Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

01-15 October 2026

Data collected by Insecurity Insight shows that at least 3,508 attacks on health care took place across the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 30 September 2026.[1] 95% of all incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2,412 attacks on health care were recorded, health facilities were damaged 459 times, 785 health workers were killed and 399 arrested.[2] In the West Bank, where 1,034 attacks on health care were recorded, health facilities were damaged 33 times, 13 health workers were killed and 200 arrested while ambulances and health workers were prevented from providing vital medical care to people in need over over 630 times.

In Gaza, 157 attacks on health care were recorded between the 10 October 2025 ceasefire and 30 September 2026, with 92% of these incidents attributed to Israeli forces. Health facilities including hospitals, health centres and medicine warehouses were reportedly damaged on 17 occasions. Nearly 90% of these 17 incidents were attributed to Israeli aircraft and drone strikes, artillery fire and gunfire. In one such incident, Israeli forces reportedly bombed medicine stores at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, destroying two of the hospital's four medicine stores and damaging the remaining two. The strike also damaged the hospital's outpatient clinic building and vital quantities of medicines and other supplies intended for patients. Two health facilities were deliberately set on fire by Israeli forces while in two other incidents, health facilities were damaged by gunfire from unidentified conflict parties. At least one damaged health facility was reportedly located within the so-called "Green Zone", an area under Israeli control: Kamal Adwan Hospital was hit by an Israeli quadcopter drone strike that reportedly injured three hospital workers. In some incidents, health workers and patients were harmed. For example, Yemen Al-Saeed Hospital was reportedly hit and damaged by two Israeli missiles that struck the first floor of the facility in the evening, killing three Palestinians, including a woman, and injuring 16 others, including children. Two health facilities were reportedly damaged multiple times since the October 2025 ceasefire: both Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital and Yemen Al-Saeed Hospital were damaged twice.

Download the **data**. Updated every Monday and includes information on weapons use, perpetrators and effects. Data is continuously updated and numbers may change if/ when further information is made available. See **here** for methodology. Access our **interactive map** on global attacks on health since 2016. For data enquiries, please **get in touch**.

Past briefs: **16-30 September**; **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**; **All**

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

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 01-15 October 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

06 October 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of Al-Shifa Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing one Palestinian. Attacks near health facilities increase insecurity, disrupting the safe access of patients, staff, transport, and essential supplies. **Source: Quds News Network**

07 October 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the vicinity of the gate of Nasser Hospital was fired upon by Israeli forces, injuring two Palestinians. A bullet fired by Israeli forces also struck the reception department inside Nasser Medical Complex, causing damage inside the hospital. **Sources: Quds News Network and Quds News Network I**

As reported on 07 October 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, Al-Awda Hospital announced an almost complete halt to medical services due to an acute shortage of generator fuel and a lack of spare parts resulting from the Israeli siege, threatening the ability of medical teams to provide care to patients and the wounded. **Source: Quds News Network**

West Bank

01 October 2026: In Yasuf town, east of Salfit governorate, an ambulance was detained by Israeli forces, who seized and discarded its key, hindering the work of ambulance crews and preventing them from performing their duties. **Source: WAFA**

02 October 2026: In the al-Dubbat neighbourhood, outskirts of Beit Furik town, east of Nablus city and governorate, an ambulance was prevented from reaching the area by Israeli forces. **Source: Quds News Network**

05 October 2026: In Bani Na'im town, Hebron governorate, PRCS health workers were prevented from reaching three injured Palestinians by Israeli forces who opened fire on their vehicle. **Sources: Quds News Network, Quds News Network I, Quds News Network II and WAFA**

07 October 2026: In Burqa town, northwest of Nablus city and governorate, PRCS ambulance crews were attacked by Israeli forces while attempting to reach and evacuate injured olive pickers. Israeli forces detained three paramedics and a volunteer, seized the keys to ambulance vehicles, and subsequently released them, forcing the crews to leave the area. Israeli settlers also prevented ambulance crews from reaching several injured people and threatened to shoot anyone approaching the area, obstructing the evacuation of the wounded and their transfer to hospitals. **Sources Quds News Network, WAFA and WAFA I**

07 October 2026: In Marda village, north of Salfit city and governorate, an ambulance was prevented from reaching injured Palestinians by Israeli forces following an attack by Israeli settlers, under the protection of Israeli forces, during which tear gas, stun grenades and pepper spray were used, causing an unspecified number of people to suffer from suffocation. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

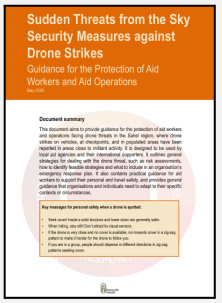
13 October 2026: In Ramallah city and governorate, the Palestine Medical Complex was stormed by Israeli forces, who deployed snipers near its gates, prevented entry and exit, and fired tear gas in its vicinity. **Sources: Quds News Network, Quds News Network I and WAFA**

14 October 2026: In Salfit city and governorate, The Palestinian Red Crescent Society's ambulance centre was stormed by Israeli forces, who removed surveillance camera recordings from the centre. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

14 October 2026: In Salfit city and governorate, Salfit Government Hospital (Martyr Yasser Arafat Hospital) was stormed by Israeli forces, who demanded that the hospital administration hand over surveillance camera recordings and threatened to open fire if the recordings were not provided, before withdrawing to the hospital entrance. The hospital was subsequently stormed by Israeli forces for a second time. **Sources: Quds News Network, Quds News Network I 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**.



Armed drones are an escalating threat in humanitarian settings, with their use expected to grow. Once rare, they are now a defining feature in modern conflicts. Adapting to the growing threat of drones means rethinking security risk measures in high-risk contexts. This practical guide by Insecurity Insight brings together current best practice and is available in **Burmese**, **English**, **French** and **Spanish**. Individual resources:

- Outside When a Drone is Spotted: **Arabic**; **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- 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**

Adapted for the protection of health services based on case studies on Myanmar in **English** and **Burmese**

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.

[2] 785 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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