

UN affirms Israeli settler violence in West Bank at highest level as two Americans are kidnapped and tortured



Palestinian-American Ghassan Jaber and his brother Imad were kidnapped by Israeli settlers in the village of Burqa and brutally tortured before being released and rushed to the hospital.

Geneva, June 2 (RHC)-- The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) says Israeli settler violence against Palestinians has surged dramatically in 2025, with over 220 injuries recorded, averaging 44 per month, marking the highest monthly attack rate observed in 20 years.

According to the OCHA's latest weekly report on the humanitarian situation in the West Bank, the entire Palestinian Bedouin community of Maghayer ad Deir, about 120 people, was forcibly displaced after Israeli settlers established a fourth unauthorized outpost near their village.

Meanwhile, Israeli movement restrictions across the Salfit governorate have severely limited access to essential services—including healthcare, education, and livelihoods—for nearly 90,000 Palestinians.

Since the start of 2025, punitive demolitions by Israeli forces have displaced 80 people. In May alone, Israeli demolitions destroyed 50 homes in Nur Shams refugee camp, while Tulkarm camp residents received only three hours' notice to evacuate 20 buildings.

According to UNRWA, over 33,000 Palestinians remain displaced, unable to return to their homes in Jenin, Nur Shams, and Tulkarm refugee camps.

Israeli forces have intensified their violent incursions into numerous areas of the West Bank, as the occupying entity continues its aggressive actions in the region alongside the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

Settlers kidnap Palestinian-American brothers in West Bank

Meanwhile, Israeli settlers abducted and tortured two Palestinian-American brothers from Burqa village near Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, according to Palestine's official WAFA news agency.

Identified as Ghassan and Imad Jaber, the brothers were attacked while visiting relatives in a village near Ramallah. After being held captive, the brothers were eventually released and evacuated to a nearby hospital for medical treatment, local mayor Sayel Canaan confirmed to Arabic media outlets.



In this photo, Ghassan Jaber lies on a stretcher, holding his American passport in his hand.

The regime has escalated its West Bank violence since October 7, 2023, when it launched its genocide in Gaza. Since then, Israeli forces and settlers have killed about 1,000 Palestinians in the occupied territory.

Thousands of Palestinians have left their homes in Jenin and the nearby city of Tulkarm in the northern West in recent months. Palestinians fear Gaza-style clearance as Israel squeezes Jenin and other

refugee camps across the occupied region,

Last July, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) declared that Israel's long-standing occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal, demanding the evacuation of all settlements in the West Bank and East al-Quds.

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