Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

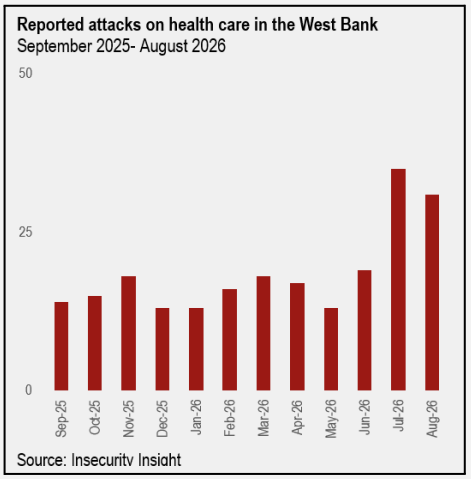
16-30 September 2026



Data collected by Insecurity Insight shows that between 07 October 2023 and 15 September 2026, at least 3,486 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care took place across the occupied Palestinian territory.[1] 94% of all incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In the West Bank, where 1,020 attacks on health care were recorded, 13 health workers were killed and 198 arrested while ambulances and health workers were prevented from providing vital medical care to people in need over over 600 times.

Attacks on health care in the West Bank increased between September 2025 and August 2026, rising from an average of around 14 incidents per month during the first six months of the reporting period to around 35 in July. Many incidents involved disruption of health care delivery, including delays or obstruction of ambulances. These incidents occurred alongside checkpoint closures, roadblocks and other movement restrictions, further limiting patients' ability to reach health facilities.

View the incidents on our **interactive map**. Download the **data**. Updated every Monday and includes information on weapons use, perpetrators and effects. For data enquiries, please **get in touch**. Data is continuously updated and numbers may change if/ when further information is made available. See **here** for methodology.



Past briefs: **01-15 September**; **19-31 August**; **05-18 August**; **22 July-04 August**; **08-21 July**; **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**; **All**

SHCC Chapters (EN): **2025**; **2024**; **2023**; **2022**; **2021**. (AR): **2025**; **2024**; **2023**; **2022**; **2021**.

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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 16-30 September 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

20 September 2026: In Al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, Kuwait Specialty Hospital suspended all departments except the emergency department due to the halt of fuel supplies. **Source: Quds News Network**

21 September 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, Al-Wafa Hospital for Medical Rehabilitation and Specialised Surgery reduced and temporarily suspended several services due to severe shortages of fuel and maintenance supplies amid the ongoing Israeli blockade. Suspended

services included outpatient clinics, surgeries, external physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech and swallowing services. The hospital redirected its remaining resources towards inpatients and essential medical services. **Source: Quds News Network**

27 September 2026: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of ambulances were fired upon by Israeli forces. **Source: Quds News Network**

28 September 2026: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital suspended its operations and evacuated its health workers after Israeli forces advanced around the hospital. **Source: Quds News Network**

West Bank

19 September 2026: In Al-Mughayyir village, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance was prevented from entering the area to transport an emergency case by Israeli forces. **Sources: Quds News Network and Quds News Network I**

19 September 2026: Between Al-Mughayyir and Abu Falah villages, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance was attacked and damaged by Israeli settlers while it was on its way to treat injured people. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

20 September 2026: In Tekoa town, Bethlehem governorate, an ambulance was prevented from reaching an injured man after Israeli settlers attacked his vehicle with stones and injured him. **Source: WAFA**

20 September 2026: In Al-Masayef neighbourhood, Ramallah city and governorate, H Clinic Specialized Hospital was raided by Israeli forces, who assaulted medical staff, searched the hospital, and arrested an injured person. **Sources: Quds News Network, Quds News Network I, WAFA and WAFA I**

20 September 2026: Near Haddad village, Jenin city and governorate, Palestinian Red Crescent health workers were prevented from reaching the site to treat an injured person after Israeli forces fired at a vehicle, killing one person and injuring another. **Source: WAFA**

24 September 2026: In Salfit city and governorate, the headquarters of the Palestine Red Crescent Society was stormed by Israeli forces, who searched surveillance cameras and detained an unspecified number of health workers. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

26 September 2026: In Al-Mughayyir village, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance was attacked and damaged by Israeli settlers in the evening. **Source: WAFA**

27 September 2026: In Kafr Dan town, Jenin governorate, a pharmacist was arrested by Israeli forces, who raided her relatives' home and tampered with its contents. **Source: WAFA**

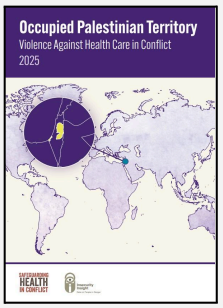
27 September 2026: In Silwad town, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance vehicle was attacked by Israeli settlers. **Source: Quds News Network**

28 September 2026: At the Atara checkpoint, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance was prevented from accessing the checkpoint by Israeli forces. **Source: Quds News Network**

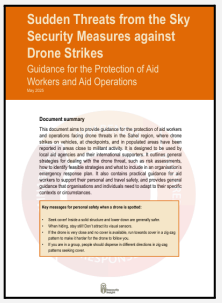
28 September 2026: In Qabatiya town, Jenin governorate, an ambulance was prevented from reaching an injured person for several minutes by Israeli forces. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

Other resources

Using data collected by Insecurity Insight, the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 432 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care across Gaza in 2025. At least **190 incidents** were recorded in the West Bank. Health workers were arrested, threatened, or injured; health facilities were damaged, violently raided, or surrounded; and ambulances and emergency medical teams were repeatedly delayed, blocked, or searched amid Israeli military incursions and increasingly restrictive movement and access constraints imposed across the West Bank. Most incidents were attributed to IDF troops armed with guns. Attacks on health care linked to Israeli settlers, typically armed with guns or rocks, more than doubled in 2025, compared to 2024, rising from around 2% to 9% of total reported attacks. Full SHCC chapter in **Arabic** and **English**.



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- Inside a Building During a Drone Attack: **Arabic**; **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- Responding to Drone Attacks on Aid Work: **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- Traveling in High-Risk Areas: **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**

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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. It is funded and supported by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the Tides Foundation who is not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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[1] 62 incidents were recorded without specifying the location and no additional source could be identified to determine the location of the reported incident.

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