



Thoughts on Gaza, West Bank, Lebanon and overall in the Middle East

This document is updated daily.

Please let us know if we miss anything you think should be added. If you would like to suggest additional news resources, please feel free to reach out to

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The latest news from/on Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon

On October 7, 2023 [Hamas attacked Israel](#). Beginning October 8, 2023 the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) began military operations in Gaza. More broadly, though, the conflict started long ago, one significant date being April 9, 1948 with the [attack on the village of Deir Yassin](#).

This is day **513** of the current crisis.

There were 15th months of bombing in Gaza before the ceasefire which began 19 January 2025.

Most of the bombs dropped on Gaza and the aircraft used to deliver them are paid for with US taxpayer money and are supplied to Israel by the US government.

IDF actions in the West Bank are accelerating, as deaths and displacements rise rapidly.

As of February 2025 well over 46,707 people have been killed and over 111,540 wounded in Israeli attacks on Gaza since October 7. The [number killed](#) includes at least 18,000 children. Over 10,000 more Palestinians are presumed dead, buried under rubble and collapsed buildings, making the [presumed death toll](#) well over 57,000. The revised death toll in Israel from the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack stands at 1,139. Over 600+ Israelis have died while engaging in the conflict since October 7. Hamas took 253 hostages on October 7th. More than 9,170 Palestinians from the West Bank have been detained by Israel since October. 7th.

Illegal [according to International law] Israeli settler colonial activity in the West Bank has accelerated along with Palestinian arrests since October 7th.

If inaction is *not* a moral option, what do you do and what do you encourage the organizations to which you belong to do?

We can respond as individual citizens by calling our state and national government representatives, commenting on and/or creating social media, and by simply educating ourselves and our friends. Additionally, each of us belongs to multiple organizations that can take a stand. At Elon, for example, the SGA or faculty can respond as a body, as can the Board of Trustees.

The links provided below are intended as a source of information to educate and inform. They are clustered into topics and themes, but we would like to maintain the organization of the document fluid to allow the list of resources to grow organically in the future.

We invite and welcome everyone who has access to these documents to suggest additional resources. Simply send us an email.

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