

Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

18-31 March 2026



Insecurity Insight identified at least 3223 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 16 March 2026.¹ Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2,281 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 442 times, 754 health workers were killed and 390 arrested.² In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 881 attacks on health care were recorded, with health facilities damaged 28 times, 12 health workers killed and 179 arrested. Emergency medical services were obstructed from providing vital care over 540 times. In some of these incidents, Israeli settlers, typically armed with guns or rocks, attacked ambulances and first responders, blocking access. In a recent incident on 22 March 2025, settlers, reportedly under the protection of Israeli forces, deliberately set a village health clinic on fire in Ramallah governorate (see below more details).

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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 18-31 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

19 March 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, a doctor and clinical nutrition specialist died from injuries sustained a week earlier after Israeli forces bombed the vicinity of his tent. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

19 March 2026: In Rafah governorate, Gaza's border crossing with Egypt was reopened for a limited number of people. The daily cap for entry into Egypt was 50 patients, each allowed a maximum of two companions. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

West Bank and East Jerusalem

22 March 2026: In Burqa village, Ramallah governorate, a health clinic was deliberately set on fire by Israeli settlers under the protection of Israeli forces. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

23 March 2026: In the northeast of Ramallah city, Ramallah governorate, a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance vehicle was attacked and damaged by Israeli settlers. **Source:** [Independent Palestinian Doctors Association](#)

24 March 2026: In Sebastia town, Nablus city and governorate, a member of the Military Medical Services was detained by Israeli forces during a raid on the area, and was released later. **Source: Negotiation Affairs Department**

26 March 2026: In al-Sahl area, near Ramin town, Tulkarem governorate, an unspecified number of people, including PRCS health workers, were fired upon by Israeli forces while they were evacuating Palestinians injured by Israeli settlers. **Source: Wafa**

26 March 2026: Near Beita town, Nablus city and governorate, a PRCS ambulance was attacked by Israeli settlers, who stole the vehicle's keys, threw them away in a mountainous area, and briefly forcibly held an unspecified number of paramedics. **Source: Wafa**

27 March 2026: In Nablus city and governorate, an ambulance was obstructed by Israeli forces. **Source: Quds News Network**

30 March 2026: Near the Anab military checkpoint, Tulkarem governorate, a PRCS team was prevented by Israeli forces from reaching injured people after receiving a report of gunfire. **Source: Wafa and Wafa II**

30 March 2026: In Kharsa village, near Dura city, Hebron governorate, paramedics were prevented by Israeli forces from reaching a Palestinian who was injured, with the forces later confiscating the ambulance keys. **Source: Wafa**

Other resources

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, analysing social media posts and comments and how these discussions contributed to harmful content that helped to undermine the humanitarian space. **For 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. Visit our **oPt** webpage. Join our **mailing** for the latest information.

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

² 754 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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