





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

30 October-12 November 2024



## Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-27 October 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	56	23	4	0
oPt	1764	545 <sup>1</sup>	257	400

Insecurity Insight identified 1820 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 27 October 2024. In the Gaza Strip, where 1366 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 241 times and 527 health workers killed. At least 339 incidents were reported in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. In these incidents, 80 health workers were arrested or detained by Israeli forces and 11 killed. Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#)<sup>2</sup> and on this [data visualisation](#) by Soha Elghany. Access this data on [HDX](#). The dataset no longer includes event descriptions or geo-coordinates due to [HDX policy](#). The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief. Data is updated every Monday. Follow [us](#) for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident reports: [16-29 October](#); [02-15 October](#); [18 September-01 October](#); [04-17 September](#); [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 30 October-12 November 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

*No incidents identified during the reporting period.*

## Occupied Palestinian Territory

### Gaza Strip

**31 October 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was attacked by Israeli tanks, which opened fire on the building. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**31 October 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the third floor of Kamal Adwan Hospital was bombed, igniting a fire which destroyed medical supplies delivered just five days

earlier by WHO and damaging the desalination station for the haemodialysis department. The hospital's director reported that four medical staff were injured while trying to manually extinguish the fire due to the lack of resources. **Sources:** [OCHA News](#) and [OCHA Update 235](#)

**As reported on 31 October 2024:** In North Gaza governorate, rescue teams were unable to work due to the arrests of personnel and the confiscation of essential equipment, including ambulances and a fire truck. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

**31 October 2024:** In *the new* Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, at least 26 Palestinians, including four children and four women, were reportedly killed when two houses were hit by suspected Israeli forces. The second house was hit when medical and PCD crews were reportedly gathered around the first house, resulting in the injury of at least 30 people, including a medic. **Source:** [OCHA Update 235](#)

**31 October 2024: Update:** In North Gaza governorate, MSF received confirmation that an MSF orthopaedic surgeon, who had been sheltering and supporting the health emergency response at Kamal Adwan Hospital, was detained by Israeli forces, along with several other medical staff, during the raid on Kamal Adwan on 26 October. **Source:** [OCHA Update 235](#)

**31 October 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of medical staff at the Kamal Adwan Hospital were injured due to Israeli forces shelling of the hospital. Several areas of the hospital were hit including the dialysis department, the engineering and maintenance section and the water tanks, leaving them out of service. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

**31 October 2024:** In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital faced a shortage of doctors, blood and medical supplies due to the ongoing Israeli forces attacks. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**As reported on 02 November 2024:** In North Gaza governorate, a severe siege by Israeli forces on hospitals continued into the fourth week. Entry of fuel and humanitarian supplies was prevented amid ongoing attacks firing at them. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

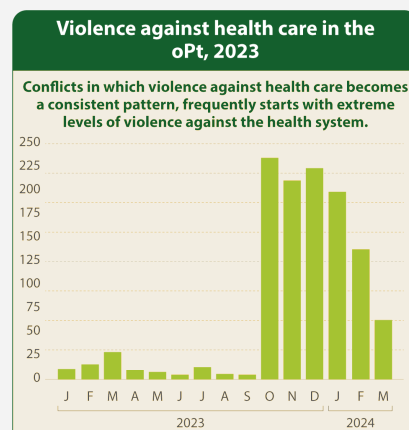
**02 November 2024:** In the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, a primary health care centre conducting a polio vaccination campaign for children under ten was struck and damaged by an Israeli drone, injuring six people, including four children. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 235](#) and [Wafa](#)

**02 November 2024:** In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah governorate, an ambulance crew was fired upon by Israeli drones while retrieving dead and injured people. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**03 November 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the third floor of Kamal Adwan Hospital was hit by Israeli tank artillery shelling, injuring six children, one of them critically. The hospital's paediatric ward and nursery were damaged, along with the courtyard, medical and water supplies. The hospital was treating 120 patients, including 19 children and four newborns at the time of the attack. **Sources:** [AA](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [OCHA News](#), [OCHA Update 235](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds news Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

**03 November 2024:** In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the Director-General of Al Awda Health and Community Association warned that fuel, medicines, medical consumables, blood units, food and water were desperately needed, adding that since the intensification of military operations in North Gaza, six hospital employees had been injured in attacks impacting the facility, one of whom lost a limb, and all ambulances had been rendered out of service. **Source:** [OCHA Update 235](#)

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. Hospitals and field hospitals were shelled by Israeli artillery and tank fire and subjected to Israeli air and missile strikes. The vicinity of hospitals and health facilities were hit multiple times by airstrikes destroying main roads and surrounding buildings and hindering medical crews ability to reach casualties and wounded Palestinians. Ambulance drivers, doctors, dentists, gynaecologists, hospital staff, janitors, laboratory technicians, medical students, nurses, opticians, orthopedists, paramedics, pharmacists, psychologists, physiotherapists, surgeons, and volunteers from local humanitarian relief groups were killed, injured, and arrested. In several cases, entire families that had multiple members who were medical professionals were killed in single attacks, usually while they were at home.



SHCC Factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#)

**Between 03-12 November 2024:** In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-supported Al Awda Hospital was forced to operate its generators only three hours per day, due to critical fuel shortages, disrupting life-saving surgeries and other health services. **Source:** [OCHA Update 237](#)

**05 November 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of health workers and six children were injured when the third floor of Kamal Adwan Hospital was shelled by Israeli forces. There was also damage to hospital property and infrastructure, including a water tank. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>3</sup> and [Quds News Network](#)

**05 November 2024:** In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a Palestinian doctor was shot and killed by Israeli forces, shortly after being released. He had been arrested from a hospital 10 days ago. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

**As reported on 05 November 2024:** In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the delivery of medical supplies to the NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital was denied by Israeli forces, putting it at risk of closing. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

**07 November 2024:** In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of health workers were injured when Israeli drones opened fire. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>3</sup>

**07 November 2024:** In the al Daraj neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of Ad Daraj Health Clinic was hit by suspected Israeli airstrikes, killing nine Palestinians, including two children and four women and injuring an unspecified number when their home was hit at about 23:50. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 237](#) and [Wafa](#)

**08 November 2024:** In Beit Lahia, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of Kamal Adwan Hospital was hit by Israeli forces artillery shelling. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**09 November 2024:** In Deir al Balah city and governorate, a tent sheltering displaced people near Al Aqsa Hospital was bombed by Israeli forces, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Sources:** [Wafa](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [Quds News Network III](#)

**09 November 2024:** In Rafah city and governorate, the under-construction Qatari-funded Hamad Bin Jassem Hospital was taken over by Israeli forces and used as a base for its operations in the city. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**10 November 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, urgent calls for humanitarian assistance have been issued by health workers at Kamal Adwan Hospital where critical shortages and the ongoing Israeli blockade are resulting in daily loss of life. Severe malnutrition is reported, particularly affecting children, as resources are rapidly depleted. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

**11 November 2024:** In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, one person was injured when Israeli forces opened fire at the front of the NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**12 November 2024:** On al Bahr Street, Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of an UNRWA clinic was hit by an Israeli drone, killing six Palestinians. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

**As reported on 12 November 2024:** In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, access to the Indonesian Hospital remained severely restricted. **Source:** [OCHA Update 237](#)

**As reported on 12 November 2024:** In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, access to NGO-supported Al Awda Hospital remained severely restricted. **Source:** [OCHA Update 237](#)

**As reported on 12 November 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, access to Kamal Adwan Hospital remained severely restricted. **Source:** [OCHA Update 237](#)

**12 November 2024:** In Beit Hanoun city, North Gaza governorate, two doctors who worked at Kamal Adwan Hospital who were husband and wife were killed alongside their children when their home was struck by Israeli airstrikes. **Sources:** [Genocide in Gaza I](#), [Genocide in Gaza II](#), [Palestine Chronicles](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

### ***West Bank and East Jerusalem***

**05 November 2024:** In Qabatiya city, Jenin governorate, a PRCS team trying to evacuate casualties was delayed by Israeli forces. One of the four fatalities, a young man who was shot near Salah ad Din Mosque, was left bleeding for nearly an hour. **Source:** [OCHA Update 236](#)

**07 November 2024:** In Anata town, Jerusalem, PRCS medical teams were blocked from reaching a young Palestinian man who had been shot by Israeli soldiers during a raid. The young man was left bleeding for several hours without any medical assistance. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

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> 545 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported **986 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.

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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 generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of USAID or the U.S. Government who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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<sup>3</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 13 November 2024

