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Introduction

We present to you the new edition of the "Monthly Briefing Report" issued by the League of Parliamentarians for Al-Quds and Palestine, which monitors and documents the most prominent political, field, and humanitarian developments in the occupied Palestinian territories during the month of July 2026.

This report comes at a critical juncture characterized by an unprecedented Israeli escalation on all fronts. At a time when diplomatic and political efforts are intensifying to complete negotiations for the second phase of the ceasefire agreement and administrative transition arrangements in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli war machine persists in reinforcing the policy of genocide.

The report documented a complete collapse of the social protection system in the Strip following the systematic targeting of shelter centers and displacement camps with incendiary and internationally prohibited weapons. This has doubled the humanitarian disaster and exacerbated the numbers of orphans, widows, and displaced people far beyond the international community's capacity to respond.

Regarding the West Bank and occupied Jerusalem, the occupation is racing against time to impose new demographic and geographic realities. It has shifted from a policy of gradual "settlement expansion" to implementing a comprehensive "spatial decisive plan." This was manifested in the legalization of new settlement outposts, the displacement of Bedouin and pastoral communities, and the entrenchment of settler terrorism as a state-sponsored tool of repression backed by military coverage.

In parallel, the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque witnessed grave violations and incursions led by ministers in the occupation government, which included the imposition

of Judaization symbols and public Talmudic rituals, in a clear effort to undermine the historical and legal status quo and enforce temporal and spatial division.

The report also highlights the issue of prisoners and detainees in occupation prisons, drawing on human rights testimonies that documented the exposure of the most vulnerable groups to coercive conditions, deliberate medical neglect, punitive measures, and acts of torture amounting to crimes against humanity.

These serious and legally documented findings place the international community, its legislative institutions, and UN organizations before a true test of their credibility. Through this report, we provide you with a parliamentary tool for knowledge and legal action, calling on the parliaments of the world to move immediately from the realm of condemnation and denunciation to effective legislation, serious accountability, and the imposition of deterrent sanctions to end this occupation and protect the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.



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Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque

(Violations and Attempts to Alter the Historical and Legal Status Quo)

In July 2026, Israeli occupation authorities escalated efforts to impose a new reality at Al-Aqsa Mosque through enforced temporal and spatial division.

■ Systematic Incursions and Government Cover:

Over 9,670 settlers stormed the courtyards in July, peaking on July 23 with 4,288 participants in mass incursions led by the National Security Minister and Knesset members amid official calls for full Israeli sovereignty.

■ Imposition of Talmudic Rituals and Judaization Symbols:

Intruders performed public Talmudic rituals and raised Israeli flags near the Dome of the Rock, while police erected a temporary shelter in the eastern courtyard to accommodate them.

■ Temporal Division and Demographic Restrictions:

Occupation police restricted Muslim access by banning worshippers under 75–80 during specific periods and explicitly reserving designated hours for "Jews only."

■ Ongoing Aggression Against the Bab al-Rahma Prayer Hall:

Forces raided Bab al-Rahma, expelled worshippers, and disconnected the sound system in a ongoing effort to vacate the space for settlers and infringe upon Muslim rights to the 144,000-square-meter compound.

Source: Al-Quds International Institution



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Settlers stormed the courtyards of Al-Aqsa Mosque during July 2026

 **23**
July 2026

Peak of violations coinciding with the so-called "anniversary of the destruction of the temple"

The West Bank and Settlements

(De Facto Annexation Plans and Forced Displacement)

July 2026 witnessed fundamental shifts in the settlement issue, as the occupation authorities transitioned from a phase of "gradual expansion" to a policy of "comprehensive spatial decisiveness," backed by unprecedented political and legislative coverage aimed at undermining any opportunity to establish a geographically contiguous and viable Palestinian state.



Control Plans and the Entrenchment of Outposts:

Settlement groups unveiled the "Map of Redemption" involving 219 outposts designed to fragment Palestinian land.

Satellite imagery revealed that agricultural outposts, such as "Shalem" east of Nablus, are being converted into permanent, fully serviced settlements.



Structural Expansion and Major Land Confiscations:

Authorities approved major expansion projects, including seizing 6,000 dunams in "Gush Etzion" and legalizing six outposts. Over the first half of 2026, more than 22,000 dunams were confiscated alongside plans for 19,000 new units in Area C.



Settler Terrorism as State Policy (Functional Displacement):

State-sponsored settler militia attacks, backed by military cover, forced the displacement of nearly 79 Bedouin and Palestinian communities, particularly in the Jordan Valley and Masafer Yatta.



Collective Punishment and Attacks on Places of Worship:

Israeli calls for collective retaliation increased alongside arson targeting agricultural property, destruction of livelihoods, and the desecration of mosques with racist graffiti.



Source: Palestinian Human Rights Observatory

Field and Humanitarian Situation in the Gaza Strip

(Sustained Crisis and Collapse of the Protection System)

Latest official health records show a significant rise in the number of martyrs in Gaza during July, with 152 martyrs recorded across various governorates—the highest monthly toll since the beginning of the year.

The casualties reflect continued and systematic targeting of civilians and residential areas, including 21 children, 14 women, and 4 elderly people. These documented realities contradict claims that humanitarian conditions improved following the alleged ceasefire announcement on October 10, 2025.



Collapse of Protection and Worsening Social Disaster

Continued attacks on civilians and shelter centers have kept hundreds of thousands of families trapped in repeated displacement and fear, contributing to the collapse of basic social protection systems.

The orphan crisis has reached unprecedented levels, with approximately 65,279 orphans recorded by June 2026. This includes 54,468 children who lost one or both parents during the war, while 2,039 children were added to orphan registries after the ceasefire announcement.

The targeting of household breadwinners has also increased the number of widows to 28,224, including 742 women widowed between October 2025 and July 2026. As a result, more families have lost their primary provider and become dependent on humanitarian assistance.



Targeting Shelter Centers and Forced Displacement

Field teams documented the targeting and damage of more than 20 shelter centers and camps since the ceasefire announcement. The destruction of residential areas caused over 638 families to completely lose their homes or tents, while more than 163 tents were damaged. In addition, over 800 families were newly displaced due to ongoing incursions and the shrinking of available civilian shelter areas.

These figures demonstrate that shelters and tents no longer provide even basic protection and have instead become part of the ongoing cycle of targeting and displacement affecting Palestinian civilians.



Documented Humanitarian Figures

(As of June 2026)



Number of Orphans: **65,279**



Of whom are children: **54,468**



Widows: **28,224**



Damaged Shelter Centers: **More than 20**

Source: Government Media Office + International Organizations

The Prisoners and Detainees File

(Grave Violations and Systematic Retaliatory Policies)

July 2026 marked a continued deterioration in the humanitarian and detention conditions of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli facilities, driven by escalating punitive measures and systematic violations affecting daily life.

◆ Statistics and Arbitrary Detention:

The total number of detainees in Israeli Prison Service facilities reached 9,323, comprising 1,474 sentenced prisoners, 3,293 pre-trial detainees, 3,198 administrative detainees, and 1,358 classified as "unlawful combatants."

◆ Patterns of Violations and Inhumane Conditions:

Violations appear to be systematic across prisons such as Negev, Megiddo, Ashkelon, and Janot. Reported abuses include severe food deprivation, medical neglect, untreated chronic illnesses, scabies and dental problems, lack of hygiene supplies, and restrictions on religious practices, including confiscation of Quran copies.

Prisoners also face repeated raids and suppression, harsh solitary confinement, and lights kept on continuously in isolation cells, depriving them of sleep and rest.



◆ Suffering of Female Prisoners and Vulnerable Groups:

94 female prisoners are held in Damon Prison, including pregnant women, minors, and elderly women. They reportedly face violent suppression, forced removal, shackling, being held face-down for hours, tear gas, police dogs, physical and sexual assaults, and verbal abuse.

Gaza prisoners face particularly severe retaliatory measures, including near-daily suppression, repeated physical and sexual assaults, threats of execution, psychological pressure, and humiliation. They are also deprived of basic necessities, including adequate clothing and hygiene supplies, contributing to widespread skin diseases and allergies. Sick and injured prisoners are reportedly also denied essential medications.

Source: Rights Network for Palestine (Nidaa)





Palestinian Political Scene

(Administrative Arrangements and the Negotiation Track)

During this period, the Palestinian political scene witnessed developments directly tied to the course of implementing ceasefire agreements and arrangements for administering the Gaza Strip in the coming phase, amidst complex political and field challenges imposed by Israeli obstacles.

Course of the Administrative Transition in the Gaza Strip

- ◆ **Resignation of the Government Committee in Gaza:** The Government Media Office in the Gaza Strip announced, in a statement, the resignation of the head of the Government Emergency Committee and the official dissolution of the committee, in preparation for transferring administrative tasks and governance in the Strip to the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza.

The statement clarified that Mohammad Jawad Al-Farra, head of the Emergency Committee and acting head of Government Follow-up, submitted his official resignation to demonstrate seriousness, facilitate the transition, ease the work of the Peace Council's National Committee, and provide an appropriate working environment.

- ◆ **Legislative Elections Decree:**

On July 9, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas issued a decree setting Saturday, November 28, 2026, for legislative elections in the West Bank, Jerusalem, and Gaza. He also amended the General Elections Law by decree-law, raising the Legislative Council from 132 to 200 members. Additionally, the decision lowered the candidacy age from 28 to 23, reduced the electoral threshold from 2% to 1%, and mandated at least one female candidate among every three on electoral lists.

- ◆ **Ceasefire Negotiations:**

Hamas agreed to include heavy weaponry within the second-phase ceasefire framework, provided all aggression ceases, a complete withdrawal from Gaza occurs, the Administrative Committee enters, international protection forces deploy, and occupation-backed militias are dissolved.