





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

30 January-05 February 2024



## Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-03 February 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	18	11	2	0
oPt	849	151	155	220

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 867 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 03 February 2024.<sup>2</sup> Eighteen incidents were reported in Israel including ten health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. The most recent incident on 04 January reported a health clinic in Be'er Sheva, Southern District, being hit by a Hamas anti-tank missile fired from Gaza that was reportedly targeting an IDF helicopter.

In the oPt where 849 incidents were recorded, 636 took place in the Gaza Strip and 160 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> At least 151 health workers have been killed,<sup>4</sup> 220 arrested and health facilities damaged 155 times. 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.

Past incident reports: [23-29 January](#); [16-22 January](#); [09-15 January](#); [02-08 January](#); [26 December-01 January](#); [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 30 January-05 February 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*

**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](#), [OCHA Flash 106](#) 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, the PRCS reported that shrapnel falling on Al Amal Hospital and the adjacent PRCS headquarters in Khan Younis had resulted in one fatality and nine injuries among IDPs taking refuge there. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 106](#)

**30 January 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, a WHO food delivery was unable to reach the Nasser Hospital, where a serious food shortage has been reported, due to looting by civilians whilst the convoy was delayed near a checkpoint. WHO has still been unable to seek permission to deliver fuel to the hospital. **Source:** [WHO](#)

**30 January 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli warplanes struck homes in the vicinity of Nasser Medical Complex. Palestinian casualties were reported. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 107](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

**30 January 2024:** In Jabalia Refugee camp, Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, Awda Hospital was bombed for the second time in 48 hours by the Israeli military. The fourth floor, which belongs to MSF, was hit. **Sources:** [Dawn](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

**31 January 2024:** In Jabalia Refugee camp, Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, Awda Hospital was bombed for the third time in 48 hours by the Israeli military within 48 hours. All three reportedly hit the fourth floor which belongs to MSF. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**31 January 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, a PRCS security guard at Al-Amal Hospital was killed after being shot by Israeli soldiers while he was standing near the back door of the hospital. Another PRCS staff member was killed by Israeli gunfire near the gate of the hospital. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 107](#), [OCHA Flash 108](#) and [Quds News Network](#),

**31 January 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, the Nasser hospital remained under siege by Israeli forces. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 107](#)

**31 January 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, both Nasser Medical Complex and Al-Amal Hospital ran out of food supplies. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**31 January 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, an old woman and an infant died in Al Amal hospital due to the lack of oxygen that they were depending on and were buried in the hospital yard. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 107](#)

**31 January 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, attacks were reported near the PRCS headquarters. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 107](#)

**31 January 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israel's military raided Al Amal Hospital square. Israeli vehicles were stationed in front of the external gate of the reception and emergency department of the hospital and firing heavily. Later the same day, Israeli tanks withdrew from the front of the hospital but continued to fire at anyone attempting to enter or exit the facility. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 107](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

**31 January 2024:** On Sina Street, Gaza city and governorate, several Palestinians seeking refuge were killed when the Israeli military opened fire inside the UN HQ. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**31 January 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli soldiers stormed Al Shifa Hospital, where they killed several Palestinians in the maternity ward. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 107](#)

**31 January 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, MSF, whose head of medical activities visited Shifa Hospital on 22 January as part of a UN-organised convoy, reported that staff were struggling to care for patients. The facility functioned with three operating rooms for urgent surgeries, although badly damaged and with few resources. One patient died due to lack of blood for transfusions. The facility hosts displaced people seeking safety. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 107](#)

**01 February 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, Nasser and PRCS Al-Amal Hospitals were reportedly suffering from a serious shortage of oxygen but were seeking to share supplies between them to save lives. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 108](#)

**01 February 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli forces in vehicles stormed the courtyard of Al Amal Hospital for the third time at dawn. They stationed there, opened fire heavily in the vicinity of the hospital and its buildings, before later withdrawing. Five vehicles, including three ambulance vehicles were damaged by bullets. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**01 February 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, PRCS reported that they had buried five people in Al-Amal Hospital's courtyard, as they were unable to move to the cemetery amid continued fighting and bombardment nearby. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 109](#)

**02 February 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israel's military continued to hit the vicinity of Al Amal Hospital. Patients with kidney diseases have entered a critical stage due to the difficulty of transferring them to other hospitals amid the ongoing Israeli blockade. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**02 February 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, Israeli warplanes bombed the vicinity of Nasser Medical Complex. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**02 February 2024:** In Khan Younis city and governorate, three Palestinians including the Director of the Youth and Volunteers Department were killed and three others injured by Israeli gunfire on the PRCS headquarters. The continued shelling hinders the transfer of casualties to Al Amal Hospital. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 109](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Wafa](#)

**02 February 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, the central medicine warehouse of the Ministry of Health was bombed, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**As reported on 03 February 2024:** Across the Gaza strip, Israeli soldiers reportedly prevented ambulance crews and civil defence teams from reaching civilians missing under the rubble or on the roads following Israeli airstrikes over the last 24 hours. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

**03 February 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the yard of the European Gaza Hospital, resulting in the injury of a displaced person and material damage to hospital departments. A fuel station near the hospital was also struck. One person was killed and about six injured. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Wafa](#)

**03 February 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, 11 displaced people inside the PRCS headquarters were injured by suffocation after Israeli forces targeted them with smoke bombs. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

**04 February 2024:** In an unspecified location in the Gaza Strip, a paediatrician returned to work at a hospital in Gaza after 45 days of being detained and tortured by Israeli forces. He was detained at Al Ahli Hospital **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**04 February 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the 4th floor of the PCRS building was hit with Israeli forces artillery shelling. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**05 February 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israel's military opened fire at displaced people sheltering inside the PCRS Headquarters and Al Amal Hospital, forcing them to leave. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**05 February 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli soldiers detained the General Director of Al-Amal Hospital and the Hospital's Administrative Director and took them to an unknown location. The PCRS said that the arrest came after the ICRC informed them about an agreement reached with Israel to provide a safe passage to allow displaced persons inside the hospital and the PCRS association's headquarters to leave. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

**06 February 2024:** In an unspecified location in the Gaza Strip, a doctor and his entire family were killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

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### ***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 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 in the early morning hours, where they fatally shot three Palestinian male patients who were asleep, after assaulting a nurse. Among the fatalities were two brothers, one of whom was receiving treatment for wounds he sustained in an Israeli airstrike in Jenin on 25 January that left him paralysed. The soldiers beat the security guard

as they left the hospital. According to the Israeli military, the men were planning attacks in Israel and hiding in the hospital. The Israeli army claimed that one of the fatalities had a gun, a claim denied by hospital staff. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 106](#), [Quds News Network](#), [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

**01 February 2024:** In Yatta city, Hebron governorate, the wife of a PRCS ambulance driver was arrested by Israeli soldiers reportedly to pressure her husband to turn himself in. The ambulance driver and his brother, also a PRCS ambulance driver, both turned themselves in and were arrested. On 03 February, his wife, who is four months pregnant, was reportedly transferred to Hasharon Prison. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**05 February 2024:** In Al-Eizeriya town, East Jerusalem, a 14-year-old boy was left to bleed to death after he was shot by Israeli forces and was not provided medical treatment. **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> These figures do not include all the incidents below due to the high volume of incidents that took place during the reporting period.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 151 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported 403 health workers killed. Insecurity Insight carries out cross-checking of individual events and names and does not re-report aggregate figures. The work of collating a complete list of health workers killed based on information provided in different formats by different organisations is ongoing. This cross-checking process is complex to avoid double counting the same individuals in cases when sources report different victim information about the same individual. The lack of a consistent standard in transcribing Arab names into Latin script based languages complicates the matching process. The total number of health workers killed is believed to be higher than the current verified number and we continue to backdate information..

