

Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

04-17 February 2026

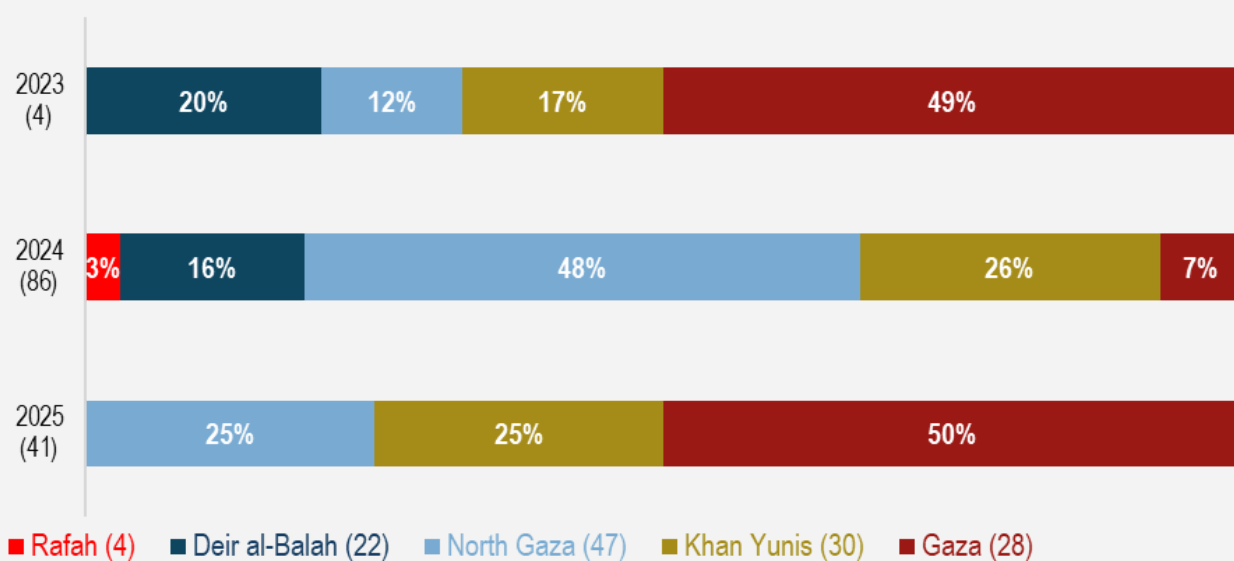


Insecurity Insight identified at least 3145 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 30 December 2025.¹ Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2236 incidents were recorded, health facilities, including children's hospitals, dental clinics, field hospitals, health clinics, hospitals, medical storage facilities, pharmacies, and rehabilitation clinics were struck were damaged 438 times, 747 health workers were killed and 361 arrested.² In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 848 attacks on health care were recorded, health facilities were damaged 28 times, 12 health workers were killed and 171 arrested. Emergency medical services were obstructed from providing vital medical care to people in need over 500 times.

In Gaza, incidents involving Israeli forces' drones armed with explosive weapons affected health care 131 times between November 2023 and December 2025. Reported incidents shifted between governorates over time and increased sharply from four in 2023 to 86 by the end of 2024, with high numbers in Khan Yunis governorate and North Gaza governorate, before increasing again in 2025 in Gaza governorate.

Please **get in touch** for data enquiries. View the incidents on our **interactive map**. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Reported incidents where armed drone strikes impacted health care in Gaza 07 October 2023 - 30 December 2025



Source: Insecurity Insight

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Documented incidents

The publicly reported incidents below are not a complete nor a representative list of all incidents that affected the provision of health care between 04-17 February 2026. The incidents below have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source verification protocol.

Gaza

04 February 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, tents sheltering IDPs were hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing two people, including a PRCS paramedic, and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Sources:** [Independent Palestinian Doctors Association](#), [OCHA](#), [PRCS](#), [The New Arab](#) and [Wafa](#)

04 February 2026: In Al Mawasi area, Khan Yunis governorate, an MSF health worker was hit by a stray bullet inside a health facility. **Sources:** [MSF International](#) and [UN OCHA Update 357](#)

As reported on 11 February 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Nasser Hospital suspended some operations in January after patients and staff reported seeing armed, masked men in parts of the building. The presence of armed men created serious security threats, forcing MSF to halt noncritical medical activities. **Source:** [Asharq Al-Awsat](#)

12 February 2026: In Salah Al-Din street, east of the Zeitoun neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, ambulances were prevented from reaching injured people due to heavy tank movements and gunfire. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Wafa](#)

12 February 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, a Palestinian paramedic who had previously been detained at Kamal Adwan Hospital by Israeli forces on December 27, 2024, died in Israeli custody, reportedly amid torture and medical negligence. **Sources:** [Personnel Communication](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Wafa](#)

15 February 2026: In the southeast of Deir al-Balah city, Deir al-Balah governorate, the vicinity of a pharmaceutical factory was fired upon by Israeli military vehicles. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

As reported on 16 February 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, humanitarian aid and medical supplies were unable to be delivered to Gaza since January 2026 due to Israeli restrictions. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

14 February 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, MSF suspended all its noncritical medical operations at Nasser Hospital due to security breaches that posed "serious" threats to its teams and patients. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

West Bank and East Jerusalem

05 February 2026: In Beita town, Nablus city and governorate, an ambulance was prevented from evacuating an injured person by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Wafa](#)

05 February 2026: In Tubas city and governorate, an unspecified number of Red Crescent members were detained by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

13 February 2026: In Salwad town, northeast of Ramallah city, Ramallah governorate, a Palestinian ambulance driver was beaten and injured by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

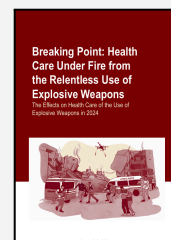
15 February 2026: In Beita town, Nablus city and governorate, an ambulance was attacked and prevented from reaching the area by Israeli settlers. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Wafa](#)

16 February 2026: In Nablus city and governorate, a doctor was arrested by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

16 February 2026: In Salfit city and governorate, the Hospital-Farkha road was closed by Israeli forces using earth mounds. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

Other resources

Violence impacting health care reached unprecedented levels in **2024**, with the use of explosive weapons in populated areas emerging as a dominant and devastating trend. Health care is directly impacted when explosive weapons damage or destroy hospitals, health centres, and ambulances, or when they kill or seriously injure health workers and patients. These weapons also cause indirect harm through their cumulative and reverberating effects on civilian infrastructure. This **second edition** of Insecurity Insight's *The Effects on Health Care of the Use of Explosive Weapons* discusses new trends in and impacts of explosive weapons use on global health care systems in 2024. The data cited in this report on the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and its impact on health care can be downloaded [here](#).



Explosive weapons are being increasingly used in conflict, causing severe harm to civilians and critical health infrastructure. Insecurity Insight has documented 3,075 incidents in which hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies were damaged or destroyed by explosive weapons between 1 January 2016 and 4 November 2025. This **report** examines cases of hospital attacks in Gaza, Myanmar, Sudan, and Ukraine between October 2024 and October 2025, analysing social media posts and comments and how these discussions contributed to harmful content that helped to undermine the humanitarian space. **In Gaza, some comments introduced a framing that weakens IHL protection by treating the issuance of a warning or evacuation order as a form of legal justification for military action, while contextualising the area as a legitimate conflict zone.**



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 independently verified through ground investigations. It 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 and the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the UK government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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

² 746 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported **1,173 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.

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