



# Violations and crimes by the Israeli authorities, security forces and settlers against and affecting Palestinian children since October 2023

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## VIOLATIONS

- 1 Extermination and wilful killing** ➤ through intentional targeting with single shot to the head and upper body using quadcopters, drones, sniper rifles, and airstrikes in densely populated areas
- 2 Persecution and enforced disappearance** ➤ persecution based on age, intersecting with gender, nationality, ethnicity, culture and religion by deliberate killing and arbitrary arrests
- 3 Torture and other inhumane acts** ➤ physical assault with weapons to vital body parts, prolonged stressful positions, terrorized with dogs, starvation, deprivation of water, sanitation, hygiene, and toilet access
- 4 Sexual and gender-based violence** ➤ through forced public nudity, sexual assault, genital violence and sexual threats
- 5 Intentional destruction of civilian objects that are not justified by military necessity** ➤
  - attacks against facilities caring for children
  - attacks on and use of schools and universities
  - attacks on and forced closure of healthcare facilities, including those dedicated to child healthcare
- 6 Reproductive violence** ➤ disproportionate, direct and acute harm to the health of foetuses and newborns and their mothers
- 7 Use of starvation as a method of warfare** ➤ imposed conditions of life through blockade and siege resulting in increasing child mortality and morbidity
- 8 Settler violence** ➤ led to the death and harming of Palestinian children and Israeli authorities have failed to prevent Israeli settlers and encouraged a culture of impunity and leniency

### VIOLATES:

International Criminal Law  
International Humanitarian Law  
International Human Rights Law



### THE KILLING AND HARMING OF CHILDREN:

1. is part of the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian group in the Gaza Strip
2. amount to crimes against humanity and war crimes in the Gaza Strip
3. amount to war crimes in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### TO ISRAEL

**End the unlawful occupation**, including by ceasing all new settlement activity and evacuating all settlers from the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

**Ensure accountability for all those with responsibility for crimes against and affecting Palestinian children** and cooperate fully with the International Criminal Court (ICC) and other international mechanisms.

**End arbitrary and administrative detention of children and use of torture and ill-treatment**, and ensure incidents involving children are adjudicated exclusively by specialized civilian courts – not military courts – with expertise in juvenile justice.

**Return the bodies of all deceased children** to their family members and end the practice of withholding bodies of children and other Palestinian victims.

**Facilitate the safe, unrestricted and immediate entry of humanitarian organisations** and delivery of humanitarian assistance.

**Take all necessary measures to ensure the protection of Palestinians** including children from settler violence.

**Allow safe medical evacuation of injured children and family**, and guarantee their safe return to Gaza.

### TO MEMBER STATES

**Arrest any Israeli officials against whom arrest warrants have been issued** by the ICC and extradite them into the custody of the ICC.

**Employ all means reasonably available to prevent the commission of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity** and to ensure full compliance with the Geneva Conventions in the OPT.

**Cease the transfer of arms and other equipment or items to the State of Israel or third States** where they could or would be used to violate international law.

**Conduct investigations under domestic or universal jurisdiction** of Israeli individuals or organisations suspected of having participated in unlawful acts of violence against Palestinian children.

**Prohibit two-way military-related trade with Israel.**

**Impose targeted sanctions** against Israeli officials and military personnel responsible for violations of international law, specifically those involving children, and against those involved in carrying out settler violence in the West Bank.

**Support political solutions and processes aimed at achieving lasting peace in Palestine**, based on the right of Palestinians to self-determination, engaging and listening to Palestinians, including children.