Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

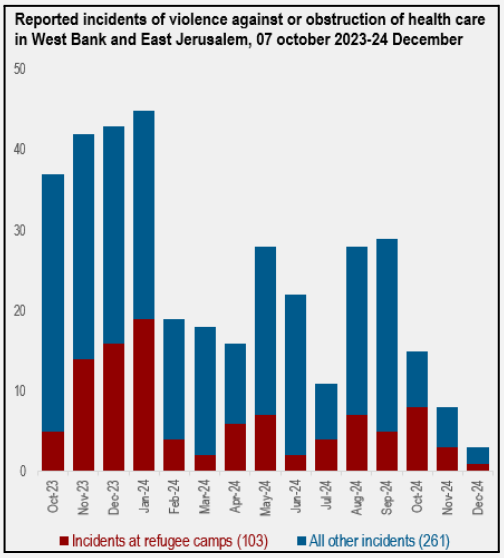
25 December 2024-07 January 2025



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-24 December 2024

	REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	56	23	4	0
oPt	2085	604[1]	313	432

Insecurity Insight identified 2141 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 24 December 2024. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 364 incidents were recorded, health workers faced arrests, threats, and harassment, while health facilities were raided, and ambulances were obstructed and searched in incidents mostly attributed to Israeli forces. Most obstructions occurred during road travel or at checkpoints, where the "back-to-back" (B2B) method of transferring a patient to a different ambulance when crossing from the West Bank to Jerusalem. This process often involved searches, delays, and harassment of medical staff, preventing them from providing care. Nearly a third of the 364 incidents took place at refugee camps with high numbers recorded in Jenin, Nur Shams and Tulkarem refugee camps.



Explore the incidents on our interactive map[2] and on this data visualisation by Soha Elghany. Access this data on HDX. The dataset does not currently include event descriptions or geo-coordinates due to HDX policy. 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: 11-24 December; 27 November-10 December; 13-26 November; 30 October-12 November; 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 25 December 2024-07 January 2025. 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

26 December 2024: In Beit Lahia, North Gaza governorate, five health workers, including two paramedics, were killed in Israeli airstrikes near Kamal Adwan Hospital, which killed about 50 people. Israeli Defence Forces denied the attacks. **Sources:** Haaretz, OCHA Update 251, OCHA News, Palestinian Ministry of Health Gaza, WAFA and WAFA I

26 December 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the vicinity of the NGO-ran Al Awda Hospital was hit by Israeli forces, killing five Palestinian journalists and media workers when their press van belonging to Al Quds Today TV was hit **Source:** OCHA Update 251

27 December 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was taken over by Israeli forces and used as a military headquarters after they expelled an unspecified number of doctors and killed an unspecified number of people.**Source:** Personal Communication
27 December 2024: In Beit Lahia, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-ran Al Awda Hospital was directly hit by heavy gunfire from Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

27 December 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, at around 07:00, Kamal Adwan Hospital was raided by Israeli forces who ordered the evacuation of all staff and patients into the courtyard. More than 240 Palestinians, including dozens of medical staff, were detained from Kamal Adwan hospital in total. Some were forced to remove their clothes, including the Director of the hospital who was severely beaten with batons and sticks, before being taken to an unknown location. The Israeli military claimed the hospital was being used as a command centre for Hamas military operations and those arrested were suspected militants. Former detainees of Sde Teima military base in Israel's Negev desert near the Gaza border reported that the Director and other medics from the Kamal Adwan raid are being held there. On 02 January, a Palestinian nurse died from his injuries caused during the raid. **Sources:** Al Jazeera, BBC, Business Recorder, Market Screener, CNN, China Daily, Chronicle, OCHA Update 251, Quds News Network, Quds News Network II, Reuters, The Hindu, The Jerusalem Post, WAFA and Yahoo! News

27 December 2024: In Beit Lahia, North Gaza governorate, while hospital staff and patients were forced to evacuate the Kamal Adwan Hospital, Israeli airstrikes and live ammunition were fired towards the facility, causing a fire. The fire destroyed key parts of the hospital including operating rooms, medical stores, the emergency unit, the ambulance services, engineering and maintenance department and the laboratory, rendering the hospital out of service. **Sources:** OCHA News, OCHA Update 251, WAFA and WHO

29 December 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of the NGO-ran Al Awda Hospital was hit by shelling by Israeli artillery. **Source:** Quds News Network

29 December 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, the upper floor of the NGO-supported Al Wafaa Rehabilitation Hospital was hit by an Israeli strike, killing at least seven people including three people from the International Charity Foundation and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Sources:** Al Jazeera, Chronicle, EurActiv, JO24, Listen, Market Screener, NHK World - Japan, OCHA News, OCHA Update 251, The Hindu and WAFA

30 December 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, the upper floor of the NGO-supported Al Ahli Arab Hospital was hit and damaged by Israeli shelling. **Sources:** Al Jazeera Centre for Public Liberties and Human Rights, Ammon and OCHA News

30 December 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, four patients were detained by Israeli forces when ten patients in critical condition were transferred from the Indonesian Hospital to Al-Shifa Hospital. **Sources:** Ammon, Business Recorder, Dostor, EurActiv, JO24, PNN and Vetogate

As reported on 31 December 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the severely damaged Indonesian Hospital had no ability to provide medical care and no water, electricity or sanitation. There were only seven patients along with 15 caregivers and health workers. **Source:** OCHA Update 251

02 January 2025: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, a wall of the Indonesian Hospital was bulldozed by Israeli forces. **Source:** WAFA

03 January 2025: In Al-Sabra neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon and his family were killed when their home was hit by an Israeli airstrike. **Sources:** Personal Communication and Quds News Network

03 January 2025: In Jabalia, North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was besieged by Israeli forces. Patients, health workers and other people were forced to evacuate the facility. **Sources:** Le Quotidien, Personal Communication and WAFA

03 January 2025: In Rimal neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, the entrance of the Al-Shifa Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Source:** WAFA

03 January 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, 96 patients and health workers at the NGO-ran Al-Awda Hospital were threatened by Israeli forces that the facility would be bombed if they did not evacuate immediately. Israeli forces drones also fired flare bombs at the hospital's reception and emergency section, injuring an unspecified number of staff. The hospital yard and gates were also shelled at around the same time. **Sources:** El Brq news, WAFA and WAFA I

03 January 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli forces drones fired flare bombs at the reception and emergency section of the NGO-ran Al-Awda Hospital, injuring several staff. **Sources:** WAFA and WAFA I

03 January 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the yard and gates of the NGO-ran Al-Awda Hospital were shelled by Israeli forces **Sources:** Le Quotidien, WAFA and WAFA I

04 January 2025: In Gaza city and governorate, flares were fired over the NGO-supported Al Ahli Baptist Hospital by Israeli forces. **Source:** Quds News Network

04 January 2025: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, PRCS's Al-Amal Hospital was damaged by an Israeli airstrike that hit a house near the facility, injuring one person. **Source:** Quds News Network

05 January 2025: In North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan, the Indonesian and Beit Hanoun Hospitals are out of service according to the Health Ministry in the Gaza strip. **Sources:** Freedom and Justice Gate and Quds News Network

05 January 2025: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al Balah governorate, a doctor and volunteer at Al-Aqsa Hospital was killed when her home was hit by an Israeli airstrike. **Sources:** Quds News Network and WAFA

06 January 2025: In Rafah city and governorate, the vicinity of the the NGO-supported Kuwait Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing a Palestinian and injuring an unspecified number of people, including children. **Source:** Quds News Network

06 January 2025: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, a Palestinian nurse was injured on her head by an Israeli shrapnel and left to bleed in the Indonesian Hospital, besieged by Israeli forces. **Source:** Personal Communication

07 January 2025: In Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of the Sheikh Radwan Martyrs Center was reportedly hit by Israeli drones. **Source:** Quds News Network

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West Bank and East Jerusalem

25 December 2024: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, a paramedic was injured by suspected shrapnel while working inside the camp. **Source:** WAFA

03 January 2025: In Beita town, Nablus governorate, an ambulance vehicle was fired at with tear gas bombs and its work obstructed by the Israeli forces. **Source:** Personal Communication

03 January 2025: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, Jenin Hospital was taken over and turned into a military barracks by Israeli forces. An unspecified number of nurses treating injured people in the camp were arrested. **Source:** Le Quotidien

As reported on 04 January 2025: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, ambulances were prevented from entering the camp to evacuate and treat injured civilians in the aftermath of a raid by the Israeli forces. **Source:** WAFA

05 January 2025: In Meithaloun town, Jenin governorate, an ambulance attempting to reach a besieged house was blocked by Israeli forces, leaving injured people, reportedly wounded by Israeli gunfire, trapped inside the house. **Sources:** Personal Communication **and** Quds News Network

As reported on 07 January 2025: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, an ambulance vehicle was used by Israeli forces during a raid on the camp in December 2024. **Source:** Quds News Network

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 761 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in the 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. Arrests and detentions usually occurred during military raids or IDF-enforced evacuations of health facilities, at temporary checkpoints, and in some cases during mass civilian arrest campaigns. At least 20 staff were arrested in 14 incidents while traveling on the IDF-designated safe route in northern Gaza. Health workers were reportedly interrogated, tortured, and threatened while being held. Photos of released detained staff often showed signs of malnutrition and possible brutality.



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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

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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] 604 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.
[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.

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