





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

02-15 July 2024



## Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-02 July 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	47	22	4	0
oPt	1299	219 <sup>1</sup>	233	335

Insecurity Insight identified 1346 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 02 July 2024. Israeli forces have arrested or detained at least 265 health workers in the Gaza Strip. At least 206 are reportedly still held captive and the ICRC has been **denied access** to them, including Dr Khaled Alser who was forcefully taken by Israeli forces from Nasser Hospital on 24 March while on duty working as the only surgeon at the facility and taken to an **unknown location**. Since then, he has been detained in conditions tantamount to **enforced disappearance**. His fate and whereabouts has been concealed by Israeli authorities.

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 Territory

### Gaza Strip

**02 July 2024:** In the Abu Oraif area, Deir Al Balah, the Head of the Burns and Plastic Surgery Department at the Nasser Medical Complex was killed along with 11 others, including family

members and five children, when an Israeli airstrike hit a house at 15:20. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 187](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [HCW4Palestine](#)

**02 July 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, all 320 medical staff and patients fled the European Gaza Hospital in fear that it would become non-functional based on past experiences at hospitals that were located in areas slated for evacuation. By the evening, the facility was empty. The majority of patients were referred to Nasser Medical Complex, which reached full capacity with more than 350 inpatients, amid critical shortages of medications and supplies for surgeries. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 187](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**02 July 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the ICRC, which had one medical-surgical team comprising doctors, nurses and physiotherapists embedded within the European Gaza Hospital, was forced to transfer its staff and patients to the Red Cross Field Hospital in Al-Mawasi area, Rafah. **Sources:** [ICRC](#) and [OCHA Update 187](#)

**03 July 2024:** In Khan Yunis city and governorate, the vicinity of the Nasser Medical Complex was hit, killing at least one Palestinian, and injuring 10 as well as damaging IDP tents at a nearby UNRWA school. **Source:** [OCHA Update 187](#)

**As reported on 05 July 2024:** As the Gaza Strip remains sealed off by Israeli forces, the health sector is faced with a severe lack of fuel, prompting WHO partners to direct limited fuel supplies to key hospitals, including Khan Yunis' Nasser Medical Complex and Al Amal Hospital, and Rafa's Kuwait Field Hospital. **Source:** [New Age](#)

**05 July 2024:** In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the vicinity of Al Zuhour Pharmacy was hit by suspected Israeli forces near at about 21:20, killing six Palestinians and injuring an unspecified number, including children. **Source:** [OCHA Update 188](#)

**07 July 2024:** In Zaytoun neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, health workers evacuated patients from the NGO-supported Al Ahli Arab Hospital to hospitals in northern Gaza, in response to Israeli orders to clear areas east of Gaza. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 188](#) and [Wafa](#)

**07 July 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of the NGO-supported Al Ahli Arab Hospital was hit by Israeli drones, forcing it to suspend its operations. **Sources:** [Quds New Network](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**As of 08 July 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, the NGO-supported Patients Friends Association Hospital was evacuated in fear of intensified military activities that would render it inaccessible or non-functional. Critical patients were transferred to Kamal Adwan Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Update 188](#)

**08 July 2024:** In Shejaiya neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, ambulance and civil defence teams were unable to rescue the wounded, or retrieve the dead from under the rubble amidst a ground military operation by Israeli forces. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**08 July 2024:** In Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of Al-Shifa Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**09 July 2024:** In the Gaza Strip, all PRCS medical points and emergency clinics were out of service due to the forced evacuation by Israeli forces of many areas in the strip where these facilities are located. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

## **West Bank and East Jerusalem**

**05 July 2024:** In Jabal Subeih, Beita, Nablus City and governorate, a PRCS Emergency Medical Services crew was assaulted by Israeli forces while on duty during clashes. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

**09 July 2024:** In Tulkarm city and governorate, Al-Zakah Hospital was surrounded by two Israeli military vehicles. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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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 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester, 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 UK government, USAID, 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.

<sup>1</sup> 219 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.

