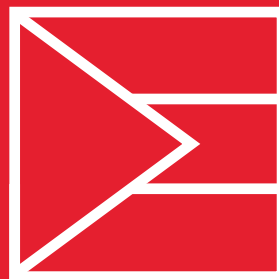


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“We wait for Ramadan because it’s a month of blessings, peace, and worship. But this Ramadan is coming amidst genocide and famine. [...]

Ramadan usually has a lot of dinner invitations for our extended families. Nowadays, everybody from the family is in a different place. When was the last time I heard the call to prayer without the sound of Israeli drones? I don’t remember.”

Aseel Mousa

a Palestinian journalist
displaced in Rafah.¹



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Israel's Terror Campaign this Ramadan



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Israel's Terror Campaign this Ramadan

Many Palestinians across the besieged Gaza Strip and occupied West Bank have spent Ramadan in forced displacement from their homes, many of which have been destroyed, and without sufficient food or equipment for cooking.²

Since Ramadan began, Israel has intensified its genocide of the Gaza Strip, massacring over 1,334 Palestinians.³

Timeline of Israeli Terror Attacks 2025

2 March

On the second day of Ramadan, Israel blocked all aid, including food and medicine, from entering Gaza.⁴

4-11 March

Between 4 and 11 March, the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) killed 24 Palestinians in Gaza and injured 92,⁵ and killed four Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and injured 62.⁶

8 March

Israel cut off Gaza's electricity, effectively ending Gaza's fresh water supply given Gaza relies on just two remaining desalination plants that run on electricity.⁷

In the occupied West Bank, IOF burned the historic Al-Nasr Mosque in Nablus shortly before fajr prayers.¹⁰⁷

9 March

Illegal Israeli settlers and IOF soldiers stormed Beit Sheikh Mosque in Khirbet Tana village in the occupied West Bank during Ramadan prayers, attacking worshippers and damaging the property.⁸

11-17 March

The IOF killed 30 Palestinians in Gaza and injured 114,⁹ and killed five Palestinians in the West Bank and injured 82.¹⁰

18 March

Israel intensified its bombing of Gaza and renewed its ground invasion of the Strip, marking an end to the pretence of a 'ceasefire' that never really existed, and had been repeatedly violated by Israel.¹¹

At 2:20am, the IOF committed the 'Ramadan Massacre', simultaneously bombing 100 separate locations across the Gaza Strip, killing more than 400 Palestinians as they slept, including over 170 children.¹²

Polish-Israeli Prime Minister and wanted war criminal, Benjamin Netanyahu, received the green light from the Trump administration to commit the Ramadan Massacre.¹³

18-25 March

The IOF killed at least 792 Palestinians in Gaza and injured over 1,663.¹⁴

Israel's Terror Campaign this Ramadan continued...

23 March

The IOF bombed Naser Hospital in Khan Yunis, killing at least two people, including a child who had been recovering after an abdominal operation, and was set to be discharged the following day.¹⁵ The IOF also injured more than eight others in the strike.¹⁶

24 March

The IOF assassinated two Palestinian journalists, Mohammad Mansour and Hossam Shabat, and killed over 65 Palestinians across Gaza.¹⁷



The IOF also ordered the forcible displacement of Palestinians in northern Gaza, and attacked a Red Cross building in Rafah.¹⁸

In the occupied West Bank, illegal Israeli settlers, accompanied by IOF soldiers, stole a Palestinian family's building when they were out having a family iftar.¹⁹ IOF soldiers prevented the residents from returning to their homes.²⁰

25 March

The IOF massacred over 62 Palestinians, including children, and ordered the forced displacement of residents from Jabalia, Beit Lahiya, Beit Hanoon, and Shujayea neighbourhoods.²¹

26 March

The IOF killed over 38 Palestinians in Gaza, and refused to open all hallways of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron for prayer on Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Destiny) – the holiest night in Islam.²²

28 March

The IOF killed 41 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip.¹¹²

“We all woke up to the sounds of massive bombing in every direction. We didn’t know what was happening, as the situation had seemed fine when we went to sleep. Later, we learned that the Israeli occupation had announced the resumption of the war.

Honestly, we had no desire in eating anything at this bloody suhoor after hearing the news that hundreds of people had been killed. It’s a state of war again.”

Um Firas Salama

a resident of the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood in northern Gaza City.²³



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Timeline of Israeli Terror Campaigns in Gaza During Ramadan



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Timeline of Israeli Terror Campaigns in Gaza During Ramadan

2024

During the first 10 days of Ramadan, Israel massacred over 876 Palestinians in Gaza, and injured over 1,476.²⁴

20 March

The IOF killed at least 65 Palestinians, including multiple children, and injured more than 92.²⁵

21-25 March

The IOF killed over 345 Palestinians, including many children, and injured at least 506.²⁶

25-27 March

The IOF killed more than 157 Palestinians and injured over 195.²⁷

27-28 March

The IOF killed over 133 Palestinians and injured at least 203.²⁸

29 March-3 April

The IOF killed over 352 Palestinians, including many children, and injured more than 485.²⁹

1-5 April

28 Palestinian children were killed by forced starvation and dehydration in Gaza as a result of Israel's genocidal policy.³⁰

3-5 April

The IOF killed 116 Palestinians and injured 173.³¹

6-8 April

The IOF killed 116 Palestinians and injured over 183.³²

2023

Israel repeatedly bombed Gaza and Lebanon.³³

2022

The IOF bombed Gaza, damaging several homes in Al-Bureij Refugee Camp in central Gaza.³⁴

2021

On the fifth day of Ramadan, Israel began a month-long bombardment of Gaza, massacring 256 Palestinians and injuring 2,000.³⁵

Timeline of Israeli Terror Campaigns in Gaza During Ramadan continued...

2019

During the first week of Ramadan, the IOF killed 27 Palestinians in Gaza and injured 154.³⁶

2018

Israel attacked Gaza throughout the month of Ramadan, killing several Palestinians and injuring over 200, including children and journalists.³⁷

Just two days before the start of Ramadan, Israel massacred 60 Palestinians peacefully participating in the Great March of Return, ensuring the start of the holy month was marred by grief.³⁸

2014

Israel launched 'Operation Protective Edge', a 53-day massacre of Palestinians in Gaza, in which the IOF killed 2,310 Palestinians and injured 10,626.³⁹ The massacre also destroyed 7,000 homes and damaged 89,000.⁴⁰

In Ramadan alone, the Israel bombed Gaza over 280 times, massacring more than 500 Palestinian children.⁴¹

2011

IOF attacks killed 15 Palestinians, including three children, and wounded ten others, also including children.¹¹¹

“Children used to wait for this month to fast, pray, play with lanterns, play in the evening, rejoice and to wait for Eid. However, with the advent of Ramadan, we hear nothing but the sound of aircraft, drones, threats and intimidation. How long will this death last?”

Rasmi Abu Al-Anin
a Palestinian in Rafah.⁴²



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Timeline of Israeli Terror Campaigns in Al-Aqsa Compound During Ramadan



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Israel allows hundreds of Israeli Jews access to the holy site of Al-Aqsa Mosque during Ramadan, in violation of the existing agreement between Israel, Jordan, Palestine, and the U.S. in place since 2015.⁴³

Under protection of the IOF, illegal Israeli settlers are also permitted to storm Al-Aqsa compound, brutally attacking Palestinian worshippers.

2024

On the first day of Ramadan, IOF officers outside Al-Aqsa Mosque compound chased away worshippers and struck some with batons.⁴⁴

On 13 March, illegal Israeli settlers accompanied by IOF soldiers broke into Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and performed Talmudic rituals.⁴⁵

On the last Friday of Ramadan, the IOF attacked worshippers at Al-Aqsa Mosque.⁴⁶

2023

IOF repeatedly stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, beating worshippers with batons and using tear gas to force them out of prayer halls.⁴⁷ The IOF injured at least 50 Palestinians, with some requiring hospitalisation, and arrested over 400.⁴⁸

The IOF also prevented medics from the Palestinian Red Crescent from accessing the injured.⁴⁹

Palestinians resorted to barricading themselves inside Al-Aqsa Mosque to prevent Israeli police from interfering with *itikaf*, a religious practice that entails spending whole nights in prayer and worship in mosques.⁵⁰

Timeline of Israeli Terror Campaigns in Al-Aqsa Compound During Ramadan continued...

2022

IOF injured over 170 Palestinians in Al-Aqsa compound during Ramadan, and arrested more than 300.⁵¹

2021

IOF used tear gas, rubber-coated steel bullets, and stun grenades against Palestinian worshippers during Ramadan, injuring over 170 Palestinians.⁵²

2019

On the first day of Ramadan, the IOF allowed illegal Israeli settlers to storm Al-Aqsa Mosque and perform their religious rituals, while preventing Palestinian worshippers from entering the compound.⁵³

2018

The IOF stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque, firing tear gas and stun grenades at worshippers in the compound, and shut the gates to prevent worshippers from entering.⁵⁴

2016

IOF injured several Palestinian worshippers at Al-Aqsa compound with sponge-tipped bullets, tear gas, and beatings.¹⁰⁹ Images on social media showed IOF officers dragging a Palestinian man with a bloodied face and head.¹¹⁰

2014

Over 100 IOF soldiers stormed the Al-Aqsa compound and assaulted worshippers.⁵⁵

“No one can afford to buy flour, neither rich nor poor, because they do not have such money. There are many people who (already) fast like it’s Ramadan [in northern Gaza].”

Jihad Abu Wafta

a Palestinian in Beit
Lahia, northern Gaza.⁵⁶



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Timeline of Israeli Terror Campaigns in the occupied West Bank During Ramadan



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Timeline of Israeli Terror Campaigns in the occupied West Bank During Ramadan

2024

13 March

Israel killed four Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, including two children, and injured five others.⁵⁷

16 March

IOF killed a Palestinian in Hebron and withheld his body.⁵⁸

17 March

Illegal Israeli settlers assaulted two Palestinian shepherds and stole 40 of their sheep.⁵⁹

19 March

Illegal Israeli settlers shot dead a Palestinian shepherd near Aqraba village in Nablus, and another Palestinian near Fajjar village in Bethlehem.⁶⁰

20 March

An IOF drone strike on Jenin Refugee Camp killed three Palestinians just minutes before the start of iftar and injured one other.⁶¹ IOF also killed four Palestinians in Nur Shams Refugee Camp.⁶² Illegal Israeli settlers occupied and moved their sheep onto the land and structures of the Palestinian Bedouin community of al-Mu'arrajat.⁶³

21 March

IOF killed a Palestinian in Al-Bireh, and an elderly Palestinian at a bus station in Bethlehem, and another Palestinian in Aqbat Jaber Refugee Camp.⁶⁴

22 March

IOF killed a Palestinian near Ramallah and arrested three others.⁶⁵

26 March-1 April

IOF killed five Palestinians, including a child.⁶⁶ In the same period, IOF conducted 155 attacks across the occupied West Bank, and illegal Israeli settlers carried out nine attacks which injured five Palestinians.⁶⁷

Timeline of Israeli Terror Campaigns in the occupied West Bank During Ramadan continued...

2-8 April

IOF killed two Palestinians in al-Far'a Refugee Camp and three Palestinians in Qabatiya, and a Palestinian girl at Tayasir checkpoint whose body they withheld.⁷⁰ The IOF also injured 35 Palestinians including four children.⁷¹

2023

On 3 April, IOF killed two Palestinians in Nablus and injured dozens more.⁷²

2022

In April, IOF killed two Palestinians in Jenin, and another Palestinian in Aqabet Jaber Refugee Camp.⁷³

2021

IOF and illegal Israeli settler attacks injured over 205 Palestinians in attacks across the occupied West Bank and east Jerusalem.⁷⁴

2019

The IOF abducted six Palestinians across the occupied West Bank between 19 and 20 May.⁷⁵

2018

On the first day of Ramadan, illegal Israeli settlers destroyed 400 grapevine trees in the Palestinian village Beit Anun with a chainsaw, and spray painted "We will reach every place" in Hebrew on nearby rock.⁷⁶

2016

On 21 June, IOF troops killed a Palestinian child and injured four others.¹⁰⁸

2014

IOF killed five Palestinians protesting IOF bombardment of Gaza, and wounded over 100.⁷⁷

“This is an arbitrary and dangerous precedent in this holy place, a brazen provocation of Muslim sentiments, and a lack of respect for the sanctity of the holy month of Ramadan and the Ibrahimi Mosque complex.”

Mohamed Najm

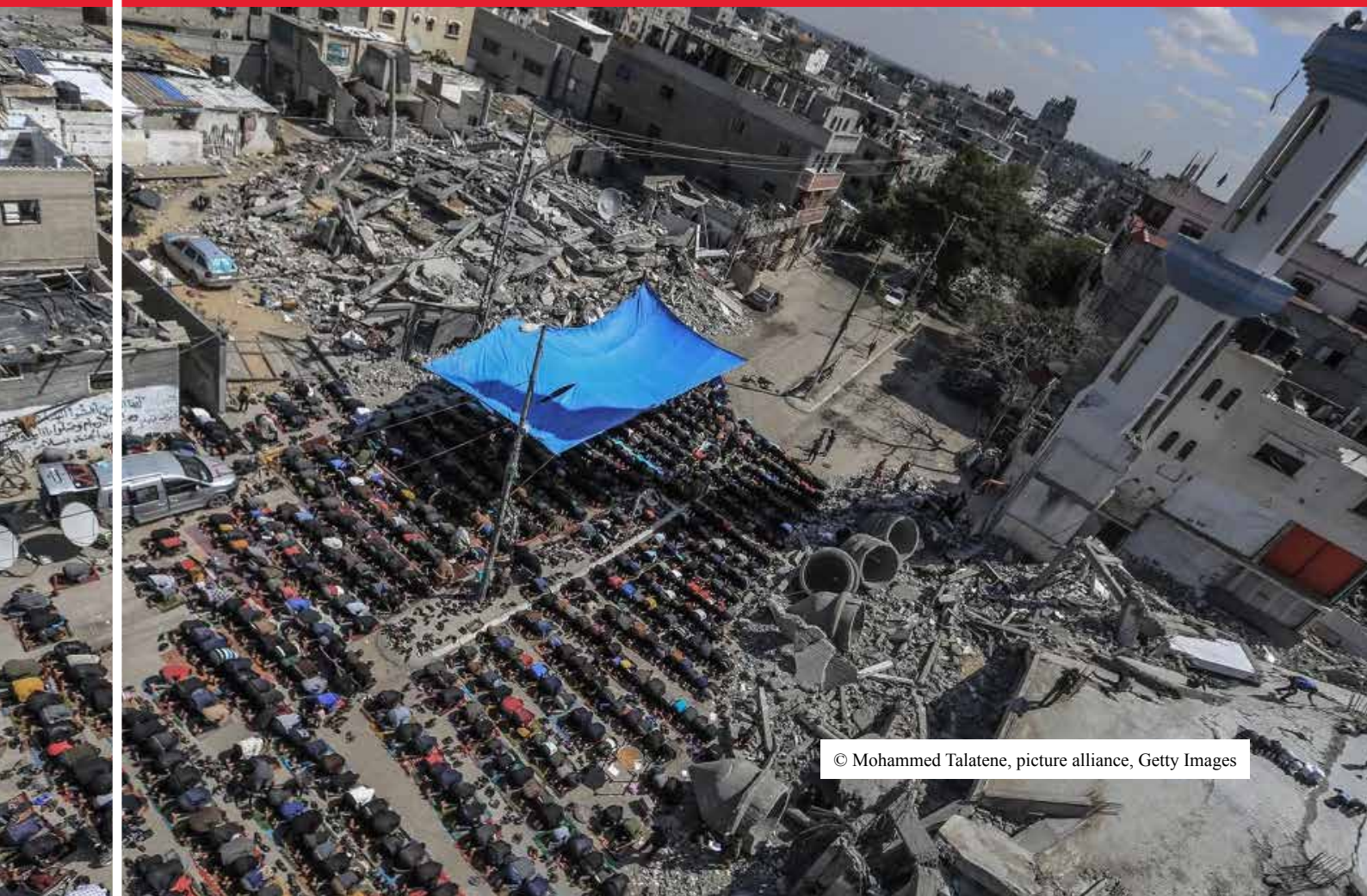
Awqaf Minister of Ibrahimi Mosque in occupied Hebron.⁷⁸



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Israeli Destruction of Islamic Sites since October 2023



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Israeli Destruction of Islamic Sites since October 2023

Besieged Gaza Strip

Since October 2023, Israel has destroyed over 1,109 mosques in Gaza – about 79 percent of all mosques in the Strip – in a clear attempt to enforce Jewish supremacy and commit genocide against Palestinian Muslims.⁷⁹

One instance includes Israeli bombing of Al-Hassan Mosque in Gaza city on 16 November 2023, intentionally timed to coincide with fajr prayers, killing over 15 Palestinian worshippers including children.⁸⁰

Many of the mosques were being used as shelters for displaced Palestinians fleeing Israeli bombardments and forced displacement.⁸¹

For example, on 6 October 2024 an Israeli airstrike on a mosque in Deir al-Balah killed 18 Palestinians who had been sheltering in the mosque, and injured dozens more.⁸²

The estimated cost to rebuild all destroyed mosques exceeds \$500 million.⁸³

Among those destroyed is the Great Omari Mosque, built in the seventh century and considered one of the most important and oldest mosques in Palestine, and the oldest in Gaza.⁸⁴



Other mosques destroyed include the Sayed al-Hashim Mosque, which contained the tomb of Hashim bin Abdul Manaf, the grandfather of the Prophet Muhammad, who passed away in Gaza.⁸⁵



The Othman bin Qashqar Mosque was also destroyed; it was built in 1220 on the site where the Prophet Muhammad's great-grandfather is believed to have been buried.⁸⁶



Israeli attacks on mosques are in violation of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, which Israel has ratified, which commits nations to safeguarding cultural sites during conflicts.⁸⁷

Israel has killed over 315 imams, mosque employees, and religious scholars, including Quranic teachers and Islamic preachers, since October 2023.⁸⁸

Israeli Destruction of Islamic Sites since October 2023 continued...

Israel has also targeted cemeteries in the Gaza Strip, damaging two thirds of the total number, and destroying 21.⁸⁹ IOF soldiers also dug up cemeteries and stole dead bodies, sometimes returning them heavily mutilated in barbaric ways.⁹⁰

Israel destroyed 643 religious endowment properties, targeted 30 legal institutions and 30 administrative buildings, including the headquarters of the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs in Gaza and of Holy Quran Radio.⁹¹

Occupied West Bank

Since October 2023, the IOF and illegal Israeli settlers have attacked 20 mosques in the occupied West Bank.⁹²

On 22 October 2023, Israel conducted an airstrike on a mosque in Jenin Refugee Camp, killing two Palestinians and injuring three, and seriously damaging the mosque.⁹³

On 19 August 2024, the IOF killed five Palestinians inside a mosque in Tulkarem.⁹⁴

On 20 December 2024, illegal Israeli settlers accompanied by the IOF set fire to the Bar al-Walidain mosque in the Palestinian village Marda, and defaced the building with racist messages such as “Death to Arabs” and “Revenge”.⁹⁵

“[Jenin Refugee Camp] feels like a strange place now. Israeli bulldozers have reshaped its features, carving roads and demolishing homes. Even if we return, many families will have nowhere to go. I used to host iftar at my home. This year, we are scattered. Imagine the heartbreak of breaking your fast away from your home, knowing it is being destroyed. No words can describe that feeling.”

Youssef Shreim
a refugee from Jenin.⁹⁶



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Israeli Attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque since October 2023



Israeli Attacks on Al-Aqsa Mosque since October 2023

In 2024 alone, illegal Israeli settlers supported by the IOF raided Al-Aqsa Mosque compound over 256 times, performing Talmudic rituals and preventing Muslim worshippers from entering the compound to pray.⁹⁷

Since October 2023, far-right Jewish supremacist groups have been increasingly vocal about their Islamophobic desire to demolish the Islamic structures in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and build a Jewish temple there.⁹⁹

These extremist groups, such as ‘Return to Temple Mount’, have offered 50,000 shekels (equivalent to over \$13,000) to anyone who sacrifices a goat inside Al-Aqsa Mosque – a Jewish ritual that is prohibited inside the mosque.¹⁰⁰

On 21 April 2024, dozens of illegal settlers broke into Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, in collaboration with the IOF, and attempted to sacrifice goats, sheep, and cattle in the compound.¹⁰¹

On 13 August 2024, over 1,500 illegal Israeli settlers, led by fascist Kurdish-Israeli minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and prevented Palestinian worshippers from entering during a Jewish holiday.¹⁰²

On 9 September 2024, the Palestinian Jerusalem Governate released a statement warning that Al-Aqsa Mosque is in danger, and that the world must intervene before it is too late.¹⁰³ The Governate pointed to repeated violations by the IOF and illegal settlers, and the prevention of Muslim worshippers from entering the compound, were a precursor to the spatial division of al-Aqsa Mosque.¹⁰⁴

“Israel has no right to impose its power to prohibit or restrict the entry of Palestinian worshippers [to al-Aqsa], whether from the West Bank, Gaza or ‘48 territories. [...]

The Israelis think this is the right time to finish with Gaza, end the resistance there, then move to Jerusalem and dominate Al-Aqsa.”

Mohammad Jadallah

a Palestinian surgeon and volunteer doctor providing emergency services to worshippers injured in al-Aqsa Mosque compound.¹⁰⁵



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Western Media Bias

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Israeli-Palestinian Clashes Erupt in Jerusalem as Holidays Converge

The violence broke out at the Aqsa Mosque compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, on the first day of a rare concurrence of Ramadan, Passover and Easter.

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Western Media Bias

Failure to name Israel as the perpetrator of Palestinian suffering during Ramadan

Western media refuses to identify Israel as the perpetrator of Palestinian suffering during Ramadan.

The New York Times

Despair Haunts Ramadan for Palestinians Displaced in West Bank

The Guardian

Palestinians gather amid rubble in Rafah for first iftar of Ramadan - video

FRANCE 24

Palestinians mark first day of Ramadan amid devastation in Gaza

CNN World

This Ramadan, starving Gazans will break their fast with scraps found in the garbage

Western Media Bias continued...

Depiction of IOF and settler violence against peaceful Palestinian worshippers in Al-Aqsa compound as 'clashes'

Western media attempts to scapegoat Palestinian worshippers for the targeted attacks against them by the IOF and armed Israeli settlers.

FRANCE
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New clashes at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque compound

BBC NEWS

Al-Aqsa mosque: Dozens hurt in Jerusalem clashes

The
Guardian

More than 20 injured in Israeli-Palestinian clashes around al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem

sky news

More than 130 injured as Palestinian worshippers clash with Israeli police at Al-Aqsa mosque

“Many of our friends and loved ones were buried alive under the rubble. Some of them have already died and others are waiting to die. These days are extremely difficult. We feel guilty that we are still alive. [...]

[We want] to see our children grow up in front of us. What scares us most is losing loved ones, and displacement.

We are praying next to the mosques that have been destroyed. We say ‘Allahu Akbar’ (God is great) when we are digging the displaced people out from under the rubble. These are the basics of our faith; prayers, and helping others, and doing our best.”

Mohammad Hamouda

a displaced healthcare worker in Rafah.¹⁰⁶



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