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Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

30 April-13 May 2025



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-28 April 2025

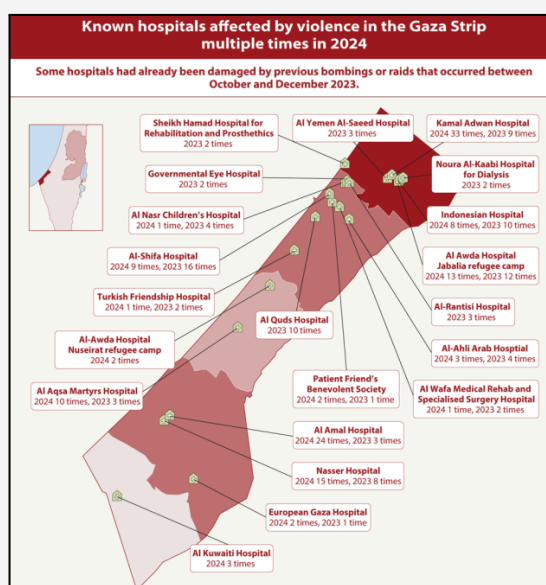
	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	56	22	4	0
Gaza	1841	645*	359	354
West Bank	735	12	26	155

Insecurity Insight identified 2694 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 28 April 2025.¹ In the Gaza Strip, where 1841 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 359 times, 645 health workers were killed and 354 arrested. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 735 incidents were recorded, 12 health workers were killed and 155 arrested.

Between 19 January and 18 March 2025, a ceasefire was in place in Gaza which facilitated exchanges of people and allowed humanitarian aid into Gaza. After Israel broke the ceasefire on 18 March and resumed its military offensive, attacks on health care escalated, showing similar patterns of intensity seen between October and December 2023. From 18 March to mid-May 2025, Insecurity Insight identified at least 34 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care, damaging seven health facilities and killing at least 22 health workers. These incidents continue to decimate Gaza's fragile health care system amid a catastrophic humanitarian crisis.

Read more about attacks on health in the oPt in the 2024 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) annual report [Epidemic of Violence](#).

Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#)². Access the data on [HDX](#). The dataset does not currently include event descriptions or geo-coordinates due to [HDX policy](#). Data is updated every Monday. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. *645 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has 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.



Past incident reports: [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](#); [27 November-10 December](#); [All](#)

SHCC Factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). 2024 FACTSHEET IN ENGLISH AND ARABIC COMING SOON

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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 30 April-13 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. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in [touch](#).

Israel

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Gaza Strip

05 May 2025: In Rafah city and governorate, the PRCS reported that all emergency and primary health centres were out of service due to ongoing hostilities. Across the Gaza Strip, 13 of PRCS's 29 clinics were closed. The remaining clinics were barely functional and faced severe shortages.

Source: [OCHA News](#)

05 May 2025: At al Karama roundabout, Gaza city and governorate, two pharmacists - a 55-year old male and a 24-year-old female from the same family - were killed when an Israeli forces airstrike hit three floors of the Ramouz al-Shimaa building. **Sources:** [Genocide in Gaza I](#) and [Genocide in Gaza II](#)

07 May 2025: In Tal al-Zatar area, Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, a 30-year-old female nurse of the NGO 'Health and Community Return Association' (AWDA) was killed by missiles from an Israeli airstrike. **Sources:** [AWDA](#) and [Genocide in Gaza](#)

08 May 2025: In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, a Civil Defense member was injured when a building collapsed on the team while attempting to retrieve the bodies of those killed or missing under the rubble from a previous Israeli strike. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [TRT Global](#)

09 May 2025: In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, an UNRWA clinic and aid distribution point was struck by an Israeli airstrike, killing at least four people and injuring others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#) and [Quds News Network I](#)

10 May 2025: In the al Mawasi area, Khan Younis governorate, the NGO-supported al Kuwaiti Field Hospital was forced to reduce services due to the Israeli blockade imposed since 02 March, severely impacting the facility's ability to provide medical care. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

13 May 2025: In Khan Younis city and governorate, Nasser Medical Complex was struck by an Israeli forces airstrike, destroying the burn unit, 18 hospital beds in the surgical department, eight beds in the intensive care unit and ten inpatient beds. Two people were killed, including a journalist receiving medical treatment from a previous bombing on the facility on 07 April. Twelve other people were injured. The facility was one of only eight public hospitals still partially operating in Gaza. **Sources:** [AA](#), [BBC](#), [OCHA News](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

13 May 2025: In al Fukhari neighbourhood, Khan Younis governorate, the European Gaza Hospital was struck by six Israeli airstrikes which hit the internal courtyard and surrounding areas, killing 28 people and injuring others. A team from the WHO was inside the hospital during the strike. Israeli forces claimed that they had conducted a “precise strike” on a Hamas command and control centre underneath the hospital. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) , [BBC](#), [OCHA News](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

13 May 2025: In Khan Younis governorate, two Civil Defence workers were injured when approaching the European Gaza Hospital to assist casualties from a previous bombing by Israeli forces quadcopter drones. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [BBC](#)

14 May 2025: In al Fukhari neighbourhood, Khan Younis governorate, the vicinity of the European Gaza Hospital was struck by six Israeli airstrikes. One of the strikes hit a bulldozer attempting to clear the rubble from the hospital's courtyard from the previous day's bombing. Medical services at the facility were severely disrupted, patients were unable to access the hospital and ambulances were unable to leave. Subsequently, the WHO evacuated 284 patients and their companions from the hospital to Europe and the United Arab Emirates. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [OCHA News](#) and [OCHA News II](#)

West Bank and East Jerusalem

No incidents identified during the reporting period.

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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