HOSTILITIES IN THE GAZA STRIP AND ISRAEL - REPORTED IMPACT

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OVERVIEW
The snapshot provides a comprehensive overview of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as of 30 December 2023, including casualties, particularly among women and children.

Significant damage has been inflicted upon critical infrastructure and essential services, affecting people’s ability to maintain their dignity and basic living standards.

This snapshot highlights reported figures on the impact of hostilities on people in Gaza, where a major humanitarian crisis has unfolded.

REPORTED CASUALTIES (Cumulative) as of 30 December 2023

Palestinians*

21,672* 
Reported fatalities

56,165* 
Reported injuries

~1.9 million 
Internally displaced (85% of Gaza)

0 hours 
Full electricity blackout

*Sources: MOH-Gaza

Israel*

Over 1,200*** 
Reported fatalities

~7,729 Children 
as of 11 December 2023

~5,400 
Reported injuries

128 hostages remain in Gaza (including soldiers and foreign nationals)

** According to Israeli media citing official sources

*** The reported estimate includes foreign nationals

DAMAGE*

65,000+ 
Destroyed housing units

~290,000+ 
Partially damaged housing units

Over 60% of Gaza’s housing units reportedly destroyed or damaged

370 education facilities reportedly damaged

11 bakeries reportedly destroyed

23 hospitals and 53 health care centres out of service

104 ambulances damaged

20 WASH facilities damaged

At least 3 churches and 115 mosques damaged

BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOODS

FOOD SECURITY*

2.2 million people at imminent risk of famine

2.08 million people at Phase 3 (high levels of acute food insecurity) or above

930,000 people at Phase 4 (emergency levels)

378,000 people at Phase 5 (catastrophic levels)

Phase 5 refers to extreme lack of food, starvation, and exhaustion of coping capacities.

*Source: IPC, 21 December

WATER AND SANITATION

One pipeline coming from Israel supply about 1,100 cubic metres per hour for the south area.

No Access to clean water in the northern governorates.

Fuel shortage impacts: 60 water wells, 2 desalination plants, sewage stations and pumps, wastewater treatment.

INCOMING TRUCKLOADS

500 trucks including fuel pre-crisis average per working day in 2023

5,902 trucks excluding fuel with humanitarian aid entered Gaza since 21 October.

Getting fuel to Gaza: 200 trucks entering daily via the Kerem Shalom crossing.

Health:

Hospitals are under heavy strikes.

The number of functioning hospitals has dropped from 36 to 13.

At high risk

At least 1,000 kidney failure, >2,000 cancer patients, 130 neonates in incubators

Critical shortages of drugs, blood products and supplies

Fuel at the hospitals is being severely rationed

EDUCATION

625K (100%) Students with no access to education

Over 69% of all school buildings have sustained damage.

MOVEMENT AND ACCESS

144 UN staff killed:

UNRWA: 142, WHO: 1, UNDP: 1

At least 312 health workers killed

40 Civil Defence killed while on duty

106 Journalists killed

Due to security incidents since its opening on 17 December, aid through Kerem Shalom crossing was suspended between 25 and 28 December, but resumed on 29 December. All other Israeli-controlled crossings are closed.

The Rafah crossing with Egypt is open for approved goods, and for the movement of some wounded and sick people, and aid workers.

Access to the sea and to areas near Israel's perimeter fence is restricted.

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.