

Continue calling for a permanent Ceasefire!

We need an end to the war in Gaza & international protection for the Palestinian people






Since October 7th, 2023, over **14,800 Palestinians in Gaza** have been killed as a result of Israel's continuous bombing & shelling of Gaza, & its ground offensive; 69% of those killed were children & women. Israel has been killing approx. **125 children per day**.

Over **36,000 Palestinians were injured, while 6,500 Palestinians are reported missing** & may be trapped under the rubble; 67% of them are children. Gazans are deprived from basic necessities to survive, as only a trickle of the humanitarian aid needed was allowed to enter Gaza. After being banned entrance for two full weeks, 1559 trucks with humanitarian aid entered Gaza since October 21st; while an average of 500 trucks per working days used to enter Gaza in 2023 before the war (*i.e. according to the average 24,500 trucks should have entered by 27th November*). Children, women, the elderly, & men have very limited access to food, water & had to resort to burning wood to cook or make flatbread. Palestinians are waiting 4-6 hours on average to receive half of a normal bread portion. Over 61% of jobs have been lost.

⚠️ Repeated serious incidents of attacks on health Gaza's hospitals are in a dire situation, facing critical shortages of fuel, drugs, blood products and other supplies. They have also been designated as targets by Israeli officials, have been constantly threatened and have come under relentless bombardment. On **October 17th**, the bombing of the Ahli hospital in Gaza resulted in the killing of at least 500 Palestinians & left over 600 injured.

On the November 3rd, an Israeli air strike on an ambulance convoy near the al-Shifa Hospital has killed 15 Palestinians and wounded 60 others. These ambulances were heading to Rafah border with the injured. **On November 15th**, Israeli forces raided al-Shifa Hospital, where thousands of Palestinians were sheltering. Dozens of Israeli soldiers entered Al-Shifa Hospital, while tanks were stationed in the courtyard of the medical complex. Following this, Israel carried on attacks on various hospitals; **on November 21st**, heavy strikes were reported on and around the Indonesian Hospital, Beit Lahia (North Gaza), hitting the surgery department. **November 22nd** was hard on patients and people sheltering at Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahia, as Israel heavily bombed the hospital. **On November 23rd**, an Israeli airstrike reportedly hit the Indonesian hospital in Beit Lahia (North Gaza) destroying its generator. Israeli troops raided the hospital. At least one woman was reportedly killed and three patients were detained. **Only two out of 24 hospitals in Gaza City and North Gaza are reported operational.**

⚠️ Israel damaged/destroyed/attacked

	46,000 + housing units		311 education facilities		135 health facilities & 56 ambulances
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Gaza's population needs you! While the international community has failed to take real action to impose a permanent ceasefire, **1,400** families in Gaza have lost multiple family members. A humanitarian pause started on November 24th, which involved the gradual release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian detainees, and the entrance of humanitarian aid, was a welcome respite, but we need you to **Mobilize to put an END to the WAR!**

Sources: UN OCHA, Health Ministry in Gaza, ILO

Thousands of Gaza workers employed in Israel were sent back to Gaza after being detained, humiliated, and ill-treated for weeks; some workers are still stranded in the West Bank & others feared missing

Since October 7th, an estimated 4,000 Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip, who had been working in Israel, went missing & Israel refused to release information about them. Workers have been arrested and detained by Israeli police and border guards in police stations, and then in army camps in crowded, unsanitary conditions, suffering from acts of verbal, physical and economic violence, which include arbitrary arrests, beatings, humiliating treatment, and denial of wages. **A worker from Gaza told DWRC:** *"We were beaten up inside an Israeli police station, before being deported to Beit Sira checkpoint in the Ramallah and Al-Bireh governorate"*.

On October 10, Israel collectively cancelled about 18,500 work permits of Palestinian workers from the Gaza Strip employed in Israel, instantly turning thousands of Gazan workers living and working in Israel at the time into "illegal aliens" from Israel's perspective.

(M.A.) 32 years old construction worker from Gaza, who had been working in Haifa and lost track of his brother after October 7th said: *"the contractor at the site came and told us to run away, the situation is dangerous"*. He continued: *"I fled with 15 other workers, some of them were arrested and some were shot in front on my eyes by Israeli soldiers! I was lucky to run away to Qalqilya in the West Bank through a hole in the separation fence"*.

Like M.A, about 5000 workers managed to reach the West Bank. However, at least a 100 workers from Gaza were arrested from their temporary lodgings during Israeli army raids in Hebron and Bethlehem governorates.

Gazan workers arrested and detained by Israel were kept incommunicado and isolated from the world; they were not allowed to talk to lawyers, the International Committee of the Red Cross did not confirm whether it has been able to visit them or not. Neither the Palestinian Authority nor human rights associations have been able to obtain a list of workers detained by Israel, nor where each of them is detained.



On November 3rd, Israel sent thousands of Palestinian workers from Gaza back to a war zone, as a large number of them were released at the Karem Abu Salem crossing, east of the Rafah crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip. According to testimonies, workers said they were detained and ill-treated by Israeli authorities, they even put plastic stickers on each worker with a number on his leg. They also said they were humiliated. Thousands of workers are still stuck in the West Bank. **On November 7th**, the Palestinian Prisoners' Clubs confirmed the death of two Gazan workers, while being detained by Israel. The club identified the worker, who died at Ofer, as Majed Ahmed Zaqoul, a 32-year-old husband and father, who came to the West Bank three years ago and was suffering from cancer. He had been working in Israel for the past 6 months, trying to earn a living to support his family.

An investigation into the cause of their deaths is still pending; since October 7, prisoners' rights & human rights organizations have expressed serious concerns over a surge of violence and abuse against Palestinian prisoners. [Click here](#) to read our prior statements.

Healthcare, civil defense and humanitarian aid heroes have continued carrying out their missions of saving and safeguarding lives despite being exposed to tremendous risks due to indiscriminate Israeli bombing and shelling, and attacks against facilities & personnel protected under international humanitarian law. We are deeply grateful to them. We mourn **315 health workers, including 26 killed on duty, civil defense members & UN staff, killed by Israeli bombs and shelling in Gaza** since 7th of October, 2023.

Source: UN OCHA reports

Israel has prevented around 120,000 Palestinian workers from the West Bank from returning to their jobs since October 7.

Hundreds of male and female Palestinian workers from the West Bank have been arbitrarily dismissed from Israeli workplaces, and have no source of income since they are not covered by the unemployment benefits scheme that applies to Israeli workers.

The Israeli Minister of Economy submitted a request to the government to bring around 160,000 Indian workers to work in various work sectors where Palestinian workers used to be employed. Indian unions have spoken up against such a plan. If this decision is implemented, it will have major repercussions on the Palestinian economy in general; leading to the loss of about 18 billion shekels annually in wages paid to Palestinian workers employed in Israel.

Once again, denial of employment is used as a form of collective punishment against Palestinians, with the aim of further weakening the Palestinian economy in the West Bank, which already suffers from hundreds of checkpoints and barriers closed in the aftermath of October 7, with areas being cut from each other, and mobility severely impeded. In fact, the ILO estimated earlier this month that 24% of jobs have been lost in West Bank.

“The world must not be silent / Disavowing international responsibilities towards Palestinians in Gaza is a calamity greater than the war itself”

This was stated by the **General Union of Health Service Workers in Gaza**, which demands the unification of labor movements, trade unions and labor federations to end the war on Gaza, and requests the world to:

- Put pressure on governments to stop the aggression, ensure that humanitarian aid enters Gaza, and protect civilians.
- Expose the hardships faced by civilians, violations of rights, and war crimes conducted against Gazans.
- Mobilize international support for protecting children, stopping the targeting of homes, and prosecuting war criminals.
- Expose the attempts at displacing civilians.
- Provide psychological support for children and families that were subjected to bombing.

In its statement, the General Union of Health Service Workers in Gaza, highlighted the humanitarian crisis faced by civilians in Gaza, especially since many hospitals are out of service due to shortage of resources and lack of fuel, not forgetting to mention that many surgeries are performed without anesthesia. The union also shared the tragic circumstances of rescue efforts of civilians affected by the bombing, stating that medical personnel & the civil defense face huge challenges in the rescue of civilians, particularly due to lack of equipment for removing rubble.

Source: the official Facebook Page of the General Union of Health Service Workers in Gaza