

Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

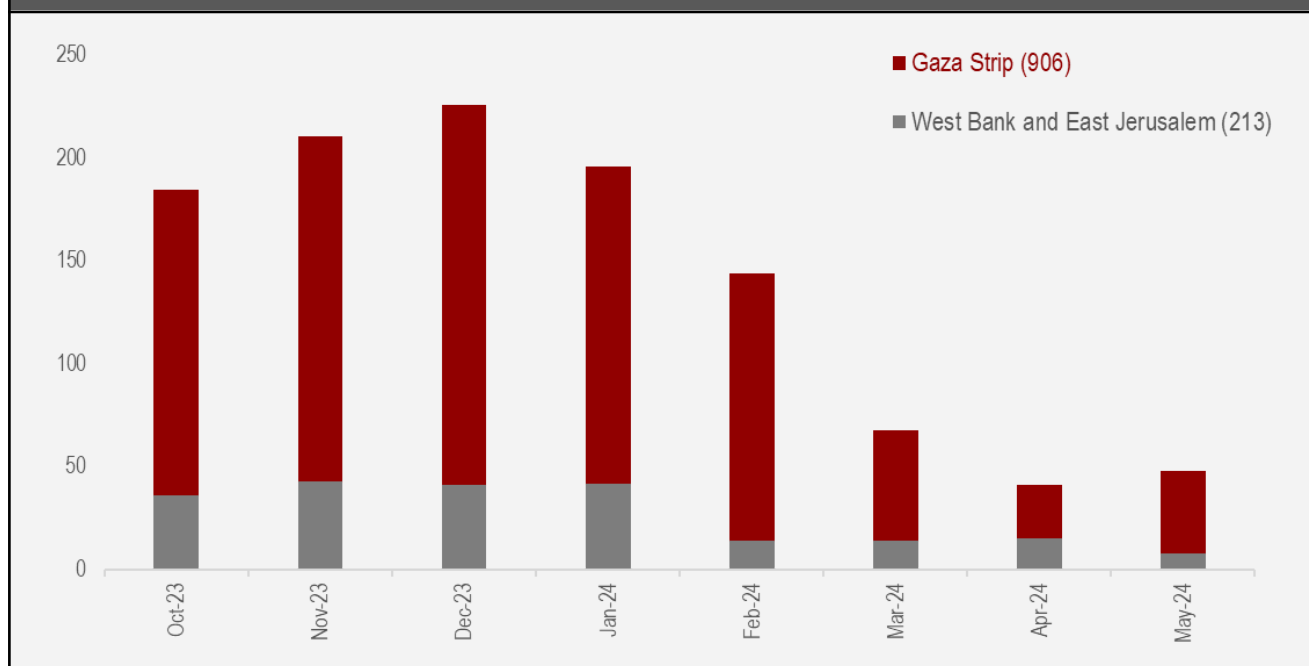
21 May-03 June 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-20 May 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	46	22	4	0
oPt	1173	200 ¹	213	326

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Insecurity Insight has identified 1219 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 20 May 2024. At least 46 incidents were reported in Israel including 22 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 1173 incidents were recorded, 906 took place in the Gaza Strip and 213 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.³ At least 200 health workers have been killed,¹ 326 arrested and health facilities damaged 213 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](#)² and on this [data visualisation](#) by Soha Elghany.

Past incident reports: [07-20 May](#); [23 April-06 May](#); [09-22 April](#); [02-08 April](#); [26 March-01 April](#); [19-25 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 21 May-03 June 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](#).

Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza Strip

21 May 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of the Yemen Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

21 May 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the entrance of the Emergency Department at Kawal Adwan Hospital was hit by two Israeli missiles, followed by a third missile that hit a nearby building, forcing health workers to move patients to the street outside. Throughout the day, the hospital was hit a further three times, resulting in damage to the intensive care unit, reception, administration and roof. Patients and health workers were evacuated. According to WHO, the hospital was no longer functional. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 169](#), [OCHA Flash 170](#), [The New Arab](#) and [WAFA](#)

22 May 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the Israeli military reportedly raided the NGO-supported Al Awda Hospital. Most of the 140 hospital staff, patients, and their companions were allowed to evacuate, while 12 staff, including the director, as well as 14 patients and eight companions, remained. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 170](#) and [MSF](#)

22 May 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, all health workers and patients at Kamal Adwan Hospital were evacuated, the majority of whom were then at Al Helou Hospital in Gaza city and four critical cases at Al Ahli Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 170](#)

23 May 2024: In Deir al Balah governorate, the electricity at Al Aqsa Hospital was largely cut off in the night due to the depletion of fuel to operate generators, putting at risk the lives of more than 1,200 wounded and sick patients, particularly those in the ICU, newborns in incubators, and around 600 patients requiring dialysis treatment. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 170](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

24 May 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, the vicinity of the NGO-supported Kuwait Hospital was hit by Israeli artillery. Israeli quadcopters fired at Palestinian civilians in the vicinity of the hospital. **Sources:** [The Palestine Chronicle](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

24 May 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, the vicinity of Abu Yousef al-Najjar Hospital was hit by Israeli artillery. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

25 May 2024: In an undisclosed location in the Gaza Strip, a UN mission that intended to deliver fuel and ambulances to two hospitals was aborted after a long waiting time at the checkpoint, during which Israeli soldiers demanded physical and vehicular searches as well as biometric checks, procedures that violate UN privileges and immunities. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 171](#)

26 May 2024: In Beit Lahia city, Northern Gaza governorate, Israeli forces continued to besiege the Kamal Adwan Hospital. Health workers were unable to transfer patients inside the hospital to other hospitals and to treat patients due to a lack of medical equipment. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

26 May 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, the vicinity of NGO-supported Kuwait Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

27 May 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, Israeli drone strikes hit the entrance of the NGO-supported Kuwaiti Hospital, killing two staff members and injuring another. As a result, the hospital was forced to cease all operations. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Personal Communication](#), [Middle East Eye](#), [OCHA Flash 172](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

27 May 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, following an Israeli airstrike on a displacement camp at a UNRWA site, health workers were unable to transport casualties and injured civilians due to the lack of a hospital in the area. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

27 May 2024: In Tal as Sultan neighbourhood, Rafah governorate, health workers and patients at the MSF-supported Trauma Stabilization Point were forced to flee due to intensified hostilities. All medical activities ceased at the facility. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 172](#)

27 May 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, the vicinity of the MSF-supported Emirate Field Hospital was hit by Israeli artillery. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 27 May 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, Israeli forces have repurposed the Noura Rashid Al-Kaabi Dialysis Hospital into a military base and operational centre. **Source:** [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

28 May 2024: In Tal al Sultan neighbourhood, Rafah governorate, the upper floor of the Indonesian Hospital was bombed by Israeli artillery shelling. Health workers and patients were trapped inside. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#), [Quds News Network III](#) and [WAFA](#)

28 May 2024: In Tal al Sultan neighbourhood, Rafah governorate, Tal al Sultan Clinic was bombed by Israeli artillery shelling. Health workers and patients were trapped inside. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#), [Quds News Network III](#) and [WAFA](#)

28 May 2024: Rafah city and governorate, all hospitals in the city were out of service except for the MSF-supported Emirati Maternity Hospital (Tal al Sultan Maternity Hospital), which is struggling to provide services to patients. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

28 May 2024: At Abu al Jadyan Junction, Beit Lahia city, Northern Gaza governorate, a doctor and at least five Palestinians, including a child, were shot and killed and an unspecified number injured by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 172](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

28 May 2024: In Tal Al-Sultan neighbourhood, Rafah governorate, an ambulance evacuating wounded Palestinians was fired at by Israeli tanks. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

29 May 2024: In Tal Al Sultan neighbourhood, Rafah governorate, two PRCS paramedics were killed in an Israeli airstrike which hit their ambulance as they were heading to evacuate wounded Palestinians. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

29 May 2024: In Al Mawasi area, Rafah governorate, PRCS teams were forced to evacuate the PRCS Al Quds Field Hospital due to growing insecurity, including artillery and air bombardments, and evacuation of residents by Israeli forces. PRCS was in the process of relocating its field hospital to Khan Younis. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 172](#)

As reported on 29 May 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, intensive care services at the NGO-supported Al Ahli Baptist Hospital are not available. WHO reported that the hospital was serving twice the number of patients it was designed for. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 172](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 29 May 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, a WHO mission was unable to visit the Public Aid Hospital due to delays at a checkpoint. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 172](#)

29 May 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, a Palestinian man was injured in the vicinity of the Emirates Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

29 May 2024: In al Bureij Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, an Al Quds Field Hospital staff member was killed when an Israeli bomb hit his house. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

29 May 2024: In Al-Mawasi neighbourhood, Rafah city and governorate, PRCS crews evacuated Al Quds Field Hospital to Mawasi Khan Younis area due to continued threats from Israeli forces. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [WAFA](#)

29 May 2024: In Tal al Sultan area, Rafah city and governorate, Gaza Strip, two PRCS paramedics were killed when an Israeli bomb hit their ambulance. **Sources:** [PRCS](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 761 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) in 2023.

The IDF arrested or detained at least 162 health workers in 35 incidents in the Gaza Strip between October and December 2023. At least 26 health workers were still held captive as of March 15, 2024, while the fates of the remaining detainees were not recorded. Many are still missing and the ICRC has been denied access to them. Arrests and detentions usually occurred during military raids or IDF-enforced evacuations of health at temporary checkpoints, and in some cases during mass civilian arrest campaigns. At least 20 staff were arrested in 14 incidents while travelling on the IDF-designated safe route in northern Gaza. Health workers were reportedly interrogated, tortured, and threatened while being held. When the Indonesian Hospital was raided, the director of the surgery department was arrested and left naked at the Kerem Abu Salem crossing upon his release two months later. **Photos of released detained staff often showed signs of malnutrition and possible brutality.** Read [more](#)

Known locations of reported incidents in the Gaza Strip, October 07 - December 31, 2023

Most incidents were recorded in Gaza and North Gaza. Cases increased in Khan Younis and Rafah as the IDF moved southwards in its military offensive.



30 May 2024: In Al-Mawasi neighbourhood, Rafah city and governorate, an MSF primary care centre was forced to close due to Israeli military operations in the area. **Source:** [MSF](#)

As reported on 30 May 2024: In Tal al-Sultan neighbourhood, Rafah governorate, an MSF stabilisation point was forced to evacuate due to Israeli military operations in the area. **Source:** [MSF](#)

30 May 2024: In Jabalia city, Northern Gaza governorate, the vicinity of the Al-Yemen Al-Saeed Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

30 May 2024: In Al Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah governorate, a UNRWA clinic was hit by Israeli artillery. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

As reported on 30 May 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, rescue and ambulance teams faced difficulties in reaching casualties due to Israeli military operations in the area. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 31 May 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, Northern Gaza governorate, the wreckage of a PRCS ambulance was discovered following the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the camp. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 31 May 2024: In Jabalia city, Northern Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was repurposed into a military base and command centre. Following Israeli forces withdrawal, the hospital, including medical equipment, was damaged and two floors of the hospital were burnt. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

02 June 2024: In an unspecified location in the Gaza strip, ambulance and rescue teams were prevented from reaching casualties following four massacres by Israeli forces over the last 24 hours, which killed over 60 Palestinians and injured 22. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

02 June 2024: In Rafah city and governorate, the American Field Hospital, the last operational field hospital in the city, was ordered to evacuate by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

02 June 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, Northern Gaza governorate, the wreckage of a second PRCS ambulance was found following the withdrawal of Israeli forces. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

03 June 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the vicinity of the European Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

West Bank and East Jerusalem

21 May 2024: At Container Checkpoint, West Bank, a female Palestinian nurse was severely beaten by Israeli forces. **Source:** [The Daily Blog](#)

21 May 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, a female paramedic sustained shrapnel injuries from Israeli gunfire. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

21 May 2024: In Jenin city and governorate, a 50-year-old surgical specialist working at Jenin Hospital was shot and killed by Israeli forces on his way to work. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [Global Security](#), [The Chronicle](#) and [WAFA](#)

Between 21-23 May 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, Israeli forces, including an undercover military force, shot and killed 12 Palestinians, including four children, and

injured 21 others during a 40-hour operation. They besieged the camp with jeeps and bulldozers and exchanged fire with armed Palestinians. The fatalities included a 50-year-old doctor who was en route to work at Jenin Hospital, a teacher shot near a school, and a student who was riding a bicycle to school. Emergency medical teams were denied access by Israeli forces to several areas inside the camp during the operation while it took up to two hours to be granted access to other areas. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 169](#), [OCHA Flash 172](#), [Quds News Network](#), [MSF](#) and [WAFA](#)

22 May 2024: In al Hadaf neighbourhood, Jenin governorate, an ambulance transporting the body of a Palestinian killed by Israeli forces was detained by Israeli forces. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

25 May 2024: In Beit Rima village, Ramallah and al-Bireh governorate, an ambulance was stopped and searched by Israeli forces during a raid on the village. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

26 May 2024: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, Israeli forces raided a PRCS emergency station. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

27 May 2024: In Sa'ir town, Hebron governorate, ambulance crews were prevented by Israeli soldiers from reaching a 14-year-old boy who was shot by the soldiers. As a result, the boy died from his injuries. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

28 May 2024: In Ramallah city and governorate, an internal medicine and rheumatology consultant was arrested at his home by Israel forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

30 May 2024: At Sarra Military Checkpoint, near Nablus city, Nablus governorate, an ambulance transporting a woman who had undergone a caesarean section, along with her husband and their child, was stopped by Israeli forces for over 30 minutes. The husband was arrested. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

03 June 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, Israeli forces stopped a PRCS ambulance and arrested a critically injured individual. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

03 June 2024: In Nablus governorate, two ambulance and medical crews were obstructed and prevented by Israeli forces from carrying out their work during a raid on the area. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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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¹ 200 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.

