

Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

06-12 February 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-05 February 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	17	11	2	0
oPt	868	154	155	227
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 885 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 05 February 2024.² Seventeen incidents were reported in Israel including ten health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 868 incidents were recorded, 652 took place in the Gaza Strip and 162 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.³ At least 154 health workers have been killed,⁴ 227 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.

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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

08 February 2024: In Ein Karem village, Jerusalem district, a 21-year-old Palestinian detainee died in Hadassah Medical Centre following complications related to a congenital intestinal condition after Israeli authorities reportedly denied him access to medication. **Source:** [WAFA](#)



Occupied Palestinian Territories

Gaza Strip

06 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces intensified their siege on Nasser Hospital, endangering the lives of 300 medical personnel, 450 wounded, and around 10,000 displaced people taking refuge in the hospital compound. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 112](#)

06 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, there was a severe shortage of surgical supplies at Nasser Hospital and an estimated four days left of fuel needed to power the hospital's generators. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 112](#)

06 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Al-Amal Hospital was subjected to violent bombardments and continuous gunfire in its vicinity, resulting in shrapnel flying into the hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

06 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli tanks were reportedly positioned 200m away and facing the main entrance of the Al Shifa Hospital. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 114](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

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](#)

07 February 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the General director of Private Medicine at the Ministry of Health, along with ten members of his family, was killed after an Israeli missile hit their home. Ten other family members were also injured. **Source:** [IMEMC](#)

07 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli snipers shot and killed a 41-year-old woman who was heading to fill water in front of the Nasser Medical Complex. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

07 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli military vehicles positioned in front of Al-Amal Hospital were firing directly at the building, injuring a patient and his companion. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 113](#), [PRCS](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

07 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, at Al-Amal Hospital a 77-year-old patient died, medical teams were unable to perform surgeries and the surgical department came to a standstill due to the blockade of oxygen supplies by Israeli forces for nearly a week. On 11 February, another three patients died due oxygen shortages. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 113](#), [WAFA](#) and [WAFA II](#)

07 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a PRCS paramedic was killed, and two paramedics injured when an ambulance team deployed from southern Gaza to evacuate injured Palestinians from Gaza city, was hit between Al Ahli Baptist Hospital and Shifa Hospital. A woman and her three injured children were inside the ambulance at the time of the attack. The crew were reportedly trapped for at least an hour. Since 07 October, 12 PRCS staff and volunteers were killed while carrying out their humanitarian work, according to PRCS. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 113](#), [OCHA Flash 114](#), [PRCS](#), [PRCS II](#), [PRCS III](#) and [WAFA](#)

08 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces prevented ambulances from reaching an unspecified number of civilians who had been killed and injured in the street by Israeli drones. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

08 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, an Israeli airstrike hit Al-Shifa Medical Complex's maintenance room. At least five civilians were killed and an unspecified number injured. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [WAFA](#)

08 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Shifa Hospital, which had recently resumed some services with the support of the WHO and other health providers, reverted to minimal functionality, following days of intense hostilities in the vicinity. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 115](#)

08 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the Israeli forces prevented the movement of ambulances, the disposal of medical and non-medical waste, and the arrival of the wounded and sick to Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 114](#)

08 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the Ministry of Health in Gaza reported that 300 medical staff, 450 wounded, and 10,000 IDPs at Nasser Hospital were exposed to a health and humanitarian catastrophe amid a severe shortage of fuel, anaesthesia, as well as intensive care and surgical supplies. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 114](#)

08 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a nurse was shot and injured by an Israeli sniper while he was working inside the operating theatre at Nasser Medical Complex. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 114](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

08 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Al-Amal Hospital was hit by shrapnel from nearby Israeli artillery shelling. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

08 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli drones shot at a group of young men on the upper floor of the Nasser Medical Complex who were attempting to access an internet connection. One man was killed and an unspecified number injured. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

08 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, in two incidents, Israeli forces fired at a group of people at the entrance of Nasser Hospital and another group in its vicinity, killing four and three Palestinians respectively. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 115](#)

Between 08 and 09 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes and artillery shelling was reported in the vicinity of Nasser Medical Complex. Two men were also shot and killed by Israeli snipers in front of the hospital. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 114](#), [WAFA I](#) and [WAFA II](#)

As reported on 09 February 2024: In an unspecified location in the Gaza Strip, a doctor who had been detained by Israeli forces had both arms broken and was forced to crawl while held at an Israeli prison. He was detained along with another doctor, and spoke out about their humiliating treatment. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

09 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli soldiers carried out a ten-hour raid on Al-Amal Hospital kidnapping nine PRCS staff members, including four doctors, and four patients and five family members of patients. Israeli soldiers also destroyed several medical devices and seized money, laptops and walkie-talkies. They also reportedly stole the key of the ambulance vehicles and administrative vehicles and locked the steering wheels, preventing medical staff from operating the vehicles. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 115](#), [PRCS I](#), [PRCS II](#), [PRCS III](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

09 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, PRCS were unable to reach and communicate with their staff following the raid by Israeli soldiers on Al-Amal Hospital. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 115](#), [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

09 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, two Palestinians were killed by a suspected Israeli sniper near Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 115](#)

As reported on 10 February 2024: Update: In an unspecified location in the Gaza Strip, the family of the director of Al-Shifa Hospital, reported that he has been tortured by Israeli soldiers and prevented from sleeping after he refused to record a video accusing the resistance of using the Al-Shifa Hospital as a military headquarters. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 10 February 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, photos emerged online showing the Friends of the Patient Medical Centre burnt down by Israeli forces. The date of the incident is unclear. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

10 February 2024: Update: In Gaza city and governorate, the body of a six-year-old girl missing since 29 January, was found along with the bodies of her family members. The bodies of the two PRCS paramedics who went to assist the girl were also found, along with their bombed ambulance. The ambulance was found a few metres away from the vehicle the girl was trapped in. PRCS had coordinated with the Israeli military to allow the ambulance to reach the location to help the girl. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#), [PRCS I](#) and [PRCS II](#)

10 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli army tanks and bulldozers surrounded Nasser Medical Complex. Medical staff inside were afraid to move within and around the hospital due to fear of being shot at. **Sources:** [MSF](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

10 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a WHO mission to Nasser Medical Complex was denied. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

11 February 2024: Across the Gaza strip, Israeli forces continue to obstruct ambulance and civil defence teams from reaching thousands of civilians stuck under the rubble and on the streets following Israeli bombings. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

11 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, an Israeli sniper shot and killed a journalist reporting from Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

11 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the entrance of Al-Amal Hospital and a PRCS vehicle were damaged by Israeli forces. The vehicle was put out of service and was the last remaining vehicle after Israeli soldiers had destroyed all other vehicles in a previous raid. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

11 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, an Israeli sniper shot and injured a displaced elderly man at Nasser Medical Complex's emergency department. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

11 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli tanks and armoured vehicles were stationed by the Jordanian Field Hospital. **Source:** [IMEMC](#)

As reported on 12 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli snipers positioned around the Nasser Medical Complex prevented people from moving in the facility's courtyards. In total at least seven civilians were killed and 14 others injured. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

As reported on 12 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the ceilings in the accommodation and operations department of the Nasser Medical Complex fell during ongoing Israeli shelling and shootings around the facility. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), and [WAFA](#)

As reported 12 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, at least six ambulances and four vehicles were damaged by Israeli forces who fired on the vehicles that were parked in the courtyard of Al-Amal Hospital. It is unclear when the vehicles were damaged. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

12 February 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes and fire belts were reported in the vicinity of the Kuwaiti Hospital as Israeli intensified its attacks on Rafah overnight. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

12 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, sewage water leaked into Nasser Medical Complex's emergency department after Israeli airstrikes destroyed sewage networks. Technical staff were unable to conduct repairs due to threats by Israeli snipers in the vicinity of the hospital. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

West Bank

06 February 2024: At Beit Furik Checkpoint, Nablus governorate, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man after he attempted to carry out a shooting attack at the soldiers. Palestinian medical sources reported that Israeli forces prevented ambulances from reaching him and withheld his body. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 112](#)

07 February 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces opened fire on civilians in front of the Jenin Governmental Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

07 February 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, Israeli bulldozers destroyed infrastructure in the vicinity of the Jordanian Field Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

07 February 2024: In Nour Shams Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, Israeli forces prevented PRCS ambulance crews from entering the camp to assist two people who had been shot during a raid on the camp. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

07 February 2024: In Nour Shams Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, 15 UNRWA staff members were trapped inside a UNRWA clinic during a raid on the camp by Israeli forces. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 113](#)

08 February 2024: At Deir Sharaf Checkpoint, Nablus governorate, Israeli forces prevented ambulance crews from assisting two Palestinians who had been shot. One of the men bled to death as a result. **Source:** [IMEMC](#)

09 February 2024: In Beit Furik town, Nablus governorate, PRCS ambulances were obstructed by Israeli forces from entering the town to assist civilians who had been shot by soldiers during a raid. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

09 February 2024: At an unspecified checkpoint near Beit Furik town, Nablus governorate, Israeli forces assaulted an injured individual who was being transported in a PRCS ambulance to a hospital. The individual had already been delayed in being transported to a hospital due to the ambulance being obstructed in reaching the man. **Source:** [IMEMC](#) and [WAFA](#)

11 February 2024: At the Husan Junction, Bethlehem governorate, Israeli forces prevented PRCS teams from transferring a 35-year-old man who was shot and injured, to a nearby hospital. The man died from his wounds. The PRCS were eventually allowed to take his body to a nearby hospital. **Sources:** [IMEMC](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

11 February 2024: In the Old City, East Jerusalem, a 15-year-old boy was shot and left bleeding without medical treatment by Israeli soldiers. Israeli soldiers prevented ambulances from approaching him. The boy died of his injuries and Israeli forces transported his body in an Israeli ambulance. The boy had reportedly attempted to stab the soldiers with a knife. **Source:** [IMEMC News](#) and [WAFA](#)

12 February 2024: In Al Ram town, Ramallah governorate, Israeli forces shot and injured a Palestinian man, leaving him on the ground without any medical assistance. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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. 06-12 February 2024. Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Switzerland: Insecurity Insight. bit.ly/06-12Feb2024OPTHealth**

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.

In accordance with the WHO's definition, incidents of violence against health care can include bombings, explosions, looting, robberies, hijackings, shootings, gunfire, the forced closure of health facilities, the violent searching of health facilities, fire, arson, the military use of health facilities, the military takeover of health facilities, chemical attacks, cyber attacks, the abduction of health workers, the denial or delay of health services, assaults, forcing staff to act against their ethical principles, executions, torture, violent demonstrations, administrative harassment, obstruction, sexual violence, psychological violence, and threats of violence.

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

³ 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.

⁴ 154 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.

