





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

09-15 January 2024



## Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-15 January 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	16	9	1	0
oPt	707	138	136	212

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 723 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023-15 January 2024. Sixteen incidents were reported in Israel including nine health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 707 incidents were recorded, 518 took place in the Gaza Strip and 137 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> 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: [02-08 January](#); [26 December-01 January](#); [19-25 December](#); [12-18 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/09-15Jan2024OPTHealth](https://bit.ly/09-15Jan2024OPTHealth)**

## Israel

*No incidents identified during the reporting period.*

## Occupied Palestinian Territories

### Gaza Strip

**10 January 2024:** In North Gaza governorate, an Israeli army sniper was reportedly firing at people in the vicinity of the Al Karama Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)



**10 January 2024:** In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, four PRCS ambulance crew members were killed and two injured by Israeli airstrike while travelling inside an ambulance transporting wounded civilians from the Maghazi Refugee Camp. All passengers, including a photographer who joined to document the scene, were killed. **Sources:** [PRCS I](#), [IFRC](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [WAFA](#)

**10 January 2024:** In Deir Balah governorate, an Israeli airstrike hit the entrance to Al Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, killing at least 40 Palestinians and injuring an unspecified number. **Sources:** [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

**11 January 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli warplanes hit the vicinity of Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**11 January 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a female doctor was killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**12 January 2024:** Communication was completely cut off for PRCS teams due to Israeli forces cutting communication and internet services. This disruption increases the challenges facing the PRCS's emergency services in reaching the wounded and injured promptly. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

**12 January 2024:** Update: Israeli forces released the PRCS Director of Khan Yunis ambulance centre, after 51 days of detention. He was released at the Kerem Shalom crossing after being arrested at the Wadi Gaza checkpoint during the evacuation convoy of the wounded from Shifa Hospital to hospitals in the southern Gaza Strip. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

**12 January 2024:** In Deir Al-Balah governorate, a complete power outage was reported at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital due to a fuel depletion caused by the Israeli blockade on Gaza. The hospital has many patients in the ICU, including incubator babies, who are in grave need of electricity, putting their lives at risk. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

**12 January 2024:** In Deir Balah governorate, Israeli forces were advancing towards Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital. Heavy shooting was heard in the area. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**12 January 2024:** Update: In Gaza city and governorate, the WHO team and partners were able to reach Al-Shifa Hospital and deliver fuel and medical supplies after more than two weeks. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Deir Al-Balah governorate, civilians evacuated al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, after witnessing the advance of Israeli tanks nearby. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces bombed the vicinity of Nasser Hospital amid a total telecommunication outage in the entire Strip. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, a young mother of two children was shot dead by an Israeli sniper while inside Shifa Hospital. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Deir al-Balah governorate, Israeli artillery was reported in the vicinity of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**13 January 2023:** Across the Gaza strip, the PRCS were unable to reach their crews working in Gaza due to a complete loss of communications and internet services, increasing the challenges facing its crews in providing emergency health services. Services were able to resume on 15 January 2023 after about 72 hours. **Sources:** [WAFA](#) and [PRCS](#)

## West Bank

**10 January 2024:** In Rashayida village, Bethlehem governorate, Israeli forces raided a health clinic and destroyed medical equipment. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

**12 January 2024:** In Zita town, Tulkarem governorate, Israeli soldiers prevented ambulances from reaching injured Palestinians during a raid on the town. Ambulance crews were only able to evacuate the injured to a hospital after the Israeli army withdrew from the town. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, Israeli forces stopped and searched an ambulance near Jenin Governmental Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Arraba town, Jenin governorate, Israeli forces prevented an ambulance from reaching a Palestinian man who had been beaten by the soldiers. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Al-Fara'a Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, an Israeli army vehicle crashed into an ambulance causing partial damage to it. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Al-Fara'a Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, Israeli forces stopped and searched an ambulance during a raid on the camp. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**13 January 2024:** In Al-Fara'a Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, Israeli forces prevented ambulance teams from reaching injured persons during a raid on the camp. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

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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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> We are aware of other sources reporting higher health worker killings. 138 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.

