Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

02-15 October 2024

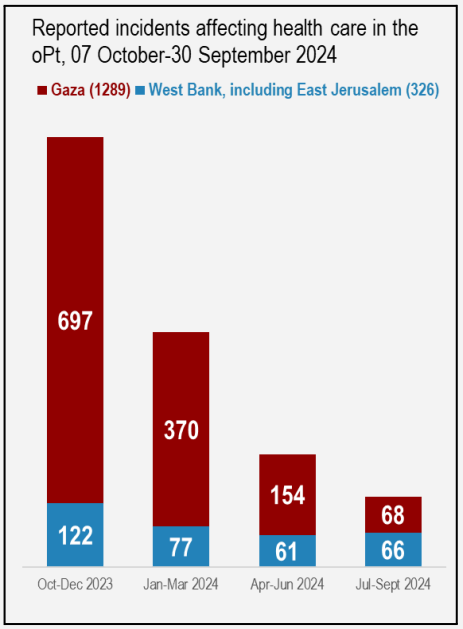


Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-30 September 2024

	REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	56	23	4	0
oPt	1680	518	251	357

Insecurity Insight identified 1736 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 30 September 2024. Almost all of the 1,680 incidents in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) were attributed to the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), with incidents in Gaza frequently occurring at health facilities, and those in the West Bank and East Jerusalem often taking place in refugee camps.[1] In these 1,680 incidents, at least 518 health workers were killed, 357 arrested and health facilities damaged 251 times.[2] Emergency medical teams and ambulances were frequently obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

The data with details on location, reported conflict party, weapon used and brief description is available **here** for download. Due to **HDX policy**, this data does not include geo-coordinates. **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: **18 September-01 October**; **04-17 September**; **21 August-03 September**; **13-20 August**; **All**

SHCC Factsheets (EN): **2023**; **2022**; **2021**. (AR): **2023**; **2022**; **2021**

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The publicly reported incidents below are not a complete nor a representative list of all incidents that affected the provision of health care between 02-15 October 2024. 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

02 October 2024: In Rimal neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of al-Rimal Clinic was hit by Israeli airstrikes, killing six people and injuring an unspecified number who were inside the adjacent al-Amal Orphanage building. **Sources:** Middle East Children's Alliance, Middle East Eye and Suppressed News

06 October 2024: In Deir al Balah governorate, Al Aqsa Martyrs Mosque in front of Al Aqsa Hospital was hit by suspected Israeli forces at about 2:10, killing 21 Palestinians and injuring an unspecified number of others **Source:** OCHA Update 227

06 October 2024: In North Gaza governorate, four PRCS clinics halted operations due to the ongoing Israeli aggression in the area. Many staff members were forced to evacuate their homes resulting in the suspension of the medical services at the Society's clinics. **Source:** WAFA

07 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital's courtyard and gate was engulfed with smoke bombs fired by Israeli forces. **Source:** Suppressed News

08 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital was besieged by Israeli forces who opened fire on the hospital administration office. The hospital is expected to shut down due to running out of fuel. **Sources:** Personal Communication and Quds News Network

08 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital was issued an evacuation by Israeli forces who threatened the facility would face the same fate as Shifa Hospital -with destruction, killing and arrest- if the order was not followed. **Sources:** Personal Communication, Quds News Network I and Quds News Network II

08 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was issued an evacuation by Israeli forces who threatened the facility would face the same fate as Shifa Hospital, with destruction, killing and arrest, if the order was not followed. The road to the hospital had been blocked the previous day. **Sources:** Personal Communication I and Personal Communication II

08 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, a paramedic from Kamal Adwan Hospital was arrested by Israeli forces while accompanying an intensive care patient during her transfer from Kamal Adwan Hospital. **Source:** Personal Communication

08 October 2024: In Jabalia, an MSF driver was injured on his legs and chest by shrapnel. He received care at Al Awda Hospital for his injuries before being moved to Kamal Adwan Hospital, where he could not get adequate care. He died from his injuries on 10 october: **Sources:** MSF I and MSF II

08 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the WHO were unable to reach Kamal Adwan Hospital to evacuate patients, likely due to Israeli restrictions. **Source:** Personal Communication

09 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, for the second day in a row, the WHO were unable to reach Kamal Adwan Hospital to evacuate patients after Israeli authorities ordered its immediate evacuation. After receiving a green light from the Israeli authorities for the mission, the team was forced to wait at the Netzarim checkpoint for many hours. Ultimately, the mission had to be aborted. **Sources:** **Personal Communication** **and** **UN News**

09 October 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a female doctor was killed by Israeli forces. Her husband who was a law professor and former dean of Al-Azhar University's Faculty of Law was confirmed as killed on 17 March. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

09 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, at least 17 Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number of others injured when tents belonging to displaced people inside the Yemen Al-Saeed Hospital were hit by Israeli airstrikes and subsequently caught fire. **Sources:** **OCHA Update 229**, **Quds News Network** **and** **Quds News Network I**

09 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Civil Defense teams were attacked by Israeli forces who opened fire on them while they were attempting to extinguish a fire in Yemen Al-Saeed Hospital that was caused by an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** **Quds News Network**

10 October 2024: In North Gaza governorate, fuel supplies have been prevented from reaching hospitals by Israeli forces, putting medical institutions in danger of closing within the next 24 hours. **Source:** **Personal Communication**

10 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the WHO and the UN Mine Action Service made a third attempt to reach Kamal Adwan Hospital following Israeli orders for its immediate evacuation. While they had received assurances that their high-risk mission would be facilitated, Israeli forces ordered them to wait for five hours in a holding point south of Jabalya due to the intensity of the fighting nearby. Members of the mission suggested several alternative routes and means of reaching the hospital, but none was accommodated. Ultimately, they had to abort the mission and return. The team, which included seven ambulances and three UN vehicles, say that despite the risks of entering a combat zone, they had planned to evacuate 13 patients and international members of emergency medical teams who had no other way of leaving the area. OCHA noted that even if such a mission can be completed successfully, patients requiring intensive care cannot be evacuated because all ambulances equipped for such purposes in Gaza have been either damaged or destroyed. **Source:** **UN News**

11 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, for the third consecutive day, PRCS ambulances were prevented from reaching Kamal Adwan Hospital to evacuate patients following Israeli forces order. **Source:** **PRCS**

12 October 2024: In North Gaza governorate, all ambulances were forced to cease operations due to fuel shortages, caused by Israeli forces blockades. **Sources:** **Quds News Network I** **and** **Quds News Network II**

12 October 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital was fired at by an Israeli Quadcopter. **Sources:** **Personal Communication** **and** **Suppressed News**

13 October 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah governorate, at least 22 civilians were killed, including 15 children, and 80 others were injured in an Israeli airstrike on al Mufti School, sheltering displaced people, at about 21:30. The facility had been intended for use as a polio vaccination site on Monday. **Sources:** **BBC**, **Personal Communication** **and** **UN News**

13 October 2024: In Jabalia al-Nazla, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of Al-Falah medical centre was hit by an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** **Quds News Network**

13 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of paramedics were arrested during the forced evacuation of patients from Kamal Adwan Hospital by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

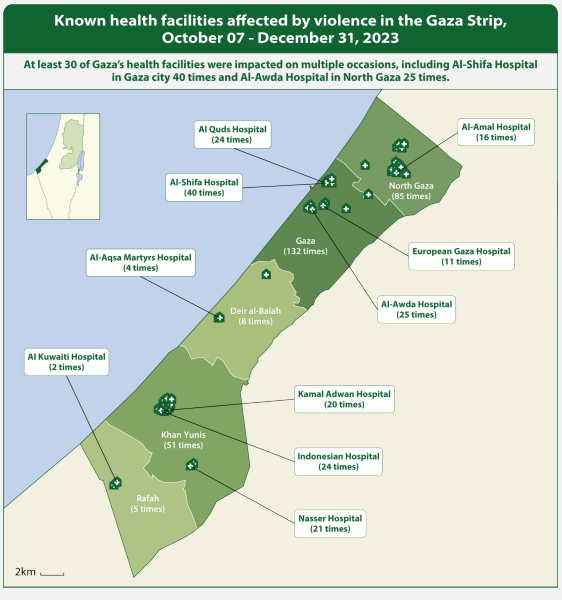
14 October 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Al-Aqsa Hospital courtyard was hit at about 1:20 and IDP tents were burned by an Israeli airstrike. At least four people were burnt to death, including a 19-year-old student who burned alive while connected to an IV drip, and at least 40 injured, including women and children. **Sources:** Al Jazeera, Middle East Eye, OCHA Update 229, Personal Communication, Quds News Network, Sky News and UNRWA

14 October 2024: In Rafah governorate, an ambulance was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Quds News Network

14 October 2024: In an unspecified location in the Gaza Strip, four paramedics were killed when a makeshift clinic inside a house was hit by Israeli forces. **Source:** Personal Communication

15 October 2024: In Al-Faluja area, Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a male paramedic was shot and killed by Israeli forces while attempting to evacuate injured family members trapped in the aftermath of an Israeli airstrike. Eleven people, including children, were killed by the initial Israeli airstrike. **Sources:** Al Qastal News, Genocide in Gaza, Personal Communication, Quds News Network and Quds News Network I

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 761 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) in 2023. Health facilities were damaged 124 times in the Gaza Strip. At least 30 health facilities were impacted on multiple occasions, including Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, which was impacted 40 times. Over a two-week period in November, the hospital was hit by IDF airstrikes on an almost daily basis, damaging or destroying various departments. The hospital was surrounded by Israeli forces who reportedly shot at anyone moving inside the building and prevented ambulances from entering or leaving the complex. On November 15, IDF bulldozers and tanks advanced into the complex, destroying the mortuary and damaging the maternity ward. Read more



West Bank and East Jerusalem

01 October 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, at least 3,500 pupils and over 50 UNRWA staff members were trapped for two hours inside their schools, clinics, and offices during an undercover Israeli forces raid in the camp. **Source:** OCHA Update 228

01 October 2024: In the Old City of Nablus city and governorate, PRCS paramedics were not permitted to provide emergency care to a wounded Palestinian when he was arrested. **Source:** OCHA Update 228

02 October 2024: In Hebron city and governorate, three Palestinian paramedics were severely beaten by Israeli forces. **Source:** WAFA

07 October 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli bulldozers destroyed the road leading to the eastern entrance of Jenin Governmental Hospital, blocking access to the hospital morgue, medical supply storage, and fuel warehouses. Ambulances were also prevented from entering the hospital. **Source: WAFA**

07 October 2024: At al Alimi Roundabout, Tulkarem city and governorate, Thabet Thabet Governmental Hospital was besieged by Israeli forces after storming the city with multiple vehicles. **Source: WAFA**

10 October 2024: In al Far'a Refugee Camp, Tubas city and governorate, an ambulance point was forcibly closed, and medical services were halted when live bullets were fired by Israeli forces during a raid on the camp. The medical crew was forced to withdraw, and the facility was shut down. **Source: WAFA**

14 October 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Occupied West Bank, a Palestinian paramedic was arrested during a raid on the camp by Israeli occupation forces. **Source: Quds News Network**

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] 65 incidents were recorded without specifying the location and no additional source could be identified to determine the location of the reported incident.

[2] 518 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported **986 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.

[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.

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.

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