





Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

26 March-01 April 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-18 March 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	41	22	4	0
oPt	1016	176 ¹	185	311

Data source: [Insecurity Insight](#) on [HDX](#). [Contact](#) us for curated datasets.

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Insecurity Insight has identified 1058 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 18 March 2024. At least 41 incidents were reported in Israel including 22 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 1016 incidents were recorded, 787 took place in the Gaza Strip and 175 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.³ At least 176 health workers have been killed,¹ 311 arrested and health facilities damaged 184 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

Past incident reports: [19-25 March](#); [12-18 March](#); [05-11 March](#); [27 February-04 March](#); [20-26 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 26 March-01 April 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](#).

As of 10 April, this brief will be published every two weeks on a Wednesday.

Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Gaza Strip



26 March 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, footage recorded from inside the Al-Shifa Medical Complex shows that Israeli soldiers have repurposed the hospital into a military base and Palestinian detainees are seen tied and blindfolded in its corridors. The Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor has also reported that Israeli soldiers are using sick and wounded people and displaced civilians in the hospital as human shields. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

26 March 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the PRCS Al-Amal Hospital was forced to suspend its operations after Israeli forces forced health workers and wounded patients to evacuate and closed its entrances with dirt barriers. The hospital had been besieged by Israeli forces for more than 40 days and had been shelled several times. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 147](#) and [PRCS](#)

As of 26 March 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the PRCS Al-Amal Hospital and the nearby PRCS headquarters ceased functioning. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 147](#)

27 March 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli soldiers raided the Nasser Hospital and detained an unspecified number of medical personnel and displaced people who had sought refuge inside the hospital. Some civilians were ordered to evacuate the hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

27 March 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit the vicinity of the Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

27 March 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces fired heavy gunfire and artillery shelling at the buildings of the Al Shifa Medical Complex. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 27 March 2024: Update: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces confined health workers and patients to the human resources building of the Al Shifa Hospital, which was not set up for health care provision, and prevented them from leaving. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 147](#)

Between 27-28 March 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, ambulance and civil defence crews were unable to reach people injured when residential buildings near Al Shifa Hospital were hit by Israeli tank fire. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 148](#), [WAFA](#) and [WAFA II](#)

As reported on 28 March 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, a PRCS volunteer was injured by Israeli shelling after a house next to the shelter centre he was in was hit. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

28 March 2024: Update: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, seven PRCS staff arrested from Al Amal Hospital on 09 February 2024 were released after being detained for 47 days. Eight staff are still being detained. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 148](#), [PRCS](#) and [PRCS II](#)

28 March 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a journalist was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers inside the Al Shifa Medical Complex. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 148](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

28 March 2024: In Northern Gaza governorate, a six-year-old child died in Kamal Adwan Hospital from hunger and malnutrition caused by the Israeli blockade of food and medicines. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 30 March 2024: In Northern Gaza governorate, a 25-year-old woman in Kamal Adwan Hospital died from starvation caused by the Israeli blockade of food and medicines. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

30 March 2024: Update: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces continued their military offensive in the Al-Shifa Medical Complex and its surroundings. The soldiers have reportedly attacked, killed and detained an unspecified number of civilians and health workers inside the hospital. About 107 patients and 60 staff were still inside the hospital with no access to water,

electricity, and medical care. Israeli forces blocked all attempts by international organisations to evacuate these individuals. **Sources:** [WAFA](#) and [WAFA II](#)

30 March 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli artillery and airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of the Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

31 March 2024: In Deir al-Balah city and governorate, Israeli drones struck a number of displaced peoples tents inside Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital compound, killing four people and injuring 17 others. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

31 March 2024: Update: In Beit Lahia town, Northern Gaza governorate, four Palestinians, including two children died at Kamal Adwan Hospital from starvation and lack of medication caused by the Israeli blockade of food and medicines. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

01 April 2024: Update: In Gaza city and governorate, after besieging the Al Shifa Medical Complex for two weeks Israeli forces withdrew from the hospital and surrounding areas overnight. The withdrawal revealed hundreds of bodies inside the complex and its vicinity, some of whom were reportedly handcuffed, others run over by tanks. Civil defence teams reported that it was difficult to count the number of civilians killed since the roads around the hospital were bulldozed and some bodies had been buried inside and around the complex. The Israeli army also bulldozed the graves around the hospital and removed bodies. The buildings of the hospital were extensively damaged and the hospital is no longer operable. The floors of the Specialised Surgeries building were destroyed and the rest of the building, the main reception and the emergency building, the dialysis and maternity buildings, the morgue, cancer and burns facilities, were all burnt. The outpatient clinics building and all medical equipment were also destroyed. At least 22 wounded patients died as a result of lack of access to medical care. **Sources:** [BBC News](#), [Euro-Med Monitor](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network II](#), [Quds News Network III](#), [WAFA](#)

As reported on 01 April 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, the bodies of a female doctor and her surgeon son were found following the withdrawal of Israeli soldiers from Al Shifa Medical Complex. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

West Bank

30 March 2024: In Qabatiya town, Jenin governorate, Israeli forces obstructed the movement of ambulances attempting to transport wounded individuals to hospital during a raid on the town. At least one 13-year-old child was shot and killed during the raid. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [WAFA](#)

31 March 2024: In Balata Refugee camp, Nablus governorate, Israeli soldiers obstructed the movement of an ambulance during a military raid on the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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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.

¹ 176 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported 458 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.

² Zoom in and click on Israel or oPT to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.

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.

