HOSTILITIES IN THE GAZA STRIP AND ISRAEL - REPORTED HUMANITARIAN IMPACT
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KEY FIGURES

31,988
Palestinian fatalities
Source: MoH Gaza

~1.7 million
internally displaced persons
(75% of Gaza)
Source: UNRWA

1.1 million
people projected to face catastrophic levels of food insecurity (IPC Phase 5)
Source: IPC projection for 16 March - 15 July 2024
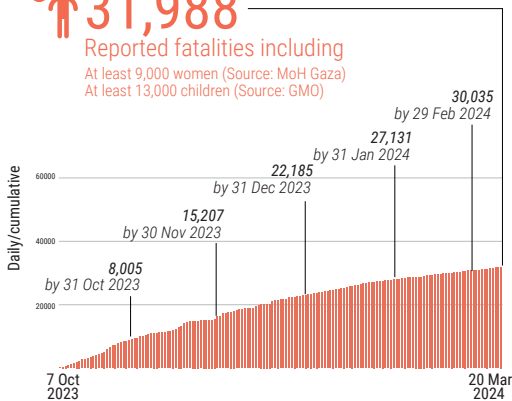
0 hours
Full electricity blackout
Source: GEDCO

Population **2.3** million
Area **365** km²

Mediterranean Sea
ACCESS PROHIBITED

Erez
Gaza North
Gaza
GAZA STRIP
Nahal Oz *Closed since 2010*
Karni *Closed gradually between 2007 and 2011*
Wadi Gaza
Deir al Balah
60-Km-long Israeli fence
ISRAEL
Khan Younis
12.6-Km-long Egyptian fence
Rafah
Sufa *Closed since 2008 (except Mar-Apr 2011)*
Rafah
Kerem Shalom
EGYPT

LEBANON, SYRIA, WEST BANK, ISRAEL, JORDAN, EGYPT, Al Arish, Nitzana, GAZA STRIP

Legend:
- Currently Closed Crossing
- Currently Open for Pre-approved Goods and/or People
- Permanently Closed Crossing

5 Km

REPORTED CASUALTIES (Cumulative) as of 20 March 2024

Palestinians*

31,988
Reported fatalities including
At least 9,000 women (Source: MoH Gaza)
At least 13,000 children (Source: GMO)

30,035 by 29 Feb 2024
27,131 by 31 Jan 2024
22,185 by 31 Dec 2023
15,207 by 30 Nov 2023
8,005 by 31 Oct 2023

Daily/cumulative
7 Oct 2023 — 20 Mar 2024

Not including more than **7,000** reported missing or under the rubble (Source: GMO)

74,188
Reported injuries

70,457 by 29 Feb 2024
65,949 by 31 Jan 2024
56,165 by 31 Dec 2023
40,652 by 30 Nov 2023
20,242 by 31 Oct 2023

Daily/cumulative
7 Oct 2023 — 20 Mar 2024
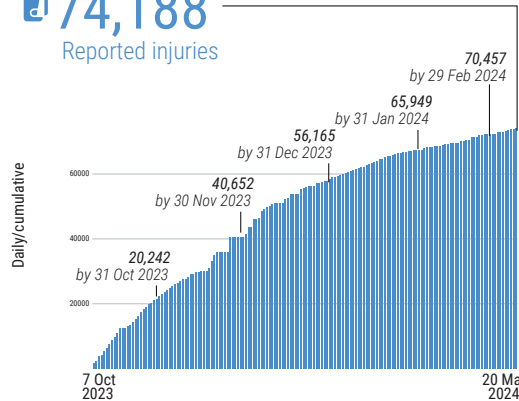
*Source: MoH Gaza

Israelis**

Israel

Over **1,200***** Reported fatalities
1,162 identified fatalities, including at least 33 children

~5,400 Reported injuries

Gaza**

250 Reported fatalities   **1,496** Reported injuries

134 hostages remain in Gaza

** According to Israeli media citing official sources

*** This includes fatalities on 7 October and the immediate aftermath, including foreign nationals.

**** The reported Israeli casualties are soldiers killed or injured since the start of the ground operation.

HEALTH
- **12** hospitals partially functioning (6 in north and 6 in south of Wadi Gaza).
- **2 out of 3** field hospitals are fully functional.
- **~24%** of primary health care facilities are functional.
- **>300,000** reported cases of acute respiratory infections.
- **>200,000** reported cases of acute watery diarrhea.
- **17** Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) are operational.

NUTRITION
- **31** people, including **27** children, died of malnutrition & dehydration (source: MoH Gaza).
- **~31%** of children under the age of two in northern Gaza suffer from acute malnutrition.
- **~10%** of children under the age of two in Rafah suffer from acute malnutrition.

EDUCATION
- **625,000** students with no access to education.
- **5,479** students and **261** teachers have been killed.
- **80%** of UNRWA and public schools sustained damage (396 out of 495)

PROTECTION
- **~1.7 million** internally displaced persons.
- **>1 million children** in need of mental health and psycho-social support.
- **~17,000** children are unaccompanied or separated from their parents.
- **125** journalists and media workers killed, incuding 15 women (source: Palestinian Journalists Syndicate).

FOOD SECURITY*
- **265K** people facing crisis levels of food insecurity *(IPC Phase 3)*.
- **854K** people facing emergency levels of food insecurity *(IPC Phase 4)*.
- **1.1 million** people facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity *(IPC Phase 5)*.
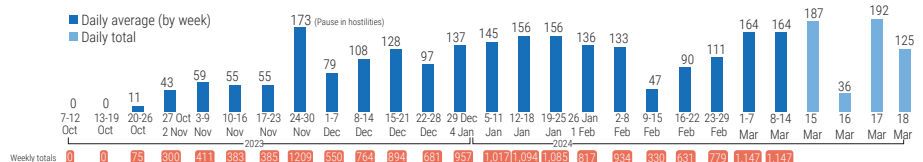
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WATER AND SANITATION
- **One out of three** water pipelines coming from Israel is operational, only at 83% of its full capacity.
- **83%** of groundwater wells are not operating.
- **All** wastewater treatment systems are non-operational; one of them is partially working.
- **No access** to clean water in the northern governorates.
- **Two out of three** main water desalination plants are partially functional.
- **~57%** of assessed WASH facilities damaged/destroyed.

REPORTED DAMAGE*
- **Over 60%** of housing units.
- **At least 3** churches and **224** mosques.
- **155** health facilities (source: MoH Gaza).
- **126** ambulances (source: MoH Gaza).

70,000+ Destroyed housing units
290,000+ Partially damaged housing units

*Source: GMO

HUMANITARIAN OPERATION
- **171** UN staff killed:
  UNRWA: **168**; WHO: **1**; UNDP: **1**; UNOPS: **1**
- **348** health workers killed (source: MoH Gaza).
- **48** Civil Defence killed while on duty (source: GMO).
- **14** PRCS staff killed (source: PRCS).

MOVEMENT AND ACCESS
- Between 1 and 15 March, **11** humanitarian aid missions to northern Gaza were facilitated by the Israeli authorities, **5** were denied, and **8** were postponed.
- Between 1 and 15 March, **78** humanitarian aid missions to areas in southern Gaza that require coordination were facilitated by the Israeli authorities, **15** were denied, and **10** were postponed or withdrawn.
- **>8,000** patients are currently on the waiting list for medical referral abroad.
- **2,613** medical referrals abroad, including 1,698 wounded and 915 ill, along with 1,785 companions (source: WHO).

INCOMING TRUCKLOADS

The pre-crisis average per working day in 2023 was **500 truckloads, including fuel.**

Daily average (by week)
Daily total

173 (Pause in hostilities)
0, 0, 11, 43, 59, 55, 55, 79, 108, 128, 97, 137, 145, 156, 156, 136, 133, 47, 90, 111, 164, 164, 187, 36, 192, 125

7-12 Oct, 13-19 Oct, 20-26 Oct, 27 Oct 2 Nov, 3-9 Nov, 10-16 Nov, 17-23 Nov, 24-30 Nov, 1-7 Dec, 8-14 Dec, 15-21 Dec, 22-28 Dec, 29 Dec 4 Jan, 5-11 Jan, 12-18 Jan, 19-25 Jan, 26 Jan 1 Feb, 2-8 Feb, 9-15 Feb, 16-22 Feb, 23-29 Feb, 1-7 Mar, 8-14 Mar, 15 Mar, 16 Mar, 17 Mar, 18 Mar

Weekly totals: 0, 0, 75, 300, 411, 363, 385, 1209, 550, 764, 894, 681, 957, 1,017, 1,094, 1,085, 817, 934, 330, 631, 779, 1,147, 1,147

Disclaimer: The UN has so far not been able to produce independent, comprehensive, and verified casualty figures; the current numbers have been provided by the Ministry of Health or Government Media Office in Gaza and the Israeli authorities and await further verification. Other yet-to-be verified figures are also sourced.