Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

05-18 February 2025



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-19 January 2025				
	REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	56	23	4	0
oPt	2405	638*	373	475

Insecurity Insight identified 2461 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 19 January 2025.[1] In the Gaza Strip, where 1800 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 353 times, at least 619 health workers were killed and 350 arrested. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 545 incidents were recorded, 11 health workers were killed and 125 arrested. Ambulances and health workers were prevented from providing vital medical care to people in need over 300 times. Since the 19 January 2025 Gaza ceasefire, incidents have sharply increased in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Explore the incidents on our **interactive map**[2] and on this **data visualisation** by Soha Elghany.

*638 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.

Past incident reports: **22 January-04 February**; **08-21 January**; **25 December-07 January**; **11-24 December**; **27 November-10 December**; **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 05-18 February 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

09 February 2025: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, an ambulance trying to evacuate a pregnant woman who had been shot and killed by the Israeli forces was blocked from reaching her. Despite their efforts, her unborn baby died. **Source:** Asaf Ronel

As reported on 16 February 2025: Across the Gaza Strip, ten central oxygen generation stations were burned and destroyed by Israeli forces, leaving hospitals with a critical shortage. **Source:** WAFA

West Bank and East Jerusalem

07 February 2025: In Tulkarem governorate, Thabet Thabet Governmental Hospital was besieged by the Israeli forces. **Source:** WAFA

07 February 2025: In Beita town, Nablus governorate, PRCS ambulance crews were attacked while on duty during an Israeli forces raid. Israeli soldiers fired stun grenades directly at the ambulance, causing significant damage to the vehicle and injuring one paramedic. **Source:** WAFA

08 February 2025: In Far'a Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, a PRCS ambulance was rammed by an Israeli forces military vehicle while it was transporting a patient. **Source:** WAFA

06-09 February 2025: In Far'a Refugee Camp, Tubas governorate, the entry of emergency crews, as well as food and water, was obstructed by Israeli forces. **Sources:** Personal Communication **and** Quds News Network

09 February 2025: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, ambulances were obstructed from reaching two Palestinian women, including a pregnant woman, who had been killed, and an unspecified number of others who were injured, during a raid by Israeli forces. **Sources:** Quds News Network **and** Quds News Network I

10 February 2025: Near Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, paramedics were detained, and their vehicle was seized by Israeli forces, preventing the evacuation of sick and displaced individuals. **Source:** Quds News Network

12 February 2025: In Nur Shams Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, a PRCS Disaster and Risk management team vehicle was rammed by Israeli forces who obstructed the team's efforts to evacuate elderly individuals and children from the camp. **Sources:** PRCS **and** Quds News Network

12 February 2025: In al Arroub Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, an UNRWA clinic was stormed by Israeli forces who broke its doors, destroyed its contents, and turned it into a field investigation centre. **Sources:** Personal Communication **and** WAFA

12 February 2025: In Jenin governorate, an ambulance vehicle was prevented from entering the eastern neighborhood by Israeli forces. **Source:** Personal Communication

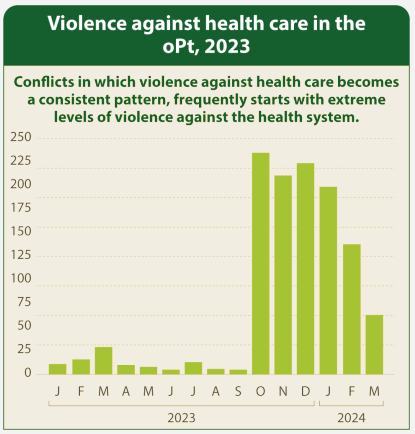
As reported on 13 February 2025: In Jenin city and governorate, access to Jenin Governmental Hospital remained extremely limited, with ambulances searched and delayed at the hospitals' entrances. **Source:** OCHA Update 264

As reported on 13 February 2025: In Jenin city and governorate, access to Ibn Sina Hospital in Jenin remained extremely limited, with ambulances searched and delayed at the hospitals' entrances. **Source:** OCHA Update 264

16 February 2025: In Nablus town and governorate, ambulance crews were prevented from entering Zafer Al-Masry School by Israeli forces, where they were attempting to treat casualties. **Source: WAFA**

17 February 2025: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin governorate, an ambulance crew was assaulted by Israeli forces, despite the crew coordinating with the Red Cross to transport a medical case. **Source: Al Jazeera**

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 498 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care were recorded in the Gaza Strip in 2023, with all but six occurring after October 7. 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, program heads/administrators, 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

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.

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] 46 incidents were recorded without specifying the location and no additional source could be identified to determine the location of the reported incident.

[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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