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## Israel's Aggression Against Occupied Palestine July 2024

### Overview

The end of July marked the 299th day of Israel's genocidal aggression against the **Gaza Strip**, as the Israeli Occupation Forces, IOF, continued their massacres by targeting defenseless Palestinian civilians and their property. During July, the occupation forces concentrated their operations in the city of Khan Younis and its surroundings in the south of the Gaza Strip.

Israel, the occupying power, continued its crimes and violations throughout occupied Palestine in complete disregard of the Advisory Opinion of the [International Court of Justice](#), ICJ, on 19 July 2024. The Court stated that Israel's occupation of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is unlawful. It stressed that Israel's discriminatory laws and policies against Palestinians violate the prohibition on racial segregation and apartheid.

As Israel's ongoing massacres continued almost daily, what happened on 22 July 2024 was exceptionally tough and outrageous. Israel warplanes bombed six homes on the heads of their occupants in Khan Younis, killing 70 Palestinians and injuring over 200, many of whom were women and children. According to [recent estimates](#), about 10% of the Gaza Strip's population has been killed, injured, or missing due to Israel's genocidal war since 7 October 2023.





In addition to expanding its military operations on the ground, the Israeli occupation forces deliberately aggravated the displacement crisis. [According to the UN](#), up to 1.9 million people across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly banished. Between 22 and 27 July, [over 200,000 people](#) were displaced due to the recent Israeli evacuation orders and intensified military operations around Khan Younis. Of those, 9,000 people arrived in the Al-Mawasi neighborhood on 27 July. Only 14 percent of the Gaza Strip population is not under the Israeli military ongoing "evacuation orders."

Besides, overcrowding exacerbates the spread of infectious diseases. A [total of nearly 40,000 cases](#) of hepatitis have been recorded in the Gaza Strip since the onset of Israel's genocidal war.





In the occupied **West Bank, including East Jerusalem**, the IOF continued storming Palestinian villages, cities, and towns, firing live bullets at citizens, arresting scores of young men and children while abusing them and their families, and encouraging Israeli settlers to launch terror attacks against Palestinians and their property.



### Key Facts & Figures

	At least 1,539 Palestinians were killed [1,500 martyrs in Gaza and 39 martyrs in the West Bank. Between 7 October 2023 and the end of July 2024, at least 39,994 Palestinians were killed, including 39,400 in Gaza and 594 in the West Bank]. ( <a href="#">Ministry of Health [MoH]</a> )
	+4,000 Palestinians were injured, including—+3,900 in Gaza. Between 7 October 2023 and the end of July 2024, at least 96,800 Palestinians were injured, incl. at least 91,400 in Gaza. ( <a href="#">Ministry of Health</a> )

	<p>Since the aggression began and until the end of July 2024, more than 3,500 massacres were committed in Gaza. (<a href="#">Media Sources</a>) Moreover, an estimated number of over 10,000 people are believed to be missing or dead under the rubble. (<a href="#">MoH</a>)</p>
	<p>There were 248 shooting incidents in all West Bank governorates, along with 962 military incursions and 396 ad-hoc military checkpoints. (<a href="#">NAD</a>)</p>
	<p>At least 196 terror attacks by Israeli settlers. (<a href="#">NAD</a>)</p>
	<p>At least 606 Palestinians were arrested, incl. 26 women and 56 children. The number of Palestinian prisoners reached more than 9,900 at the end of July 2024, incl. 502 children. The highest rate of arrests in the West Bank was in Hebron, where 168 detention cases were recorded, followed by Jerusalem (120). There is no information available on the number of Palestinian prisoners from Gaza and how many were killed. The total number of prisoners who died in Israeli custody is at least 18 since 7 October 2023; no cases were reported in July 2024. (<a href="#">Palestinian Prisoners Society &amp; The Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs Commission</a>).</p>

- According to the latest figures by [Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor](#), **approximately 10% of Gaza's population has been killed, injured, or gone missing** between 7 October 2023 and the end of July 2024.
- The entire population of the Gaza Strip faces **high levels of acute food insecurity and, therefore, is close to starving**, as [defined by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification \(IPC\)](#). A study conducted by IPC back in March indicated that half of the Gaza Strip's population (1.11 million people) is expected to experience catastrophic/famine conditions between mid-March and mid-July.

	<p>As of 15 April 2024, 370,000 housing units across Gaza had been damaged, with 79,000 destroyed. According to a <a href="#">joint report by UNDP and ESCWA</a>, reconstructing the destroyed housing units would take until 2040.</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. Between 22 and 27 July, it is estimated that more than 200,000 people have been displaced due to the recent Israeli evacuation orders and intensified military operations around Khan Younis.</p>
	<p>Since the aggression began, Israeli bombardment has damaged 190 UNRWA facilities, resulting in the killing of 202 UNRWA personnel in addition to the killing of no less than 563 displaced persons in its shelters and the wounding of no less than 1,789 people. (<a href="#">UNRWA</a>)</p>
	<p>According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education<sup>ii</sup>, 119 government schools have been bombed and severely damaged since 7 October 2024. More than 62 schools were destroyed, in addition to 126 schools that became targets of attacks and vandalism, and parts of their premises were partially destroyed. More than 9,211 students and 397 education sector staff have been killed. More than 14,237 students and 2,246 staff members have been injured. At least 620,000 students were deprived of access to their schools<sup>iii</sup>. The Ministry also reported that <a href="#">65 UNRWA schools were damaged</a>. According to a recently published</p>

	report, approximately <a href="#">85% of schools in Gaza were destroyed or targeted</a> by the IOF.
	<b>Attacks on the Health Sector:</b> Since the onset of the aggression, <a href="#">IOF has carried out a total of (1004) attacks on health facilities and workers, 492 of which occurred in Gaza.</a> The number of health centers targeted (wholly and partially) since 7 October has reached (161) institutions. Moreover, (34) hospitals and (68) healthcare centers became out of service until the end of July 2024. The IOF also targeted and destroyed (130) ambulances. {MoH} A <a href="#">report</a> issued by the World Health Organization revealed that since Israel's aggression last October until 22 July, (16) hospitals out of (36) became partially operational in the Gaza Strip, including (3) hospitals in the north of the Strip (7) hospitals in Gaza, (3) hospitals in Deir al-Balah, (3) hospitals in Khan Yunis, while all hospitals in Rafah were out of service due to the Israeli invasion. In addition, (48) of the (107) healthcare centers remained partially operational. These attacks resulted in the killing of more than (747) health personnel and the wounding of hundreds of others, in addition to the detention and arrest of no less than (128) health workers.
	In July alone, (11) Palestinian journalists and media workers were killed in Gaza. Since the aggression began, the IOF has killed (157) journalists and media workers in Gaza. It has displaced over 1,500 journalists, targeted hundreds of journalists' families' homes, and destroyed 84 media offices. ( <a href="#">Journalists' Syndicate</a> )



### Examples Of The Occupying Power's Deliberate Attacks On Palestinian Hospitals And Shelters And Civilians In Gaza During July 2024:

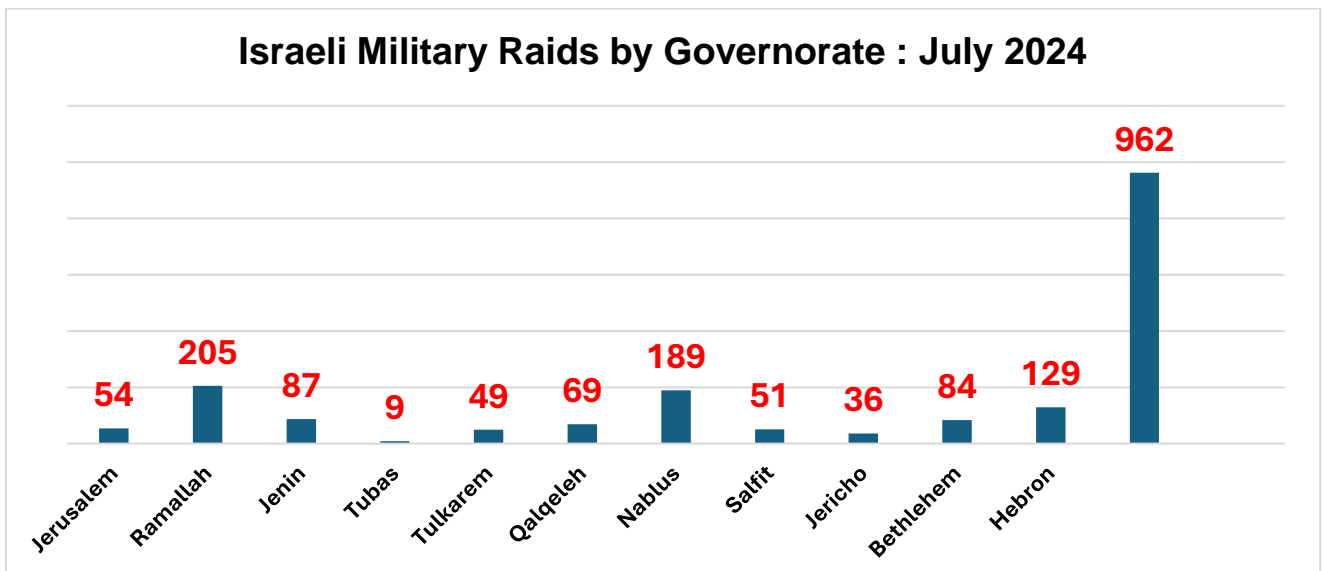
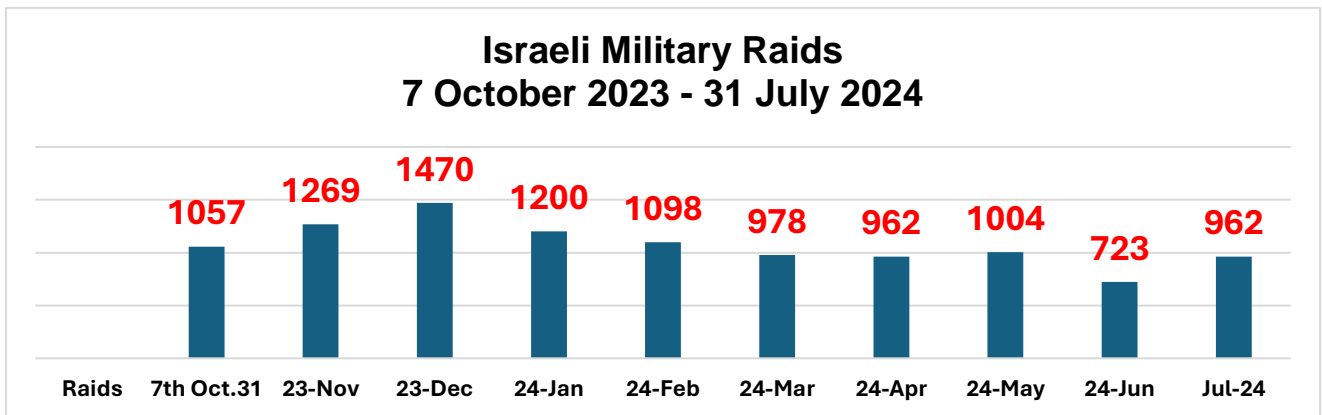
- **Targeting the displaced people in Khan Younis, south of the Gaza Strip:** On September 13, the occupation forces committed a [massacre against worshipers in Shate' camp, west of Gaza](#), while they were performing the noon prayer, which led to **the killing of at least (18) Palestinians.**
- **Targeting the displaced people in the center of the Gaza Strip:** On July 31, the [occupation warplanes targeted](#) a group of citizens near the electricity company in the Zawaideh area, resulting in the martyrdom of (8) citizens. On the previous day, 12 citizens were martyred, and others were injured in an Israeli bombing that targeted a group of residents at the entrance to the al-Nuseirat camp.
- **Mass crimes while storming the western parts of Gaza City:** [On July 8, over four days](#), the occupation forces raided the "Industry" area and the vicinity of the universities, west of Gaza City, and committed horrific crimes against Palestinian civilians, including indiscriminate bombing, premeditated murder, and acts of destruction. IOF bombed large areas of homes and buildings, stormed homes, and abused its residents, in addition to forcing families to leave to the center and south of the Strip. As a result, at least (60) Palestinians were killed, and their bodies were found following the withdrawal of the IOF in the streets and alleys.
- **Targeting UNRWA schools that shelter thousands of displaced people:** [On July 27, Israel bombed Khadija Girls School in Deir al-Balah](#), which was housing more than 4,000 displaced people, leading to the martyrdom of (30) Palestinians, and the injury of more than 100 others. On July 14, [Israel bombed the UNRWA Abu Oreiban School](#) in al-Nuseirat camp, killing 14 Palestinians. Earlier on July 6, [Israel also bombed Al-Jaouni School in al-Nuseirat Camp](#), killing 16 Palestinians and wounding 50 others.

### Israel's Aggression Against The West Bank:

- In July 2024, the Tulkarem Governorate recorded the highest number of martyrs, with (14) Palestinians killed during several IOF incursions into Tulkarem city and its refugee camps, followed by the Jenin Governorate, where the IOF killed (11) Palestinians.

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education, since the aggression began and until the end of July 2024, the IOF attacked (69) public schools, killed (71) students and (2) teachers, injured (393) students and (11) teachers, and arrested (185) students and more than (109) teachers.
- In addition to the bodies of **(256)** martyrs in the Cemeteries of Numbers, Israel currently withholds the bodies of **(272)** Palestinian martyrs, including **(33)** children, **(28)** prisoners, and **(5)** women. In July 2024, the occupation authority withheld the bodies of **(9)** martyrs from the West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem. ([National Campaign for the Recovery of Martyrs' Bodies<sup>iv</sup>](#)).

	<p>The occupation authorities advanced nearly 14,078 settlement units in the West Bank, including occupied Jerusalem, in addition to approving several other colonial settlement projects. The Custodian of the State's Property in the Civil Administration declared as "state land" 12,715 dunams in the Jordan Valley between the Palestinian villages of Fasayil and Al Jiftlik. This declaration supplements 8,159 dunams in March 2024 in an area adjacent to the current declaration. (<a href="#">Peace Now &amp; Ir Amim</a>)</p>
	<p>The IOF demolished 191 Palestinian structures, including 55 homes and 16 donor-funded structures, resulting in the displacement of 16 families (298 people, incl. 142 children) and otherwise affecting 171 families (848 individuals, incl. 305 children). In occupied Jerusalem, IOF demolished 26 structures, including 17 homes, resulting in the displacement of 23 families (109 people, incl. 52 children). (<a href="#">UNOCHA</a>)</p>

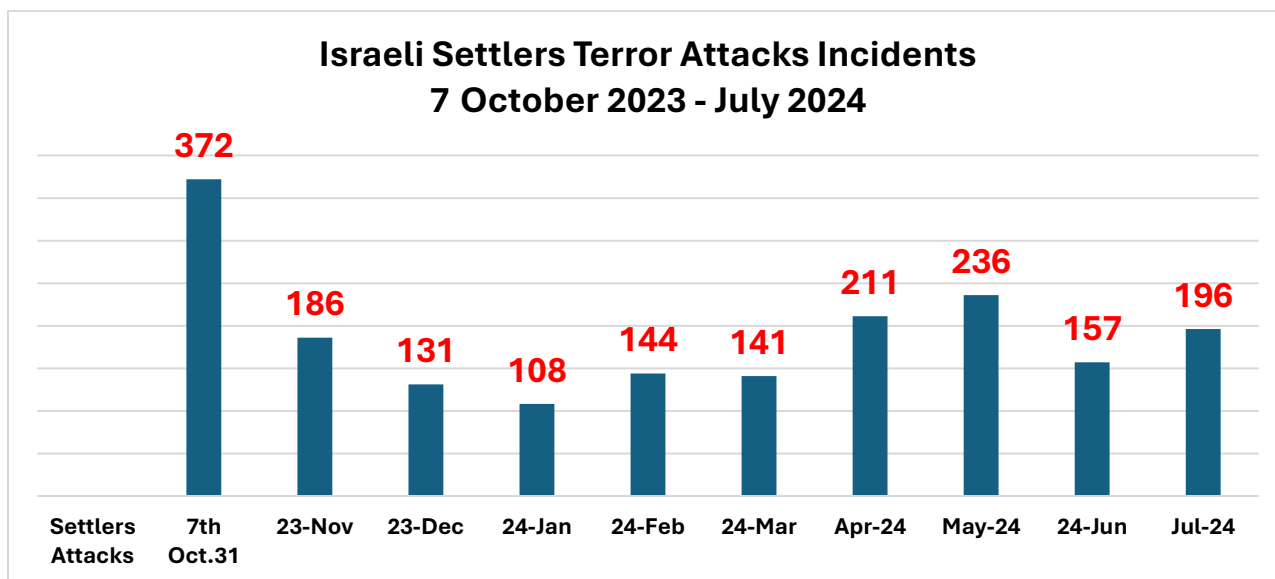


There were 10,723 military raids concentrated in Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron, Jenin, and Bethlehem governorates.

## Israeli Settlers' Terror Attacks

With unconditional support from the occupation authority and its forces, Israeli settlers continued to commit terrorist attacks against defenseless Palestinian citizens and their properties. At least 196 attacks were recorded in July. Settlers' attacks encompassed running over children, physical assaults against Palestinians from Jerusalem, and presence at crossroads leading to villages and towns, throwing stones at passing cars, raiding villages and towns and blocking roads, cutting down fruit trees, destroying crops and bulldozing agricultural fields, and grazing livestock on citizens' agrarian lands, attacking Palestinians homes and property by setting them on fire, setting up tents on citizens' lands, reestablishing colonial installations (outposts), shooting operations at citizens and their property, kidnapping Palestinians and physically abusing them.

Most of these attacks occurred in the governorates of Hebron, Nablus, Ramallah, Salfit, Hebron, and Jericho. According to a report by the Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission (CWRC), settlers targeted Palestinian trees and crops, resulting in the uprooting, damage, sabotage, poisoning, and burning of (970) trees, including (870) olive trees. Most of these attacks occurred in Nablus governorate, resulting in the uprooting, damage, and burning of (700) trees, followed by Salfit governorate (150) trees and Hebron Governorate (120) trees.



### Some Examples Are Given Below:

- **July 1 in Hebron Governorate:** A group of illegal settlers from the “Karmiel” settlement attacked the Shuaib community in the village of Umm al-Khair, threatened children and women, and sprayed them with pepper gas, causing a number of them to suffer from suffocation. On July 9, a group of settlers from the “Shimon” outpost sabotaged the village's water line.
- **July 7 in Hebron Governorate:** A group of settlers in the Sadda al-Tha'la area, east of the town of Yatta, installed a caravan on citizens' lands in preparation for seizing it to build farms and expanding the “Tzkhar Man” outpost.
- **July 18 in Salfit Governorate:** A group of settlers in the Banat Bar area of the town of Kufr al-Dik set up mobile homes (caravans), rebuild tents and barns, threatened livestock owners and expelled them from the place in an attempt to seize citizens' lands and expand the “Peduel” settlement.

- **July 21 in Nablus Governorate:** a group of settlers entered the citizens' agricultural lands in the Qusra town. It attacked several Palestinian farmers and foreign activists while they were plowing their lands, which led to the injury of five foreign activists holding German citizenship who were subsequently admitted to the government hospital in the city of Nablus. Also, on the same day, a settler, while driving his vehicle on the main road near the village of al-Lubban al-Sharqiya, ran over the citizen Adly Bashir Hanani, causing him severe injuries and bruises.
- **July 31 in Bethlehem Governorate:** A group of settlers stormed the Khallet al-Nahla area in the village of Artas, assaulted Palestinian citizens, and opened fire randomly at them, wounding three of them and leaving ten others with bruises.

### In Focus: Summary Of Israeli Violations In Occupied Jerusalem In July 2024<sup>v</sup>

- The IOF killed (2) Palestinians, injured (20) as a result of live and rubber-coated metal bullets and severe beatings (in addition to cases of gas suffocation), and arrested (127) others, including (9) children and (7) women. The two martyrs were from outside the governorate. On July 16, mosques in the town of Al-Ram in occupied Jerusalem announced the death of Muhammad Shihab (27) years. On July 24, the young man Ahmad Aslan (20 years old) died of serious wounds he sustained from occupation bullets in the Qalandia camp, north of occupied Jerusalem after the occupation forces stormed the camp to blow up the home of the martyr Muhammad Manasra
- The occupation courts issued (41) actual prison sentences against Jerusalemite prisoners, including (16) administrative detention sentences (without clearly specifying their charges). Among the highest actual prison sentences during July was the sentence issued against the young Jerusalemite Ramzi al-Jubeh to six years of actual prison.
- The number of bodies of Jerusalemite martyrs held by the occupation authority rose to 42 by the end of July.
- Three house arrest decisions were monitored by the occupation authorities during July against the youths: Adam Odeh, Qassam Al-Awar, and Montaser Abu Diab
- The Jerusalem Governorate monitored about (8) attacks by Israeli settlers against Palestinians in the city, which caused physical harm to several of them. Attacks by Israeli settlers included storming the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound, attacking Palestinian civilians, firing live bullets at them, cutting down olive trees in the eastern area of the town of Hizma, northeast of occupied Jerusalem, and attacking Jerusalemite driver Imad Al-Shaludi and destroying his vehicle in Occupied Jerusalem.
- Nearly (3,739) Israeli settlers and (3,937) foreign visitors (under tourism pretext) stormed into the Al-Aqsa Mosque Compound.
- On July 11, the occupation court issued a decision to displace 30 Jerusalemites from the al-Rajabi family in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood in the town of Silwan. The families filed an appeal against the decision. Notably, 187 residents' homes are being threatened with demolition in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood.
- On July 16, settlers seized the home of Jerusalemite Jawad Abu Nab after storming it in the Batn al-Hawa neighborhood south of Al-Aqsa Mosque, taking advantage of the fact that the house was empty of its owners

<sup>i</sup> Multiple attacks may occur in the same incident.

<sup>ii</sup> In the new Palestinian government, the Ministries of Education and Higher Education have been merged into one ministry.

<sup>iii</sup> Regarding Higher Education Institutions, from 7 October 2023 to 30 July 2024, more than (2452) students and staff were killed, including (1283) students and (1169) staff. Additionally, (20) higher education institutions were severely damaged, with more than 31 buildings destroyed and (57) partially damaged. More than 88 thousand students were deprived of their education in all (20) higher education institutions in Gaza.

<sup>iv</sup> While information about the identities and numbers of the rest of Gaza's martyrs is not yet available, it is expected that the occupation authorities are holding hundreds of their bodies.

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