

Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

21 January - 03 February 2026



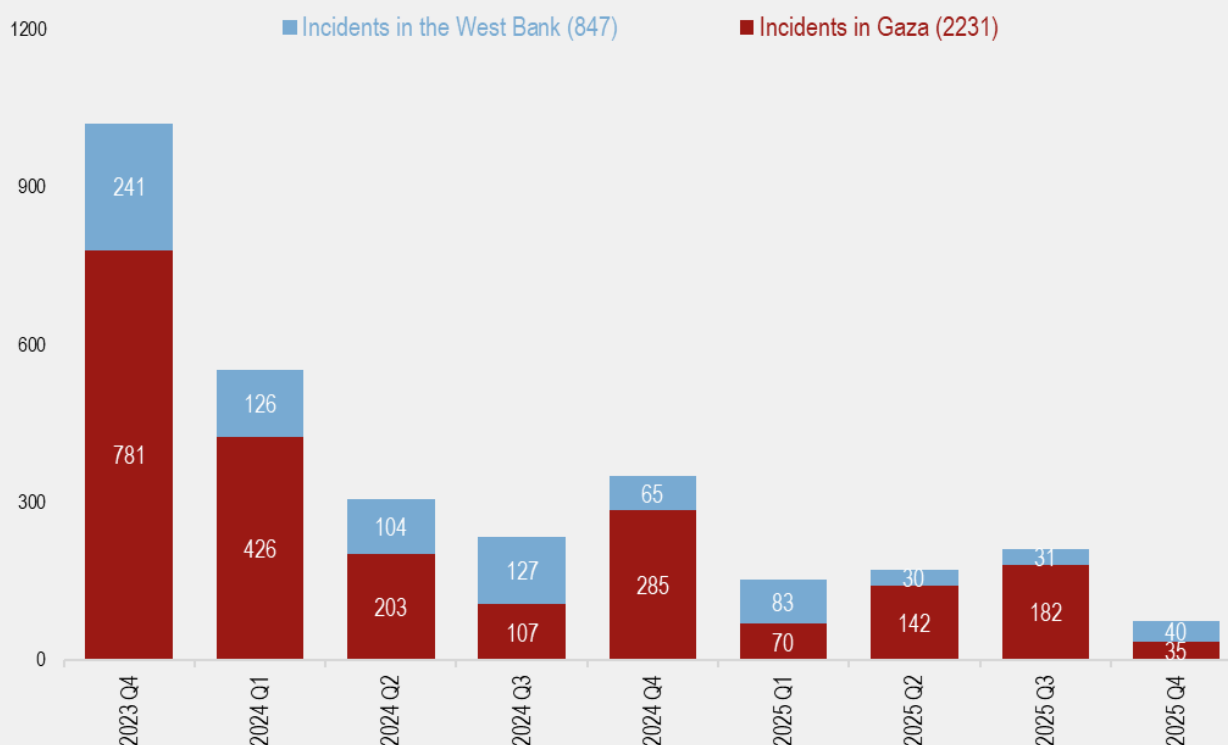
Insecurity Insight identified at least 3057 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 30 December 2025.¹ Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2231 incidents were recorded, health facilities, including children's hospitals, dental clinics, field hospitals, health clinics, hospitals, medical storage facilities, pharmacies, and rehabilitation clinics were struck were damaged 435 times, 746 health workers were killed and 361 arrested.²

In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 847 attacks on health care were recorded, health facilities were damaged 28 times, 12 health workers were killed and 171 arrested. Emergency medical services were obstructed from providing vital medical care to people in need over 400 times.

Please **get in touch** for data enquiries. View the incidents on our **interactive map**. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Reported Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)

07 October 2023 - 30 December 2025



Source: Insecurity Insight

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Documented incidents

The publicly reported incidents below are not a complete nor a representative list of all incidents that affected the provision of health care between 21 January-03 February 2026. The incidents below have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source verification protocol.

Gaza

21 January 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, a vehicle near the American Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

22 January 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, six Palestinian aid organisations were sanctioned by the US Treasury, which accused them of serving as a covert support network for Hamas. These organisations are involved in humanitarian and community work, including medical care, food distribution, support for amputees, and advocacy for Palestinian prisoners. The sanctions freeze any US-based assets and prohibit US citizens from dealing with these organisations. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

24 January 2026: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of Kamal Adwan Hospital was struck by an Israeli drone, killing two children. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

25 January 2026: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the UNRWA clinic was shelled by Israeli artillery, injuring an unspecified number of people, including a pregnant woman. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

01 February 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, MSF was ordered to cease its humanitarian operations by the Israeli government by 28 February after the organisation refused to provide a list of its Palestinian staff. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

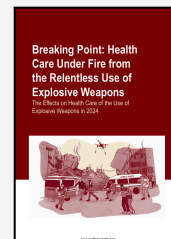
West Bank and East Jerusalem

28 January 2026: In Masafer Yatta area, Hebron governorate, ambulances were blocked from entering the area for more than an hour by Israeli settlers, who confiscated ambulance keys and forced paramedics to proceed on foot to reach and treat injured people. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

28 January 2026: In Fawwar Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, a doctor was among three people from the same family who were beaten when the camp was raided by Israeli forces. The doctor suffered a broken nose and severe bleeding. **Source:** [Independent Palestinian Doctors Association](#) and [Negotiations Affairs Department](#)

Other resources

Violence impacting health care reached unprecedented levels in **2024**, with the use of **explosive weapons in populated areas emerging as a dominant and devastating trend**. Health care is directly impacted when explosive weapons damage or destroy hospitals, health centres, and ambulances, or when they kill or seriously injure health workers and patients. These weapons also cause indirect harm through their cumulative and reverberating effects on civilian infrastructure. This **second edition** of Insecurity Insight's *The Effects on Health Care of the Use of Explosive Weapons* discusses new trends in and impacts of explosive weapons use on global health care systems in 2024. The data cited in this report on the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and its impact on health care can be downloaded [here](#).



Explosive weapons are being increasingly used in conflict, causing severe harm to civilians and critical health infrastructure. Insecurity Insight has documented 3,075 incidents in which hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies were damaged or destroyed by explosive weapons between 1 January 2016 and 4 November 2025. This **report** examines cases of hospital attacks in Gaza, Myanmar, Sudan, and Ukraine between October 2024 and October 2025, analysing social media posts and comments and how these discussions contributed to harmful content that helped to undermine the humanitarian space. **In Gaza, some comments introduced a framing that weakens IHL protection by treating the issuance of a warning or evacuation order as a form of legal justification for military action, while contextualising the area as a legitimate conflict zone.**



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 independently verified through ground investigations. It is funded and supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester and the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the UK government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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

² 746 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported **1,173 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.

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