Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

13-19 February 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-12 February 2024				
	REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	17	11	2	0
oPt	917	161	163	236
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 934 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 12 February 2024.[2] Seventeen incidents were reported in Israel including 11 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 917 incidents were recorded, 698 took place in the Gaza Strip and 165 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.[3] At least 161 health workers have been killed,[4] 236 arrested and health facilities damaged 163 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: 06-12 February; 30 January-05 February; 23-29 January; 16-22 January; 09-15 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 13-19 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

13 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the diesel generators of Nasser hospital ceased working, which led to the death of a 10-year-old child. **Source:** OCHA Flash 118

13 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces demolished the northern wall of Nasser Hospital. The hospital's warehouses were burned. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 118 **and** Personal Communication

13 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces called, using drones and loud speakers, for the evacuation of Nasser hospital, endangering the lives of 300 medical personnel, 450 wounded, and some 10,000 IDPs, without giving a safe corridor to the patients. The first person to leave the hospital was reportedly targeted. The following day, civilians, including pregnant women and the elderly, were seen evacuating the hospital waving white flags, amid heavy gunfire in the area. However, thousands of people, including critically ill patients remain inside. **Sources:** Al Jazeera, OCHA Flash 118 **and** Personal Communication

13 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, three people were killed, including two boys, and 10 others injured, including two young boys, inside Nasser medical complex by Israeli sniper fire. A doctor and a nurse were one of the injured. **Sources:** Al Jazeera, OCHA Flash 118, Personal Communication **and** WAFA

13 February 2024: In Rafah governorate, the PRCS reported that it established a field hospital west of Rafah to provide medical services to the wounded and sick despite the shortage of medical supplies. **Source:** OCHA Flash 119

13 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a handcuffed Palestinian detainee who was allegedly sent by Israeli forces to deliver a message to IDPs at Nasser Hospital to evacuate, was shot and killed afterwards at about 19:00. **Sources:** Al Jazeera, OCHA Flash 119 **and** Personal Communication

As reported on 13 February 2024: In northern Gaza, WHO reported that patients and health workers had evacuated the Patients Friends Association Hospital in early February. and the hospital was rendered out of service after sustaining severe damage. **Source:** OCHA Flash 119

14 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a doctor was shot and injured on the third floor of Nasser Hospital by an Israeli sniper. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 119 **and** Personal Communication

14 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the orthopaedic department of Nasser Hospital was hit by Israeli bombardments, killing one patient and injuring many others. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 119 **and** Personal Communication

14 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a second WHO mission to Nasser Medical Complex was denied. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 119 **and** WHO

As reported on 14 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a PRCS ambulance was hit by Israeli gunfire whilst attempting to transfer oxygen cylinders from Nasser Hospital to Al-Amal Hospital. Its crew members were also injured during the attack. This incident occurred about a week ago. **Source:** PRCS

Between 14-15 February: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Al-Amal Hospital was damaged by shelling in the vicinity of the building. **Sources:** OCHA Flash 119 **and** PRCS

15 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces raided Nasser Medical Complex, including the maternity department, on allegations that Hamas militants were hiding inside, and had held Israeli hostages or their bodies there. An unspecified number of MSF staff fled the facility, one staff was unaccounted for. At least 70 health workers were arrested during the raid. Additionally, 95 health workers, 11 of their family members, 191 patients, and 165 patient companions were forcibly moved to an old building within the compound by Israeli forces where they lacked food, water, and baby formula. The southern wall of the hospital was demolished and two ambulances were destroyed. Following the raid, power was cut off, and the generators stopped working, leading to the death of five patients and putting the lives of six ICU patients on ventilators and three premature babies at risk. **Sources:** New Age I, New Age II, New Age III, OCHA Flash 119, OCHA Flash 120, Personal Communication I, Personal Communication II, Personal Communication III, Quds News Network I, Quds News Network II, Quds News Network III, Quds News Network IV, Quds News Network V, Quds News Network IV, The New Arab I, The New Arab II, The New Arab III, WAFA and WAFA II

15 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Nasser Hospital was shelled, killing and wounding an unspecified number of people. **Sources:** MSF andOCHA Flash 120

15 February 2024: In Tal al-Hawa and Sheikh Ajlin neighbourhoods, Gaza city and governorate, ambulance and rescue crews were prevented from reaching civilians injured by Israeli airstrikes due to indiscriminate shooting by Israeli drones. **Source:** WAFA

16 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli soldiers detained for at least seven hours a WHO two-truck convoy of fuel and food, 50 metres from Nasser Hospital. Israeli forces bulldozers dug up and destroyed roads in front of and behind the aid convoy, preventing it from accessing the hospital. **Source:** Quds News Network

16 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the second floor of the Al-Amal Hospital was hit by Israeli tank fire, damaging two nurses' stations. **Sources:** PRCS and Quds News Network

16 February 2024: Update: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces forcibly moved male patients and their companions from the old building at Nasser Medical Complex to the maternity building. **Source:** Quds News Network

16 February 2024: Update: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, two doctors, arrested seven days ago during the raid on Al-Amal Hospital, were released. The doctors were reportedly tortured and injured whilst being held. Seven PRCS health workers are still detained. **Source:** PRCS

Between 16-17 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, following a week long raid on Nasser Medical Complex, the WHO requested to enter the hospital to assess the condition of the patients and critical medical needs after they reached the hospital to deliver fuel. On both days the team was not permitted to enter by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

17 February 2024: In Deir al-Balah city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported near Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital. **Source:** Quds News Network

17 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli tank fire was reported in the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital. **Source:** Quds News Network

17 February 2024: Update: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces continued to raid Nasser Medical Complex. Only five health workers remain working at the hospital and at least five patients have died due to lack of medical supplies and a power outage due to Israeli forces blocking supplies from reaching the hospital. Israeli tanks and drones reportedly shot anyone moving inside the hospital's courtyards or departments. **Source:** WAFA

18 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the third floor of Al-Amal Hospital was hit by Israeli artillery shelling. **Sources: PRCS and WAFA**

18 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the Nasser Medical Complex was used as an Israeli military base putting it out of service. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

19 February 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, Israeli drones near the Indonesian Hospital shot and killed a Palestinian. **Source: Quds News Network**

19 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces continued to prevent food, medical supplies and fuel from reaching Al-Amal Hospital posing a risk to staff and patients inside. **Source: Quds News Network**

19 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, multiple Israeli bombardments near Al-Amal Hospital damaged the building. **Source: PRCS**

19 February 2024: In Abasan al-Kabara city, Khan Yunis governorate, Israeli vehicles broke into the vicinity of the Algeria Specialized Hospital. **Source: WAFA**

West Bank

18 February 2024: In Tulkarm city and refugee camp and governorate, PRCS ambulance teams were prevented from assisting injured people, including a 16-year-old boy, by Israeli forces. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

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. 13-19 February 2024. Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Switzerland: Insecurity Insight .bit.ly/13-19Feb2024OPTHealth**

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] 54 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] 161 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.