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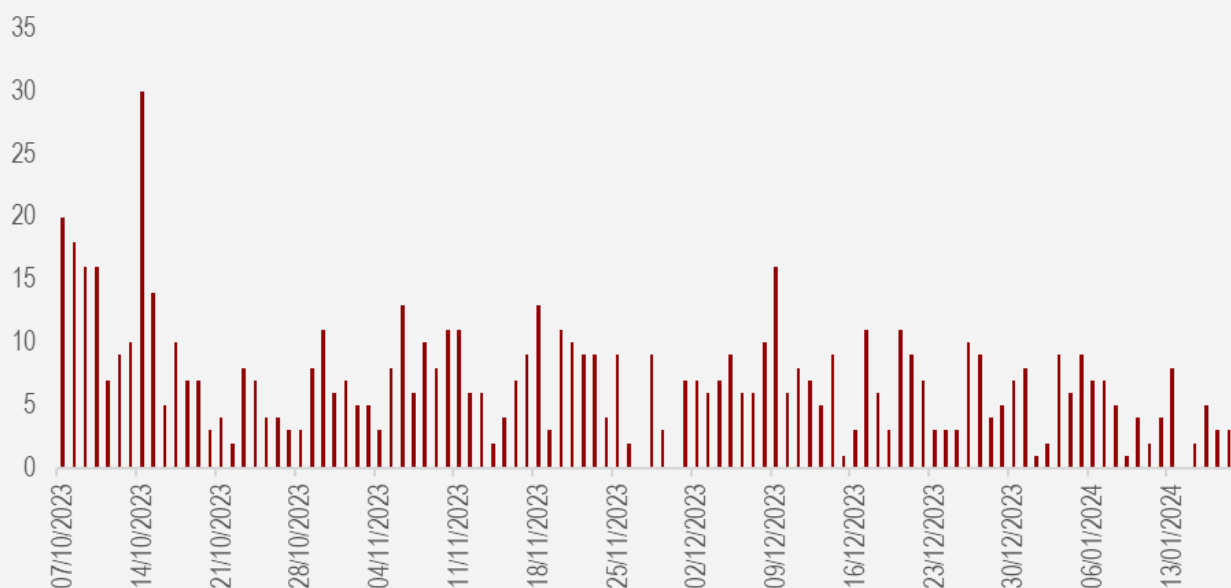
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Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-19 January 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	16	9	1	0
oPt	727	138	139	212

Recorded Violence Against Health Care in the oPt, 07 October 2023-19 January 2024



Data source: [Insecurity Insight](#) on [HDX](#).
[Contact](#) us for curated datasets.

Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#)¹ and on this [data visualisation](#) by Soha Elghany.

Insecurity Insight has identified 743 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 19 January 2024. Sixteen incidents were reported in Israel including nine health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 727 incidents were recorded, 536 took place in the Gaza Strip and 139 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.² Insecurity Insight calls for independent investigations and for all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected. These figures do not include all the incidents below due to the sheer volume of incidents that took place during the reporting period, particularly in Khan Yunis city. There has been an increase in the number of reports of Israeli forces using explosive weapons in the vicinity of hospitals, impeding patients access to medical care.

Insecurity Insight Data Featured by Al Jazeera

A recent article by Al Jazeera uses Insecurity Insight data to visualise the tragic impact of attacks on health care in Gaza since 7 October 2023. Through the testimonies of health workers, it also provides insights into the horrific human stories which have resulted for the individuals behind the figures in the attacks that we have documented. Read [more](#).

Past incident reports: [09-15 January](#); [02-08 January](#); [26 December-01 January](#); [19-25 December](#); [12-18 December](#); [All](#)

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The incidents reported below are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care between 16-22 January 2024 and have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source 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

Gaza Strip

16 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces shelled the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital at about 18:30, causing severe damage to the building and panic among patients, medical staff, and displaced individuals seeking refuge in the hospital. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [OCHA Flash 95](#)

16 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces launched 12 fire belts in the vicinity of Nasser Hospital, as reported at 21:33. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

16 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit the vicinity of Nasser Hospital, as reported at 21:54. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

16 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, continuous artillery shelling struck the vicinity of An Nasser Medical Complex at about 22:20 and onwards, with some munitions falling inside the compound. No casualties were reported. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 95](#)

16 January 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli forces threatened the medical teams who attempted to re-open the Al-Quds Hospital to leave immediately. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

17 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces dropped flares over Nasser Hospital amid intensive bombardment of its vicinity. The facility was housing at least 7000 displaced Palestinians, as reported at 12:22. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

17 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, an Israeli quadcopter opened fire at civilians in the vicinity of Nasser Hospital, as reported at 12:40. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

17 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces withdrew from the vicinity of Nasser Hospital at about 7:00, after destroying a cemetery in the Al-Namsawi neighbourhood and removing dead bodies from their graves. The day after their withdrawal, the Israeli military

confirmed that it had removed corpses, as it suspected hostages may have been buried there.

Sources: [Quds News Network](#), [OCHA Flash 95](#) and [OCHA Flash 96](#)

17 January 2024: In Ad Daraj neighbourhood, Gaza city and governorate, a missile struck the UNRWA health clinic. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 95](#)

18 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces artillery shelled the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

18 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces were operating in the vicinity of Nasser Medical Hospital. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

18 January 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, the compound of Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) housing staff members of the Emergency Medical Team and the International Rescue Committee (IRC), was severely damaged in a missile strike at around 6:00. A number of team members, who were providing surgery and other medical treatment supporting the overstretched medical staff in Nasser hospital, and the compound's security guard were injured. Following the strike, they were evacuated and were unable to continue working at the hospital. **Sources:** [MAP](#) and [OCHA Flash 96](#)

19 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, displaced individuals were injured due to intense gunfire from Israeli drones towards civilians at Al-Amal Hospital. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

19 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, displaced individuals were injured due to intense gunfire from Israeli drones towards citizens at the PRCS's headquarters. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

19 January 2024: Update: Israeli forces released a PRCS volunteer who was detained a month ago from inside the PRCS ambulance centre in Jabalia. **Source:** [PRCS](#).

19 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces shelled in the vicinity of the Nasser Hospital. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

19 January 2024: In Gaza city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes hit the vicinity of Al Shifa Hospital, killing at least 15 people and injuring an unspecified number. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

20 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces hit the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital with a series of airstrikes and artillery shelling. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

21 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, fire belts were reported in the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital from both the north and south. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

21 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli airstrikes and artillery shelling was reported in the vicinity of Nasser Medical Complex during Israeli forces advancement towards the so-called safe area in western Gaza and Al Mawasi. An unspecified number of civilians were killed and injured. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

21 January 2024: In an unspecified location in the Gaza Strip, the head of the Pathology Department at Al-Shifa Hospital was shot by an Israeli sniper and left to bleed in a street. On 23 January it was reported that he died from his injuries. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

22 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli tanks were reported near Al-Amal Hospital. PRCS reportedly lost contact with their teams in Khan Yunis due to the ground invasion. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

22 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, PRCS ambulance teams faced significant difficulties in reaching the wounded and injured due to the continuous Israeli bombardment in the governorate. Ongoing interference and continuous disruptions in wireless communication reported.

Source: [PRCS](#)

22 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, PRCS ambulances were unable to reach the wounded due to Israeli forces besieging the PRCS ambulance centre, and targeting anyone attempting to move in the area. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

22 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli strikes forces hit the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital was hit with a series of intense strikes. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

22 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces cut off communication and the road leading to Nasser Hospital. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

22 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, Israeli forces stormed Al-Khair Hospital and detained an unspecified number of health workers. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

22 January 2024: In Khan Yunis city and governorate, MSF staff at Nasser Hospital reported they could feel the ground shaking and that there was a sense of panic among staff, patients and displaced people sheltering inside the building. **Source:** [MSF](#)

West Bank

17 January 2024: In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli forces detained three PRCS staff members while they were performing their duty. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [OCHA Flash 95](#)

17 January 2024: In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, a PRCS ambulance was damaged by shrapnel in an Israeli airstrike on a group of individuals in the camp. At least four Palestinians, including two children, were killed in the airstrike. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [OCHA Flash 95](#)

17 January 2024: In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, a male and a female PRCS paramedic were injured after an Israeli airstrike hit an ambulance. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [OCHA Flash 95](#)

17 January 2024: In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli forces surrounded the hospitals in Tulkarm city and obstructed the movement of medical crews. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [OCHA Flash 95](#)

17 January 2024: In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli forces blocked the road ahead of a PRCS ambulance responding to victims injured during a raid into the camp. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [OCHA Flash 95](#)

17 January 2024: In Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm governorate, Israeli forces prevented PRCS teams from retrieving the body of a Palestinian shot inside the camp. An additional Palestinian was shot with live ammunition and was later pronounced dead. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [OCHA Flash 95](#)

17 January 2024: In Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, Israeli forces prevented PRCS ambulances from accessing the camp, to retrieve the bodies of five Palestinians shot, and opened fire at them. According to the Israeli authorities, a vehicle that carried Palestinians accused of conducting attacks against Israelis was targeted. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 95](#)

17 January 2024: In Nablus governorate, Israeli forces prevented ambulances and firefighters from reaching three civilians who were injured when the car they were travelling in was hit by an Israeli airstrike. All three people burned to death and Israeli soldiers reportedly took away their bodies. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

22 January 2024: In Arabba village, Jenin governorate, Israeli forces prevented ambulances from reaching a boy who sustained injuries during an Israeli raid into the village. He later died. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

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 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester, 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 the UK government, USAID, the U.S. Government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document. **Insecurity Insight. 2024. 16-22 January 2024. Attacks on Health Care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Switzerland: Insecurity Insight.**

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.

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.

² 52 incidents were recorded by the WHO SSA without specifying the location and no additional source could be identified to determine the location of the reported incident.

³ We are aware of other sources reporting higher health worker killings. 139 is based on the number of health workers killed where location and date has been identified as we do not report aggregate numbers but compile our numbers based on individually reported cases. We continue to work on collating a complete list from information that has been provided in different formats such as names or professions of health workers who were killed. This cross-checking process is complex to avoid double counting the same individuals based on the fact that different victim information was provided by different information providers. The total number of health workers killed is believed to be higher than the current verified number.

