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Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

01-05 November 2023



Recorded violence against health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, 07 October-05 November 2023

229	62	40	39	31
REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED	HEALTH WORKERS INJURED

Note: In three incidents where health facilities were damaged, health workers were also killed or injured.
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Insecurity Insight has identified 229 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October and 05 November 2023. Insecurity Insight calls upon all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected. Perpetrators must be held accountable. Ten incidents were reported in Israel including five health workers killed and a hospital hit with rocket fire during attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 219 incidents were recorded, 39 incidents reported health facilities being extensively damaged, some facilities were damaged more than once, 57 health workers were killed in 34 incidents by explosive weapons used by Israeli forces in Gaza. In addition, in the West Bank 37 health workers have been detained in 18 incidents, mostly while responding to health emergencies, and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care between 01-05 November 2023 and have not been independently verified. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our verification protocol. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in [touch](#).

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Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territories

01 November 2023: In the Gaza Strip, the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital ceased operations due to fuel depletion and having been hit by airstrikes twice. **Sources:** [CGTN](#), [Personal Communication](#), [OCHA Flash 26](#) and [WHO oPt](#)

01 November 2023: In Beit Lahia area, North Gaza governorate, Gaza Strip, the Indonesian Hospital was forced to shut down its main generator due to diminished fuel supplies. **Sources:** [CGTN](#), [OCHA Flash 26](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Sparkle](#)

01 November 2023: In Nasr neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, the Ophthalmology Hospital was reportedly hit by an Israeli thermal bomb setting the hospital on fire. **Sources:** [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

02 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, the Al Hilo/ Al Helou Hospital, was reportedly struck by Israeli shelling. The facility had absorbed and replaced Al Shifa Hospital's maternity ward which is being used to treat the wounded. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 26](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Sparkle](#)

01 November 2023: In the Tel al-Hawa neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, for over two hours the area around Al-Quds Hospital was bombed, causing panic and fear among the hospital teams and over 14,000 displaced individuals. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

02 November 2023: In the Tel al-Hawa neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of Al-Quds Hospital, injuring a child and a young man standing in front of the hospital. **Sources:** [PRCS I](#), [PRCS II](#) and [Sparkle](#)

02 November 2023: Along Al-Rashid street, Gaza city and governorate, a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance was reportedly damaged by Israeli gunfire. Two paramedics were injured and the ambulance damaged. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

02 November 2023: In Jenin refugee camp, Jenin city and governorate, a civilian was reportedly shot by Israeli forces in front of the main entrance to Ibn Sina Hospital. Bystanders attempted to aid the injured person but soldiers shot at them. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

02 November 2023: In Maghazi Refugee Camp, Gaza Strip, two dentists (brothers) were reportedly killed along with at least 10 members of their family including four university professors in an Israeli airstrike. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

03 November 2023: Along Al-Rashid road, Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, a convoy of five Palestinian Red Crescent ambulances evacuating injured people to Rafah was reportedly hit by Israeli shelling. The first ambulance in the convoy was hit. **Sources:** [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

03 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance convoy evacuating injured persons to Rafah was reportedly struck by Israeli strikes in front of Al-Shifa Hospital. The ambulance was destroyed and 15 people were killed and several others injured, including paramedics. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Reuters](#)

03 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, Al Quds Hospital was reportedly hit in Israeli airstrikes, causing an unspecified number of casualties. Throughout the day bombing was reported in the vicinity of the hospital. **Sources:** [OCHA Flash 28](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

03 November 2023: In North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was reportedly hit during Israeli airstrikes, causing an unspecified number of casualties. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 28](#)

04 November 2023: In the Gaza Strip, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of the Indonesian Hospital. **Source:** [Al Quds Network](#)

04 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, the entrance of Al-Nasr Children's Hospital was reportedly hit by an Israeli airstrike, several people were reportedly injured. **Source:** [Anadolu Ajansi](#)

04 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza strip, a building near the entrance of Al-Quds Hospital emergency ward was reportedly bombed, injuring 21 displaced persons who had sought shelter in the hospital and damaging the area in front of the hospital. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

05 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, Israeli heavy artillery and aerial bombardments reportedly damaged Al-Quds Hospital, injuring 12 displaced people and two patients inside. Thirty-five people in front of the hospital were also injured. The hospital remained operational. **Source:** [Middle East Eye](#), [OCHA Flash 31](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

05 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, the 3rd floor of Al Rantisi Children's Hospital was reportedly hit by Israeli jets, causing extensive damage to the third floor paediatric cancer department. Six people were killed, including children. The hospital remained operational. **Source:** [Al Quds Network](#), [OCHA Flash 31](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

05 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, the Psychiatric Hospital was reportedly hit by Israeli fighter jets, causing damage. The hospital remained operational. **Sources:** [Al Quds Network](#), [OCHA Flash 31](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Sparkle](#)

05 November 2023: In the Gaza Strip, Israeli airstrikes were reported in the vicinity of the Indonesian Hospital. **Source:** [Al Quds Network](#)

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¹ Zoom in and click on Israel or oPT to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.

