





Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

16-29 July 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-22 July 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	47	22	4	0
oPt	1324	220 ¹	238	336

Insecurity Insight identified 1371 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 22 July 2024. In the Gaza Strip, where 1018 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 225 times, mostly by explosive weapons fired by Israeli forces'. At least 252 incidents were reported in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, including 68 health workers who were arrested or detained by Israeli forces, mainly during the transport of patients to and from health facilities, during military raids at refugee camps, where staff were prevented from treating people injured by the IDF, or while staff were in their homes.

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: [02-15 July](#); [18 June-01 July](#); [04-17 June](#); [21 May-03 June](#); [07-20 May](#); [23 April-06 May](#); [All](#)

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Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza Strip

22 July 2024: In Deir Al-Balah city and governorate, an Israeli drone hit an journalists' tent within the grounds of the Shuhada' Al-Aqsa Hospital, killing a journalist and a political researcher, and

injuring an unspecified number of people. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

As reported on 22 July 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, an Israeli aircraft bombarded the Al Basma IVF Centre, destroying more than 5,000 embryos, and over 1,000 specimens of sperm and unfertilised eggs. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

22 July 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, two PRCS-supported medical clinics, one government and one UNRWA-led, were forced out of service due to Israeli evacuation orders and intensive raids in the eastern areas of Khan Younis, where the clinics are located. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

As reported on 23 July 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Nasser Medical Complex faced a new mass casualty influx, amid a dire lack of blood units, medical supplies and hospital beds following renewed strikes on the area. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

25 July 2024: In Khan Younis city and governorate, a PRCS ambulance was hit by live bullets from Israeli forces while its crew was evacuating an injured person. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

27 July 2024: In Deir Al-Balah governorate, a field hospital within Al-Sayyida Khadija School was hit in an Israeli airstrike, killing 31 Palestinians, including children and injuring an unspecified number. The facility, situated in a supposedly safe area, shelters thousands of displaced individuals and was hit by three missiles from Israeli warplanes. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

27 July 2024: In Deir Al-Balah governorate, the vicinity of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes, killing an unspecified number of displaced Palestinians sheltering in a nearby school. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

West Bank and East Jerusalem

23 July 2024: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem city and governorate, PRCS crews managed to transport two civilians injured by live bullets. However, Israeli forces blocked PRCS crews from accessing a bombed site inside the camp, preventing them from assisting other civilians who had been killed or injured. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

23 July 2024: In al Hamam Neighbourhood, Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem city and governorate, ambulance crews were prevented by the Israeli forces from reaching the killed and injured civilians in the neighbourhood. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

23 July 2024: In Tulkarem city and governorate, a male paramedic and another male civilian were shot and killed by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

24 July 2024: In Qalqilya city and governorate, a PRCS ambulance was fired upon by Israeli forces while en route to assist an injured civilian. **Sources:** [PRCS](#)

24 July 2024: In Qalandiya Refugee Camp, Jerusalem, a PRCS crew was assaulted, forced to remove their protective vests, and prevented from reaching a patient by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [PRCS](#)

27 July 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, a paramedic was injured and an unspecified number of civilians killed and injured in an Israeli drone strike on the camp. **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 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.

¹ 220 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.

