Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

04-17 March 2026

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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 March 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

08 March 2026: In the west of Gaza city, Gaza governorate, a vehicle in the vicinity of tents sheltering IDPs and Al-Azhar University was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing three people, including a paramedic, and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Sources: Quds News Network and Reuters**

16 March 2026: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a person was killed by Israeli fire near Nasser Medical Complex. **Source: Quds News Network**

West Bank and East Jerusalem

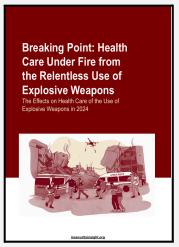
04 March 2026: In Anata town, Jerusalem governorate, a pharmacy was raided, searched, and damaged by Israeli settlers and Israeli forces, who closed its doors and prevented staff from entering or leaving. **Sources: The Palestinian Information Centre and WAFA**

15 March 2026: In Tamoun town, Tubas governorate, PRCS ambulances were prevented from reaching a car that was fired upon by Israeli forces, killing four people, including two children, and injuring two others, including a child. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

16 March 2026: In Nablus city and governorate, a doctor was arrested by Israeli forces who stormed, searched and damaged his home during a raid on the area. **Source: Saba Net and WAFA**

16 March 2026: Near Sinjil junction, north of Ramallah city, Ramallah governorate, PRCS medical teams were prevented from reaching people who were injured by Israeli forces gunfire after they withheld the injured and barred Palestinian ambulance crews from approaching the area. **Source: WAFA and WAFA II**

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] 752 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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