

A photograph showing a street in Gaza with a large pile of rubble on the left side. A young boy is pushing a stroller with a child inside. The child is wearing a red shirt and red pants. The stroller is filled with blankets and bags. In the background, there are more people walking on the street. A black diamond-shaped graphic is overlaid on the top right of the image, containing white text.

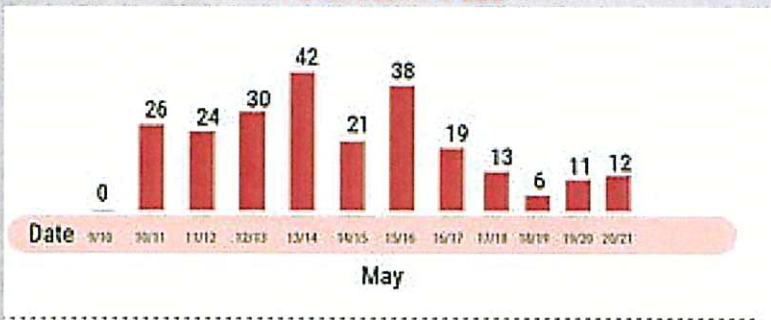
RECENT ISRAELI  
ONSLAUGHT OF  
PALESTINIAN  
CHILDREN

MAY 2021

During May 2021, Israel, the occupying Power, intensified its violent attacks and acts of aggression against the Palestinian people as a whole, including against children. Throughout its 54 years of occupation, Israel, the occupying Power, deliberately resorted to the use of excessive force against the Palestinian civilian population, in a manner that grossly fails to uphold the standards of International Humanitarian Law, in particular proportionality and distinction. Thus, Israeli military actions fail to take any considerations of the lives and well-being of protected persons, including children who continue to bear the brunt of its military occupation and to suffer the consequences of its colonial aspirations.

Israel, the occupying Power, is committing war crimes and crimes against humanity. The legal basis for those heinous violations are enshrined in relevant international law, including International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian law, International Criminal Law, and countless UN Resolutions.

Fatalities in Gaza



During May 2021, Israeli occupying forces killed 269 Palestinians across occupied Palestine, including 75 children and 38 women, of whom four were pregnant. The overall number includes three people with disabilities, including a child.

TOTAL FATALITIES SINCE 10 MAY 2021



Source: OHCHR

According to UNICEF, the age of children killed by Israeli forces, ranges between six months to 17 years. Over half of them were under 10 years old.

More than 2300 Palestinian were injured across occupied Palestine, including more than 610 children.

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Palestinian children are being killed, wounded, orphaned and traumatized in a vicious Israeli onslaught on civilians that was being perpetrated in broad daylight in flagrant breach of every rule of humanitarian law and every norm of human decency and morality.

The stories told in this document are only a small portion of the suffering of Palestinian children growing up under occupation.



Riad Eshkuntana, and his five-year-old daughter Suzi, are the only survivors of their seven-member family. Their home was destroyed by an Israeli air strike on Gaza in May 2021. Suzi miraculously survived after 7 hours under the rubble.

Baby Omar Al Hadidi came to life only 5 months ago and will now have to go through life without his mother and brothers Osama 6, Abdelrahman 8, Suheib, all killed by an Israeli airstrike.

Omar's family is not the only one. Members of the Abu Hattab family were killed, including Alaa 5, Bilal 10, Youssef 11.

From Al Tanani family, Rawya was 4-months pregnant, she was killed together with her husband and sons Ismael 6, Ameer 5, Adham 4, Mohammed 3.

15 members of the family Al-Kolak were killed, including Zeid 8, Adam 3, and Qossai 1, and their parents. Only Aziz survived, he is 10.



Baby Omar Al Hadidi

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Israel's intensifying crimes against Palestinian children have caused grave consequences. Israel, the occupying Power, is attacking children everywhere and denying their right to humanitarian access. There is no safe haven for Palestinian children.

Palestinian children have alarming high rates of psychosocial distress, which is an inevitable result of the violence and crimes they witness on a daily basis, including the loss of loved ones, which leaves an entire generation emotionally damaged and suffering from long-term trauma.

In the last Israeli aggression, 11 of over 66 children killed by Israeli air strikes in Gaza were participating in a psycho-social programme aimed at helping them deal with trauma.



Rula Mohammad al-Kawlak, 5    Tala Ayman Abu al-Auf, 13    Yara Mohammad al-Kawlak, 9

Rula, Tala, and Yara are among the 11 children - between 5 and 15 years old - who were killed in their homes in densely populated areas along with countless other relatives who died or were severely injured.

*"We are devastated to learn that 11 children we were helping with trauma were bombarded while they were at home and thought they were safe. They are now gone, killed with their families, buried with their dreams and the nightmares that haunted them. We call on Israel to stop this madness: children must be protected. Their homes must not be targets. Schools must not be targets. Spare these children and their families. Stop bombing them now." Norwegian Refugee Council's Secretary General Jan Egeland.*

According to UNICEF, prior to the last escalation, **1 in 3** children in Gaza were in need of mental health support.

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Israel, the occupying Power, is willfully targeting children on their bikes; children playing with their friends; children sleeping in their beds; children rushing to hospitals; children running away from bombs; and children trying to help fellow killed or injured children. Babies as young as two months old have been killed. Unborn babies and their mothers have been killed. Palestinian children are paying the highest price of Israel's onslaught, indiscriminate attacks, and terror.

Schools and hospitals were deliberately targeted. Since the start of the last Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, 20 health facilities were damaged. Israel is also targeting roads leading to hospitals. Including, Shifa Hospital, the largest hospital in the besieged Strip. At least 51 education facilities, including 46 schools, two kindergartens, and an UNWRA vocational training center have sustained damage.

Attacks on educational facilities and hospitals count among the grave violations committed against children in the situation of armed conflict defined by the Security Council Resolution 1612 (2005), and violates numerous Security Council Resolutions including Resolution 2143 (2014), which urges parties to armed conflict to respect the civilian character of schools and to protect schools from attacks.



According to UNICEF, approximately 107,000 people have been displaced, of which more than 9000 family have sought refuge in 58 UNRWA schools across the Gaza Strip. In addition to the demolition of their homes, civilians in Gaza are facing the danger of COVID-19 while seeking shelter in schools, which lack adequate access to food, water, and proper sanitation.

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The facts relevant to the suffering of Palestinian children under occupation should not be viewed as a merely statistical endeavor. As subsequently mentioned, every number in this document demonstrates a life that has been suppressed, or a potential that has been silenced, due to the colonial practices that render Palestinians, regardless of their age, to a disposable subject of Israeli policies. The world must remember their names and stories, and prevent any future suffering of children.



**Ahmad Al-Hawajri, 12**, was returning from the grocery store in Gaza when he was killed by a shrapnel from an Israeli warplane and sustained burns all over his body.



**Mariam Talbani, 2, and her brother Ziad Talbani, 4**, were killed by an Israeli missile that struck their home in Gaza, along with mother Rima, who was five months pregnant



**Mahmoud Tolbeh, 12**, killed as he was leaving the barbershop in Gaza, due to a struck in the head by a shrapnel fired by an Israeli missile.



**Rafeef Abu Dayer, 10**, was killed by an Israeli airstrike while eating dinner with her uncle in Gaza.



**Obaida Jawabreh, 17**, was killed by an Israeli soldier's bullet to the heart in the West Bank. Obaida wanted to be a chef before an Israeli soldier took away his life and dreams.



**Nagham Salha, 2**, and her parents were killed by an Israeli missile that struck their apartment in Gaza. Her father was disabled and her mother was eight months pregnant.



**Yahya Al-Hadidi, 10**, was killed alongside three of his brothers and his mother in an Israeli airstrike on Al-Shati refugee camp



**Dima Asaliya, 10**, was returning from her sister's house adjacent to her family home in Jabalia in Gaza Strip when she and her parents were killed in an Israeli drone missile strike on the street.

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Despite the fact that the Israeli aggression on Gaza has stopped after 11 horrifying days, many children's lives are still at risk, and many lives have been forever ruined.

There can be no justification for the Israeli criminal attacks on civilian population and such blatant disregard for human life. Therefore, we reiterate our appeals to the international community to fulfill its collective obligations, in particular, to:

- Undertake the necessary measures to uphold international law, including measures to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to abide by its legal obligations and ensure protection to the occupied population;
- Ensure the protection of schools and hospitals and other critical services related to humanitarian access;
- Act to stop Israel's slaughter of innocent civilians, in particular children, and to rise to its responsibilities to stop these violations and to save innocent lives;
- Pursue measures to hold Israeli government officials, military commanders and forces, and colonial settlers accountable for their grave breaches and heinous crimes against Palestinian children;
- To ensure the inclusion of Israel on the list of parties that commit grave violations affecting children in situations of armed conflict. Israel belongs on that list and exempting it from this shame encourages impunity and ensures the continuation of grave violations of Palestinian children's rights;
- States that tie bilateral relations and cooperation to human rights records must hold Israel to that standard. Agreements on military, economic, and other forms of cooperation must be tied to whether Israel adheres to its obligations under international law, especially towards children.

*Without such measures, the culture of impunity will only grow, resulting in more human rights abuses.*

Annex: names and ages of 75 Palestinian children that Israel, the occupying Power,  
killed in May 2021

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66 of these children were killed by Israel's indiscriminate bombing of the Gaza Strip. These children were more than names and ages, they were Palestinian children who had dreams and the right to live free; remember their names:

Bashar Ahmad Ibrahim Sammour, 17  
Yazan Sultan Mohamad Al Masri, 2  
Ibrahim Yousef Attallah Al Masri, 11  
Yahya Mazen Shhadeh Khalifa, 14  
Lina Iyad Fathi Shreer, 16  
Ibrahim Abdullah Mohamad Hasnain, 16  
Mohamed Saber Ibrahim Sleiman, 16  
Hussein Munir Hussein Hamad, 11  
Baraa Wissam Ahmad Gharabali, 6  
Rahaf Mohammad Attallah Almasri, 10  
Marwan Yousef Attallah Almasri, 7  
Hamza Mahmoud Yssin Ali, 12  
Hala Hussein Raafat Alreifi, 14  
Zaid Mohamd Oudeh Altalbani, 5  
Ammer Tayseer Mohamad Al-Emour, 10  
Hamada Attia Abed Al-Emour, 13  
Khaled Emad Khaled Al-konou, 17  
Lina Mohamad Mahmoud Issa, 14  
Ameer Raaffat Mohamad Ismail Al Tanani, 7  
Ahmad Rami Mahmoud Alhawajri, 14  
Adham Raafat Mohamad Ismail Altanani, 4  
Mohamed Raafat Mohamad Ismail Al Tanini, 3  
Ismail Raafat Mohamad Ismail Altanini, 8  
Mohamed Salameh Mohamad Abu Dia, 1  
Hoor Moamen Jamal Alzamli, 2  
Ibrahim Mohamad Ibrahim Al Rantisi, 1  
Fawziya Nasser Mohamad Abu Fares, 17  
Islam Mohamad Mahmoud Alattar, 8  
Ameera Mohamad Mahmoud Alattar, 6  
Mohamed Zein Mohamad Mahmoud Alattar, 1  
Buthainah Mahmoud Eissa Eid, 6  
Abdullah Ashraf Abdullah Joudeh, 13





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Mariam Alaa Mohamad Abu Hatab, 8  
Suhaib Mohamad Subhi Alhadidi, 13  
Yamen Alaa Mohamad Abu Hatab, 6  
Bilal Alaa Mohamad Abu Hatab, 9  
Yousef Alaa Mohamad Abu Hatab, 11  
Abdulrahman Mohamad Subhi Alhadidi, 8  
Osama Mohamad Subhi Alhadidi, 6  
Tala Ayman Twfeeq Abu al-Auf, 13  
Tawfeeq Ayman Abu al-Auf, 17  
Yahya Riad Hasan Ishkantna, 4  
Zain Riad Hasan Ishkantna, 2  
Dana Riad Hasan Ishkantna, 9  
Adam Izzat Mu'in Al-Kolak, 3  
Zayed Izzat Mu'in Al-Kolak, 8  
Hana Shukri Ameen Al- Kolak, 14  
Ahmad Shukri Ameen Al-Kolak, 15  
Dima Rami Riad al-Riad Al-Ifranji, 15  
Qusai Sameh Fawwaz Al-Kolak, 1  
Mohammad Ahmad Alya Bhar, 17  
Rawan Alaa Abu Al-Ouf, 17  
Rashid Mohammad Abu Arra, 16  
Rafeef Abu Dayer, 11  
Yousef Rafeeq Al Baaz, 13  
Yahia Mohammad Sobhi Al-Hadidi, 10  
Ahmad Rami Al-Hwajri, 13  
Ameer Al- Ifranji, 9  
Meera Al-Ifranji, 12  
Yazan Al-Ifranji, 13  
Adam Al- Kolak, 3  
Rula Al- Kolak, 6  
Yara Al-Kolak, 9  
Maryam Al Tilbani, 3  
Dima Asaliya, 10  
Obaida Jawabreh, 17  
Muhammad Youssuf Kiwan, 17  
Islam Wael Dar Nasser, 16

Mohamed Obeid, 17  
Said Yousef Mohammad Odeh, 16  
Doaa Iyad Sharrab, 13  
Menna Shreer, 3  
Mahmoud Hamed Tolba, 15  
Mohammad Al Kolak, 17  
Muhammad Yunus Freihat, 15



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Resources:

1. Defense of Children International (DCI)
2. United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA):
3. UNICEF - State of Palestine
4. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
5. Palestinian Ministry of Health