

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

12-18 March 2024



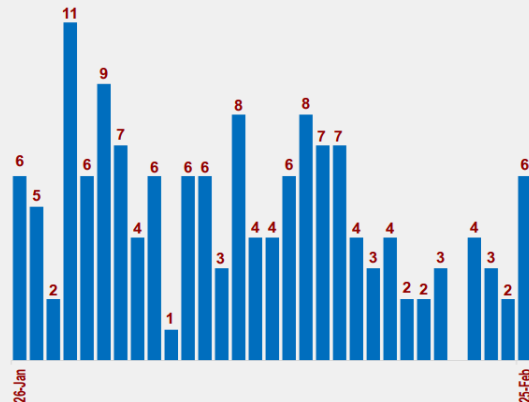
## Attacks on Health Care in Gaza in the Month Following ICJ Order

**152** attacks on health care between 26 January and 25 February 2024.

An average of five attacks **every day**.





Hospitals have been damaged **32** times.

**13** health workers have been killed.



On 26 January 2024, the [International Court of Justice \(ICJ\)](#) ruling in South Africa v. Israel ordered six provisional measures, including that Israel should take “immediate and effective measures to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance” to civilians in Gaza. It was also ordered that within one month of the ruling, Israel is to submit a report to the Court of all measures taken. **One month since this order, Insecurity Insight has identified at least 152 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Gaza.** Hospitals have been damaged 32 times and 13 health workers killed. Insecurity Insight calls for independent investigations and for all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected.

## Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-02 March 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	29	14	2	0
oPt	994	168	183	311

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 1023 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 02 March 2024.** At least 29 incidents were reported in Israel including 14 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 994 incidents were recorded, 766 took place in the Gaza Strip and 174 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> At least 168 health workers have been killed,<sup>3</sup> 311 arrested and health facilities damaged 183 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

Past incident reports: [05-11 March](#); [27 February-04 March](#); [20-26 February](#); [13-19 February](#); [06-12 February](#); [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 12-18 March 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 March 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, boxes of airdropped aid fell on the solar panels of NGO Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital destroying them. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**13 March 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, an Israeli strike was reported in the vicinity of NGO Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**13 March 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli soldiers fired four artillery shells in the vicinity of PRCS Al-Quds Hospital. Five people were killed and others injured. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**As reported on 14 March 2024:** Across the Gaza strip, between 1,000 to 1,500 kidney failure patients are experiencing rapidly deteriorating health due to the lack of medical services, medications, and essentials. 60 patients are at risk of imminent death and 20 people have already died due to the inability to access proper treatment due to the ongoing hostilities. New patients have also been unable to officially register for necessary follow-up treatment due to the closure of many hospitals. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**16 March 2024: Update:** In Northern Gaza, a man and woman died from malnutrition at Kamal Adwan Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**As reported on 16 March 2024:** According to a UNFPA representative, following a visit to hospitals still providing maternity services in north Gaza, mothers in Gaza are giving birth to small and sickly babies, stillbirths and women are forced to undergo C-sections without adequate anaesthesia. **Source:** [Quds New Network](#)

**17 March 2024: Update:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a PRCS volunteer was released from detention after being held for 36 days. The volunteer was arrested during a raid on the NGO Al-Amal Hospital in February. 13 PRCS members and volunteers are still being detained. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

**18 March 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces besieged and raided Al-Shifa Hospital for the fourth time since 07 October 2023. Israeli army vehicles and tanks were stationed inside the hospital's courtyard, and missiles and tank fire were fired at the hospital's specialised surgery building. According to Gaza's Health Ministry about 30,000 people including medical staff,

wounded patients and displaced individuals were trapped inside the specialised surgery building and in the emergency reception building. Anyone seen moving inside the building was shot at by snipers and quadcopters, which made it difficult for medical teams to reach injured persons inside the building. At least 80 people have been detained and communications have been completely cut off with the hospital. Israeli soldiers claimed that they exchanged fire with Hamas fighters inside the hospital. People inside the hospital and surrounding areas were ordered to evacuate to Al-Mawas area in the south by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Al Araby](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#), [Quds News Network III](#), [Quds News Network IV](#), [Quds News Network V](#), [Quds News Network VI](#), [Quds News Network VII](#) and [WAFA](#)

**18 March 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, two schools in the vicinity of the Al-Shifa Medical Complex were besieged by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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### **West Bank**

**13 March 2024:** In Jenin refugee camp, Jenin governorate, a Palestinian was shot and killed inside the yard of the Jenin Government Hospital. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**13 March 2024:** Near the military checkpoint of Al-Nafaq, Bethlehem governorate, a Palestinian youth was shot by Israeli soldiers who claimed he was attempting to carry out a stabbing attack. The soldiers obstructed medical aid from reaching him and as a result bled to death. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**15 March 2024:** In the Old City of Jerusalem, PRCS ambulances were blocked by Israeli soldiers from entering Al-Aqsa mosque to provide medical services to worshippers on the first Friday prayer of Ramadan. Israeli soldiers also prevented the PRCS teams from bringing in their equipment and setting up their medical stations in the mosque's courtyards. **Sources:** [PRCS](#), [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

**15 March 2024:** At Al-Zaytouna Military Checkpoint, east Jerusalem, PRCS ambulance crews were prevented by Israeli soldiers from being present at the checkpoint to provide medical services to worshippers heading to Jerusalem through the checkpoint. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**16 March 2024:** In Hebron city and governorate, a man was shot and critically injured by Israeli soldiers. Ambulance crews were prevented from reaching him which resulted in him dying from his wounds. His body was taken away by Israeli soldiers. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**17 March 2024:** In Jerusalem city, a Palestinian woman from Gaza was detained by Israeli soldiers while she was heading to the city to receive and complete her medical treatment for cancer. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

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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. 12-18 March 2024. Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Switzerland: Insecurity Insight. [bit.ly/12-18Mar2024OPTHealth](https://bit.ly/12-18Mar2024OPTHealth)**

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.

<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> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 168 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.

