under the rubble.</p>
	<p>There were 223 shooting incidents in all West Bank governorates, along with 1,371 military incursions and 437 ad-hoc military checkpoints. (NAD)</p>
	<p>Israeli settlers were involved in no less than 136 terror attacks against Palestinian civilians throughout the West Bank (NAD).</p>
	<p>By the end of December 2024, Israel arrested at least 581 Palestinians, including two women and 31 children. The number of Palestinian prisoners held in Israel rose to more than 10,300, including 300 children. The highest rate of arrests in the West Bank was in Hebron, where 150 detention cases were recorded, followed by Jerusalem at 120. The total number of prisoners who died in Israeli custody since October 7, 2023, is 54, including 16 from the West Bank, 35 from the Gaza Strip, two Palestinians living in Israel, and one from Jerusalem.</p>
	<p>An <a href="#">official source</a> at the Ministry of Public Works and Housing in Gaza announced that the number of housing units destroyed during one year and two months of war amounted to more than a quarter of a million housing units, including buildings that were wholly and partially destroyed, meaning that 70% of the housing sector was destroyed; 170,000 units were damaged, and 80,000 residential buildings partially destroyed, while the number of residential units that were partially destroyed but habitable reached 200,000.</p>
	<p>According to <a href="#">UNRWA</a>, up to 1.9 million people across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced. The Palestinian Ministry of Health indicates that with the beginning of winter, more than 1.6 million people live in temporary shelters. About half a million reside in areas exposed to the risk of floods. The ministry adds that due to the escalation of the Israeli aggression in the north, between 100,000 and 130,000 Palestinians have been displaced so</p>



	<p>far. According to <a href="#">UNOCHA</a>, as of December 17, about 80.5 per cent of the Gaza Strip is under active Israeli-issued evacuation orders.</p>
	<p>Since the aggression began, Israeli bombardment has damaged 190 <a href="#">UNRWA</a> facilities, killed 258 UNRWA personnel, and no less than 745 displaced Palestinians staying in UNRWA shelters. Besides, no less than 2,200 Palestinians were wounded. Meanwhile, over two-thirds of UNRWA buildings are damaged or destroyed, most of which were used as schools before the war. Besides, there are at least 20 UNRWA staff in Israeli detention centres. Those previously released have described systematic mistreatment, humiliation and torture.</p>
	<p>According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, 219 government schools have been bombed and severely damaged since October 7, 2023. More than 77 schools were destroyed, in addition to 150 schools that became targets of attacks and vandalism that caused partial destruction to the premises. With regards to higher education institutions, more than 20 institutions were severely damaged, 51 university buildings were destroyed, and 57 university buildings were partially damaged. In those attacks, at least 788 university students and more than 135 of the educational staff were killed.</p> <p>Besides, more than 12,035 school students and 492 education sector staff were killed, while more than 19,379 students and 2,603 staff members were injured. At least 700,000 school students were denied access to their schools. The Ministry also reported that 65 UNRWA schools were damaged. <a href="#">OCHA</a> reported that nearly 88 per cent of school buildings in the Gaza Strip, 496 out of 564, have been directly hit or damaged. Fifty-five per cent of these schools, 275 are government schools, a third, 161 are UNRWA schools, and 12 per cent, 57 are private schools.</p>
	<p><b>Attacks on the Health Sector:</b> Since the onset of the aggression, IOF has carried out a total of 1,250 attacks on health facilities and workers, 591 of which occurred in Gaza (<a href="#">WHO</a> as of 4 December). The IOF also arrested more than 310 health staff members and destroyed at least 130 ambulances (MoH). A report issued by the World Health Organization, WHO, revealed that since Israel's aggression last October 2023 until 4 December, 17 hospitals out of 36 became partially operational in the Gaza Strip, including two hospitals in the northern part of the Strip, eight hospitals in Gaza, three hospitals in Deir al-Balah, four hospitals in Khan Yunis, while all hospitals in Rafah became out of service. Moreover, 50 of the 136 healthcare centers remained partially operational. These attacks killed a total of 854 health and medical personnel and wounded 1,262 others.</p>
	<p>In December alone, (10) Palestinian journalists and media workers were killed in Gaza. Since the aggression began, the IOF has killed (193) journalists and media workers in Gaza. (Journalists' Syndicate)</p>

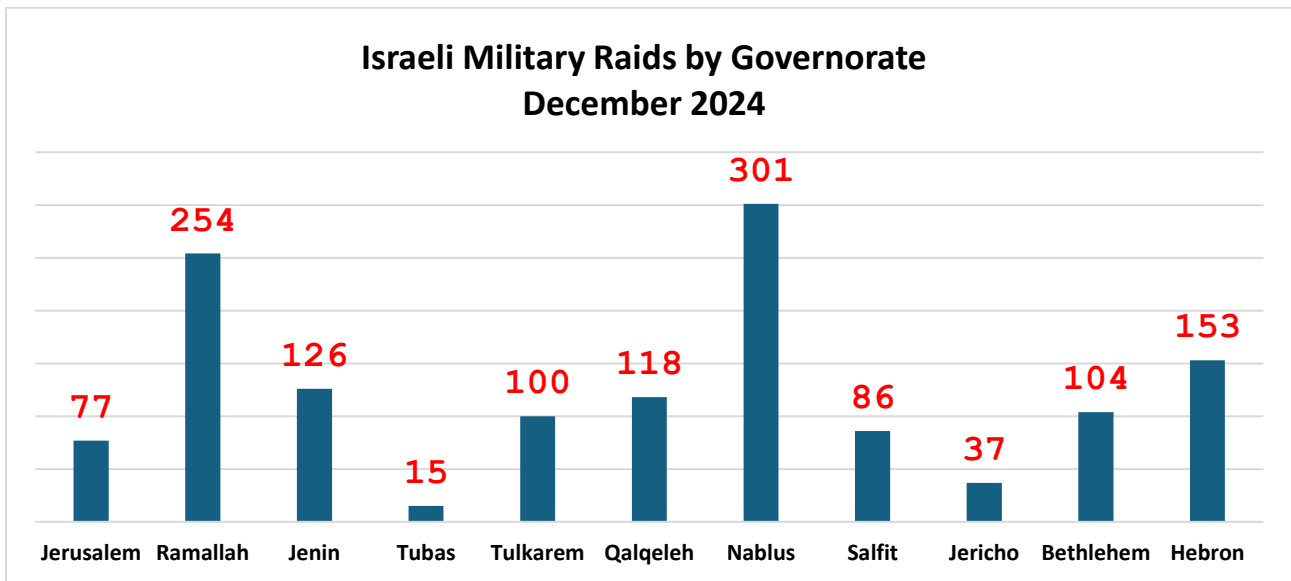
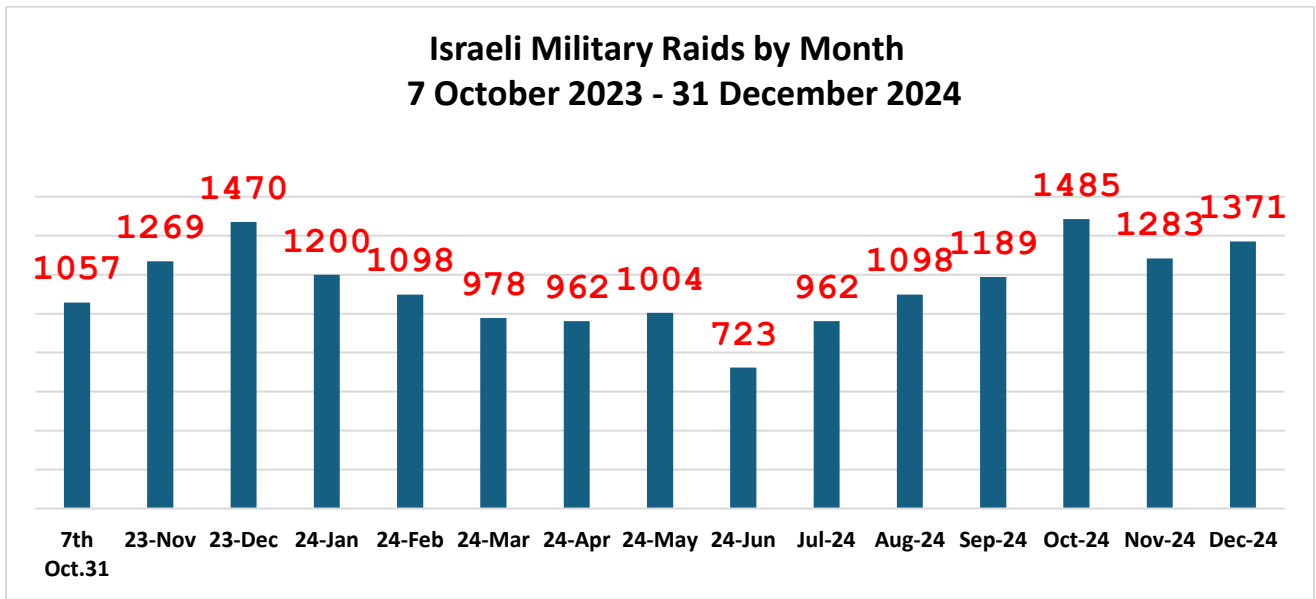
## Examples Of The Occupying Power's Deliberate Attacks On Palestinian Hospitals, Shelters And Civilians In Gaza In December 2024

- **Intensifying Attacks against Hospitals in the north of Gaza Strip:** On 27 December 2024, IOF stormed Kamal Adwa Hospital, set it on fire, detained most of its medical staff, and ordered those who had remained to leave. During the same week, three other hospitals were attacked: Al-Wafa and Al-Ahli Arab Hospitals in Gaza and Al-Awda Hospital in the north. On the morning of 28 December 2024, IOF targeted the upper floors of Al-Awda Specialized Hospital in Tal Al-Zaatar, located in northern Gaza, with several artillery shells. The attack caused significant material damage to the hospital, leading to the evacuation of most injured individuals and medical staff to Gaza City via Salah Al-Din Street in the eastern part of the governorate. However, some were unable to evacuate due to the heavy shelling and direct gunfire. The following day, IOF targeted the top floor of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City with an artillery shell. The attack caused extensive damage to the hospital's radiology department and medical equipment.
- **Targeting Shelter Centers below are key examples:**  
Between 12-18 December, 262 Palestinians were killed, and 888 others were injured as a result of Israeli deliberate shelling of displaced Palestinians. For example, on December 12, an Israeli drone attacked aid trucks on the road to Al-Nas Street, west of Khan Yunis, leading to the killing of 5 Palestinians, one of whom was a child. On the same day, the Israeli warplanes bombed a house belonging to the Al-Louh family, housing displaced people west of the al-Nusseirat camp in the central Governorate. As a result, 15 residents of the house were killed, including eight children and a woman. A house belonging to the Sheikh Ali family, housing displaced persons, was also targeted in the al-Nusseirat camp in the Central Governorate, leading to the killing of 32 Palestinians, including 10 children and eight women, and the injury of 95 others. On December 14, Israeli warplanes also bombed Majida Wasila School, housing displaced people near the al-Ghafri Junction in Gaza City, leading to the killing of seven Palestinians, including a woman and her child, and the injury of 12 others.

## Israel's Aggression Against The West Bank:

- In December 2024, the Tulkarem Governorate recorded the highest number of martyrs, with 14 Palestinians killed during several IOF incursions into Tulkarem City, its nearby refugee camps Tulkarem and Nur Shams.
- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education, since the aggression began and until the end of December 2024, the IOF attacked 109 public schools, killed 85 students and three teachers, injured 525 students and 18 teachers, and arrested 281 students and more than 149 teachers.
- In addition to the bodies of 256 martyrs buried in the Numbers' Cemeteries, Israel currently withholds the bodies of 385 Palestinian martyrs, including 37 children, 63 prisoners, and five women. In December 2024, the occupation authority withheld the bodies of 11 martyrs from the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. (National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies.)

	<p><b>Settlement activities:</b> The occupation authorities advanced nearly 2,581 settlement units in the West Bank, including 726 units in occupied East Jerusalem, and approved several other colonial settlement projects. (Peace Now &amp; Ir Amim)</p>
	<p><b>House demolitions:</b> The IOF demolished 180 Palestinian structures, including 57 homes and 15 donor-funded structures, displacing 55 families comprising 272 people, of whom 104 were children, and otherwise affecting many families comprising 1,214 individuals, including 610 children. In occupied Jerusalem, IOF demolished 22 structures, including 14 homes, displacing 17 families comprising 81 people, including 32 children. (UNOCHA)</p>



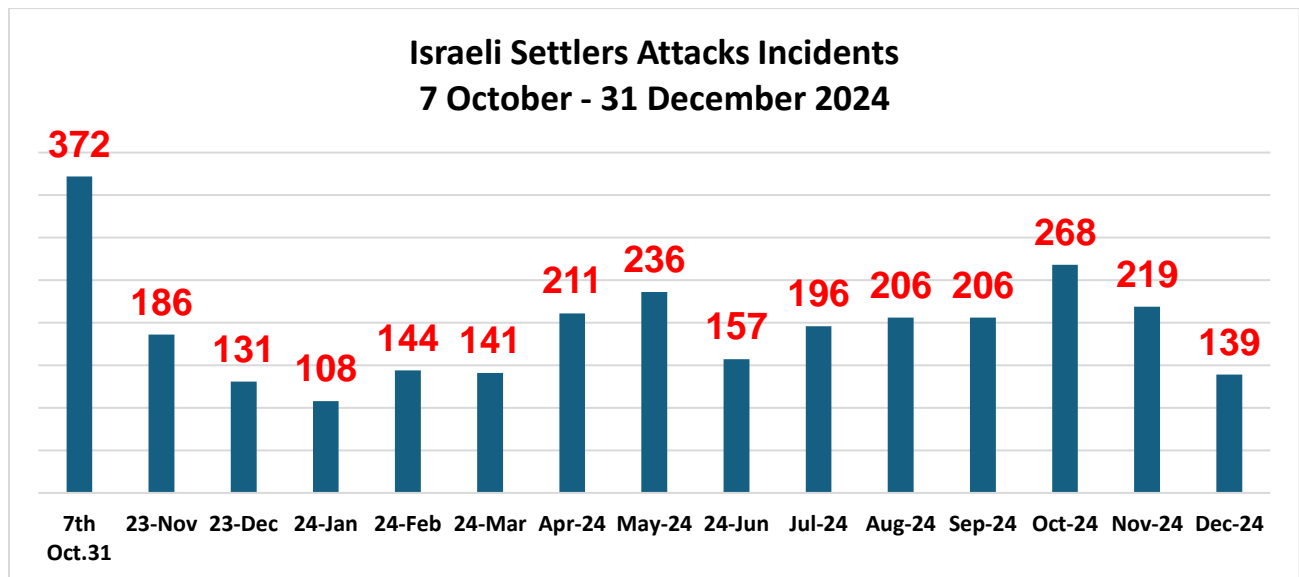
Between October 7, 2023, and December 31, 2024, the IOF launched 17,148 military incursions, concentrating on the governorates of Nablus, Ramallah, Tubas, Hebron, and Bethlehem.

## Israeli Settlers' Terror Attacks

With unconditional and unlimited support from the Israeli occupation authorities and their forces, Israeli settlers continued their terror attacks against defenceless Palestinian citizens and their properties. At least 136 attacks were recorded in December.

Settlers' attacks included arrival to areas adjacent to Palestinian villages and towns, closure of roads, raids on private agricultural lands, and setting fire to their crops. The settlers physically assaulted the landowners and farmers, abused others, detained some at gunpoint, shot at others and their properties, and stoned Palestinian cars passing by the area. There were cases when the settlers brought bulldozers to destroy the agricultural facilities owned by the Palestinian farmers.

Most of these attacks occurred in the Governorates of Hebron, Nablus, Tubas and Ramallah. According to a report by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), settlers targeted Palestinian trees and crops, uprooted, damaged, sabotaged, poisoned, and burned 1,081 trees, including 931 olive trees. Most of these attacks occurred in Hebron and Qalqilia governorates; 350 trees in Hebron and 300 trees in Qalqilia were damaged, followed by Salfit governorate, where 169 trees were damaged.



## Some Examples Are Below

- **On December 29 in Ramallah Governorate,** A group of armed settlers stormed the Khalayel Al-Luz area, south of the village of Al-Mughayir, and seized four residential tents, two tents for raising sheep and livestock, and an agricultural room containing solar panels and equipment, after forcing its residents to leave due to threats.
- **On December 24 in Jerusalem Governorate:** A settler, while driving his vehicle in the town of Hizma, ran over two sister girls, causing them to suffer injuries and bruises, and they were subsequently transferred to the hospital for treatment.

- **On December 19, 2024, in Salfit Governorate, a group of settlers stormed the village of Marda and set fire to Bir al-Walidayn Mosque, where civil defence crews were able to extinguish the fire.** The main entrance of the mosque and some of the carpets near it were burnt, and its windows were shattered. Hatred Slogans were sprayed on the outer walls, including phrases insulting the Islamic religion and threatening the village residents.
- **On December 6 in Jericho Governorate,** a group of settlers stormed Al-Jiftlik village and ploughed about 100 dunams of land in preparation for seizing it and planting grape trees.

### In Focus: Summary Of Israeli Violations In Occupied Jerusalem In December 2024<sup>i</sup>

- The occupation forces used excessive force against Jerusalemites, and during December, two martyrs were killed and 16 injured because of live and rubber-coated metal bullets and severe beatings, in addition to dozens of cases of gas suffocation, and 76 cases of arrests were monitored in all areas of Jerusalem Governorate, including 10 children and three women.
- The occupation courts impose unfair decisions against detainees, ranging from issuing actual prison sentences to imposing house arrest, in addition to deportation orders and heavy financial fines. In December, the racist occupation courts issued 29 actual prison sentences against Jerusalemite prisoners, including 22 Palestinians who were sentenced to administrative detention, “that is, without a clearly defined charge against them.” Eight house arrest orders were also issued. The occupation authorities also issued four deportation orders against Jerusalemites, banning them from entering the Old City and one deportation order from Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound.
- In a clear violation of the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque, and in part of their persistent attempts to change the historical and legal status quo there, Israeli settlers and zealots continued their daily storming of the mosque during December, bringing the total number of those who stormed Al Haram Al Sharif during last December up to 5,650 settlers the Al-Aqsa Mosque, in addition to 4,002 others who entered under the disguise of “tourists” during the special hours dedicated for Jews only to enter the mosque.

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<sup>i</sup> Main Source: Unless otherwise indicated, the Public Relations and Media Unit of the Jerusalem Governorate.