

Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

02-08 April 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-27 March 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	42	22	4	0
oPt	1030	178 ¹	186	312
Data source: Insecurity Insight on HDX . Contact us for curated datasets.			Explore the incidents on our interactive map ² and on this data visualisation by Soha Elghany.	

Insecurity Insight has identified 1072 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 27 March 2024. At least 42 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, 793 took place in the Gaza Strip and 183 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.³ At least 178 health workers have been killed,¹ 312 arrested and health facilities damaged 186 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

Past incident reports: [26 March-01 April](#); [19-25 March](#); [12-18 March](#); [05-11 March](#); [27 February-04 March](#); [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 02-08 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

As reported on 03 April 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Al Shifa Hospital was in ruins and no longer able to function as a hospital. 21 patients died during the siege. The Government Medical Office (GMO) in Gaza stated that Israeli forces destroyed all hospital buildings and departments, killed more than 400 people, including five doctors, inside and around the hospital, as well as covered and buried corpses with sand. About 1,050 houses around the hospital were also reportedly burnt or damaged, more than 300 Palestinians have been detained, and more than 100 people remain missing. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 149](#)

04 April 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of the Nasser Medical Complex resulting in an unspecified number of injuries. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

04 April 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of the PRCS Al-Amal Hospital. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

04 April 2024: In Beit Hanoun town, Northern Gaza governorate, a paramedic was killed and three others injured in an Israeli airstrike on the town. The paramedics were attempting to evacuate injured persons. **Sources:** [A News](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 06 April 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, the engineering director of Al-Shifa Medical Complex's body was discovered in Al-Shifa hospital. He was on duty at the hospital at the time of the Israeli raid on the hospital two weeks ago and his body was found with 15 bullets. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

08 April 2024: At Saraya Junction, Gaza city and governorate, a doctor was killed by an Israeli airstrike. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Live U Map](#)

08 April 2028: Update: In an unspecified location, a doctor was released after being detained by Israeli forces for two months. The doctor was arrested during the raid on Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

07 April 2024: Update: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, following the withdrawal of Israeli soldiers from PRCS Al-Amal Hospital, footage shows the extensive damage to the hospital during the Israeli raid rendering it unable to serve patients. The nursing room, intensive care units, the ophthalmology department and the emergency operations room, along with medical equipment, were destroyed. 23 PRCS ambulances were damaged and bulldozed rendering them unusable. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network II](#), [Quds News Network III](#), [Quds News Network IV](#), [PRCS](#) and [PRCS II](#)

07 April 2024: Update: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the body of a PRCS nurse who was fired at by Israeli soldiers during the evacuation process of Al Amal Hospital was found. The PRCS ambulance teams had been prevented from reaching his body for two weeks. He was identified through his PRCS uniform. 16 PRCS personnel have been killed since October 07 2023. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

West Bank

04 April 2024: In Ya'bad town, Jenin governorate, a 28-year-old man was shot by Israeli special forces soldiers who surrounded his house. Ambulance crews were prevented from providing him medical assistance. The man subsequently died from his injuries. **Source:** [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 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 U.S. Government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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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.

¹ 176 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.

