Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

21 August-03 September 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-18 August 2024

	REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	48	23	4	0
oPt	1513	405[1]	243	339

Insecurity Insight identified 1561 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 18 August 2024. In the Gaza Strip, where 1177 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 230 times, mostly by explosive weapons fired by Israeli forces'. At least 272 incidents were reported in the West Bank and East Jerusalem[2], including 71 health workers who were arrested or detained by Israeli forces, mainly during the transport of patients to and from health facilities, during military raids at refugee camps, where staff were prevented from treating people injured by the IDF, or while staff were in their homes.

Download the **data** (includes a brief incident description, details on the reported perpetrator and the weapons used. For all our incidents taking place in the oPt, no geo-coordinates are available due to HDX policy. **Contact** us for curated datasets). Explore the incidents on our **interactive map**[3] and on this **data visualisation** by Soha Elghany. Data is updated on **HDX** every Monday. Follow **us** on HDX for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident reports: **13-20 August**; **30 July-12 August**; **16-29 July**; **02-15 July**; **18 June-01 July**; **04-17 June**; **All**

Visit our **oPt** webpage. Join our **mailing** for the latest information. **Help support the protection of health care by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/31Aug-03Sept2024OPTHealth**

The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care between 21 August-03 September 2024. **Incidents increased sharply in the West Bank during the reporting period from three incidents between 07-20 August to 23.** Ambulances were frequently prevented from reaching people in need by Israeli forces and the vicinity of health facilities were hit by Israeli airstrikes, impeding patients' access to health care. The incidents below have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source verification protocol. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in **touch**.

Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza Strip

10 August 2024: In Al-Mawasi, Rafah governorate, a house in the vicinity of Al-Firdaws School was hit by Israeli forces bombing. Three residents of the house were killed: two doctors who were brother and sister, and their mother. Rescue teams evacuated at least 25 people from the vicinity of the school, including pupils. **Sources**: **Gaza Martyrs, Personal Communication I, Personal Communication I and World News**

22 August 2024: In Al-Mawasi, Rafah governorate, a UK Med compound that used to house the NGO'S Emergency Medical Team was damaged by shelling. **Source: UK-Med**

24 August 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, the second floor of PRCS Al Amal Hospital's Rehabilitation Department was fired upon by Israeli drones. **Sources: OCHA Update 209 and PRCS**

25 August 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, five Palestinians, the vicinity of the NGO-supported Patient's Friends Society Medical Centre was hit by suspected Israeli forces, killing three children and a woman and injuring 15 others inside their house. **Source: OCHA Update 211**

31 August 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a doctor, along with this brother and two sisters, were killed after an Israeli airstrike hit their home. **Sources: OCHA Update 212 and Quds News Network**

31 August 2024: In Al-Zeitoun neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of a UNRWA clinic was hit in an Israeli air strike, killing a woman. **Source: Quds News Network**

01 September 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of the NGO-supported Al Ahli Baptist Hospital was hit in an Israeli airstrike, killing two Palestinian and injuring several others. **Sources: Quds News Network and Quds News Network II**

01 September 2024: Update: In Gaza city and governorate, the emergency department of Al Shifa Hospital was officially reopened after it had suffered extensive damage during an Israeli military invasion last March. **Source: Quds News Network**

West Bank and East Jerusalem

22 August 2024: In Tulkarem city and governorate, at least three Palestinians were killed, a clinic demolished, and other civilian infrastructure destroyed by Israeli forces during a military operation. **Source: Personal Communication**

Between 27 - 28 August 2024: In Tulkarm city and governorate, Israeli military vehicles were stationed around Al-Israa Specialised Hospital and a blockade imposed, hindering ambulance movements. **Sources: Mondoweiss and Qatar News Agency**

Between 27 - 28 August 2024: In Tulkarm city and governorate, Israeli military vehicles were stationed around Martyr Dr. Thabet Thabet Governmental Hospital/Tulkarm Governmental Hospital and a blockade imposed, hindering ambulance movements. **Sources: Mondoweiss and Qatar News Agency**

Between 27 - 28 August 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, Ibn Sina Hospital was surrounded by Israeli forces during a military operation in the camp. The roads were

reportedly blocked with earth mounds blocking access to the hospital **Sources:** OCHA Update 213, Quds News Network **and** WAFA

28 August 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, the entrance to Jenin Government Hospital was blocked by Israeli forces and ambulances and medical teams were inspected and obstructed during a military operation in the city. **Sources:** OCHA Update 213, Quds News Network **and** Quds News Network II

28 August 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces issued a threat to raid Khalil Suleiman Governmental Hospital as part of their ongoing military operation in the governorate, despite the already imposed siege by Israeli forces on the hospital and the Red Crescent headquarters. **Source:** WAFA

28 August 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces opened fire at a PRCS ambulance, injuring a doctor and damaging the vehicle. **Source:** OCHA Update 213

28 August 2024: In al Far'a Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, the director of the PRCS medical facility was assaulted, the team detained and all communication cut off, shots were also fired inside the building during the Israeli forces' raid on the facility. **Sources:** OCHA Update 213, PRCS, PRCS I **and** WAFA

28 August 2024: In al Far'a Refugee Camp, Tubas city and governorate, at least four Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number injured following an Israeli drone strike on the camp. PRCS ambulances were blocked from accessing the area and reaching the casualties by Israeli forces. **Sources:** OCHA Update 213 **and** WAFA

28 August 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, paramedics were prevented from reaching an elderly man who had been shot and killed by Israeli soldiers during a military operation inside the camp. The next day, paramedics retrieved his body and took him to hospital. **Source:** Quds News Network

29 August 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, the PRCS central operations room completely lost contact with their Jenin ambulance centre and crews amidst a large-scale Israeli military operation inside the city and nearby camp. Cellular and landline networks, as well as the internet, were cut off and wireless transmission devices did not work. **Source:** Quds News Network

29 August 2024: In Tulkarem city and governorate, Martyr Dr. Thabet Thabet Governmental Hospital/Tulkarm Governmental Hospital and Al-Israa Specialised Hospital were besieged by Israeli forces, restricting the entry and exit of patients and the wounded at both medical facilities. **Source:** WAFA

Between 28-29 August 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, ambulances carrying patients were prevented from reaching Jenin Government Hospital by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

30 August 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, a doctor and two paramedics were injured when Israeli forces opened fire on an ambulance. A PRCS volunteer doctor was shot in the hand and two paramedics sustained facial wounds from shrapnel. **Sources:** PRCS **and** WAFA

Between 30 August - 01 September: In Hebron governorate, the movement of ambulances and medical teams was impeded and delayed by Israeli forces during a military operation. **Source:** OCHA Update 213

31 August 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, ambulances carrying patients were prevented from reaching Jenin Government Hospital by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

31 August 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, ambulance teams were prevented from reaching an unspecified number of individuals killed by Israeli forces during a military operation inside the camp. **Source:** Quds News Network

31 August 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, a PRCS ambulance was fired upon by Israeli forces despite prior coordination for its entry into the camp. **Source:** PRCS

31 August 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, a PRCS ambulance got stuck in the mud due to the significant damage to infrastructure and roads by Israeli forces during a military operation on the city, hindering its ability to reach an injured Palestinian **Source:** Quds News Network

01 September 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Jenin Government Hospital was forced to suspend its dialysis services after Israeli soldiers stationed in front of the hospital gate prevented water trucks from reaching the hospital. The hospital has been under siege for four days. **Sources:** Middle East Eye, Middle East Monitor **and** Quds News Network

01 September 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, Ibn Sina Hospital continued to be besieged by Israeli forces for the fifth consecutive day. **Source:** Quds News Network

01 September 2024: In Beit Kahel village, Hebron governorate, a wounded Palestinian man was denied medical treatment by two Israeli soldiers. The soldiers further assaulted the man. **Source:** Quds News Network

01 September 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, an unspecified number of ambulances were prevented from entering Ibn Sina Hospital by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

01 September 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, paramedics were prevented from reaching an elderly Palestinian who had been shot and run over by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

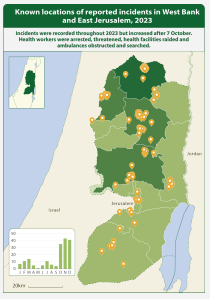
02 September 2024: In Al-Salam neighbourhood, East Jerusalem, a doctor was arrested during a raid of a clinic by Israeli forces. **Sources:** Quds News Network **and** Quds News Network II

02 September 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, a PRCS ambulance was stopped and searched by Israeli forces during an ongoing siege on the city. **Sources:** PRCS **and** Quds News Network

02 September 2024: In Tulkarem city and governorate, Martyr Dr. Thabet Thabet Governmental Hospital/Tulkarm Governmental Hospital and Al-Israa Specialised Hospital were besieged by Israeli forces during a military raid on the city. **Source:** WAFA

02 September 2024: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, a female paramedic and two other people were injured in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** OCHA Update 213

At least 183 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care were identified by the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) in the West Bank and East Jerusalem in 2023. Ambulances and health workers were prevented from providing vital medical care to people in need at least 91 times. Most obstructions occurred during road travel or at checkpoints where staff were forced to transfer patients to another ambulance under the long-existing "back-to-back" (B2B) method of transferring a patient to a different ambulance when crossing from the West Bank to Jerusalem. The process often involved ambulances being searched, while staff were harassed and prevented from providing care to patients.



This document comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to health care. It is part of the **Attacks on Health Care** project by **Insecurity Insight**. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care and have not been verified through ground investigations. This report is funded and supported by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of USAID, the U.S. Government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

Insecurity Insight. 2024. 21 August-03 September 2024 Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Switzerland: Insecurity Insight. bit.ly/31Aug-03Sept2024OPTHealth

Health facility: Refers to any facility that provides direct health-related support to patients, including clinics, hospitals, laboratories, makeshift hospitals, medical education facilities, mobile clinics, pharmacies, warehouses, or any other health facility not named here. Health worker: Refers to any person working in a professional or voluntary capacity in the provision of health services or who provides direct support to patients, including administrators, ambulance personnel, community health workers, dentists, doctors, government health officials, hospital staff, medical education staff, nurses, midwives, paramedics, physiotherapists, surgeons, vaccination workers, volunteers, or any other health-related personnel not named here. In accordance with the WHO's definition, incidents of violence against health care can include bombings, explosions, looting, robberies, hijackings, shootings, gunfire, the forced closure of health facilities, the violent searching of health facilities, fire, arson, the military use of health facilities, the military takeover of health facilities, chemical attacks, cyber attacks, the abduction of health workers, the denial or delay of health services, assaults, forcing staff to act against their ethical principles, executions, torture, violent demonstrations, administrative harassment, obstruction, sexual violence, psychological violence, and threats of violence.

[1] 405 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported 458 health workers killed. Insecurity Insight carries out cross-checking of individual events and names and does not re-report aggregate figures. The work of collating a complete list of health workers killed based on information provided in different formats by different organisations is ongoing. This cross-checking process is complex to avoid double counting the same individuals in cases when sources report different victim information about the same individual. The lack of a consistent standard in transcribing Arab names into Latin script based languages complicates the matching process. The total number of health workers killed is believed to be higher than the current verified number and we continue to backdate information.
[2] 64 incidents were recorded by the WHO SSA without specifying the location and no additional source could be identified to determine the location of the reported incident.
[3] Zoom in and click on Israel or oPT to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.





