

Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

27 February-04 March 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-26 February 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	19	11	2	0
oPt	954	163	175	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 973 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 26 February 2024.² Nineteen incidents were reported in Israel including 11 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 954 incidents were recorded, 733 took place in the Gaza Strip and 167 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.³ At least 163 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.

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Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.



Occupied Palestinian Territories

Gaza Strip

24 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, the entrance of a clinic sheltering displaced people was bombed by Israeli forces, injuring nine people. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [WAFA](#)

24 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli tanks still surround the Nasser Medical Complex hindering the evacuation of patients to field hospitals. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

As reported on 24 February 2024: Update: In Jabalia city, Northern Gaza governorate, Israeli drone footage revealed the destruction and aftermath of an Israeli raid on the NGO Al-Awda Hospital during the first week of December. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

25 February 2024: In Khan Yunis, the PRCS and a UN team evacuated 24 patients from the PRCS Al-Amal Hospital, including a pregnant woman and a mother and her newborn baby. Despite prior coordination with the Israeli authorities for the staff members and vehicles, Israeli forces blocked the convoy, forced patients and staff from ambulances, and stripped the paramedics of their clothes. Three PRCS paramedics were detained, delaying the convoy for over seven hours. Two of the paramedics remained in detention. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 127](#) and [UN News](#)

25 February 2024: In Beit Lahiya, Northern Gaza governorate, a 20-year-old nurse and an unspecified number of his family members were killed when an Israeli missile hit their home. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#), [Personal Communication I](#), [Personal Communication II](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 25 February 2024: In Khan Yunis governorate, Israeli soldiers graffitied walls of Nasser Medical Hospital with "the land of Israel to the people of Israel" in addition to death calls. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

25 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, five bodies were retrieved from the vicinity of the Nasser Medical Complex at around 21:00. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 127](#)

25 February 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed and injured when the gate of the Ash Sheikh Redwan Clinic was hit by Israeli forces at about 16:00. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 127](#)

26 February 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian fighters were reported in the vicinity of the Nasser Hospital. Medics who tried to assist the injured were attacked by Israeli soldiers inside the medical facility, forcing them to go to medical centres outside the city. **Sources:** [IMEMC](#) and [WAFA](#)

26 February 2024: In the Gaza Strip, PRCS halted all coordination of medical missions in the Gaza Strip for 48 hours, citing its inability to guarantee the safety of crews, patients, and facilities due to the ongoing and persistent Israeli attacks and targeting of its medical teams and facilities. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 127](#), [PRCS](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

26 February 2024: In Khan Yunis governorate, an Israeli airstrike was reported in the vicinity of the European Hospital, killing at least eight Palestinians and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#), [IMEMC I](#), [IMEC II](#) and [WAFA](#)

26 February 2024: In Deir al-Balah city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

26 February 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of the NGO Kuwait Hospital, killing eight Palestinians including three children and injuring an

unspecified number of others, when a nearby house was hit at about 19:00. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#), [OCHA Flash 128](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 26 February 2024: In an unidentified location in the Gaza Strip, a UN staff member and a PRCS volunteer paramedic were reported killed. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 126](#)

27 February 2024: In Beit Lahia governorate, two infants died at Kamal Adwan Hospital due to dehydration and malnutrition. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 128](#)

As reported on 27 February 2024: Update: In Jabalia city, Northern Gaza governorate, footage taken from inside the Indonesian Hospital shows the extensive damage caused by Israeli forces during attacks on the hospital. The hospital had been raided and consecutively hit in December 2023 putting the hospital out of service. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 27 February 2024: Update: In Khan Younis city and governorate, footage emerged of the scale of destruction of Nasser Medical Complex and the areas around the hospital following weeks of siege and an Israeli raid two weeks ago. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

27 February 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, five people were killed in the vicinity of the Nasser Medical Hospital after Israeli military fired on their car. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

28 February 2024: In Jabalia city, Northern Gaza governorate, the NGO Al-Awda Hospital announced the complete suspension of all its medical services due to severe shortages of fuel and medical supplies caused by an ongoing siege on the Gaza strip. The acting head of the hospital reported that the Israeli armed forces had not approved the entry of medical supplies and as a result all surgeries needed to be postponed. **Sources:** [IMEMC](#) and [WAFA](#)

28 February 2024: In Beit Lahia governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital, the primary hospital serving children and offering maternal health services in northern Gaza, was rendered out of service due to the lack of electricity and generator fuel. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 129](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

28 February 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, a building in the Nasser Hospital caught fire after the third floor of the hospital was hit by Israeli gunfire. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

29 February 2024: On Al-Rashid road, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli soldiers prevented ambulances and medical teams from reaching killed and injured Palestinians who had gathered around an aid truck when Israeli soldiers fired live rounds and tank shells at them. **Source:** [IMEMC](#)

29 February 2024: In Beit Lahia governorate, four infants died at Kamal Adwan Hospital due to dehydration and malnutrition. **Source:** [IMEMC](#) and [OCHA Flash 130](#)

01 March 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of Al Najjar Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 02 March 2024: In Jabalia city, Northern Gaza governorate, Israeli soldiers planted explosives inside Jabalia Martyrs Health Centre and detonated them. The incident was recorded and published online by an Israeli soldier. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 02 March 2024: In Beit Hanoun, North Gaza, Israeli soldiers planted explosives inside UNRWA Beith Hanoun medical clinic. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

02 March 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, an Israeli airstrike hit displaced peoples tents in front of the Emirati Field Hospital, killing at least 11 people, including children and an on-duty

paramedic. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#), [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

West Bank

27 February 2024: In Al-Faraa Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, Israeli soldiers prevented PRCS ambulances from transporting the body of a Palestinian man who had been shot and killed, to hospital during an Israeli security operation in the camp. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

27 February 2024: Near Mazmoria Checkpoint, Bethlehem governorate, a 34-year-old man was shot by Israeli soldiers and left to bleed to death. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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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.

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.

⁴ 163 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.

