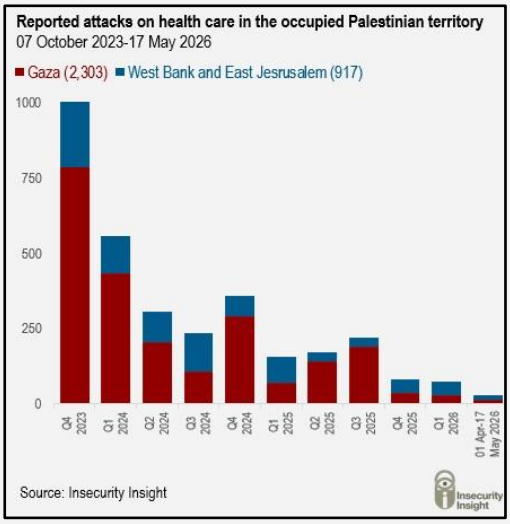
Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

27 May-09 June 2026

Data collected by Insecurity Insight shows that between 07 October 2023 and 17 May 2026 at least 3,281 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care took place across the occupied Palestinian territory.[1] 95% of incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. This includes:

- **Gaza:** At least 2,303 attacks on health care were recorded during which health facilities were damaged 445 times, 761 health workers were killed and 390 arrested.[2] Patient access to medicine was obstructed on 288 occasions.
- **West Bank and East Jerusalem:** At least 917 attacks on health care were recorded during which health facilities were damaged 30 times, 12 health workers were killed and 184 arrested. Patient access to medicine was obstructed on 566 occasions.



This **interactive map** enables users to:

- Access near real-time data for briefings, reports, advocacy, and analysis.
- Explore context-specific trends using filters by impact and type of health service affected, including maternal and child services.
- Review individual incidents by clicking on the yellow incident markers.

Download the **data**. Updated every Monday and includes information on weapons use, perpetrators and effects. For data enquiries, please **get in touch**. Data is continuously updated and numbers may change if/ when further information is made available. See **here** for methodology.

Past briefs: **13-26 May**; **29 April-12 May**; **15-28 April**; **01-14 April**; **18-31 March**; **04-17 March**; **18 February-03 March**; **04-17 February**; **21 January-03 February**; **07-20 January**; **24 December 2025-06 January**; **10-23 December**; **All**

SHCC Factsheets (EN): **2024; 2023**; **2022**; **2021**. (AR): **2024**; **2023**; **2022**; **2021**.

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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 27 May-09 June 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

30 May 2026: In Deir al-Balah city and governorate, a doctor and head of the anaesthesia department at Yafa Hospital was killed in an Israeli airstrike on a police point near Al-Manfaluti School. **Sources: Quds News Network**, **Quds News Network I**, **Quds News Network II and WAFA**

As reported on 31 May 2026: In Deir al-Balah city and governorate, operating rooms at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital ceased functioning after the electrical generators went completely out of service. **Sources: Quds News Network and WAFA**

01 June 2026: At Kerem Abu Salem Crossing, Gaza city and governorate, a medical student was arrested by Israeli forces after leaving the Gaza Strip through the Kerem Abu Salem crossing while travelling to Italy to continue his medical studies and specialisation at the University of Tor Vergata. The student had reportedly obtained the necessary approvals to travel after months of efforts to secure permission to leave Gaza. He was taken to an unknown location. **Sources: Personal Communication and Quds News Network**

02 June 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital (Baptist Hospital), run by the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, was fired upon by an Israeli drone. **Source: Quds News Network**

04 June 2026: In Gaza city and governorate, the vicinity of PRCS Al-Quds Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike, injuring seven people. **Source: WAFA**

08 June 2026: In Deir al-Balah city and governorate, a group of people in the vicinity of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital were bombed by Israeli forces, killing a 31-year-old man and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Sources: Quds News Network and Quds News Network I**

09 June 2026: On Salah al-Deen street, Gaza city and governorate, seven PRCS health workers were detained by Israeli forces while performing their duties after two PRCS ambulances were stopped at a checkpoint. The health workers were forcibly removed from the ambulances and had their mobile phones and personal belongings confiscated. Five were later released following investigation with them. **Sources: Quds News Network and Quds News Network I**

West Bank and East Jerusalem

29 May 2026: In Beit Ummar town, Hebron governorate, pharmacies were prevented from opening by Israeli forces, who imposed a curfew on the area. **Source: WAFA**

29 May 2026: In Ramallah city and governorate, the Palestine Medical Complex was stormed and patrolled by Israeli forces at 2350hrs, who positioned themselves in its courtyard. **Sources: Negotiation Affairs Department, Quds News Network and Quds News Network I**

30 May 2026: In Madama village, Nablus governorate, ambulance crews were obstructed by Israeli forces while attempting to reach Palestinians injured in a Settlers' attack. **Source: Quds News Network**

02 June 2026: Near Bethlehem city, Bethlehem governorate, an unspecified number of female Red Crescent volunteers were detained by Israeli forces at the "Container" checkpoint. **Source: Quds News Network**

06 June 2026: In the Masafer Bani Na'im area, Hebron governorate, a doctor was arrested by Israeli forces accompanied by Israeli settlers. **Source: Quds News Network**

06 June 2026: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a home behind the UNRWA Al-Wakala Clinic was shelled by Israeli forces. **Source: Quds News Network**

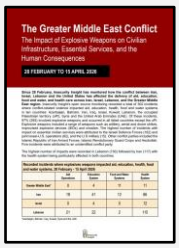
07 June 2026: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, an ambulance team was prevented from reaching a sick person by Israeli forces. **Source: WAFA**

07 June 2026: In Hebron city and governorate, the courtyard of Yatta Governmental Hospital was stormed by Israeli forces. **Source: Quds News Network**

08 June 2026: In Al-Tabqa village, south of Dura town, Hebron governorate, ambulance workers were prevented by Israeli forces from reaching people who had been injured in an assault during a raid. **Source: Quds News Network**

09 June 2026: In Salfit city and governorate, an ambulance was obstructed by Israeli settlers while traveling along Hares roads. **Source: Quds News Network**

Other resources



Insecurity Insight has released a **report** examining how the conflict between Iran, Israel, Lebanon and the United States has impacted emergency medical services across the Greater Middle East region.

Key findings

- The highest number of incidents affecting emergency medical services were recorded in Lebanon
- Nearly three quarters of incidents were attributed to Israeli forces
- Sequential strikes on emergency responders were documented in Iran, Iraq and Lebanon.
- Emergency responders in southern Lebanon reported delays and heightened risks during rescue operations

Key take aways

- Medical care is protected in conflict
- Emergency responders are particularly vulnerable in conflict
- Attacks on emergency responses undermine the capacity of the health system to support the injured

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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. 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] 761 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date have 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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