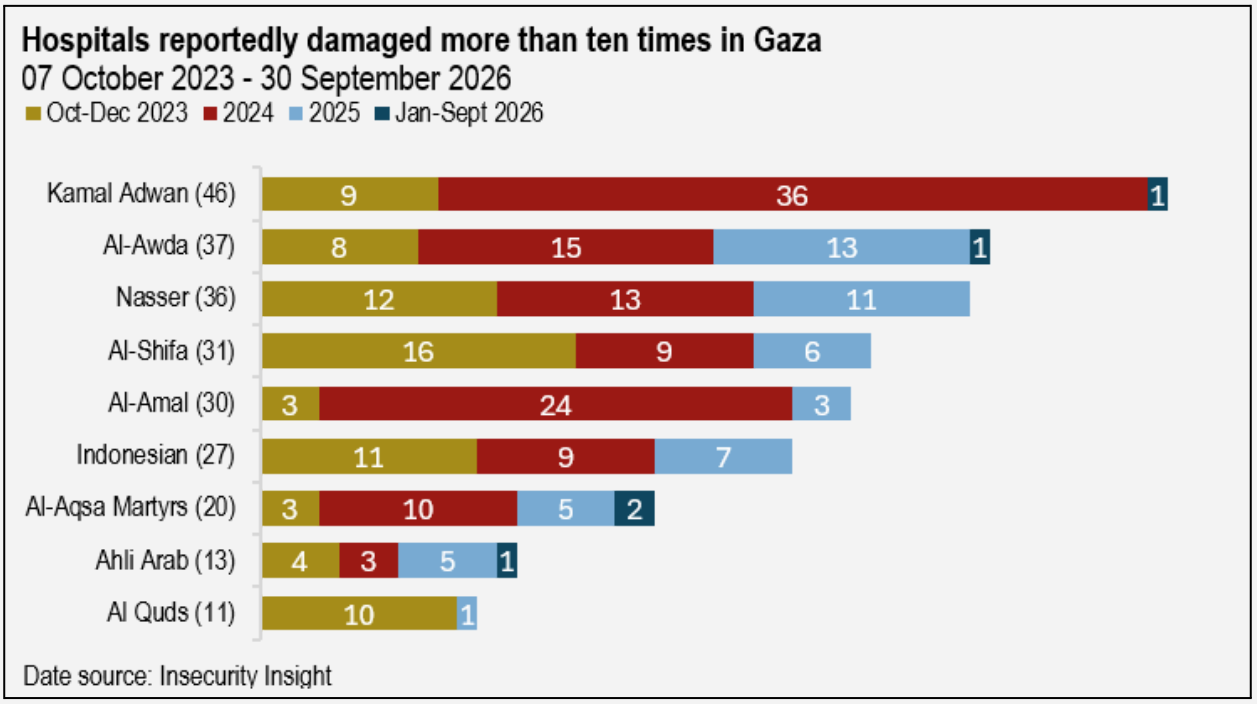
Attacks on Health Care in the State of Palestine

16-31 October 2026



Data collected by Insecurity Insight shows that over 3,500 attacks on health care took place across the State of Palestine between 07 October 2023 and 15 October 2026.[1] 95% of all incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2,413 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 1,046 attacks on health care were recorded, health facilities were damaged 33 times, 13 health workers were killed and 203 arrested while ambulances and health workers were prevented from providing vital medical care to people in need over 630 times.

In Gaza, at least 37 health facilities were damaged multiple times in IDF aircraft and drone strikes and violent raids. Kamal Adwan Hospital was reportedly damaged on 46 occasions, including once since the October 2025 ceasefire. Three other hospitals that sustained repeated damage - Ahli Arab, Al-Aqsa Martyrs and Al-Awda hospitals - were also reportedly damaged since the ceasefire. These incidents highlight the repeated damage sustained by health facilities across Gaza, disrupting the provision of health care and putting patients' access to treatment at risk.



View incidents since 2016 on our **interactive map**. Download the **data**. Data is continuously updated and numbers may change if/ when further information is made available. See **here** for methodology. For data enquiries, please **get in touch**.

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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 16-31 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

17 October 2026: In Tel al-Hawa neighbourhood, southwest of Gaza city and governorate, a group of Palestinians near the Jordanian Hospital was shelled by Israeli forces, injuring an unspecified number of people. Attacks near health facilities increase insecurity, disrupting the safe access of patients, staff, transport, and essential supplies. **Source: Quds news Network**

17 October 2026: In Rafah governorate, a security point in the vicinity of the Red Cross Field Hospital was struck by an Israeli drone, killing a Palestinian and injuring an unspecified number of others.**Source: Quds News Network I**

18 October 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a window in the neonatal department of Nasser Medical Complex was hit by multiple bullets fired by Israeli forces, injuring five people inside the complex and in its vicinity. **Sources: Quds News Network and Quds News Network II**

20 October 2026: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Israeli forces advanced towards the vicinity of Kamal Adwan Hospital and fired gunshots at homes and tents sheltering IDPs. **Source: Quds News Network**

22 October 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, one of the gates of Nasser Medical Complex was fired upon by Israeli forces, injuring a Palestinian. **Source: Quds News Network**

24 October 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Nasser Medical Complex was fired upon by Israeli forces, injuring one person. **Sources: Quds News Network and Quds News Network I**

25 October 2026: On Al-Rashid street, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of Hamad Rehabilitation Hospital (Qatari Hospital) was struck by an Israeli drone, killing one person and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Sources: WAFA and WAFA I**

25 October 2026: In Al-San'a area, north of Khan Yunis city and governorate, the vicinity of the Japanese Clinic was bombed by Israeli forces, killing one person and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Sources: Quds News Network**

27 October 2026: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of Al-Yemen Al-Sa'eed Hospital was fired upon, injuring one person. **Source: Quds News Network**

West Bank

15 October 2026: In an undisclosed village, southern West Bank, an MSF worker was injured by Israeli settlers with a hand-sized rock launched by a slingshot in the evening. A group of approximately 20 settlers had reportedly descended from the nearby hills to attack residents, and more settlers arrived later. The settlers were armed with batons, rifles, stun grenades and slingshots. Due to road closures and access restrictions, the worker could not be reached by ambulance and had to be transported by private vehicle to meet an ambulance. **Sources: MSF and UN OCHA OPT**

17 October 2026: Near Asfour (Bird) roundabout, Qabatiya town, Jenin governorate, PRCS ambulance was prevented by Israeli forces from providing medical assistance to an injured young man. **Source: WAFA**

From 17 to 20 October 2026: In Salfit city and governorate, access to health services was restricted due to the continued closure of the city's northern entrance by Israeli forces. The closure hindered healthcare workers from reaching 13 health clinics and emergency centers affiliated with the Salfit Health Directorate, obstructed the deployment of staff and the delivery of medicines, medical supplies and children's vaccinations, and disrupted the work of field health and environmental inspection teams. It also restricted patients' and visitors' access to the Health Directorate and the government hospital, the only hospital in Salfit governorate, depriving thousands of patients of access to health care. **Source: WAFA**

18 October 2026: In the Bedouin Ka'abneh community, Ramallah governorate, a Silwad Municipality ambulance was attacked by Israeli settlers while travelling to the area to assist two Palestinians injured in a settler attack. **Sources: Quds News Network and Quds News Network I**

22 October 2026: In Ramallah city and governorate, an ambulance was attacked and damaged by Israeli settlers throwing stones while en route to Al-Mughayyir village. **Sources: Quds News Network, Quds News Network I and WAFA**

23 October 2026: In Al-Mughayyir village, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance was prevented from reaching and transporting an injured Palestinian man for medical treatment by Israeli forces, who had detained him after he was beaten by Israeli settlers. **Source: WAFA**

25 October 2026: Update: A 71-year-old Palestinian doctor was released from Ofer prison by Israeli forces after nearly four months in detention. Following his release, he showed visible signs of physical abuse, including a prominent wound on his forehead. He had been detained during a pre-dawn raid on his home in Ramallah on 21 June 2026. **Sources: Middle East Eye and Quds News Network**

27 October 2026: At the Awarta checkpoint, Beita town, Nablus governorate, an ambulance driver was arrested by Israeli forces, while the ambulance was passing through the checkpoint. **Source: Quds News Network**

27 October 2026: Near the Huwwara military checkpoint, south of Nablus city, Nablus governorate, PRCS ambulance crews were prevented by Israeli forces from reaching an injured Palestinian man who had been shot in the foot with live ammunition following reports of gunfire at a vehicle. Israeli forces later allowed the crews to reach the injured man and transfer him to hospital for treatment. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

27 October 2026: In Hebron city and governorate, Al-Ahli Hospital’s patient rooms, emergency yard and entrance were fired at with tear gas fired by Israeli forces, exposing patients and others to toxic gas, while storming the hospital. They seized an unspecified number of vehicles from its car park. **Sources: Quds News Network, WAFA and WAFA I**

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.

[1] 64 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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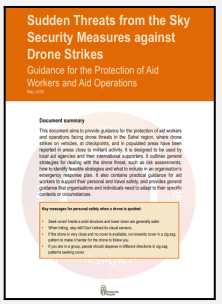
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Other resources

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