





Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

02-08 January 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-01 January 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	14	9	1	0
oPt	622	126	123	200

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

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

Insecurity Insight has identified 636 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023-01 January 2024. Fourteen incidents were reported in Israel including nine health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 622 incidents were recorded, 462 took place in the Gaza Strip and 108 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.² Insecurity Insight calls for independent investigations and for all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected.

Past incident reports: [26 December-01 January](#); [19-25 December](#); [12-18 December](#); [01-11 December](#); [All](#)

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The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care between 02-08 January 2024 and have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source verification protocol. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. 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/02-08Jan2024OPTHealth**

Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Gaza Strip

02 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, the PRCS headquarters, which is located within the Al-Amal Hospital, was hit by Israeli bombing. Over three days of bombardment, seven IDPs sheltering in the compound, including a five-day-old baby, were killed, while another 11 people were injured. A volunteer first-responder was among the injured. This is the second time

the headquarters has been hit, it had been previously hit on 26 December. The premises were sheltering around 14,000 displaced people, however following the attack many left. PRCS also reported that dozens of residential buildings and people gathered at the entrance of Al Amal Hospital had been hit, resulting in dozens more deaths and injuries. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera I](#), [Al Jazeera II](#), [Personal Communication](#), [PRCS I](#), [PRCS II](#), [PRCS III](#), [Quds News Network](#), [OCHA Flash 82](#), [OCHA Flash 83](#) and [OCHA Flash 84](#)

02 January 2024: In Khan Younis governorate, ambulances were obstructed from reaching injured civilians due to the intensity of Israeli bombings which destroyed many roads. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

03 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli artillery shelling hit several residential buildings less than 100 metres from Al-Amal Hospital causing fragments to fall near the ambulance centre and the headquarters of the PRCS. **Sources:** [PRCS I](#), [PRCS II](#) and [WAFA](#)

03 January 2024: In Deir al-Balah, Israeli forces surveillance aircraft were reported hovering above Al-Aqsa Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

03 January 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the vicinity of a health clinic was hit by Israeli airstrikes and fire belts on the camp. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

04 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli forces struck the fifth floor of the PRCS building, killing one person and injuring an unspecified number. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 04 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli shelling for nearly two weeks in the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital has put the lives of displaced individuals at risk. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

04 January 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a doctor and two of his cousins were shot and killed by an Israeli sniper. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

04 January 2024: In Al-Masdar village, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli forces hit a PRCS ambulance evacuating wounded people. Gunfire was directly aimed at the ambulance. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

04 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of the European Hospital, killing one person and injuring an unspecified number. **Sources:** [WAFA I](#) and [WAFA II](#)

04 January 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the residence of the director of the Central Governorate Ambulance Center was hit by Israeli forces. At least two people were killed and five injured, whilst an unspecified number of people were still under the rubble. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

05 January 2023: In Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli soldiers fired at Al-Aqsa Hospital. A bullet penetrated a wall in the intensive care unit at 13:30. CCTV cameras and the electrical generator were also hit by bullets. Over the last couple of days, drone attacks and sniper fire were just a few hundred metres from the hospital. **Sources:** [MSF](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [WAFA](#)

05 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli artillery and drones were reported in the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [WAFA](#)

05 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli drones launched a missile towards a group of civilians near the European Hospital killing at least one person and injuring an unspecified

number. Since the early morning, Israeli forces had reportedly intensified their attacks in the vicinity of the hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

05 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli artillery and drone fire was reported in the vicinity of Nasser Medical Complex since the early morning. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

As reported on 05 January 2024: Across the Gaza strip, lack of adequate medical supplies has led to the death of many injured civilians due to infection. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

06 January 2024: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli soldiers fired live ammunition at ambulances attempting to reach injured civilians in an airstrike which hit a UNRWA shelter centre. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

06 January 2024: In Deir Al-Balah governorate, two sisters who were doctors were killed when Israeli airstrikes hit the house which they were sheltering in. **Sources:** [Healthcare Workers Watch - Palestine](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

06 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli artillery and drones continued to shell the vicinity of the PRCS Al-Amal Hospital. Shrapnel from the shelling scattered on the building and was accompanied by gunfire from Israeli drones and snipers. A displaced person was shot by a sniper at the hospital entrance. **Sources:** [PRCS](#), [WAFA I](#) and [WAFA II](#)

06 January 2024: In the Gaza Strip, a doctor was injured and his granddaughter killed when Israeli airstrikes hit the house they were sheltering in. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

06 January 2024: In Deir al-Balah governorate, MSF evacuated staff and their families from the area after days of artillery fighting and following late morning evacuation order flyers dropped by Israeli forces for neighbourhoods around Al-Aqsa Hospital where MSF works. **Source:** [MSF](#)

06 January 2024: In Al-Zawaida town, Deir al-Balah governorate, ambulance and rescue teams were unable to reach people injured from an Israeli airstrike due to ongoing bombardments. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

07 January 2024: In Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli drones opened fire towards the administration building of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital. **Sources:** [AA](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

07 January 2024: In Deir al-Balah governorate, Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) stated that their emergency medical team had been forced to cease life-saving and other critical activities at the Al-Aqsa Hospital and leave the facility, as a result of increasing Israeli military activity. Most of the local health workers and about 600 patients have been forced to leave the facility to unknown locations. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera I](#), [Al Jazeera II](#), [MAP](#), [The New Arab](#), and [OCHA Flash 86](#)

07 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, an Israeli airstrike was reported in the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

08 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of Nasser Medical Complex. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

08 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, ambulance and rescue teams were unable to reach injured individuals or dead bodies due to continuous Israeli bombardment. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

08 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, an MSF shelter was hit by Israeli shelling which housed more than a 100 employees and their families. At least four people were injured,

including the five-year-old daughter of an employee, who died the next day. MSF confirmed that prior to the hit they had not received orders to evacuate. **Sources:** [MSF](#) and [WAFA](#)

08 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, an Israeli drone opened fire in the courtyard of the European Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

West Bank

02 January 2024: In Qalqilya city, West Bank, Israeli forces prevented ambulances and shot at health workers attempting to reach a young man who had been shot and wounded during a raid in the city. Israeli soldiers reportedly dragged the injured man to the ground and kicked him in the head and shoulders. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

Between 02 and 03 January 2024: In Tulkarm city and governorate, Israeli soldiers and military vehicles surrounded the Martyr Thabet Thabet Government Hospital and prevented journalists from covering the raid on the nearby Nur Sham Refugee camp. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

Between 02 and 03 January 2024: In Tulkarm city and governorate, Israeli soldiers and military vehicles surrounded the Al-Isra Specialized Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

Between 02 and 03 January 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, West Bank, a UNRWA health clinic was damaged by Israeli forces during a raid on the camp. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 83](#)

03 January 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli forces blocked an ambulance from reaching a patient inside the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

03 January 2024: In Tulkarm city and governorate, Israeli forces stopped and conducted ID checks on two nurses who were on their way to work near Thabet Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

03 January 2024: Between Al-Fondoq village and Hajja village, Qalqilya governorate, Israeli soldiers prevented an ambulance from providing medical assistance to a Palestinian man who was shot and injured. The man was subsequently detained and prevented from being taken to hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

04 January 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli forces blocked an unspecified number of ambulances from entering the camp during a 30-hour security operation on the camp. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

05 January 2024: In Al Arroub Refugee Camp, Hebron city and governorate, Israeli forces opened fire at a PRCS ambulance. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

05 January 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, Israeli soldiers opened fire at PRCS ambulances preventing them from reaching injured persons in the camp. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [WAFA](#)

07 January 2024: In Ramallah city, West Bank, a doctor and a nurse - both male - were arrested during a raid by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

07 January 2024: At Beit Iksa checkpoint, Jerusalem governorate, Israeli soldiers prevented Palestinian ambulances from transferring three Palestinians, including a four-year-old girl, who had been shot and killed to a hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

08 January 2024: In Tulkarm city and governorate, an Israeli forces Jeep ran over a young man after shooting him along with two other young men. Israeli soldiers then prevented paramedics from reaching the young men, leaving him to bleed to death. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 10 January 2024.

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.

² 52 incidents were recorded by the WHO SSA without specifying the location and no additional source could be identified to determine the location of the reported incident.

³ We are aware of other sources reporting higher health worker killings. 127 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified as we do not report aggregate numbers but compile our numbers based on individually reported cases. We continue to work on collating a complete list from information that has been provided in different formats such as names or professions of health workers who were killed. This cross-checking process is complex to avoid double counting the same individuals based on the fact that different victim information was provided by different information providers. The total number of health workers killed is believed to be higher than the current verified number.

