

Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

09-22 April 2024



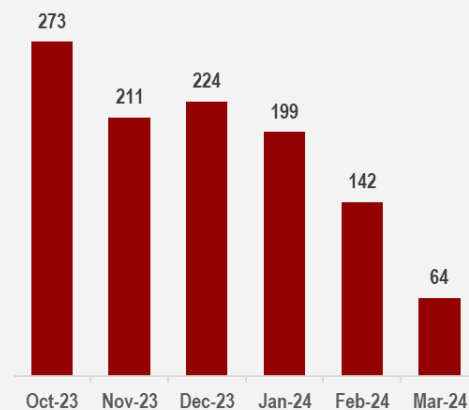
Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-08 April 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	45	22	4	0
oPt	1082	187 ¹	193	314

Insecurity Insight has identified 1127 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 08 April 2024. At least 45 incidents were reported in Israel including 22 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants.

In the oPt where 1082 incidents were recorded, 839 took place in the Gaza Strip and 189 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.³ At least 187 health workers have been killed,¹ 314 arrested and health facilities damaged 193 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

Reported incidents affecting health care in the oPt, 07 October 2023-31 March 2024



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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 09-22 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](#).



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Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Gaza Strip

15 April 2024: Update: In Gaza city and governorate, the bodies of 10 Palestinians, including women and patients, were reportedly discovered in front of the surgery building of Al Shifa. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 154](#)

15 April 2024: In Gaza Strip, six PRCS ambulance crews remained seized while two were released 50 days after their seizure at a military checkpoint while evacuating patients from Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 154](#)

As reported on 19 April 2024: In Khan Younis, the cables of ultrasound machines were cut and the screens of complex medical equipment were smashed at Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 156](#)

As reported on 19 April 2024: In Khan Younis, no medical equipment was functional at Al Khair Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 156](#)

As reported on 19 April 2024: In Deir al Balah governorate, Al-Aqsa Hospital was so overwhelmed with trauma patients that it no longer provided maternity care. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 156](#)

As reported on 20 April 2024: In Northern Gaza governorate, a PRCS paramedic was arrested by Israeli forces. He has been held for at least 120 days. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

20 April 2024: In Bureij Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah governorate, a doctor was killed when an Israeli airstrike hit his clinic inside the camp. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

20 April 2024: In Deir al-Balah governorate, a medicine warehouse was destroyed after being hit by an Israeli airstrike. The warehouse was the largest pharmaceutical factory in the strip. **Sources:** [Jordan News](#), [Middle East Eye](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

21 April 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli shelling was reported in the vicinity of a PRCS medical point. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

22 April 2024: In Ash Shuja'iyyeh neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, a clinic sheltering IDPs was hit, injuring an unconfirmed number of Palestinians. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 157](#)

22 April 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah governorate, the fifth floor and roof of the administration building of Al-Awda Hospital was hit by an Israeli drone strike, disrupting the facility's solar energy system and damaging water and fuel tanks. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 157](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

22 April 2024: In Shujjaija neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit a clinic, killing an unspecified number of people. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 23 April 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, satellite images revealed that Israeli forces repurposed Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital into a makeshift military base. Dozens of armoured vehicles were stationed at the hospital and fortifications constructed. Israeli forces initially moved tanks and vehicles into the hospital on 23 November 2023. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As of 24 April 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, following the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the city, a mass grave was discovered inside Nasser Medical Complex. At least 392 dead bodies were recovered, some of whom were reportedly found with their hands tied, stripped of their clothes and with bullet wounds. The grave included women, children, patients and at least one body was found wearing a medical uniform. The UN Human Rights Chief called for independent investigation. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#), [OCHA Flash 157](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [The New York Times](#)

As reported on 24 April 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, 381 bodies were reportedly recovered from the area surrounding Al Shifa Medical Complex. Ten bodies were found in front of the hospital's surgery building on 15 April. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 157](#)

As reported on 24 April 2024: In northern Gaza, fuel and medical supplies could not be delivered to Kamal Adwan Hospital for the second time in seven days. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 157](#)

As reported on 24 April 2024: In Deir al Balah governorate, needs assessments to help restore services could not be undertaken at Al-Awda Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 157](#)

24 April 2024: In northern Gaza governorate, Israeli artillery shells hit the vicinity of the Kamal Adwan Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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](#)

12 April 2024: In al Far'a Refugee Camp, Tubas city, Israeli forces opened fire at a PRCS ambulance which was responding to reports of casualties. A paramedic inside the vehicle was beaten and arrested. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#).

19 April 2024: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, PRCS ambulances were prevented from reaching the camp by Israeli soldiers stationed at the camps' entrance blocking their entry, during a three-day security operation on the camp. At least one elderly man died as a result of delays in reaching the hospital. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 157](#), [PRCS](#), [WAFA](#) and [WAFA II](#)

19 April 2024: In Nur Sham Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, a PRCS volunteer medic was injured by Israeli live ammunition while working at a first aid point. The ambulance attempting to reach and transfer him to the hospital was obstructed by Israeli soldiers. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 157](#), [PRCS](#) and [WAFA](#)

19 April 2024: In Nur Sham Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, a PRCS emergency medical team was detained for about half an hour. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 157](#)

20 April 2024: In As-Sawiya village, Nablus governorate, a 49-year-old PRCS paramedic and driver of an ambulance was shot and killed while transporting two wounded Palestinians, either by Israeli forces or settlers when they raided the village. The ambulance he was travelling in was fired on. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 157](#), [PRCS](#), [PRCS II](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

20 April 2024: In Tulkarm city and governorate, a PRCS ambulance crew were detained at the entrance of Thabet Thabet Hospital. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

20 April 2024: In Beit Furik town, Nablus governorate, a PRCS ambulance was prevented by Israeli forces from transporting wounded Palestinians during clashes in the town. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

21 April 2024: At al-Hamra Military Checkpoint, Northern Jordan valley, ambulances teams were prevented from reaching a 43-year-old Palestinian woman shot by Israeli soldiers. The woman died from her injuries. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

24 April 2024: In Beit Ainun Military Checkpoint, Hebron city and governorate, a female nursing student was shot and killed. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

25 April 2024: In Bab Al-Zawiya neighbourhood, Hebron city and governorate, an ambulance was obstructed by Israeli soldiers. **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.

¹ 187 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.

