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Attacks on Health Care in the occupied Palestinian territory

15-28 October 2025



Recorded Violence Against Health Care in the oPt, 07 October 2023-16 September 2025

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Gaza	2072	719	406	359
West Bank	778	12	27	161

Insecurity Insight identified 2909 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 16 September 2025.¹ Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2072 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 406 times, 719 health workers were killed and 359 arrested.² In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 778 attacks on health care were recorded, access to medicine was obstructed over 490 times, 12 health workers were killed and 161 arrested.

View the incidents on our [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. We are currently updating our datasets on HDX, please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in this data.

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SHCC Factsheets (EN): [2024](#); [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): [2024](#); [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#).

The publicly reported incidents below are not a complete nor a representative list of all incidents that affected the provision of health care between 15-28 October 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.

Gaza

As reported on 23 October 2025: In Gaza governorate, St John's Hospital and the Kuwaiti Specialist Hospital suspended elective surgeries due to shortages of essential drugs, disposables, and IV solutions. **Source:** [UN OCHA Update 334](#)

23 October 2025: In Bani Suheila area, Khan Yunis governorate, a laboratory specialist was killed during Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [Genocide in Gaza](#)

28 October 2025: In Gaza city and governorate, the backyard of the Al-Shifa Hospital was hit by Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)



West Bank and East Jerusalem

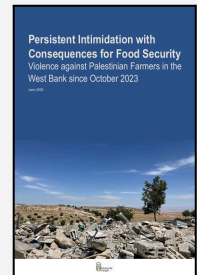
19 October 2025: In Ein Beit el Ma Refugee Camp, Nablus governorate, the camp was raided by Israeli forces, who fired at an unspecified number of buildings, killing a Palestinian inside his home. Israeli forces delayed medical teams trying to reach the shot man and physically assaulted a paramedic. A female relative of the killed Palestinian was also physically assaulted by Israeli forces. **Source:** [UN OCHA Update 333](#)

21 October 2025: In Beit Furik, Nablus governorate, an ambulance was prevented from transferring a patient by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

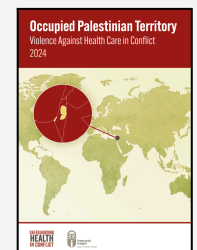
Other resources

Since October 2023, West Bank Palestinian farmers have been repeatedly attacked, intimidated and threatened. These acts go beyond the resulting harm to the affected individuals and adversely affect the food security of the wider community. Insecurity Insight's [documentation](#) shows that the following incidents occurred in the West Bank between 7 October 2023 and 31 December 2024:

- Among others, the incidents involved Israeli settlers and/or Israeli security forces using firearms to “scare” or “harass” farmers in attempts to force them to leave their land, and farmers being physically assaulted and attacked.
- More than a third of the incidents occurred in the context of the olive harvest, and these incidents increased dramatically in October 2024 during the olive harvest season. **Read the [full report](#).**



The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified [418 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of health care in the West Bank in 2024., double the 208 reported in 2023. Most were attributed to Israeli forces. On seven occasions, Israeli settlers damaged ambulances by firing or throwing rocks at them. In one incident, an ambulance was stopped and attacked by a group of Israeli settlers while transporting a patient to a nearby hospital. The ambulance driver and a doctor were beaten during the attack. In December 2024, Palestinian National Security Forces were implicated in five incidents in Jenin refugee camp during a large-scale operation, damaging health facilities, surrounding and storming hospitals, searching ambulances, and arresting patients. **Read the full factsheet in [Arabic](#) and [English](#). Download the [data](#).**



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.

¹ 60 incidents were recorded without specifying the location and no additional source could be identified to determine the location of the reported incident.

² 719 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.

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