





# Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

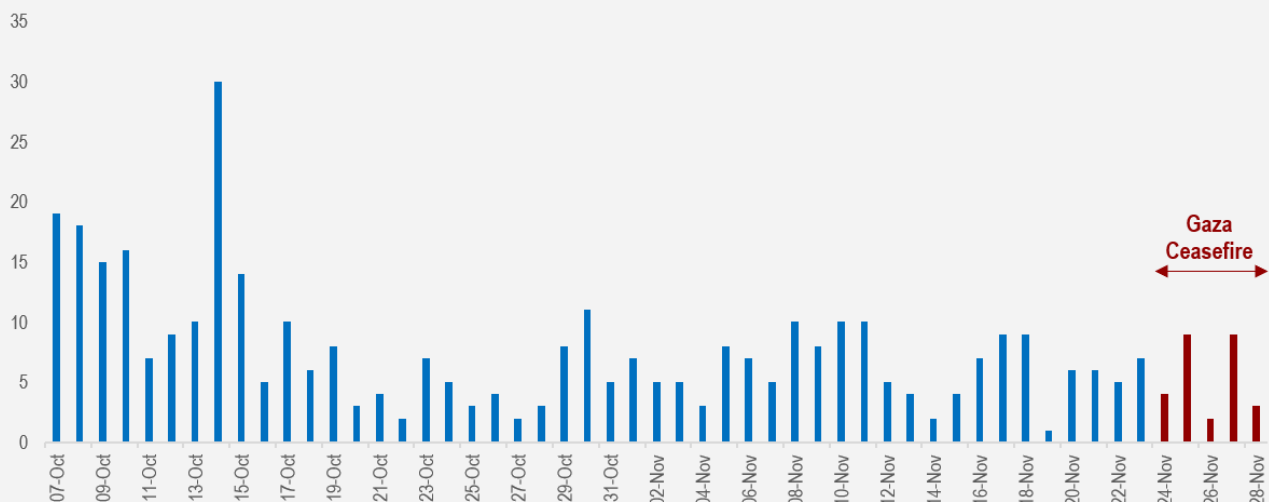
24-30 November 2023



## Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October-30 November 2023

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	14	9	1	0
oPt	394	96	76	55

### 22 Incidents Affecting Health Care in the West Bank During the Gaza Ceasefire



Data source: [Insecurity Insight](#) on [HDX](#). [Contact](#) us for curated datasets.

Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#)<sup>1</sup> and on this [data visualisation](#) by Soha Elghany.

Insecurity Insight has identified 408 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October and 30 November 2023. Fourteen incidents were reported in Israel including nine health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 394 incidents were recorded, 76 incidents reported health facilities being extensively damaged, some facilities were damaged more than once. In addition, 96 health workers were killed in 60 incidents mostly by explosive weapons used by Israeli forces in Gaza. In the West Bank, at least 44 health workers have been detained in 22 incidents, mostly while responding to health emergencies, and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care. In Gaza, at least eleven health workers have been detained in four incidents. During one incident, two paramedics were detained, stripped naked and interrogated by Israeli forces at a checkpoint. They were released a few hours later.

Insecurity Insight calls upon all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected. There has to be accountability for violations.

The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care between 24-30 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. We do not report aggregate numbers but compile our numbers based on individually reported cases. We are continuously trying 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](#). Insecurity Insight calls upon all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected. Perpetrators must be held accountable. **Help support the protection of health care by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: [bit.ly/24-30Nov2023OPTHealth](https://bit.ly/24-30Nov2023OPTHealth)**

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## Israel

*No incidents identified during the reporting period.*

## Occupied Palestinian Territories

### Gaza

**24 November 2023:** In the Nasser neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces fired in the vicinity of Al-Rantisi Hospital in the early morning. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**24 November 2023:** In Gaza city and governorate, the PRCS and a UN team evacuated at least 21 patients and wounded people, and 19 of their companions, from the Al Ahli Baptist Hospital to a hospital in Khan Younis, in the south of Gaza, which resumed admitting patients and providing limited medical services, after being inaccessible for several days. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 49](#)

**24 November 2023:** In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces withdrew from the Shifa hospital, where they had been carrying out operations for nine days. Before leaving, they destroyed the tunnel they had found underneath the compound; oxygen pipes and generators were also destroyed. Some 250 patients and staff members were estimated to remain at Shifa, which was reportedly non-operational. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 49](#)

**24 November 2023:** In Gaza city and governorate, MSF vehicles from the south of the Gaza strip were sent to aid the evacuation of the MSF team and their family members stuck in the MSF clinic in Gaza city, after all their vehicles were destroyed in a previous attack. Israeli forces fired at the vehicles while they approached the MSF clinic which led the evacuation to be cancelled. Two of the vehicles were destroyed by an Israeli tank. Eventually, later on in the day the staff members were able to evacuate to the South using vehicles of other civilians also evacuating. **Source:** [MSF](#)

**29 November 2023:** In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the Noura Al-Kaabi Hospital for Dialysis was raided and vandalised by Israeli forces after re-opening the same day. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

### West Bank

**25 November 2023:** In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces obstructed and prevented PRCS emergency medical services from reaching injured civilians by continuously inspecting ambulance vehicles. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

**Between 25-26 November 2023:** In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, two injured Palestinians were taken from a PRCS ambulance and detained by Israeli forces during a military raid on the camp. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

**26 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, a wounded young man was arrested from an ambulance by Israeli forces during a military raid into the city. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#)

**25 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Ibn Sina Hospital was surrounded by Israeli forces impeding patients' access to services. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [The Guardian](#)

**25 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Jenin Government Hospital was surrounded by Israeli forces impeding patients' access to services. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [The Guardian](#)

**25 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, a young man was detained by Israeli forces outside Ibn Sina Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**25 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, the entrance of Al-Amal Hospital was blocked by Israeli forces impeding patients' access to services. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**25 November 2023:** In Qabatyah city, Jenin Governorate, West Bank, a doctor was reportedly killed by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**25 November 2023:** In Al-Hadaf neighbourhood, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces obstructed an ambulance from accessing the area following the firing of an explosive rocket at a house. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**25 November 2023:** In the Ofir prison area, between Ramallah/Beituniya and Giv'at Ze'ev, West Bank, a PRCS ambulance was fired at by Israeli forces, shattering the rear glass window. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

**26 November 2023:** In the Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces obstructed an ambulance from accessing the camp following reports of an injury from Israeli forces gunfire. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, a nurse was injured by Israeli forces during a military raid on Jenin Governmental Hospital square. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, Ibn Sina Hospital was stormed by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, a wounded young man was detained from inside an ambulance near Jenin Government Hospital by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, most of the roads leading to the Al-Razi Hospital were blocked by Israeli forces impeding patients' access to services. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, the entrances of Jenin Government Hospital were blocked by Israeli forces impeding patients' access to services. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, the entrances of Ibn Sina Hospital were blocked by Israeli forces impeding patients' access to services. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, a PRCS ambulance was obstructed by Israeli forces from transporting an individual injured by live bullets. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, PRCS emergency medical services team was detained by Israeli forces for 40 minutes in front of the Jenin Government Hospital preventing them from transferring a patient with a gunshot leg wound to the hospital. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

**28 November 2023:** In Hebron governorate, West Bank, an Ophthalmologist was arrested from his home by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**29 November 2023:** In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, PRCS paramedics were obstructed by Israeli forces from reaching people in need of medical assistance. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

**29 November 2023:** In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, Ibn Sina Hospital was surrounded by Israeli forces during a military raid on the camp, preventing patients from reaching the hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**29 November 2023:** In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces blocked an ambulance from reaching people in need during a military offensive in the city. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**29 November 2023:** In Tulkarm city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces searched an ambulance and prevented it from working in the vicinity of Thabet Thabet Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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**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.

<sup>1</sup> Zoom in and click on Israel or oPT to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.

