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Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

06-11 November 2023



Recorded violence against health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, 07 October-11 November 2023

			
285	81	57	39
REPORTED INCIDENTS	HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED

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Insecurity Insight has identified 285 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October and 11 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.

- Fourteen incidents were reported in Israel including nine health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants.
- In the oPt where 271 incidents were recorded, 56 incidents reported health facilities being extensively damaged, some facilities were damaged more than once, and 72 health workers killed in 44 incidents by explosive weapons used by Israeli forces in Gaza. In the West Bank, at least 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 06-11 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

Between 05-06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza strip, the Israeli military called for the evacuation of the Rantisi Hospital warning they would create a fire belt around the hospital. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [OCHA Flash 31](#)

Between 05-06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, following a call for evacuation by Israeli forces, 35 people including an unspecified number of health workers were wounded when Israeli warplanes hit the area between the Psychiatric Hospital and the Rantisi Hospital of the Nasser Medical Complex. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [BNN](#)

Between 05 - 06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, the third floor of Al Rantisi Children's Hospital was hit by Israeli warplanes, causing extensive damage to the third floor paediatric cancer department. Six people were killed, including children. The hospital remained operational. **Sources:** [Quds Network](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [OCHA Flash 31](#)

Between 05 - 06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the Rantisi Specialised Hospital was impacted by Israeli airstrikes for a third time. The grounds of the hospital, where ambulances were parked and displaced families had taken shelter, were damaged along with solar panels and water tanks affecting the hospital's water supply. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [BNN](#)

06 November 2023: In the Gaza Strip, an eye hospital was hit in Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Sparkle](#)

06 November 2023: In the Gaza Strip, a junior doctor, who was also the former president of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, and a dentist, who were brother and sister were killed along with other family members in an Israeli airstrike. **Sources:** [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, the 5th floor of Al Shifa Hospital was hit in Israeli suicide drone strikes, causing damages to its structure and solar panels and killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Sources:** [Personal Communication I](#), [Personal Communication II](#) and [Quds Network](#)

06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, PRCS ambulances encountered significant difficulties reaching wounded civilians due to the destruction of all roads leading to Al-Quds Hospital in Israeli airstrikes, where the ambulances are located. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

06 November 2023: In Al Shati Refugee Camp, Gaza city and governorate, Gaza Strip, a MSF technician laboratory was killed along with several of his family members when the area they were in was bombed. **Sources:** [MSF](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Hospital (also known as the Qatari Hospital) was reportedly used as command centres by Israeli forces with snipers observed on its rooftop. Israeli authorities claimed that there is a Hamas tunnel under the hospital. This allegation has been disproved by al Jazeera's digital investigation agency and Gaza officials have called for an investigation into the claim. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Doha News](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Reuters](#)

06 November 2023: In Khan Younis city and governorate, a doctor's house was bombed whilst he was working at Nasser Hospital. His son was killed and the rest of his family are in critical condition

Source: [Personal Communication](#)

06 November 2023: In Tal al-Hawa neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes were reported 50 metres away from Al-Quds Hospital's entrance. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [PRCS](#)

06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, a doctor, his wife and their three children were killed after their restaurant was hit in Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

06 November 2023: In Northern Gaza governorate, large sections of the Indonesian Hospital were plunged in darkness as electricity and power ran out. Only the operations department is operating. From 01 November 2023 the hospital was only running on a secondary back-up generator after the main generator ran out of fuel. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

06 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes using flare bombs were reported in the vicinity of Al-Shifa Hospital. **Sources:** [Quds Network](#), [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

07 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, five UNRWA and WHO trucks, escorted by two vehicles of the ICRC, came under fire on their way to deliver medical supplies to Shifa and Al Quds Hospitals. Two trucks were damaged and a driver injured. The convoy ultimately reached Shifa hospital, where it delivered the medical supplies. **Sources:** [ICRC](#), [OCHA Flash 32](#), [PRCS](#) and [United Nations](#)

08 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, several departments at Al-Shifa Hospital including the X-Ray department were damaged in multiple Israel airstrikes in the hospitals vicinity. The main road leading to the hospital was also damaged. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

08 November 2023: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Al-Nasser Hospital's radiology department and a mosque were damaged in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

08 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Al-Nasr Children's Hospital was damaged by Israeli fired shells which hit the hospital walls. Bombing was also reported in the vicinity of the hospital. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

09 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, a paramedic was injured after being shot inside an ambulance by Israeli soldiers. This incident occurred after the soldiers shot at a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance. **Sources:** [PRCS I](#), [PRCS II](#) and [WAFA](#)

09 November 2023: In Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, during a military raid on the camp Israeli forces surrounded the Jenin Government Hospital and opened fire at anything that moved, including ambulances. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

09 November 2023: In the Gaza Strip, a PRCS volunteer paramedic was injured and two ambulances damaged and put out of service by Israeli bombing in the vicinity of the Al-Awda Hospital. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

09 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the Patient's Friend Benevolent Society Hospital was damaged following Israeli bombing in its vicinity. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

09 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit the yard of Al-Shifa Hospital. A car inside the yard was struck, killing an unspecified number of civilians. **Sources:** [Middle East Monitor](#), [OCHA Flash 34](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

10 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the outpatient clinic at Al Shifa Hospital was hit by Israeli aerial bombing and artillery strike, killing at least six people and an unspecified number of injuries. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#), [WAFA I](#) and [WAFA II](#)

10 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, according to the director of Al-Shifa Hospital, only four sections of the hospital were operating due to fuel shortages. In addition, there were no hospital beds left and surgical operations could not be performed. Thousands of people are living inside the hospital without food and water. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

10 November 2023: In Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem governorate, a PRCS team were assaulted and prevented from reaching a 17-year-old camp resident who was shot and killed by Israeli soldiers after they stormed the camp. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [WAFA](#)

10 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, Al-Rantisi Pediatric Hospital was surrounded by Israeli tanks, trapping thousands of patients, medical staff and displaced persons inside. People inside were given an order to evacuate however they have called for representatives from the Red Cross to guarantee their safety. **Sources:** [Al-Jazeera](#), [Personal Communication I](#) and [Personal Communication II](#)

10 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the Government Eye Hospital was surrounded by Israeli tanks, trapping thousands of patients, medical staff and displaced persons inside. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

10 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the Psychiatric Hospital was surrounded by Israeli tanks, trapping thousands of patients, medical staff and displaced persons inside. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

10 November 2023: In Tal al-Hawa neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Israeli snipers opened fire on the intensive care unit at Al-Quds Hospital, killing at least one person and injuring 20 others. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [PRCS](#)

11 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, as of the early morning Israeli forces had fully encircled Al-Shifa Hospital preventing ambulances from entering or leaving the facility. Some civilians trying to leave the hospital were shot at. The Israeli military has denied this. Doctors reported an armed drone flying over the hospital targeting people digging graves for civilians killed in the previous night's attacks. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Middle East Eye II](#)

11 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, the front gate of the main medical complex at Al Shifa Hospital was destroyed in bombing by Israeli forces. The hospital has been directly bombed numerous times since 09 November. Israeli military have said that they are not firing on the hospital but that there are clashes around the hospital. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Middle East Eye II](#)

11 November 2023: In Gaza city and governorate, electricity in Al-Shifa Hospital was cut off leaving 39 premature babies reliant on incubators without oxygen. Health workers are trying to supply the babies with manually-generated oxygen. By the evening two babies and at least five people who were on life support died due to lack of ventilators. **Source:** [Middle East Eye](#)

11 November 2023: Tal al-Hawa neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, Al-Quds Hospital was surrounded by Israeli tanks with artillery shelling and shooting reported at the facility. **Sources:** [PRCS I](#) and [PRCS II](#)

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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.

