

Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

08-21 July 2026



Using data collected by Insecurity Insight, the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified **625 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) in 2025, compared to 1,463 in 2024 and 1,188 in 2023. Despite the two ceasefires, incidents continued in Gaza throughout 2025, often increasing in conjunction with IDF military movements and ground operations. On average, 2.8 attacks were reported each week during the January 2025 ceasefire, and 1.9 attacks per week from the start of the October ceasefire through December 31, 2025. During both ceasefires, four health workers were killed and two others injured, and the IDF shelled a clinic in Jabalia IDP camp, injuring multiple people, including a pregnant woman. The IDF repeatedly fired at and bombed ambulances responding to emergencies.

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REPORTED INCIDENTS AND MOST COMMONLY REPORTED CONCERNS			
GAZA	REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED/DESTROYED
2025	432	128	97
2024	1,038	220	193
2023	795	409	151
WEST BANK	REPORTED INCIDENTS	ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE OBSTRUCTED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE ATTACKED
2025	193	101	52
2024	422	272	66
2023	307	193	52

Source: Insecurity Insight for the SHCC.

Past briefs: [24 June-07 July](#); [10-23 June](#); [27 May-09 June](#); [13-26 May](#); [29 April-12 May](#); [15-28 April](#); [01-14 April](#); [18-31 March](#); [04-17 March](#); [18 February-03 March](#); [04-17 February](#); [21 January-03 February](#); [07-20 January](#); [All](#)

SHCC Factsheets (EN): [2025](#); [2024](#); [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): [2025](#); [2024](#); [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#).

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Insecurity Insight – Monitoring incidents around the world affecting aid, health care, education, and protection.

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 08-21 July 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

10 July 2026: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital was hit by an Israeli quadcopter drone strike, injuring an unspecified number of people, including three hospital workers in the security department, despite their presence in the green zone designated for medical staff. **Sources:** [The New Arab](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

20 July 2026: In Al Mawasi area, Khan Younis governorate, a vehicle in the vicinity of the British Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike in the evening, killing three people and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Sources:** [Jordan Zad](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

20 July 2026: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Yemen Al-Saeed Hospital was hit and damaged by two Israeli missiles that struck the first floor of the facility in the evening, killing four Palestinians, including a woman, and injuring 16 others, including an unspecified number of children. **Sources:** [Jordan Zad](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

21 July 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza's Ministry of Health suspended operations at its medical sewing department after exhausting its supply of medical-grade fabric. The shortage disrupted the production of essential supplies for operating theatres, inpatient wards, intensive care units, kidney dialysis units, and other hospital departments, and was expected to delay surgeries and affect healthcare services. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

21 July 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of Al-Khidma Al-A'ma Hospital (Public Service Hospital) was shelled by Israeli forces, killing three people. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

West Bank and East Jerusalem

08 July 2026: At the "300" military checkpoint, between Bethlehem and Ramallah governorates, a patient receiving emergency medical care was arrested by Israeli forces from inside a Palestine Red Crescent Society ambulance after being treated for a gunshot wound. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

09 July 2026: In Deir Jarjir town, Ramallah governorate, ambulance health workers were prevented from reaching injured people by Israeli forces during a large-scale settler attack on the area. The obstruction delayed the evacuation of an unspecified number of people who had sustained bruises and other injuries during the attack. **Sources:** [UN OCHA OPT](#) and [WAFA](#)

10 July 2026: In Al-Mughayyir village, Ramallah governorate, a PRCS ambulance was seized by Israeli forces, who confiscated the vehicle keys and prevented them from treating at least six people who were injured after Israeli forces fired sound and tear gas canisters towards them. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

11 July 2026: In Khirbet Aqwais, Masafer Yatta region, south of Hebron governorate, an ambulance and an unspecified number of people were attacked by Israeli settlers. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

11 July 2026: In Al-Mughayyir village, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance was obstructed by Israeli forces, who forced its driver to clear a path for the passage of Israeli military vehicles, disrupting its operation. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

12 July 2026: In Hawara area, Masafer Yatta region, a PRCS ambulance was prevented by Israeli forces from reaching injured people following an attack by Israeli settlers hindering the provision of medical treatment. Israeli forces later allowed the ambulance to evacuate the injured. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

13 July 2026: In Beita town, Nablus governorate, PRCS workers were prevented by Israeli forces from entering the area. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

14 July 2026: In Beita town, Nablus governorate, an ambulance was seized and an unspecified number of health workers were assaulted by Israeli settlers. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

17 July 2026: In Ramallah city and governorate, the vicinity of the Palestine Medical Complex was stormed by Israeli forces, who fired tear gas canisters in the surrounding area and inside the hospital courtyards, causing an unspecified number of people to suffer from suffocation. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

19 July 2026: In Deir Jarjir village, Ramallah governorate, a PRCS ambulance was obstructed by Israeli forces and settlers from reaching injured people during clashes, delaying their evacuation. Israeli forces also opened fire on a PRCS ambulance transporting an injured person to hospital. Two people were killed and at least three others were injured, including a 55-year-old man, while access was blocked by making the narrow roads impassable, hindering the provision of emergency medical assistance. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [WAFA](#)

21 July 2026: At the entrance of Sinjil town, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance transporting a woman suffering a severe heart attack was delayed by Israeli forces for more than 30 minutes after they closed a gate, preventing timely access to hospital care. The woman subsequently died after being denied urgent medical treatment. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Other resources

Insecurity Insight launched a **major report** analysing a decade of violence against health care following the adoption of UNSCR 2286 in 2016. Drawing on ten years of systematically collected data, *Still Under Attack: A Decade of Monitoring Attacks on Health Care after the Adoption of UNSCR 2286*, documents the scale, patterns, and consequences of attacks on health care in conflict-affected settings worldwide. Among the report's key findings:

- Over 17,500 attacks on health care were recorded between 2016 and 2025
- Over 3,860 health workers were killed and over 2,500 were arrested or detained
- Local health workers remain particularly vulnerable, accounting for more than 65% of documented health worker killings
- The growing use of armed drones and explosive weapons is contributing to increasing damage to health facilities and health worker killings and injuries

Based exclusively on Insecurity Insight's data collection, it highlights how violence against health care is becoming normalised, with serious consequences for civilians, disease response and health systems. The report provides detailed analysis of perpetrators, methods of attack and emerging risks, including the growing role of new technologies in conflict environments. It also offers recommendations for governments, international organisations, humanitarian actors and the diplomatic community aimed at strengthening the protection of health care and improving accountability for violations.

Global Health Conference: The Right to Health in Times of War

Bringing together health professionals, researchers, and activists, the conference will examine why medical neutrality is being eroded, what this means for affected populations in and beyond the immediate line of fire, and how health can be protected under conditions of violence. The program includes a keynote by Christina Wille (Insecurity Insight/SHCC) as well as workshops with experts from Sudan, Lebanon, and Ukraine, including Hind Altaif (Emergency Response Rooms Sudan) and Dr. Zeina Mohanna (Amel Association International, Lebanon). The conference will address health systems under strain beyond active conflict zones, focusing on the militarisation and gradual erosion of health care as well as the ethical implications of these developments. Contributors include Prof. Dr. Yudit Namer (University of Twente) and the Gesundheitskollektiv Berlin.

Date: 12 September 2026, 0930-1700 CET. Location: Refugio Berlin. Register [here](#). Space is limited - we encourage you to secure your spot early.

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. Visit our [oPt](#) webpage. Join our [mailing](#) for the latest information.

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