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14-27 May 2025



New SHCC Report: Health Care in the oPt Faced Unprecedented Levels of Violence in 2024

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified **1,361 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) in 2024, compared to 1,170 in 2023. In the Gaza Strip, where 940 incidents were recorded, there was a 22% increase from 2023, when 770 incidents were recorded. In these incidents, at least 218 health workers were killed and 192 arrested. Health facilities were damaged or destroyed at least 192 times and raided or occupied multiple times. Using different methods, other sources report far higher numbers of health workers killed. According to [Healthcare Workers Watch](#), 1,200 health workers have been killed since October 2023.

In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, the recorded incidents doubled to 418 incidents in 2024, compared to 208 in 2023. In these incidents, 80 health workers were arrested, 75 injured and eight killed, and health facilities were damaged or destroyed at least 13 times and raided 21 times. Access to health care was blocked or delayed at least 272 times, which left patients without access to medical treatment, proving fatal in some circumstances. Download the [data](#).

REPORTED INCIDENTS AND MOST COMMONLY REPORTED CONCERNS

 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED/ DESTROYED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED	 ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE OBSTRUCTED
GAZA 2024				
940	218	192	192	157
GAZA 2023				
780	399	150	161	83
WEST BANK AND EAST JERUSALEM 2024				
418	8	13	80	272
WEST BANK AND EAST JERUSALEM 2023				
304	3	6	63	131

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Past incident reports: [30 April-13 May](#); [16-29 April](#); [02-15 April](#); [19 March-01 April](#); [05-18 March](#); [19 February-04 March](#); [05-18 February](#); [22 January-04 February](#); [08-21 January](#); [25 December-07 January](#); [11-24 December](#); [All](#)



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The publicly reported incidents below are not a complete nor a representative list of all incidents that affected the provision of health care between 14-27 May 2025. The incidents below have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source verification protocol. [Get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets, have made a public statement to include in our Bi Monthly News Brief, to report an incident or if you have additional information on an incident we have reported on. Visit our [oPt](#) webpage. Join our [mailing](#) for the latest information.

Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza Strip

14 May 2025: In al Jurn neighbourhood, Jabalia Refugee Camp, three doctors and a pharmacist, all family members, were killed when their home was hit by Israeli airstrikes at dawn. **Sources:** [Genocide in Gaza](#), [Genocide in Gaza II](#), [Genocide in Gaza III](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

15 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-ran Al Awda Hospital was struck and damaged by an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

15 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a clinic and al Tawba prayer room were struck by an Israeli forces attack, killing 15 Palestinians, including 11 children and a woman, and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

15 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a 44-year-old doctor was killed with his wife and five children when their home was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Sources:** [Genocide in Gaza](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

15 May 2025: In Khan Younis governorate, a 59-year-old doctor was killed when his home was hit by Israeli forces airstrikes. **Source:** [Genocide in Gaza](#)

16 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a PRCS ambulance was struck by Israeli forces, hindering the transfer of injured individuals and resulting in an unspecified number of Palestinians being killed and injured. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 16 May 2025: Update: In Al Fukhari neighbourhood, Khan Yunis governorate, the European Gaza Hospital was put out of service by a series of strikes on and around its premises. The hospital's closure cut off vital services, including neurosurgery, cardiac care and cancer treatment, which were all unavailable elsewhere in Gaza. Furthermore, the shutdown ended the facility's role as a key hub for medical evacuations, putting additional pressure on the overwhelmed health system. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

As reported on 16 May 2025: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the vicinity of the Indonesian Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike, disrupting access and raising the risk of closure. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

18 May 2025: In Qarara area, Khan Younis governorate, operations at primary healthcare clinics were forced to cease operations after the Al Qarara facility came under direct attack. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

18 May 2025: In Khan Younis city and governorate, tents sheltering IDPs, near the NGO-run Al Khair Hospital, were bombed by Israeli helicopters, killing three Palestinians and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

18 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital, and a house in its vicinity, was struck by Israeli forces artillery shelling. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [OCHA News](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

18 May 2025: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the intensive care unit of the Indonesian Hospital was hit by an Israeli drone strike. Quadcopter drones sieged the hospital and threatened the 15 medical staff and 30 patients inside the facility. Injured people were reportedly unable to reach the facility. As a result, the hospital was no longer able to provide medical services. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Al Jazeera II](#)

18 May 2025: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was surrounded by Israeli tanks along with a bulldozer at the entrance of the hospital. Artillery was fired at the building, communications were cut with the hospital staff, and bulldozers demolished the northern fence of the facility. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

18 May 2025: In al Fukhari area, Khan Younis governorate, the European Gaza Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes, further destroying the hospital's infrastructure and oxygen lines. The attack complicated the hospital's chances of reopening. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

18 May 2025: In al Mawasi area, Khan Younis governorate, the Kuwait Specialized Field Hospital was damaged by Israeli shelling in its vicinity. Multiple departments, the main generators and the central electrical control panel were damaged as a result and all surgical operations were suspended. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

18 May 2025: In al Saftawi neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, a doctor and seven people were killed in the vicinity of the Ibad al-Rahman School while digging a well. The site was struck by an Israeli forces drone. **Sources:** [Genocide in Gaza](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [WAFA](#)

19 May 2025: In Khan Younis city and governorate, the pharmaceutical warehouse of the Nasser Medical Complex was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing at least six people and destroying much needed medical supplies and medication. The strike affected 15 pallets of medical supplies donated by UN partners that had been delivered about three weeks before. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [OCHA News](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

19 May 2025: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, a house near the Jordanian Field Hospital, was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

19 May 2025: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the electric generators in the Indonesian Hospital were hit by Israeli forces, causing a fire to break out and a complete power outage. There were 55 people in the hospital, including patients and medical staff, with critical shortages of food and water. The facility was forced to suspend services. **Sources:** [Al Manar TV](#), [OCHA News](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

19 May 2025: In Gaza city and governorate, the Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Hospital for Rehabilitation and Prosthetics (Qatari Hospital) was hit by Israeli artillery shelling. The hospital was closed due to previous attacks. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [The New Arab](#)

20 May 2025: In Deir al-Balah governorate, a nurse and his family members were killed when his home was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Genocide in Gaza](#)

20 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an ambulance was fired upon by Israeli quadcopters inside the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

20 May 2025: In Khan Younis governorate, a camp in the vicinity of a hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing a man, woman, and their four children. **Source:** [bdnews24](#)

20 May 2025: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital ceased operations due to nearby hostilities. Patients and medical staff were forced to relocate to Gaza city, including six patients being treated in its malnutrition stabilization centre. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

21 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the third floor of Building B at the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital was shelled by Israeli artillery fire. Gunfire was also directed at the water tanks on the hospital's roof. One staff member was injured. **Sources:** [IMEMC](#), [OCHA News I](#), [OCHA News II](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

21 May 2025: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, medical equipment was looted from Kamal Adwan Hospital by unidentified perpetrators, including hospital beds, medicines, medical supplies, fuel for generators, and solar panels used to power local water wells. Israeli forces reportedly used quadcopters to provide aerial cover for the thieves during the theft. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

21 May 2025: In Gaza city and governorate, a residential building near al Karamah Hospital was bombarded by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

22 May 2025: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian Hospital was opened fire at by Israeli forces vehicles as the siege on the facility continued. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

22 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital was stormed by Israeli forces vehicles who opened heavy fire. Ambulance access was blocked and medical staff were unable to leave or reach the facility, with Israeli forces firing at any movement around the hospital. **Sources:** [AWDA](#), [OCHA News I](#), [OCHA News II](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Yaffa](#)

22 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-run Al Awda Hospital was hit by an Israeli airstrike at 2am, resulting in a fire in the facility's warehouse, where vital medical supplies are stored. The emergency team was unable to control the fire which consequently raged for more than two days. The blaze caused near-total destruction of the hospital's external facilities, including medical vehicles and diagnostic equipment. **Sources:** [AWDA](#), [AWDA I](#), [OCHA News I](#), [OCHA News II](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Yaffa](#)

22 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the specialised surgery department of the NGO-ran Al Awda Hospital was hit twice by Israeli forces bombing. **Sources:** [AWDA](#) and [Yaffa](#)

23 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, in the vicinity of NGO-run Al Awda Hospital, Israeli forces blew up a booby-trapped robot. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

23 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-run al Awda Hospital was struck by an Israeli drone attack, injuring at least three staff members. **Sources:** [AWDA](#), [New Age](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

24 May 2025: In Khan Younis governorate, two Red Cross workers were killed when their home was hit by an Israeli airstrike. One worked as a weapons contamination officer for ICRC, while the other worked at the Red Cross Field Hospital in Rafah. **Source:** [ICRC](#)

23 May 2025: In Khan Younis city and governorate, a doctor was injured, and nine of his ten children - aged between seven months and 12 years old - were killed when their home was hit by an Israeli airstrike. The surviving child was injured, while the doctor received injuries to his brain, lungs, right arm and kidney; he was left in intensive care. His wife, a Palestinian paediatrician at Nasser Hospital, was working at the time of the attack. On 01 June, the doctor died. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Felesteen](#), [Global Security](#), [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#), [The New Arab III](#), [Times Of Israel](#), [West Hawaii Today](#) and [Y Net](#)

West Bank and East Jerusalem

15 May 2025: In an unspecified location, West Bank, an ambulance was blocked from reaching a Palestinian man who had been assaulted by Israeli forces during a raid on his home. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

20 May 2025: Near Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, a PRCS ambulance was blocked from accessing the area during an Israeli offensive on the camp. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

22 May 2025: At a military checkpoint near al Taybeh village, Ramallah governorate, an ambulance transferring a patient was stopped and a paramedic detained. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

27 May 2025: In Nablus city and governorate, a Medical Relief ambulance was fired upon by Israeli forces while it was transporting wounded individuals during a raid on the city. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

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 verified through ground investigations.

Health facility: Refers to any facility that provides direct health-related support to patients, including clinics, hospitals, laboratories, makeshift hospitals, medical education facilities, mobile clinics, pharmacies, warehouses, or any other health facility not named here. **Health worker:** Refers to any person working in a professional or voluntary capacity in the provision of health services or who provides direct support to patients, including administrators, ambulance personnel, community health workers, dentists, doctors, government health officials, hospital staff, medical education staff, nurses, midwives, paramedics, physiotherapists, surgeons, vaccination workers, volunteers, or any other health-related personnel not named here. In accordance with the WHO's definition, incidents of violence against health care can include bombings, explosions, looting, robberies, hijackings, shootings, gunfire, the forced closure of health facilities, the violent searching of health facilities, fire, arson, the military use of health facilities, the military takeover of health facilities, chemical attacks, cyber attacks, the abduction of health workers, the denial or delay of health services, assaults, forcing staff to act against their ethical principles, executions, torture, violent demonstrations, administrative harassment, obstruction, sexual violence, psychological violence, and threats of violence.

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

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