Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

18 September-01 October 2024

Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-12 September 2024

	REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	48	23	4	0
oPt	1617	488[1]	250	341

Insecurity Insight identified 1662 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 12 September 2024. In the Gaza Strip, where 1255 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 234 times and 469 health workers killed. At least 298 incidents were reported in the West Bank and East Jerusalem[2], including 73 health workers who were arrested or detained by Israeli forces. The data with details on location, reported conflict party, weapon used and brief description is available **here** for download. Due to **HDX policy**, this data does not include geo-coordinates. **Contact** us for curated datasets. Explore the incidents on our **interactive map**[3] and on this **data visualisation** by Soha Elghany. Data is updated on **HDX** every Monday. Follow **us** on HDX for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident reports: **04-17 September**; **21 August-03 September**; **13-20 August**; **30 July-12 August**; **16-29 July**; **All**

SHCC Factsheets (EN): **2023**; **2022**; **2021**. (AR): **2023**; **2022**; **2021**

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The publicly reported incidents below are not a complete nor a representative list of all incidents that affected the provision of health care between 18 September-01 October 2024. The incidents below have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source verification protocol. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in **touch**.

Israel

18 September 2024: ***Update:*** A doctor died while detained in an Israeli prison. He was arrested in March at Al-Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza. **Source: Quds News Network**

22 September 2024: In Bat Galim neighbourhood, Haifa city and district, staff at Rambam Health Care Campus and Hospital moved patients from the upper floors to its fortified underground parking lot due to Hezbollah rocket fire from Lebanon. **Source: The Times of Israel**

22 September 2024: In Ahuzat Shmuel neighbourhood, Haifa city and district, staff at Carmel Medical Centre moved patients from the upper floors to protected areas from Hezbollah rocket fire from Lebanon. **Source:** **The Times of Israel**

22 September 2024: In Safed city, Northern district, staff at Rebecca Sieff Hospital/Ziv Medical Centre moved patients from the upper floors to protected areas from Hezbollah rocket fire from Lebanon. **Source:** **The Times of Israel**

22 September 2024: In Nahariya city, Northern district, staff at Galilee Medical Centre moved patients from the upper floors to protected areas from Hezbollah rocket fire from Lebanon. **Source:** **The Times of Israel**

22 September 2024: In the Jezreel Valley, Afula city, Northern district, staff at Emek Medical Centre moved patients from the upper floors to protected areas due to Hezbollah rocket fire from Lebanon. **Source:** **The Times of Israel**

22 September 2024: In Poriya area, near Tiberias city, Galilee district, staff at Baruch Padeh Medical Centre moved patients from the upper floors to protected areas from Hezbollah rocket fire from Lebanon. **Source:** **The Times of Israel**

22 September 2024: In Nazareth city, Northern district, staff at the Holy Family/Italian Hospital moved patients from the upper floors to its fortified underground parking lot due to Hezbollah rocket fire from Lebanon. **Source:** **The Times of Israel**

22 September 2024: In Nazareth city, Northern district, staff at the EMMS Nazareth Hospital/English Hospital/Scottish Hospital moved patients from the upper floors to its fortified underground parking lot due to Hezbollah rocket fire from Lebanon. **Source:** **The Times of Israel**

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza Strip

19 September 2024: In Al Daraj neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, a male doctor and six other people were killed when an Israeli airstrike hit a home. **Source:** **Gaza Notifications**

21 September 2024: In the Musabah area, Rafah city and governorate, Ministry of Health warehouses were hit by Israeli forces, killing five employees and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** **Yemen Shabab**

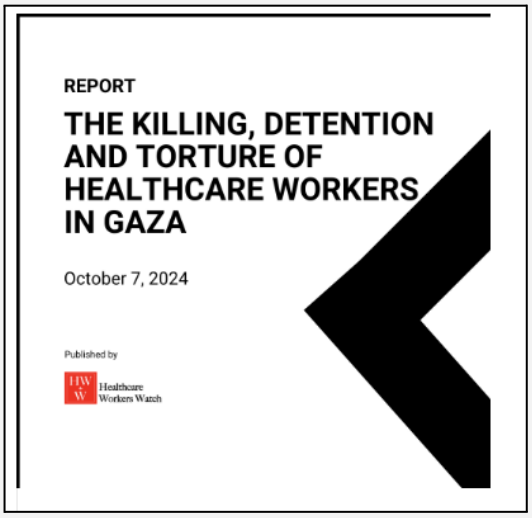
25 September 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah city and governorate, the NGO-supported Al Awda Hospital was attacked by Israeli drones which opened fire on the facility. **Source:** **Quds News Network**

26 September 2024: In Khan Yunis governorate, a female Palestinian health worker working for a health INGO was killed when Hamas gunmen opened fire on her car. Hamas later claimed that the incident was a mistake, although sources state that the victim was an anti-Hamas activist and had refused to hand over funds to the group. **Sources:** **Al Arabiya News**, **Reuters** **and** **Ynet News**

01 October 2024: At the Kerem Shalom crossing, a surgeon from Nasser Hospital, was released from prison by Israeli forces. **Source:** **Quds News Network**

The Killing, Detention and Torture of Healthcare Workers in Gaza

In this new comprehensive report, Healthcare Workers Watch (HWW) shares first hand testimony from Palestinian healthcare workers tortured while in Israeli detention. The report also contains the organisation's detailed research, compiled over the past year, regarding Israel's killing and detention of healthcare workers, including an analysis of the devastating impact on the provision of healthcare to the population of Gaza.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Dr. Muath Alser, the founder of HWW says: 'In this report, we use rigorous evidence to demonstrate how the Israeli Occupation Forces are systematically targeting the healthcare workforce of Gaza. The patterns of human rights violations are unambiguously consistent with the intent of genocide.' He goes on to say: 'The key message from Healthcare Workers Watch is that all healthcare workers – especially those working in areas of conflicts and war zones – must be protected, supported, and respected instead of being targeted, tortured, and detained.'

West Bank and East Jerusalem

18 September 2024: On Amman Street, Nablus city and governorate, Israeli forces obstructed an ambulance that was transporting an infant to the hospital, beating and verbally assaulting the PRCS paramedics, during clashes between Israeli settlers, Israeli forces, and Palestinians. **Sources:** ACLED[1] **and** OCHA Update 222

01 October 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, a PRCS crew was assaulted and obstructed by Israeli forces while attempting to reach and provide emergency care to the wounded. Six PRCS members were injured, and an ambulance came under Israeli gunfire, resulting in injuries to the entire crew. Despite their condition, they were prevented from reaching the wounded crew in the camp for over an hour and were unable to transport them to the hospital. **Sources:** PRCS **and and** WAFA

01 October 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, three PRCS paramedics were shot by Israeli forces while attempting to evacuate injured people. **Source:** Quds News Network

01 October 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, three paramedics were injured after Israeli forces fired shots at a PRCS vehicle during a military operation. **Source:** Quds News Network

01 October 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, an ambulance vehicle was shot at by Israeli forces despite prior coordination with the ICRC. **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 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] 488 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported 500 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] 64 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.
[3] Zoom in and click on Israel or oPT to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.