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A new Gaza death toll list provided to the Israeli newspaper @haaretz by the Hamas-run Gaza MOH has been released (the 13th iteration), containing 68,820 non-duplicate entries and covering up to November 10, 2025. Very long analysis of data quality, demographics, and unknowns:



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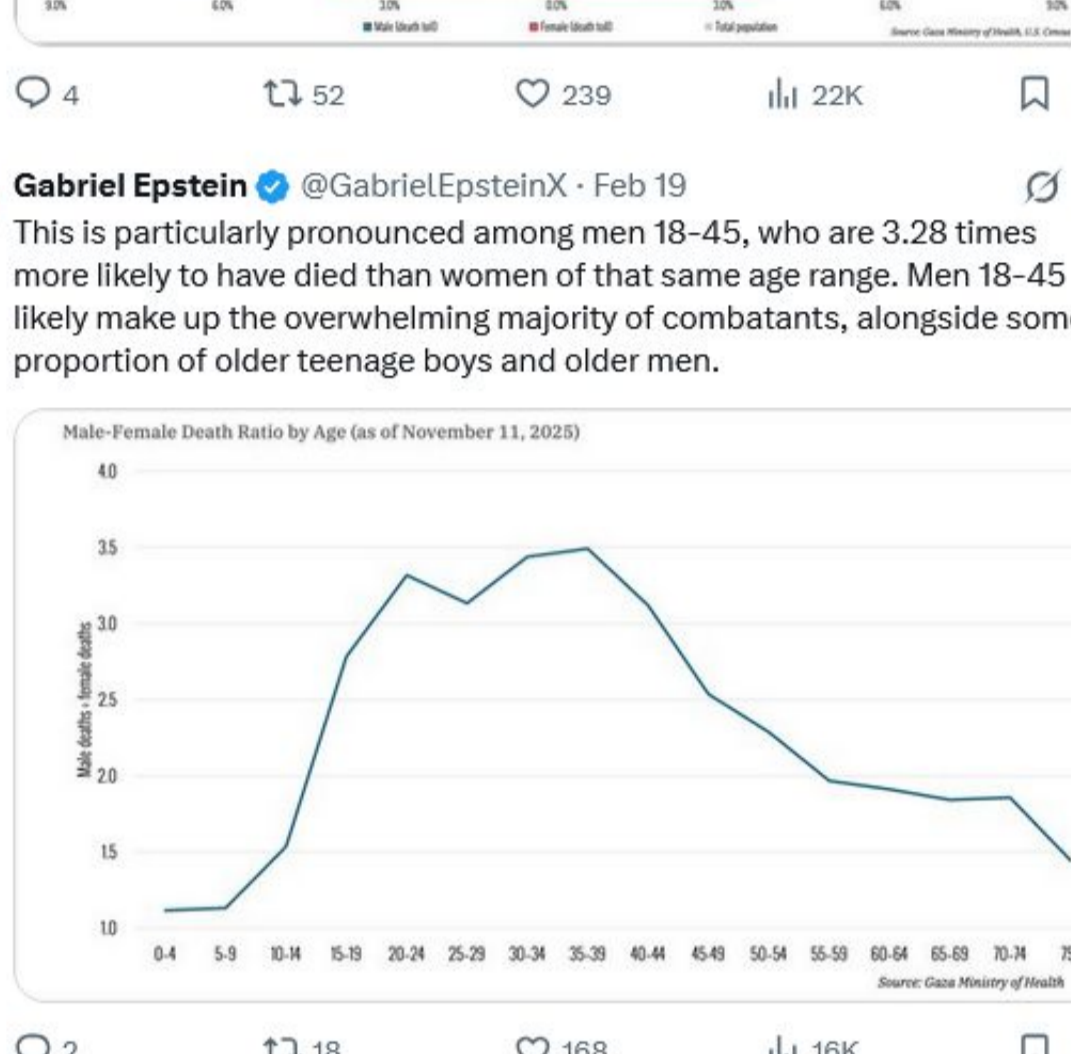
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Like all published MOH lists, the November list does not distinguish between civilians and combatants and attributes all listed deaths uniformly to Israeli action. Nor does it include dates of death (no list has) or collection methodology (some earlier iterations did).

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The new list contains 68,844 reported deaths, 99.91% of which have complete information. See my previous analysis for more on why "completeness" is only one of several relevant metrics, including validity and accuracy, to use when assessing the MOH list.



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But completeness -- data in every category -- is just one metric. Validity (whether or not someone's DOB/age/sex/ID data is correct) and accuracy (whether or not they belong on the list -- meaning their death was violent and due directly to the war) are key, and harder to assess.

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I conducted basic data cleaning and analysis of this list for Haaretz, which included the removal of 24 duplicate/triplicate entries (with 3 other likely duplicates left in)—for details on which entries were removed and why, DM me. Raw/cleaned data at the end of the thread.

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Of the 68,820 entries, 47.5% are men (18–59), 15.4% are women (18–59), 30.0% are children, and 7.1% are elderly (L). Of the 8,528 deaths added since July 31, 59.6% are men (18–59) (R). In other words, the share of adult men and older teenage boys killed continues to grow.

Overall Demographic Breakdown				Overall Demographic Breakdown, Additions Jul-Nov 2025			
Category	Count	%	Category	Count	%		
Men (18-59)	32,694	47.51%	Men (18-59)	5,084	59.62%		
Women (18-59)	10,620	15.43%	Women (18-59)	860	10.08%		
Boys (0-17)	12,197	17.72%	Boys (0-17)	1,525	17.88%		
Girls (0-17)	8,423	12.24%	Girls (0-17)	614	7.20%		
Elderly Men (60+)	3,066	4.46%	Elderly Men (60+)	302	3.54%		
Elderly Women (60+)	1,820	2.64%	Elderly Women (60+)	143	1.68%		
No Age	0	0.00%	No Age	0	0.00%		
Total	68,820	100.00%	Total	8,528	100.00%		

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The demographics demonstrate a much higher share of adult men (18–59) and older teenage boys relative to their share of the population and a much lower share of women and children (see chart). The share of men and older teenage boys continues to grow over time.



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This is particularly pronounced among men 18–45, who are 3.28 times more likely to have died than women of that same age range. Men 18–45 likely make up the overwhelming majority of combatants, alongside some proportion of older teenage boys and older men.

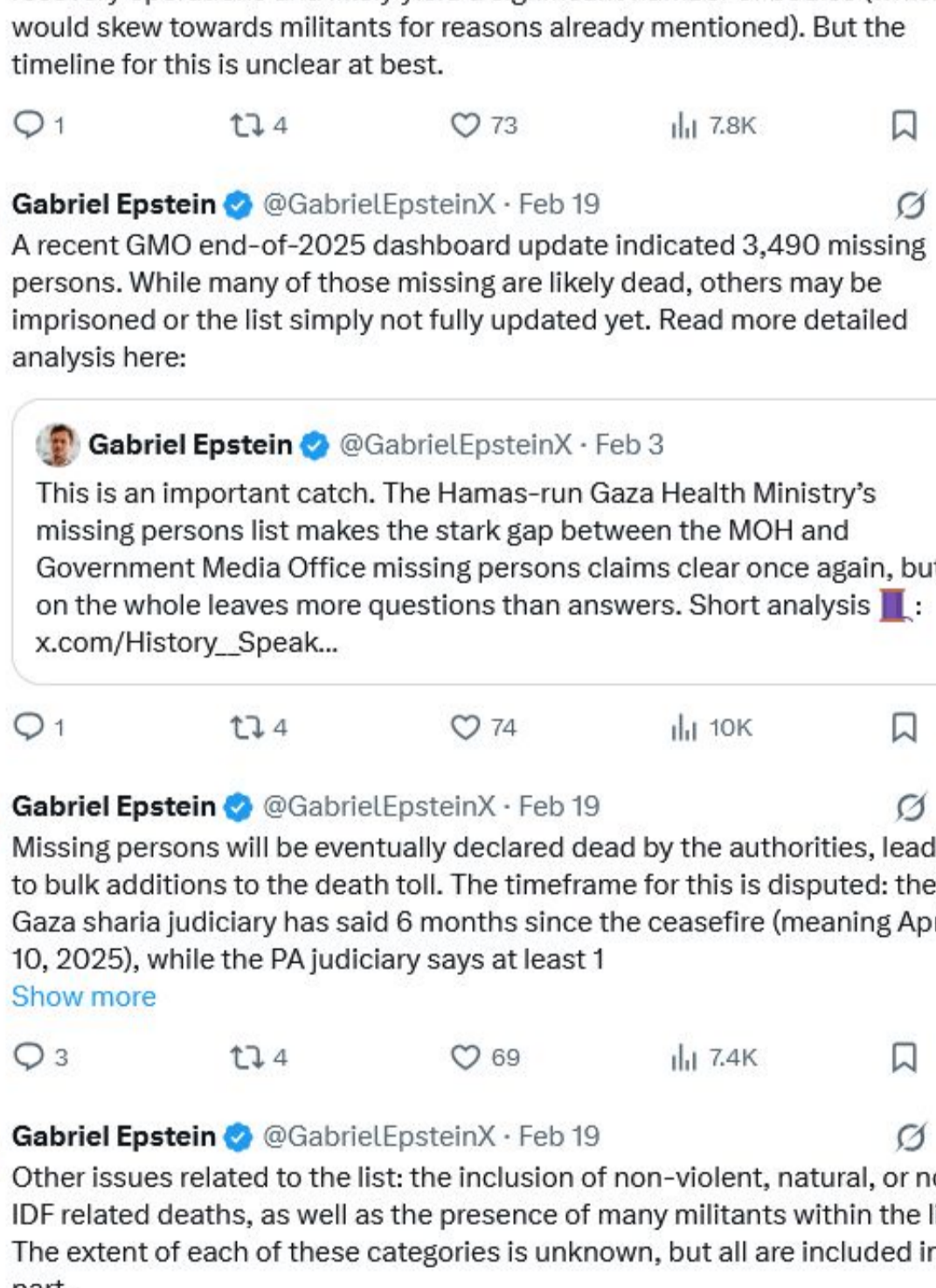


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The mismatch begins at ~15. Boys 0–14 are 1.26 times more likely to have been killed than girls, but this spikes to 2.78 at ages 15–19. Child combatants likely account for a small portion of that age range, but a significant number are already ID'd.

Middle East Buka @MiddleEastBuka · Jul 10, 2025

!! Another Palestinian child combatant has been identified in obituaries also appearing as a member of the Al-Nasser Salah al-Din Brigades (details in the quoted post).
This is the fourth case I've found in the past 2.5 months. The previous ...



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64 entries were removed and 158 re-added since the July 31 list. 4,347 entries have been removed since June 2024, of which 15.6% (677) have been re-added. This means ~5.4% of entries have been removed overall. See these charts/graphics for more detail: public.flourish.studio/visualisation/...



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Given the listsize, many might wonder how so many deaths have been added to the list. Since April 2024, the MOH has regularly added batches of deaths reported by relatives via an online form to the count and continues to do so today. These deaths were initially cancelled



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By December 2024, the "media reports" category had been exhausted and family-reported deaths began being added directly to the count, causing large jumps in the death toll. Beginning in late September 2025, prior to the ceasefire, these updates became near-weekly.

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Now, they are the primary source for increases in the death toll — not reflecting contemporaneous deaths, but those which happened earlier in the war and were not caught by the hospital/morgue system. Post-ceasefire, this accounts for ~73% of added deaths.

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Importantly, family-reported deaths are heavily clustered in the early stage of the war: about 76% of 11,450 deaths not linked to the central system come from the period between Oct 2023–Mar 2024. After March 2024, only ~8% of new deaths were reported through this mechanism. This

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The next main source of added deaths is the recovery of bodies, either from under the rubble or out in the open. As in the January ceasefire, these recoveries peaked in the first few days after the ceasefire and have since decreased sharply.

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One major category of unrecorded deaths is militants, who would die in inaccessible areas like tunnels or outlying neighborhoods, who would not be brought to hospitals/morgues and whose families may not know they are dead or did not report them. Many militants do not carry phones

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For both practical and ideological reasons, deaths reported later, especially now that a ceasefire is in place, will skew towards militants. This will have a significant impact on assessments of both the overall number of militants killed and the civilian-combatant ratio. Many

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Complicating these assessments is a lack of reliable data regarding the scope of the missing or unrecovered bodies under the rubble. A widely cited Hamas-run Government Media Office claim of 9,500 people under the rubble has no backing. The Gazan Civil Defense recently claimed

6 days ago

Urgent | Spokesperson for the Civil Defense in Gaza:
- Approximately 8,000 bodies remain under the rubble, even after the recovery operations we have carried out. - More than 3,000 people are still missing, and it is unknown whether they are alive, martyrs, or prisoners. - The bodies of hundreds of martyrs have disappeared and decomposed during the search and recovery operations.

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Further IDF withdrawals, should they occur, would open new areas for recovery operations and likely yield a significant number of bodies (which would skew towards militants for reasons already mentioned). But the timeline for this is unclear at best.

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A recent GPMO end-of-2025 dashboard update indicated 3,490 missing persons. While many of those missing are likely dead, others may be imprisoned or the list simply not fully updated yet. Read more detailed analysis here:

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This is an important catch. The Hamas-run Gaza Health Ministry's missing persons list makes the stark gap between the MOH and Government Media Office missing persons claims clear once again, but on the whole leaves more questions than answers. Short analysis: x.com/History_Speak...

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Missing persons will be eventually declared dead by the authorities, leading to bulk additions to the death toll. The timeframe for this is disputed: the Gaza sharia judiciary has said 6 months since the ceasefire (meaning April 10, 2025), while the PA judiciary says at least 1

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Other issues related to the list: the inclusion of non-violent, natural, or non-IDF related deaths, as well as the presence of many militants within the list. The extent of each of these categories is unknown, but all are included in part.

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At least some non-IDF violent deaths, whether from Hamas-clan or Hamas-militia clashes or other violence inside Gaza, including aid security and reckless firing into the air, are included in the list, as I told @haaretz. A few examples here:

- Non-IDF Violent Deaths included in the November 2025 Gaza MOH List:**
- **Yamin Mohammed Mahmoud al-Raqab** (ID#: 432023158, age 13): Killed in a car accident in July 2025, at position 13729 in the list
 - **Amr Rami Jaber al-Zaarab** (ID#: 429704893, age 14): Killed by aid security from the Remal al-Tayyiba company, at position 15982 in the list
 - **Saifeddine Mansour Mohammed Abu Khammash** (ID#: 426421608, age 16): Killed by "aid security", at position 18008 in the list
 - **Montaser Mohammed Atallah Jarghoun** (ID#: 404650558, age 25): Killed by Hamas' Arrow (Sahm) Unit, at position 32188 in the list
 - **Muhannad Wael Misbah al-Arouqi** (ID#: 403054216, age 26): Killed by Hamas, at position 32907 in the list
 - **Fares Mohammed Ali Abu Salama** (ID#: 403287550, age 27): Killed by Hamas' Arrow (Sahm) unit, at included in the Nov 2025 list at position 34153
 - **Amar Mustafa Hanideq** (ID#: 802623967, age 33): murdered by "mercenaries" of the Abu Sahlou family, at position 44608 in the list

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On the other hand, non-violent/natural deaths appear to be partly included in the MOH list according to data the MOH provided to the IPC for its most recent report on food insecurity in Gaza, which included MOH data broken out by trauma, non-trauma, and malnutrition.

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The IPC data tracks closely with the MOH's own dashboard data (blue bars, allegedly violent deaths only), seemingly indicating that non-violent deaths recorded by the MOH are also being included in its death toll reporting. That runs counter to the MOH's public claims, and more

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In sum: The MOH list includes militants and civilians, some deaths not attributable to the IDF, and some non-violent or natural deaths, despite the MOH's framing. Case-by-case analysis is required to figure out which deaths belong and which don't. Time will provide more detail.

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Sources:
November 2025 MOH list (raw and cleaned spreadsheet) — direct download link: archive.org/download/moh-d...
All 13 MOH lists: archive.org/details/moh-de...
MOH Dashboard: sehaty.ps/public/
Archived dashboard iterations: archive.org/details/moh-da...
For other basic analytical points,