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Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

16-29 October 2024



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-15 October 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	56	23	4	0
oPt	1728	535 ¹	250	348

Insecurity Insight identified 1736 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 15 October 2024. During this period, at least eight health facilities were reportedly repurposed into military bases or for other non-medical purposes by Israeli forces. All but two were located in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. Al Shifa Hospital and the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital in Gaza city were taken over more than once. Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#)² and on this [data visualisation](#) by Soha Elghany. Access this data on [HDX](#). The dataset no longer includes event descriptions or geo-coordinates due to [HDX policy](#). Please complete this two-question [survey](#) and tell us what you think. The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief. Data is updated every Monday. Follow [us](#) for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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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 16-29 October 2024. The incidents below have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source verification protocol. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in [touch](#).

Israel

28 October 2024: Across Israeli territory and areas under Israel's control, including the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, the Israeli parliament approved a bill to ban the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) from operating inside the country. This ban could mean the eviction of the UNRWA from headquarters and offices and will severely impact its ability to provide essential services to Palestinians. Sources: [Al Jazeera](#), [Al Jazeera II](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza Strip

16 October 2024: In Northern Gaza, a Palestinian medical official announced that emergency teams are unable to respond to calls for help due to the ongoing siege on the area by the Israeli forces. Consequently, bodies of victims remain in the streets. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

17 October 2023: In Al-Maghazi Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a director of an Emergency Ambulance Department was killed alongside his family in his home by Israeli forces bombing. **Sources:** [Genocide in Gaza](#), [OCHA Update 231](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

17 October 2024: In Tel Al-Hawwa, Gaza governorate, the vicinity of PRCS's Al-Quds Hospital was subject to Israeli forces artillery shelling. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

18 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-supported Al Awda Hospital was directly hit by suspected Israeli forces. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

18 October 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the top floors and front yard of the Indonesian Hospital, which hosted more than 40 trauma and chronic patients as well as medical staff, were hit by suspected Israeli forces. The facility is no longer operational. **Sources:** [OCHA](#) and [OCHA Update 231](#)

19 October 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the Indonesian hospital was besieged by Israeli tanks. At least 40 patients and 15 health workers were trapped inside the hospital and the NGO Medical Emergency Rescue Committee, which funds the hospital, did not receive any updates about their condition. **Sources:** [Arab New](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

19 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, two Palestinians were killed and an unspecified number of others were injured when Israeli forces hit the entrance of the Kamal Adwan Hospital, where the laboratory was located, with airstrikes and drones. Over the previous 14 days, Israeli forces have imposed a severe siege and prevented fuel and medical supplies from entering. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 231](#), [Peoples Dispatch](#), [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

19 October 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, two patients died in the intensive care unit of the Indonesian Hospital due to the ongoing siege on the hospital imposed by Israeli forces, which caused a total power outage and shortages of necessary medical supplies, severely limiting the hospital's capabilities. **Sources:** [Arab News](#), [OCHA Update 231](#) and [Wafa](#)

19 October 2024: In Tal al Zaatar area, east of Jabalia, North Gaza governorate, an ambulance belonging to NGO-supported Al Awda Hospital was reportedly struck, injuring six people, including a paramedic. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 231](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

19 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a Palestinian nurse, employed at Kamal Adwan Hospital, was killed along with an unspecified number of family members in an Israeli airstrike that hit a residential building. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

19 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of people were injured when individuals were trapped inside Yemen Al-Saeed hospital during the ongoing military siege by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

19 October 2024: In Tal al-Za'atar area, Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the upper floors of NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital were struck by Israeli bombing, injuring an unspecified number of health workers. **Source:** [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights](#)

20 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Al Hamad School, which was sheltering displaced civilians, was bombed by Israeli forces. The school is located next to the Indonesian hospital, and the explosion caused flames to spread to the hospital's generators. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#), [Wafa](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

20 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of casualties occurred among displaced civilians when Abu Hussein School was bombed by Israeli forces. Civil defence teams were prevented from accessing the area to rescue the civilians who were trapped under the rubble and injured. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

19 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital was struck by an Israeli airstrike, damaging its water tank and electricity grid. Bombing in the vicinity of the hospital continued for several hours. **Sources:** [Middle East Eye](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

20 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the transport of critical life-saving supplies including blood, medical supplies such as anaesthesia, food parcels, and fuel to Kamal Adwan Hospital was denied. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 231](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

21 October 2024: In North Gaza governorate, the Director of the Kamal Adwan Hospital reported that blood units were exhausted, medical crews were working restlessly without food, and a number of patients had succumbed to their wounds amid capacity constraints. **Source:** [OCHA Update 231](#)

As reported on 21 October 2024: In Gaza Strip, for the 17th consecutive day, hospitals are undergoing severe sieges by the Israeli forces, blocking fuel and humanitarian supplies, threatening the lives of tens of thousands of people. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

As reported on 22 October 2024: In North Gaza governorate, communication challenges caused by internet outages were hampering efforts to ascertain conditions at the Indonesian Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Update 231](#)

As reported on 22 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, communication challenges caused by internet outages were hampering efforts to ascertain conditions at NGO Al Awda Hospital. **Source:** [OCHA Update 231](#)

21As reported on 22 October 2024: In North Gaza governorate, UNRWA medical points were no longer operational due to lack of vital medical supplies. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 231](#) and [UNRWA](#)

22 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, a woman was killed and six people injured when Israeli drones threw sound bombs in Kamal Adwan Hospital yard. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

22 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of people were killed or injured when Kamal Adwan Hospital was hit by Israeli forces artillery shelling. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

22 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, patients and their families were demanded to evacuate the vicinity of Kamal Adwan Hospital by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

22 October 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital reported that it has run out of medical supplies and food, including clean water, due to the ongoing Israeli siege around the hospital which began on 21 October 2024. Health workers are also reportedly unable to move and no external support or patients are able to reach the hospital. There are reportedly 151 people, including children, trapped inside the hospital **Sources:** [AA](#) and [Relief International](#)

As reported on 23 October 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, an Israeli military base and interrogation centre was set up directly next to the Indonesian Hospital. The hospital is now out of service after supplies, including electricity and fuel, were cut off more than a week ago. **Source:** [Middle East Eye](#)

As reported on 23 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, Israeli forces stationed near the NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital are reportedly preventing ambulances from entering or leaving the hospital and no new patients can reach the hospital as a result. **Sources:** [Middle East Eye](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

23 October 2024: In northern Gaza, the Civil Defense suspended all services after Israeli forces detained five of their workers and destroyed their only fire truck. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

23 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, a doctor employed at Kamal Adwan Hospital was killed in an Israeli drone strike. **Sources:** [Gaza Notifications](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

23 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, a nurse employed at the Indonesian Hospital was killed in an Israeli drone strike. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

23 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, ambulance and civil defence workers were ordered to leave their vehicles, halt operations and go to a checkpoint near the Indonesian hospital set up by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

23 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital was struck by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

24 October 2024: In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital's warehouse and pharmacy were struck by Israeli shelling. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Relief International](#)

24 October 2024: In North Gaza governorate, the WHO was forced to suspend the second polio dose vaccination campaign due to an Israeli intensifying siege on the area. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

24 October 2024: In Khan Younis governorate, an MSF health worker was killed after an Israeli airstrike struck the building he was staying in. The strike hit several houses and killed 38 people, including 14 children and four members of the health worker's family. was reportedly killed during Israeli military operations. According to the Ministry of Health, the attack killed at least 33 people, including 14 children. **Sources:** [MSF](#) and [MSF II](#)

24 October 2024: In Az Zawayda town, Deir el Balah governorate, an unspecified number of health workers were injured when an Israeli artillery shell fell near a bus carrying Ministry of Health employees. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

24 October 2024: In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, a professor, doctor and Dean of the Nursing Faculty at the Islamic University of Gaza was killed in an Israeli airstrike that

hit a school sheltering displaced families. **Sources:** [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

24-25 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of hospital staff sustained injuries as a result of the shelling of Kamal Adwan Hospital by Israeli forces tanks which damaged the upper floors of the facility. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

25 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, an unspecified number of injured patients, including children, were killed at Kamal Adwan Hospital after Israeli tanks bombed its main oxygen station. At least two children, who were in the ICU, died as a result of the attack. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Palestinian Information Center](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

25 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Kamal Adwan Hospital was raided by Israeli forces who opened fire in many of its departments. Patients and medical staff were reportedly held inside a room inside the hospital without food or water and an unspecified number of men, including 44 male medical staff, who were forced to strip down to their underwear and gathered in an open area, were detained from the hospital. The hospital director was one of those detained but was later released with an unspecified number of other staff. Three nurses and a cleaner were also injured. WHO reported that following the raid, it lost contact with its staff inside the hospital. Kamal Adwan Hospital was the last operating hospital in northern Gaza. The outer perimeter of the hospital, three ambulances, a transport vehicle, and its solar electric system were also reportedly destroyed and the hospital building damaged. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera I](#), [Al Jazeera II](#), [Al Jazeera III](#), [Middle East Monitor](#), [OCHA I](#), [OCHA II](#), [Palestinian Information Center I](#), [Palestinian Information Center II](#), [WHO](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

25 October 2024: In Beit Lahia, North Gaza governorate, patients were prevented from evacuating and medical aid was blocked from entering the Kamal Adwan Hospital by Israeli forces during a siege on the hospital. **Sources:** [Palestinian Information Center](#) and [OCHA](#)

As reported on 25 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, the NGO-supported Al Awda Hospital was isolated due to hostilities in its vicinity. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

25 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, an MSF orthopaedic surgeon was reportedly missing following an Israeli raid into Kamal Adwan Hospital. At the time of writing no further information is available. **Sources:** [MSF I](#) and [MSF II](#)

25 October 2024: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, UNRWA Al-Fakhoura clinic was stormed by Israeli forces, forcing displaced Palestinians to evacuate. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

25-26 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, a doctor working at Kamal Adwan Hospital was killed by Israeli forces. Additionally, doctors, nurses and civilians were detained and mistreated. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [Quds News Network I](#) and [Quds News Network II](#)

26 October 2024: Update: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Israeli forces reportedly withdrew from Kamal Adwan Hospital after carrying out a raid on the facility the previous day. At least 44 male health workers were arrested and an unspecified number of patients. The hospital director, along with 14 others were released. The hospital's medical supplies were destroyed during the raid and only one paediatrician remained in the facility. The Ministry of Health has issued an appeal to international institutions to send surgical medical teams to the hospital. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Al Jazeera II](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

As reported on 26 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the boundary wall of the Indonesian Hospital was demolished by suspected Israeli forces. **Source:** [OCHA Update 233](#)

As reported on 26 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, a WHO-led mission to deliver food, water and medical supplies was denied by the Israeli authorities. No food or water were available for patients, medical staff and IDPs at the Indonesian Hospital. Four patients had died between 20 and 26 October. **Source:** [OCHA Update 233](#)

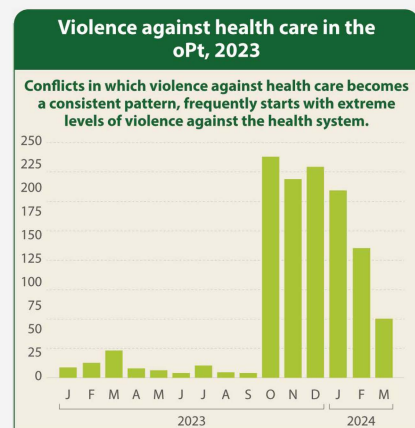
As reported on 26 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, Al Awda Hospital lacked potable water and was mainly relying on untreated well water. Central water pipes were damaged, limiting water availability to two hours per day. The hospital was inaccessible due to damaged roads, with 151 people, including 65 employees, 43 patients, 36 companions and seven children remaining in the facility. **Source:** [OCHA Update 233](#)

As reported on 27 October 2024: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, a pharmacy outside Kamal Adwan Hospital was destroyed during an Israeli military incursion into the area. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified **498 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care were recorded in the Gaza Strip in 2023, with all but six occurring after October 7. Hospitals and field hospitals were shelled by Israeli artillery and tank fire and subjected to Israeli air and missile strikes. The vicinity of hospitals and health facilities were hit multiple times by airstrikes destroying main roads and surrounding buildings and hindering medical crews ability to reach casualties and wounded Palestinians.

Ambulance drivers, doctors, dentists, gynaecologists, hospital staff, janitors, laboratory technicians, medical students, nurses, opticians, orthopedists, paramedics, pharmacists, psychologists, physiotherapists, program heads/administrators, surgeons, and volunteers from local humanitarian relief groups were killed, injured, and arrested. In several cases, entire families that had multiple members who were medical professionals were killed in single attacks, usually while they were at home.

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West Bank and East Jerusalem

18 October 2024: Near Qalqilya, Qalqilya city and governorate, an ambulance vehicle belonging to Salfit Governmental Hospital was attacked by a group of Israeli settlers while transporting a patient. A doctor and an ambulance driver were beaten. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

24 October 2024: In Beit Furik town, Nablus governorate, a PRCS paramedic was shot by Israeli forces while on duty. **Sources:** [Palestinian Info Center](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

28 October 2024: In Askar Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, an unspecified number of ambulance vehicles were detained by Israeli forces. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

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.

¹ 535 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified. Other sources have reported **986 health 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.

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.

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. This report is funded and supported by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of USAID, the U.S. Government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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