Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

12-23 November 2023

Recorded violence against health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, 07 October-23 November 2023

359	102	72	52
REPORTED INCIDENTS	**HEALTH WORKERS KILLED**	**INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED**	**HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED**

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Insecurity Insight has identified 359 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October and 23 November 2023. Insecurity Insight calls upon all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected. Perpetrators must be held accountable.

- Fourteen incidents were reported in Israel including nine health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants.
- In the oPt where 345 incidents were recorded, 71 incidents reported health facilities being extensively damaged, some facilities were damaged more than once, and 93 health workers killed in 58 incidents by explosive weapons used by Israeli forces in Gaza. In the West Bank, at least 39 health workers have been detained in 19 incidents, mostly while responding to health emergencies, and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care between 12-23 November 2023 and have not been independently verified. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our verification protocol. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. We are aware of other sources reporting higher health worker killings and are continuing to identify more specific details on these incidents. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in **touch**. **Help support the protection of health care by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/12-23Nov2023OPTHealth**

Past incident reports: **06-11 November**; **01-05 November**; **23-31 October**; **16-22**; **12-15 October**; **07-11 October**; **All**.

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Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territories

14 November 2023: In the Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm city and governorate, West Bank, a PRCS ambulance was surrounded by Israeli military vehicles, inspected and the injured person inside the ambulance was detained by Israeli military. **Source: PRCS**

15 November 2023: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, heavy Israeli bombing was reported near the Indonesian Hospital. **Source: Personal Communication**

16 November 2023: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, a PRCS paramedic was injured after his home was hit by an Israeli airstrike. **Source: PRCS**

16 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces destroyed the water pipes supplying Al-Shifa Hospital. **Source: Personal Communication**

16 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the engineering and maintenance department, and the cafeteria in the western area of Al-Shifa Hospital were bulldozed by the Israeli military. The mortuary was also destroyed and the maternity ward significantly damaged. **Source: Personal Communication**

16 November 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Ibn Sina Hospital was among at least four hospitals that were surrounded by Israeli forces during a military raid. The soldiers turned up at the hospital asking the medical staff to evacuate the hospital. Two paramedics were arrested. **Source: Al Jazeera**

16 November 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Khalil Suleiman Hospital/Jenin Government Hospital was among at least four hospitals that were surrounded by Israeli forces during a military raid. **Source: Al Jazeera**

16 November 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, a hospital was among at least four hospitals that were surrounded by Israeli forces during a military raid. **Source: Al Jazeera**

16 November 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, a hospital was among at least four hospitals that were surrounded by Israeli forces during a military raid. **Source: Al Jazeera**

17 November 2023: In the Rimal neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, at least 7,000 people, including patients, medical personnel and other civilians at Al-Shifa Hospital were trapped as Israeli soldiers continue to occupy the hospital. **Source: Al Jazeera**

17 November 2023: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, heavy Israeli forces bombing was reported in the vicinity of the Indonesian Hospital. **Sources: Al Jazeera and WAFA**

17 November 2023: In the Zeitoun neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli tanks were stationed outside Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital and heavy gunfire by Israeli forces continued. PRCS emergency medical teams were trapped inside the hospital. **Source: PRCS**

17 November 2023: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Israeli smoke bombs were reported in the vicinity of Kamal Adwan Hospital. **Source: Personal Communication**

17 November 2023: In the Al-Zahra area, Gaza city and governorate, the Al-Wafa Hospital and Home for Elderly Care was hit in an Israeli airstrike. The director of the hospital was killed and an unspecified number of doctors injured. **Sources: Personal Communication and WAFA**

17 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces surrounded the Khalil Suleiman Hospital/Jenin Government Hospital during a military raid on the camp. **Source: MSF**

17 November 2023: In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces blocked ambulances from reaching Khalil Suleiman Hospital/Jenin Government Hospital. **Source: MSF**

17 November 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces ordered everyone inside Khalil Suleiman Hospital/Jenin Government Hospital to leave the hospital. Hospital staff did not leave the hospital out of fear. Israeli forces withdrew an hour later. **Source: MSF**

18 November 2023: In Zeitoun neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, PRCS emergency medical teams continue to remain trapped at Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital due to heavy Israeli bombardment and gunfire. **Source: PRCS**

18 November 2023: Across the Gaza strip, six PRCS ambulances stopped operating due to fuel shortages. **Source: PRCS**

18 November 2023: In the Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza Strip, a rehabilitation centre for people with learning difficulties was hit by an Israeli airstrike. One person was killed and an unspecified number of people were injured. **Source: Personal Communication**

18 November 2023: In an unspecified location, Gaza Strip, the head of the internal medicine department at Shifa Hospital and his entire family, was killed after Israeli airstrikes hit his home. **Source: Personal Communication**

18 November 2023: Near Wadi Gaza, Gaza city and governorate, MSF staff members and their families, who were being evacuated after being trapped for a week at an MSF facility, were not allowed to cross the final checkpoint, despite information exchanged with the Israeli army. After a few hours, they were forced to turn back and return to the MSF premises, 7km away from the checkpoint, due to gunfire. **Sources: MSF France and ReliefWeb**

18 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, two out of five cars of an MSF convoy, all clearly marked, attempting to evacuate 137 individuals were killed by gunfire. An MSF staff member's family member was killed and another injured. **Sources: MSF France and ReliefWeb**

19 November 2023: In an unspecified location, Gaza strip, a doctor and his children were killed after their house was hit by Israeli airstrikes during the night. **Source: Personal Communication**

20 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, a MSF clinic was damaged, including the collapse of a wall and the fire-induced destruction of a building section. A MSF staff member and 20 members of his family were inside. Four vehicles were burned and another was cut into two, likely by a vehicle or tank. **Source: MSF France**

20 November 2023: In Northern Gaza governorate, at least 12 people were killed by Israeli artillery fire on the Indonesian Hospital, where patients and displaced people are taking shelter. **Sources: Al Jazeera, France 24, Middle East Eye and NBC News**

20 November 2023: In North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was surrounded by Israeli tanks trapping about 700 people, including medical staff, patients and displaced civilians. **Source: Al Jazeera and Personal Communication**

20 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, medical teams were unable to reach the wounded due to the area being surrounded by Israeli tanks. **Source: Personal Communication**

20 November 2023: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the Noura Kaabi Medical Centre for Dialysis was damaged by Israeli forces. **Source: Personal Communication**

20 November 2023: Between the northern and southern Gaza checkpoint, two PRCS paramedics were detained, stripped naked and interrogated by Israeli forces while passing through the checkpoint. They were released a few hours later. **Source: PRCS**

21 November 2023: In the Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Gaza strip, the houses of a nurse, a surgeon and a civil defence staff member were hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source: Al Jazeera**

21 November 2023: In North Gaza governorate, the fourth floor of the Al-Awda Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike. Four doctors, including two MSF doctors were killed and three medical staff, including MSF staff, were injured. MSF reported that a day earlier they had shared GPS coordinates with Israeli authorities and that the hospital was fully-functioning. The hospital reportedly closed due to the damage and patients were transported on foot to Kamal Adwan Hospital **Sources: Action Aid, MSF, PRCS and Personal Communication**

21 November 2023: In the Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, West Bank, medical teams were obstructed by Israeli forces from reaching a civilian who was shot by an Israeli sniper. As a result, the man bled to death. **Source: Personal Communication**

21 November 2023: In Tulkarem city and governorate, West Bank, a severely injured Palestinian male was taken by Israeli soldiers from inside an ambulance parked at Thabet Thabet Hospital and detained. **Source: Personal Communication**

21 November 2023: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, Israeli military ordered the Indonesian Hospital housing approximately 1000 people, including patients, to be completely evacuated in four hours. **Source: Personal Communication**

22 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, a PRCS and UN convoy evacuating 190 wounded and sick people, their companions and a number of medical teams from Al Shifa Hospital to other hospitals in the southern part of the Gaza strip lasted almost 20 hours due to obstructions and inspections by Israeli soldiers at checkpoint. **Source: PRCS**

22 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, three paramedics and a companion of a wounded person were detained by Israeli soldiers at the northern and southern Gaza checkpoint. Two paramedics and the civilian were later released whilst the third paramedic remained detained. **Source: PRCS**

23 November 2023: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital sustained extensive damages caused by Israeli forces. A woman was killed, three individuals injured and three others arrested. **Sources: Personal Communication and Quds News Network**

23 November 2023: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, heavy tank fire in 15 minute intervals was reported in the vicinity of the Indonesian Hospital. **Source: BBC News**

23 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the director of Al-Shifa Hospital was detained on the Netzarim checkpoint and held for questioning by the Israeli military who claimed that they had evidence showing that under his management Al Shifa Hospital served as a Hamas command and control centre. Another doctor and two nurses were also detained. They were travelling in a WHO convoy with patients at the time. Following the incident, Gaza's Ministry of Health stopped coordinating with WHO regarding evacuations. **Source: Al Jazeera, BBC News and Personal Communication**

23 November 2023: Near the Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces confiscated keys and phones of medics as they attempted to reach wounded people during a military raid. **Source: Personal Communication**

Health facility: Refers to any facility that provides direct health-related support to patients, including clinics, hospitals, laboratories, makeshift hospitals, medical education facilities, mobile clinics, pharmacies, warehouses, or any other health facility not named here. Health worker: Refers to any person working in a professional or voluntary capacity in the provision of health services or who provides direct support to patients, including administrators, ambulance personnel, community health workers, dentists, doctors, government health officials, hospital staff, medical education staff, nurses, midwives, paramedics, physiotherapists, surgeons, vaccination workers, volunteers, or any other health-related personnel not named here.

[1] Zoom in and click on Israel or oPT to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.

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