





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

23 April-06 May 2024



## Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-06 May 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	45	22	4	0
oPt	1121	191 <sup>1</sup>	203	319

Insecurity Insight has identified 1166 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 06 May 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 1121 incidents were recorded, 862 took place in the Gaza Strip and 189 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> At least 191 health workers have been killed,<sup>1</sup> 319 arrested and health facilities damaged 203 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

Data source: [Insecurity Insight](#) on [HDX](#). [Contact](#) us for curated datasets. Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#)<sup>2</sup> and on this [data visualisation](#) by Soha Elghany.

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## Israel

*No incidents identified during the reporting period.*

## Occupied Palestinian Territories

### Gaza Strip

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

**25 April 2024:** In Beit Lahiya city, North Gaza governorate, three Palestinian children were reportedly killed and two injured in strikes near the Indonesian Hospital at about 16:00, . **Source:** [OCHA Flash 159](#)

**26 April 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, in the afternoon, a woman, her husband and their two new-born babies were reportedly killed when a residential apartment was hit near Al Rimal clinic. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 159](#)

**04 May 2024: Update:** In Jabalia city, Northern Gaza governorate, after being closed for several months due to extensive damage by Israeli forces, the Indonesian Hospital has been rehabilitated and reopened to the public. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**06 May 2024:** In Rafah city and governorate, Abu Youssef Al-Najjar Hospital was given an evacuation order by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

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### **West Bank**

**24 April 2024:** At Beit Ainun Military Checkpoint, Hebron city and governorate, a female nursing student was shot and killed by Israeli forces. **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](#)

**04 May 2024:** In Deir al-Ghusoun town, Tulkarm town, ambulance teams were prevented from reaching at least one Palestinian man who was shot and killed by Israeli forces whilst attempting to get out from under the rubble of his demolished home. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**06 May 2024:** In Tulkarm city and governorate, an ambulance was obstructed from providing emergency services by Israeli soldiers. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**06 May 2024:** In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli soldiers surrounded a group of PRCS volunteers inside a house and began demolishing its facades. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**06 May 2024:** In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, the PRCS medical point in the camp was destroyed by unspecified Israeli explosives, rendering it out of service. Its medical equipment was destroyed in the attack. **Source:** [PRCS](#) and [WAFA II](#)

**06 May 2024:** In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, ambulance crews were prevented from reaching and transporting injured individuals by Israeli forces during a security raid on the camp. **Source:** [WAFA II](#)

**06 May 2024:** In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, ambulance crews were prevented from reaching and transporting injured individuals by Israeli forces during a security raid on the camp. **Source:** [WAFA II](#)

**06 May 2024:** In Tulkarm city and governorate, during a security operation on the city and neighbouring refugee camps, Israeli forces surrounded the hospital entrances. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

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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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</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>3</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.

