



State of Palestine
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

Multilateral Relations Sector

Israeli crimes in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank

Facts and Figures (26 October 2023)

Killings and injuries

- The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported that as of 25 October more than **6,547** Palestinian civilians, including **2,704** children and **1,292** women, were killed by the Israeli occupation's intentional and widespread targeting of Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip. An average of **339** Palestinians killed per day, or **14** Palestinians per hour, and an average of **1** Palestinian child killed every 15 minutes.¹
- According to the Ministry of Health, in the past 24 hours alone (as of 18:00 on 25 October), **756** Palestinian civilians, including **344** children, have been killed following intense Israeli airstrikes on civilians. This is the **highest number** of reported Palestinians killed in a **single day** in the Gaza Strip since 7 October.²
- According to the Ministry of Health, more than **68%** of Palestinians killed are children and women.³
- The Ministry of Health also reported that over **17,439** Palestinians were injured.
- The Ministry of Health provided that **65%** of Palestinians killed and injured this current week were sheltering or residing in the Southern part of the Gaza Strip, the area where the Israeli occupation ordered Palestinian civilians to evacuate to deeming it as "safe".
- The Ministry of Health estimates the number of victims trapped under the rubble to be at least **1,600**, including **900** children.⁴
- **The total number of those killed and injured in Gaza is not yet comprehensive.** Palestinian Civil Defense teams are struggling to reach many areas while rescue and retrieval efforts of victims from under the rubble are becoming nearly impossible due to the continuous and non-stop Israeli airstrikes, severe shortage of fuel to run equipment

¹ Defense for Children International-Palestine, "One Palestinian child in Gaza killed every 15 minutes by Israeli forces", 16 October 2023, <<https://www.dci-palestine.org/one-palestinian-child-in-gaza-killed-every-15-minutes-by-israeli-forces>>.

² OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #19", 25 October 2023, <<https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-19>>.

³ ibid.

⁴ ibid.

churches, and public building, and nearly **79,000** in **70** non-UNRWA schools which **none** of them **is safe** from the Israeli airstrikes.¹³

- Overcrowding is a growing concern as UNRWA shelters are hosting about **2.7** times the designed capacity. In the most crowded shelter, in the most severe level of overcrowding, with more than 12 times the designed capacity.¹⁴
- The numbers have exceeded UNRWA's capacity to assist in any meaningful way, including with space in shelters, food, water or psychological support.¹⁵ The shelters have become overcrowded in addition to very limited supplies of food, hygiene and cleaning supplies and potable water.¹⁶
- Over **15%** of the displaced Palestinians are estimated to have disabilities, yet shelters lack the required medical mattresses and beds, causing ulcers and other medical issues that cannot be treated in unsterilized conditions. Similarly, the food distributed does not meet the needs of those with swallowing difficulties.¹⁷
- Following the Israeli occupation's orders to over one million Palestinian civilians to evacuate to the southern parts of the Gaza Strip, many international organizations, including the UN Secretary-General and UN independent experts, deemed this not only impossible but also a **crime against humanity** and a **collective punishment**.¹⁸ A UN spokesperson called the order "impossible" to achieve "without devastating humanitarian consequences".¹⁹ ICRC described such an order as **incompatible with international humanitarian law**.
- It was evidentially indicated that hundreds, and possibly, thousands, of displaced Palestinians are **returning** to the north of the Gaza Strip, due to continuous bombardments in the southern part, to which they were ordered to evacuate by the Israeli occupation forces, and due to their inability to find adequate shelter. Since 7 October (as of 21:00 on 22 October), **12** displaced Palestinians sheltering at UNRWA schools have been killed and about 180 have been injured.²⁰

¹³ *ibid*.

¹⁴ UNRWA, "UNRWA Situation Report #14 on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Including East Jerusalem", 25 October 2023.

¹⁵ UNRWA, "Situation Report #6 on the Gaza Strip & the West Bank", 16 October 2023.

¹⁶ UNRWA, "UNRWA Situation Report #8 on the Situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (Including East Jerusalem)", 18 October 2023.

¹⁷ UNRWA, "UNRWA Situation Report #11 on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Including East Jerusalem", 22 October 2023.

¹⁸ Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur is the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, 13 October 2023, <[https://www.un.org/unispal/document/israel-must-rescind-evacuation-order-for-northern-gaza-and-comply-with-international-law/#:~:text=GENEVA%20\(13%20October%202023\)%20%E2%80%93,violation%20of%20international%20humanitarian%20law](https://www.un.org/unispal/document/israel-must-rescind-evacuation-order-for-northern-gaza-and-comply-with-international-law/#:~:text=GENEVA%20(13%20October%202023)%20%E2%80%93,violation%20of%20international%20humanitarian%20law)>.

¹⁹ UN News, "Gaza: Nowhere to go, as humanitarian crisis reaches 'dangerous new low'", 13 October 2023, <<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/10/1142282>>.

²⁰ **OCHA**, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #16", 22 October 2023.

Destruction of property

- According to OCHA, as of 23 October, the Israeli occupation forces targeted and destroyed **6,179** buildings, **27,781** housing units, and affected more than **150,000** housing units, and entire neighborhoods have been destroyed by carpet bombing.²¹
- The total number of housing units reported as destroyed or damaged accounts for at least **45%** of all housing units in the Gaza Strip.²²
- As of 25 October, OCHA reported that **219** educational facilities, including **29** UNRWA schools have been targeted by Israeli airstrikes,²³ **8** of which were UNRWA emergency shelters, with one of them being directly hit, resulting in the killing of at least **8** displaced Palestinian civilians and **40** others injured.²⁴ **140** public schools- **one** of which was completely destroyed, **one** university building that was severely damaged.²⁵
- A total of **41** UNRWA installations have been damaged since 7 October.²⁶
- Roads and streets were severely destroyed, obstructing the rescue teams from reaching hundreds of victims, dead and alive, that are still trapped under the rubble of destroyed houses.

Collective punishment

- Due to food insecurity, women and children, especially pregnant and lactating women, are at risk of malnutrition, which will negatively affect their immune health, increasing their susceptibility to contracting maternal nutrition-related illnesses such as anemia, preeclampsia, hemorrhage.²⁷ This increases the risk of death for both mothers and babies.
- Since 21 October, three humanitarian convoys reached Gaza with a total of **54** trucks. UNRWA teams receive those shipments on the Gaza side and help with the storage and distribution in cooperation with other UN agencies. The convoys included some food, drinking water and medicines.²⁸

²¹ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #18", 24 October 2023.

²² *ibid.*

²³ *ibid.*

²⁴ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #19", 25 October 2023.

²⁵ United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - occupied Palestinian territory, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #10", 16 October 2023.

²⁶ UNRWA, "UNRWA Situation Report #14 on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Including East Jerusalem", 25 October 2023.

²⁷ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #18", 24 October 2023.

²⁸ UNRWA, "UNRWA Situation Report #13 on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Including East Jerusalem", 24 October 2023, < <https://www.unrwa.org/resources/reports/unrwa-situation-report-13-gaza-strip-and-west-bank-including-east-jerusalem>>.

- Aid deliveries entering Gaza have not included fuel. UNRWA, by far the largest humanitarian provider in Gaza, will exhaust its fuel reserves approximately by **25 October**.²⁹
- Essential resources such as water, food, and medicine continue to be in critical short supply. Due to that, people are consuming saline water with over 3,000 milligrams per litre of salt content from agricultural wells. This poses an immediate health risk, raising hypertension levels, also increasing the risk of diarrhea and cholera.³⁰ Health partners have detected cases of chicken pox, scabies and diarrhea, attributable to the poor sanitation conditions and consumption of water from unsafe sources.³¹
- For the **fourteenth** consecutive day (since 11 October), Gaza has been under a full electricity blackout, following Israel's halt of its electricity and fuel supply to Gaza, which in turn triggered the shutdown of Gaza's sole power plant.³²
- Due to the access restrictions to Gaza's main landfills, solid waste has been accumulating in temporary locations and in the streets, posing health and environmental hazards.³³
- The World Food Program (WFP) indicated that stocks of essential food commodities within Gaza were sufficient for only **12 days**.³⁴
- Between the 20 and 25 October, **3** bakeries were forced to shut down due to a lack of fuel, and another **10** bakeries were targeted by the Israeli occupation forces. Only 19 bakeries are still operational up to this day, however, unless fuel is allocated to them, most bakeries will shut over the next few days.³⁵ As a result, people are struggling to obtain a piece of bread. Long queues are reported in front of bakeries, where people are exposed to airstrikes.
- The electricity blackout has disrupted food security by affecting refrigeration, crop irrigation, and crop incubation devices, consequently harming various livelihoods, including poultry, cattle, fish, and other commodities.³⁶
- Damage to main fiber-optic internet lines and related infrastructure during Israeli attacks, compounded by the fuel shortages, have severely impaired connectivity and telecom services, undermining lifesaving operations.³⁷

²⁹ UNRWA, "UNRWA Situation Report #12 on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Including East Jerusalem", 23 October 2023.

³⁰ *ibid.*

³¹ *ibid.*

³² *ibid.*

³³ *ibid.*

³⁴ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #18", 24 October 2023.

³⁵ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #19", 25 October 2023.

³⁶ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #16", 22 October 2023.

³⁷ *ibid.*

- Access to the sea along Gaza has been prohibited by the Israeli occupation forces, and all fishing activity has ceased since 7 October. The expansion of Israel's perimeter from 300 to 1,000 meters from the border, have barred entry to key agricultural areas which led to reduced crop fields, affecting hundreds of thousands of people harvesting crops.³⁸

Targeting hospitals and medical staff

- The Israeli occupation forces have directly targeted hospitals, doctors, medics, and first respondents.
- According to the Ministry of Health, "**the health care system has reached the worst stage in its history.**"³⁹
- As of 25 October, the World Health Organization (WHO) had documented **76** attacks on health care affecting **35** health care facilities (including **20** hospitals damaged) and **24** ambulances.⁴⁰ **Seven** hospitals, all in Gaza city and northern Gaza, were forced to shut down due to the damage they sustained, lack of power and supplies and/or evacuation orders.⁴¹
- According to OCHA, the hospitals in the Gaza Strip are reaching an unprecedented point of devastation due to the influx of injuries combined with severe shortages of essential resources, such as medical supplies, personnel, electricity, water, and fuel. Fuel at the hospitals is being severely rationed and is used to run a selected number of critical facilities. The back-up generators are not designed for continuous operation and are therefore likely to break.⁴²
- Since 7 October, over **one-third** of hospitals in Gaza (**12 of 35**) and nearly **two-thirds** of primary health care clinics (**46 of 72**) have been forced to shut down due to damage from hostilities or lack of fuel, increasing the pressure on the remaining health facilities that are still operational.⁴³
- On 23 October, **five** hospitals erected tents within their compounds to cope with overcrowding. Al-Shifa hospital, the largest in the Gaza Strip, is currently treating more than **5,000** patients, which is significantly over its capacity of **700** patients. Not to mention that around **45,000** displaced Palestinians are currently taking shelter in the hospital.⁴⁴
- **20** hospitals in the Gaza Strip are still receiving evacuation orders from the Israeli occupation forces. The 23 hospitals in Gaza and north Gaza, have the capacity of **2,000** beds (2,000 patients) out of the total number of 3,500 hospital beds in Gaza.⁴⁵

³⁸ *ibid.*

³⁹ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #19", 25 October 2023.

⁴⁰ *ibid.*

⁴¹ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #16", 22 October 2023.

⁴² OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #18", 24 October 2023.

⁴³ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #19", 25 October 2023.

⁴⁴ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #17", 23 October 2023.

⁴⁵ UNRWA, "Situation Report #6 on the Gaza Strip & the West Bank", 16 October 2023.

Internationally prohibited weapons

- Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch confirm that the Israeli occupation forces used white phosphorus artillery shells in densely populated civilian areas in Gaza.⁴⁶
- White phosphorous, an internationally prohibited weapon, burns at extremely high temperatures when exposed to air, and can continue to burn inside the flesh. It causes horrific pain and life-changing injuries, and cannot be put out with water.
- The use of white phosphorous ammunition in densely populated areas of Gaza violates the requirement under international humanitarian law that parties to the conflict take all feasible precautions to avoid civilian injury and loss of life.
- Heavy Israeli attacks from air, sea, and land have continued almost uninterrupted across the Gaza Strip since the beginning of the large-scale Israeli aggression. As of 7 October 2023, Israel, the occupying power, has dropped more than **12,000 tons** of explosives. An average of **33 tons** of explosives were dropped **per square kilometer** on the Gaza Strip, which is a total area of 365 square kilometer.⁴⁷

West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to the Ministry of Health, since 7-25 October **103** Palestinians, including **31** children and **two** Palestinians detainees in Israeli detention, were killed by the Israeli occupation forces or settlers in the West bank, including East Jerusalem. More than **1,850** injured Palestinians, including at least **160** children, an additional 39 Palestinians have been injured by settlers.⁴⁸
- Of the 103 Palestinians killed in the occupied West Bank, **6 including one child** were killed by Israeli settlers.
- Around **28%** of injuries were caused by the Israeli occupation's live ammunition. According to OCHA, the number of Palestinian injuries from live ammunition is almost **eight times higher than the average of such injuries between 1 January to 7 October 2023**.⁴⁹
- According to the Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs, since 7 October, the Israeli occupation forces detained more than **1,460** civilian Palestinians, including children, journalists, and women.⁵⁰ Mass arbitrary detention have escalated during the

⁴⁶ Human Rights Watch, "Questions and Answers on Israel's Use of White Phosphorus in Gaza and Lebanon", 12 October 2023, <<https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/10/12/questions-and-answers-israels-use-white-phosphorus-gaza-and-lebanon>>; Amnesty International, "Israel/OPT: Identifying the Israeli army's use of white phosphorus in Gaza", 13 October 2023, <<https://citizenevidence.org/2023/10/13/israel-opt-identifying-the-israeli-armys-use-of-white-phosphorus-in-gaza/>>.

⁴⁷ Anadolu Ajansi, "Gaza media office says over 12,000 tons of explosives dropped by Israel since Oct. 7", 24 October 2023, <<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/gaza-media-office-says-over-12-000-tons-of-explosives-dropped-by-israel-since-oct-7/3031524>>.

⁴⁸ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #19", 25 October 2023.

⁴⁹ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #16", 22 October 2023.

⁵⁰ Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs, 26 October 2023, <<https://cda.gov.ps/index.php/ar/ar-news-2/14625-2023-10-26-07-42-29>>.

war on Gaza, which is part and parcel of the whole collective punishment policy against the Palestinian people as a whole.

- Since 7 October, the Israeli occupation forces have escalated their persecutory policies and practices against the Palestinians detainees in the illegal Israeli detention centers, taking advantage of the lack of information from and visitation of attorneys.
- The Israeli occupation forces have deprived the detainees of the following illegal measures, as a form of collective punishment: contacting their families and family visits, denial of attorneys visits, deprivation of getting out to the prison's yard, deprivation of using the canteen, confiscation of electrical appliances, reduction of shower periods to 15 minutes for each room, continuous invasions of rooms, accompanied by physical attacks and threats of death.⁵¹
- **Two** Palestinian detainees in Israeli detention centers were killed in less than 24 hours. Arafat Yaser Hamdan, 25, was killed two days after he was arrested by the Israeli occupation forces. Administrative detainee Omar Hamzeh Daraghmeh, 58, was also killed after being arrested on 9 October 2023. The Commission of Detainees Affairs stated that the "Israeli authorities [are] beginning a systematic assassination process against detainees in its detention centers".⁵²
- The Israeli occupation forces have also detained hundreds of Palestinian workers from Gaza, after transferring them by the Israeli occupation from Israel to the West Bank, as a form of collective punishment.
- Since the beginning of the war on Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip, the so-called National Security Minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, ordered to purchase **10,000** rifles to "equip" the settler "security teams" in the illegal settlements.⁵³ **4,000** assault rifles have already been secured. The number of distributed weapons is expected to grow further.
- OCHA has recorded over **138** settler attacks against Palestinians civilians from 7 October to 25 October.⁵⁴ Of which, **20** attacks involved physical attacks on Palestinians (injuries and killings), **95** attack involved damage to Palestinian property, **23** settler attack involved both physical attack and damage to property.⁵⁵
- More than one-third of the settler attacks, **48**, involved threats with firearms, including shooting, by settlers. Almost half of all attacks, **68**, involved Israeli occupation forces

⁵¹ Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs, "The Israeli occupation forces take advantage from the war on Gaza and torture women detainees in Israeli prisons", 23 October 2023, <<https://cda.gov.ps/index.php/en/51-slider-en/14569-the-israeli-occupation-forces-take-advantage-from-the-war-on-gaza-and-torture-women-detainees-in-israeli-prisons>>.

⁵² Commission of Detainees and Ex-Detainees Affairs, "A Palestinian prisoner in Israel dies while in custody, the second in 24 hours", 24 October 2023, <<https://english.wafa.ps/Pages/Details/138611>>.

⁵³ Middle East Monitor, "Far-right Israel MK to distribute 10,000 rifles to settlers", 11 October 2023, <<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20231011-far-right-israel-mk-to-distribute-10000-rifles-to-settlers/>>.

⁵⁴ OCHA, "Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #19", 25 October 2023.

⁵⁵ *ibid.*

accompanying or actively supporting Israeli settlers while carrying out the attacks against the Palestinian civilians.⁵⁶

- Affected Palestinians properties by settler attacks included **22** residential structures, **40** agricultural/animal-related structures, **66** vehicles and more than **400** trees and saplings.⁵⁷
- Settler attacks amounts to an average of **8** attacks **per day**, more than double of the daily average attacks since the beginning of 2023.⁵⁸
- Since 7 October, **82** Palestinian households, comprising of **607** Palestinians, including **112 children**, have been displaced from **13** herding communities in Ramallah, Al-Khalil, Bethlehem, Tubas and Nablus Governorates, due to the escalation of settler violence in the occupied West Bank.⁵⁹
- Since 7 October, the World Health Organization has documented **96** attacks against health in the occupied West Bank, affecting **77** ambulances, including **53** attacks hindering the delivery of health care, **53** physical attacks towards health workers, and **17** involving detention of health staff and ambulances by the Israeli occupation forces, and **10** involving militarized search of health assets.⁶⁰

Legal qualifications

- The genocidal rhetoric against Gaza and the Palestinian civilians in public statements made by senior Israeli officials, in addition to the unlawful and widespread crimes against the Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip, amounts to genocide and ethnic cleansing.
- The UN Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Francesca Albanese, has stated that there is a risk of ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, as there is both a **declared intent**, through the countless statements by Israeli officials wanting to expel Palestinian civilians from the Gaza Strip into the Sinai desert. Also, there is the **practice** itself, where the Israeli occupation forces are evidently trying to do so, by targeting civilians, essential services, and evacuation orders towards the south. Albanese stated that it “would be the largest instance of ethnic cleansing in the history of this tormented land”.⁶¹
- Indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian objects is prohibited under international humanitarian law and amounts to a war crime under the Rome Statute. Civilians are also protected under international humanitarian law by the rule of proportionality, which prohibits attacks against military targets that could cause excessive or disproportionate civilian casualties in relation to the anticipated advantage of the target’s destruction.

⁵⁶ *ibid.*

⁵⁷ *ibid.*

⁵⁸ OCHA, “Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #18”, 24 October 2023.

⁵⁹ OCHA, “Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #19”, 25 October 2023.

⁶⁰ *ibid.*

⁶¹ Democracy News, “U.N. Rapporteur for Palestine: Gaza War Risks “Largest Instance of Ethnic Cleansing” in Mideast History”, 18 October 2023, <https://www.democracynow.org/2023/10/18/un_special_rapporteur_palestine_albanese>.

- Indiscriminately killing civilians with no regards for the principles of distinction, precaution and proportionality is a war crime under the Rome Statute.
- Hospitals are protected under international humanitarian law. The latter prohibits attacks on medical professionals, hospitals, ambulances and clinics.
- Intentional starvation of a civilian population, including by, cutting off power, fuel, and water, and hindering access to food, medicine, and basic services, is a crime against humanity, as well as a form of collective punishment against the civilian population in the Gaza Strip, which is a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention and a war crime under the Rome Statute.

Updated key messages from International Organizations and UN experts
in relation to the War on Gaza

❖ UNRWA:¹

- “Without fuel, there will be no water, no functioning hospitals and bakeries. Without fuel, aid will not reach those in desperate need. Without fuel, there will be no humanitarian assistance”.
- “Without fuel, we will fail the people of Gaza whose needs are growing by the hour, under our watch. This cannot and should not happen”.

❖ World Health Organization (WHO):²

- “When fuel runs out, so will hope for thousands of patients.”
- WHO reiterates its call for safe passage for the delivery of fuel and health supplies throughout the Gaza Strip.
- WHO calls for a humanitarian ceasefire, and the safe passage of fuel, medical supplies, and humanitarian aid into and across Gaza.

❖ The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory (COI):

- “There is already clear evidence that war crimes may have been committed in Gaza”.³
- The COI said it was “gravely concerned with Israel’s latest attack on Gaza and Israel’s announcement of a complete siege on Gaza involving the withholding of water, food, electricity and fuel which will undoubtedly cost civilian lives and constitutes collective punishment.”⁴
- “The only path towards ending violence and achieving sustainable peace is through addressing the root causes of the conflict including through ending the illegal occupation of Palestinian territory and recognizing the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination”.⁵
- Ms. Navi Pillay, Chair of the COI condemned Israeli military attacks, resulting in the deaths of thousands of Palestinian civilians, calling for an immediate ceasefire, she

¹ Statement by UNRWA CG, THE GAZA STRIP: FUEL IS RUNNING OUT, WITHOUT FUEL, HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE WILL STOP, October 22, 2023.

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/gaza-strip-fuel-running-out-without-fuel-humanitarian-response-will>.

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/from-unrwa-commissioner-general-philippe-lazzarini>.

² WHO on X, October 25, 2023.

³ The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, October 10, 2023.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

underscored that the Israeli Government must end its 56-year occupation and recognize the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.⁶

❖ UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967:⁷

- "I hope I rendered justice to the Children I interviewed this year. I fear asking if they are still alive".
- "I regret the lack of objectivity of certain media in reporting on Israel and OPT. Professional ethics require media to report impartially facts on the ground, refraining from stocking the flames of war".

❖ ICRC:⁸⁹

- "Israeli and Palestinians individuals deprived of liberty in the ongoing armed conflict must be treated humanely at all times, in accordance with applicable international humanitarian law and human rights law. The ICRC must be notified of their whereabouts and granted access to them".
- "Our teams visited hospitals in the northern area of Gaza. The needs are staggering. Supplies are at the limit. Medical teams need reinforcement. Doctors are breaking down. Hospitals face impossible conditions- no power, operations by flash light, no painkillers".

⁶ Ms. Navi Pillay, Chair of the COI, Press conference, October 25, 2023.

⁷ Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, on X, October 26, 2023.

⁸ Statement by ICRC president Mirjana Spoljaric on the release of two hostages and ICRC's role as a neutral actor, October 20, 2023. <https://www.icrc.org/en/document/israel-and-occupied-territories-icrc-helps-release-hostages-gaza>.

⁹ ICRC on X, October, 25, 2023.