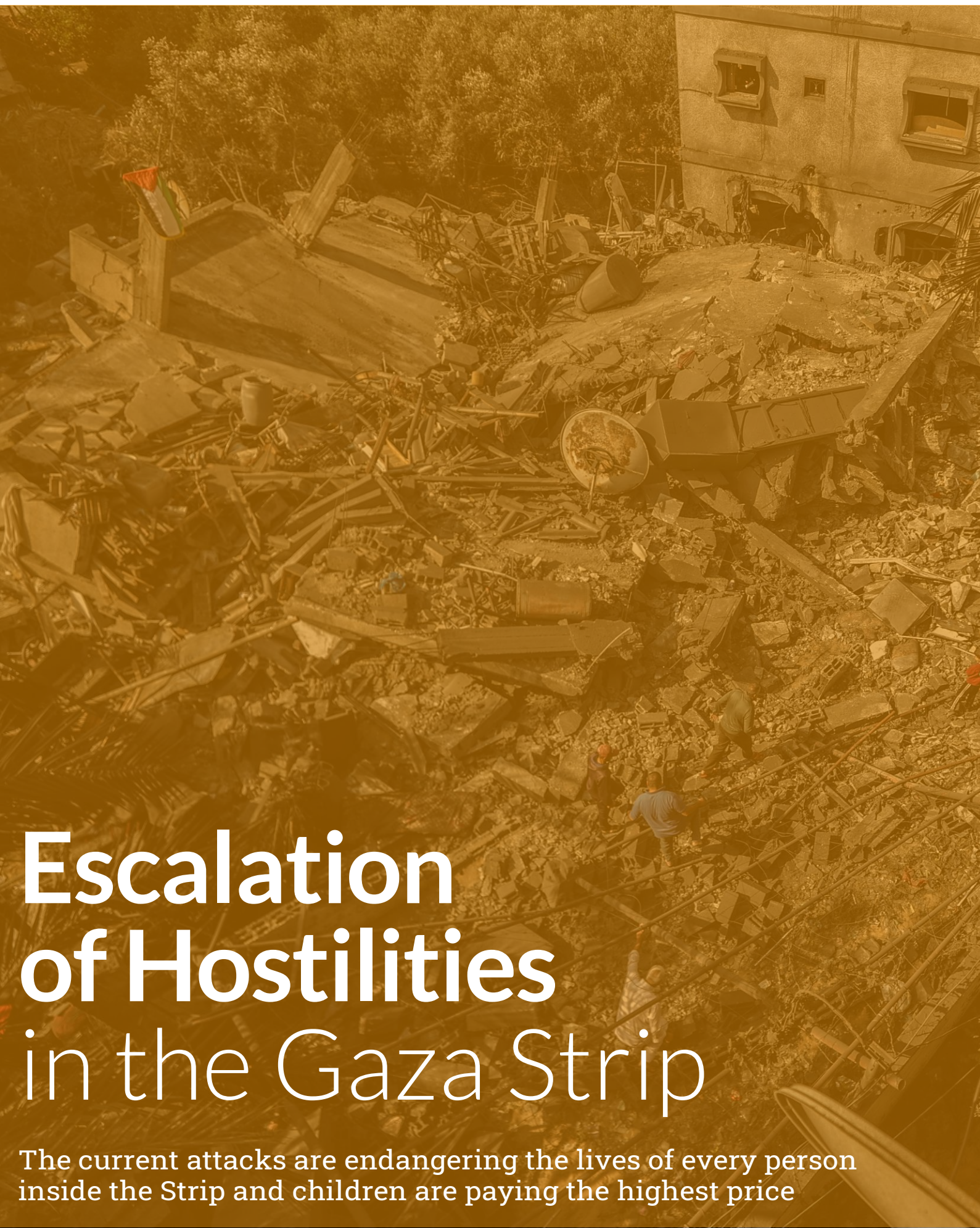


Flash Update #01

May 11th 2023



Escalation of Hostilities in the Gaza Strip

The current attacks are endangering the lives of every person inside the Strip and children are paying the highest price

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- On May 2nd, following the [death of the activist and former leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Movement \(PIJ\) Khader Adnan after 87 days of hunger strike due to his arbitrary detention](#), there has been an escalation between the PIJ and Israel. A cease fire was negotiated and achieved by Egypt on the morning of the 3rd.
- [On the night between the 8th and the 9th, Israel attacked the Gaza Strip with 40 air raids and 114 missiles](#), aiming to kill the leaders of the PIJ, resulting in the death of 13 people, including 10 civilians, of which 6 were women and 4 children. At the same time, the Israeli authorities closed the two access points to the Strip under their direct control: Erez (people) and Kerem Shalom (food and medical items, fuel), blocking movement in and out of Gaza, including those of the humanitarian actors and of hospital patients in critical conditions.
- For over 36 hours, the targeted attacks have caused the “collateral” death of civilians, and the armed response to the relentless Israeli air attacks started in the early morning of May 10th, with the PIJ launching missiles towards Israel.
- Today, the situation has not changed after the failed negotiations for a cease fire and **the casualties have grown to 28 Palestinians including 6 children, and 1 Israeli, while injured people are up to now 86 in Gaza and 19 among Israelis**, according to the latest report released by the Palestinian Ministry of Health at 18:00PM of May 11th.

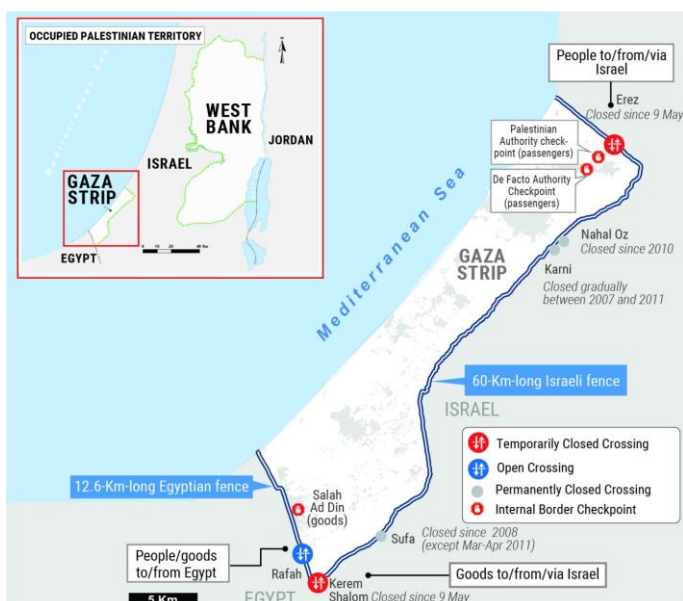
THE SITUATION IN THE STRIP

The Israeli military attacks, which are also harming unarmed civilians, already under siege inside the Gaza Strip, is a violation of International Humanitarian Law, as denounced by the United Nations and [the international community](#).

The children of the Gaza Strip, who represent 50% of its 2.2 million inhabitants, are once again exposed to a traumatic experience for which they are paying the highest price, and which represents a repeated violation of the principles enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent. Such traumas have irreversible consequences on their development and psychophysical well-being in the short and long term.

In such a context, the repeated Israeli military attacks and the total closure of crossing points make it **very hard to guarantee the functioning of basic infrastructure and services such as hospitals, water, electricity, and schools, and it will become impossible if the closure continues**. Following the failed negotiations of evacuation, **WeWorld’s international staff and other 140 INGOs and UN staff remain stuck in Gaza, alongside local staff and their families who, together with the rest of the population, fear for their lives every minute: without escape points nor secure shelters, the inhabitants of the Strip stay defenseless, waiting for a cease fire and a lasting peace.**

WeWorld denounces the repeated violation of International Humanitarian Law and human rights of the people of the Gaza Strip and calls on the U.N. Security Council and the entire international community to negotiate for an immediate cessation of violence and the opening of crossing points to allow the movement of people as well as essential and medical goods.



The Gaza Strip - Source: OCHA