Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

23-29 January 2024



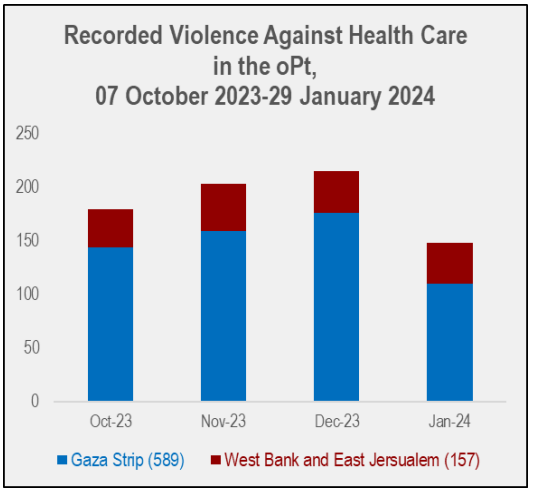
Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-29 January 2024				
	REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	16	9	1	0
oPt	799	145	148	218

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 815 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 29 January 2024.** Sixteen incidents were reported in Israel including ten health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants.

In the oPt where 799 incidents were recorded, 589 took place in the Gaza Strip and 157 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.[2] At least 145 health workers have been killed, 218 arrested and health facilities damaged 148 times.[3] Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care. Insecurity Insight calls for independent investigations and for all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected.



These figures do not include all the incidents below due to the high volume of incidents that took place during the reporting period.

Past incident reports: **16-22 January**; **09-15 January**; **02-08 January**; **26 December-01 January**; **19-25 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 23-30 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**.

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Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Gaza Strip

24 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces shelled the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital**. Source:** PRCS

24 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces continued to besiege the PRCS ambulance headquarters, restricting all movement in the area. **Source:** OCHA Flash 101

24 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, three displaced people were killed and two others were injured when Israeli forces hit the front of the northern gate of the PRCS headquarters. **Source:** PRCS

24 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, PRCS stated that they were forced to ask IDPs to donate blood as they were unable to access blood banks and treat the wounded. **Source:** OCHA Flash 101

24 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, PRCS medical teams were unable to transfer serious injuries from Nasser Hospital to nearby health facilities. **Source:** OCHA Flash 101

24 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, no one could enter or exit the Nasser Hospital, due to ongoing bombardments in the vicinity, including 400 dialysis patients in need of support. **Source:** OCHA Flash 101

24 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Al Khair Hospital, one of only three hospitals in the Gaza Strip providing maternity services, was not able to receive patients or supplies due to the presence of Israeli military in the area. The hospital was providing minimal services only for those within its compounds. **Source:** OCHA Flash 101 **and** OCHA Flash 102

24 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Al Aqsa Hospital was at risk of closure due to the issuance of evacuation orders in adjacent areas and the ongoing conduct of hostilities nearby. **Source:** OCHA Flash 101

24 January 2024: In Deir al Balah governorate, the European Hospital was at risk of closure due to the issuance of evacuation orders in adjacent areas and the ongoing conduct of hostilities nearby. Together with the Nasser Hospital, it was one of the only two referral hospitals that could provide advanced surgical and medical emergency services with large bed capacities **Source:** OCHA Flash 101 **and** OCHA Flash 102

As reported on 24 January 2024: In northern Gaza, according to the WHO only seven out of 24 hospitals are partially operating and are suffering from a lack of personnel and supplies. **Source:** WAFA

As reported on 25 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, after the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC) was struck, UNRWA and WHO helped evacuate 45 patients, 15 in critical condition, to another health facility. However, due to the intensity of fighting, the team was unable to evacuate all the injured. One patient died en route. **Source:** OCHA Flash 102

25 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Al Khair Hospital, which was previously designated as minimally functioning, was no longer operational, with reports of patients, who had just undergone critical operations, having to flee the facility. **Source:** OCHA Flash 103

25 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, an Israeli quadcopter opened fire in the backyard of Nasser Hospital**. Source:** Quds News Network

25 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the vicinity of Nasser Hospital was subjected to intense Israeli artillery shelling, and Israeli drones firing in the courtyards and towards the buildings. **Source:** Quds News Network

25 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces continued to besiege Al Amal Hospital and prevent ambulances from moving. **Source:** Quds News Network **and** OCHA Flash 102

25 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces continued to besiege the PRCS ambulance headquarters, restricting all movement in the area. **Source:** OCHA Flash 102

25 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Nasser Hospital was operating at 10% of its capacity due to the Israeli siege and bombardment. The hospital has run out of anaesthesia drugs, painkillers, and food. **Source:** Quds News Network

26 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces continued to besiege the PRCS ambulance headquarters, restricting all movement in the area. **Source:** OCHA Flash 103

26 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces continued to besiege Al Amal Hospital, restricting all movement in the area. **Source:** OCHA Flash 103

26 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the vicinity of Al Amal Hospital was hit by Israeli military strikes, fragments of artillery shelling scattered inside it . Medical teams were unable to reach the casualties. **Sources:** Quds News Network **and** OCHA Flash 103

26 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a complete power outage was reported at Nasser Medical Complex due to fuel shortages. **Source:** Quds News Network

26 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes and artillery shelling was reported in the vicinity of Nasser Medical Complex. Structures and the yards of the complex were also fired upon by Israeli drone fire. **Sources:** WAFA **and** WAFA II

26 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli tanks were stationed around the Nasser Medical Complex and forced thousands of civilians inside the hospital to leave. Journalists and displaced individuals attempting to leave the hospital were reportedly fired at. **Source:** WAFA

26 January 2024: In an unspecified location in the Gaza Strip, the head of the orthopaedic surgery department at Nasser Hospital was arrested by Israeli forces**. Source:** Quds News Network

27 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, houses in the vicinity of the Al Amal Hospital were hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** Quds News Network

27 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces shot and killed a displaced person in the vicinity of Al Amal Hospital which has been under continuous siege for the past five days and subjected to persistent shelling. **Source:** WAFA

267 January 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, medical services collapsed at Nasser Hospital after being under siege for at least five days. With Nasser and European Gaza Hospital almost inaccessible, there is no longer a healthcare system in Gaza. **Source:** MSF **I and** MSF II

28 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli soldiers stationed outside the hospital fired at an ambulance parked inside the courtyard of Al Amal hospital. **Sources:** WAFA

29 January 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces surrounded Al Shifa Hospital following airstrikes and artillery shelling which injured an unspecified number of displaced persons inside the hospital. As a result, ambulances and emergency teams were unable to transfer injured individuals to the hospital. **Sources:** **Personal Communication**, **Quds News Network** **and** **WAFA**

29 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the surgical ward at Al-Amal Hospital completely ceased operations due to the depletion of oxygen supplies. Israeli forces continue to besiege the hospital for the eighth consecutive day, amid ongoing shelling and gunfire in the hospital's vicinity. **Source:** **PRCS**

29 January 2024: In the Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, Israeli vehicles fired at a PRCS medical point. **Source:** **Quds News Network**

29 January 2024: East of Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Al Awda Hospital was hit in Israeli fighter jets shelling, injuring five people. **Sources:** **Quds News Network** **and** **WAFA**

29 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, emergency teams couldn't reach a female victim who was killed by Israeli forces a few metres away from Al Amal Hospital, due to the Israeli heavy fire. **Source:** **Quds News Network**

29 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Nasser Hospital continues to be surrounded by Israeli forces for the eighth consecutive day. **Source:** **WAFA**

29 January 2024: In Southern Remal, Gaza city and governorate, PRCS ambulances were unable to reach a six-year-old girl who was trapped in a car for at least three hours after Israeli shelling hit the vehicle killing her father and four siblings. The soldiers declared the area a closed military zone and were reportedly targeting anyone attempting to move in the area. The family was reportedly trying to contact the emergency services for help when their vehicle was hit. **Sources:** **The New Arab** **and** **WAFA**

29 January 2024: In Gaza, the PRCS lost contact with one of its ambulance crews sent to rescue a six-year-old girl trapped inside a vehicle for at least 24 hours. The fate of the child and the whereabouts of the PRCS ambulance crew is unknown. **Sources:** **PRCS** **and** **The New Arab**

29 January 2024: In Al-Rimal neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli shelling from two missiles hit two ambulances killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Source:** **WAFA**

30 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli forces stormed the front yard of the PRCS and Al-Amal Hospital buildings, demanding IDPs and PRCS staff to evacuate the building under the threat of arms, coupled with a disruption in communication via VHF waves. **Sources:** **PRCS** **and** **The New Arab**

30 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli forces fired live ammunition and smoke grenades at the displaced individuals and PRCS staff of Al-Amal Hospital. **Source:** **PRCS**

30 January 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, fires broke out in the tents of displaced people within the confines of the PRCS Headquarters. **Source:** **PRCS**

West Bank

23 January 2024: Near the Annab military checkpoint, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli soldiers prevented ambulances from reaching a 21-year-old man who was shot and critically injured. As a result, the man died from his injuries. **Source:** **WAFA**

24 January 2024: In Fahma village, West Bank, an ambulance driver and three civilians were injured after being assaulted by Israeli forces who stormed the village, raided several homes and converted their rooftops into military observation points and attacked residents. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

28 January 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces fired shots through three windows of the Khalil Suleiman hospital, damaging a dialysis machine, during a raid in the city. MSF has supported emergency medical response at the hospital since December 2022. **Source: MSF**

29 January 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces beat up and detained a volunteer paramedic with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society during an ongoing night raid into the area. **Sources: Personal Communication, Quds News Network and WAFA**

29 January 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces opened fire at the maternity ward of Jenin Public Hospital during an ongoing raid on the city and nearby camp. The windows of the ward were damaged and the glass was shattered inside the ward causing panic among the patients **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

29 January 2024: In Khirbet Al Deir, Tuqu town, Bethlehem governorate, ambulance crews were prevented from reaching a 16-year-old boy who was shot and left wounded by Israeli soldiers. As a result the boy died from his injuries. **Sources: Personal Communication and WAFA**

30 January 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli undercover forces disguised as doctors and female civilians entered the Ibn Sina Hospital, where they fatally shot three Palestinian male patients who were asleep, after assaulting a nurse. The soldiers also beat the security guard as they left the hospital. **Sources: The New Arab I and The New Arab II**

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 verified through ground investigations. This report is funded and supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester, by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the UK government, USAID, the U.S. Government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document. **Insecurity Insight. 2024. 23-29 January 2024. Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Switzerland: Insecurity Insight. bit.ly/23-29Jan2024OPTHealth**

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] 53 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. 145 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.