

DESTRUCTION OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM IN GAZA



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- **9 hospitals only partially functioning**
- 25 hospitals out of service, 2 functioning at minimum level
- 24% of primary care facilities functioning
- > 500,000 cases of acute respiratory infections
- > 290,000 cases of diarrhea
- 17 operational medical emergency teams
- 8 out of 24 UNRWA medical centers functioning

Source: OCHA OPT, Data updated as of 03.29.2024

311 healthcare workers arrested

484 healthcare workers* killed of which:

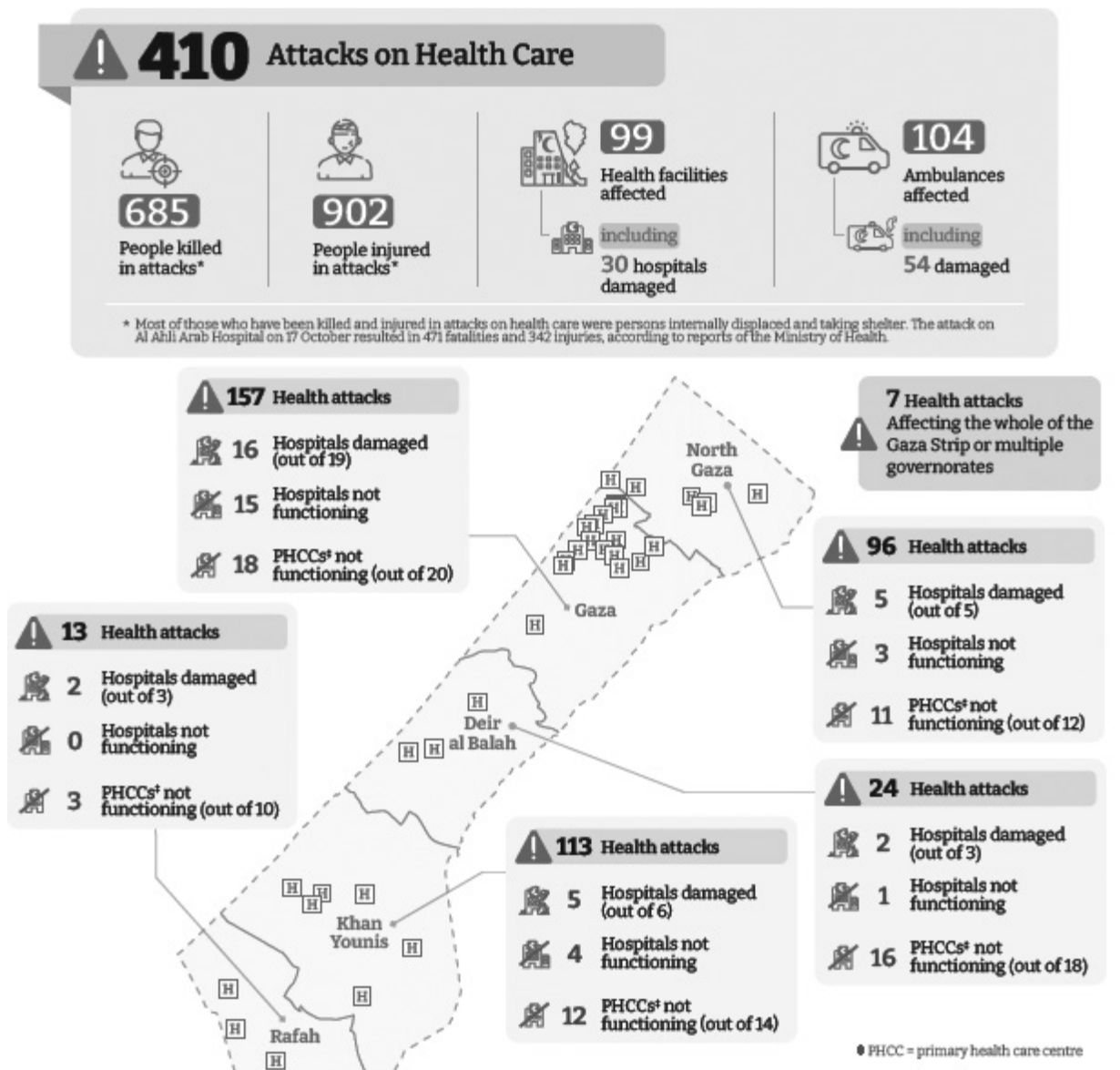
153 doctors*, dentists*, medical students

124 nurses* and midwives

181 paramedics*, pharmacists*, physiotherapists*, opticians* and administrative staff

Source: HEALTH WORKERS WATCH, Data updated as of 11.03.2024

On the Map: Impact of the attacks on the Healthcare System in the Gaza Strip, compiled by the World Health Organization Occupied Palestinian Territory - Updated March 12, 2024



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This document is updated to April the 2nd, 2024 for the majority of the data reported.

This resource reports investigations, scientific articles, images and testimonies on the war crimes committed by the Israeli army in the Gaza Strip against medical facilities, healthcare personnel and vehicles used to transport the wounded starting from 7 October. We have collected a fair amount of material, but unfortunately we are certain that we do not have complete information. Furthermore, the situation is constantly changing because the attacks continue while the level of healthcare worsens with the increase of trauma patients but also of patients afflicted by other diseases and malnutrition. **However, we report multiple documented events through which we can glimpse a repeated and coherent pattern through which the systematic destruction of the right to health and survival of the wounded and sick in the Gaza Strip is taking place.** This booklet is not exhaustive and will be a work that will be updated and developed over time.

Geneva Conventions

Article 18

Civil hospitals organized to provide care to the wounded, sick, infirm and mothers who have recently given birth cannot, under any circumstances, be subjected to attacks; [...]

Article 20

Personnel regularly and solely employed in the operation or administration of civilian hospitals, including the one responsible for the search, collection, transport and care of the wounded and sick civilians, the sick and mothers who have recently given birth, will be respected and protected. [...]

Article 21

The transport of wounded and sick civilians, of the sick and of new mothers, carried out on land by means of convoys of vehicles and hospital trains, or, by sea, by means of ships intended for such transports, will be respected and protected like hospitals. provided for in Article 18 [...]

March 28: Over 1000 attacks against the healthcare system in Palestine

March the 28th 2024 marks the sad milestone of over 1,000 attacks recorded on healthcare in the occupied Palestinian territories five months after the start of the Israeli assault on Gaza.

This equates to approximately five attacks a day.

Five months into the Israeli assault on Gaza, “Insecurity Insight” identified:

1014 attacks on healthcare

328 incidents where healthcare facilities were damaged

458 health workers killed

311 healthcare workers arrested

In the Gaza Strip, where 785 incidents were reported, most attacks involved airstrikes that damaged or destroyed hospitals and clinics and killed health workers.

Only 9 out of 36 hospitals are still operating at limited capacity, while ambulance teams continually face obstacles in reaching injured and dead civilians trapped under rubble due to indiscriminate shelling that has devastated civilian infrastructure.

In the West Bank, where 175 incidents were recorded, over a third occurred within refugee camps where security operations have increased since October the 7th. During these operations, Israeli forces surrounded hospitals near the camps and prevented ambulance crews from treating injured civilians, resulting in some patients bleeding to death.

Patients were detained by ambulances, and health workers were arrested and attacked at military checkpoints or while attempting to reach patients.

Sources:

<https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/disturbing-trend-over-1000-attacks-health-care-opt-07-october-2023>

Easter letter on Israeli crimes in Gaza and their implications

April the 1st, 2023

Dr. Paola Manduca, NWRG non-profit organization, for the Healthcare network for Gaza

March the 31st: Tonight the Israeli army totally destroyed the Shifa hospital, making it unrecognizable.

The hospital had already been occupied and searched for two weeks by the Israeli army.

The only evidence that it was an arms depot or commando headquarters is reported in Israeli newspapers: a dozen light weapons and pistols, 2 photos and an Islamic Jihad flag. If there had been other evidence, certainly the total destruction inflicted on the hospital structure removes the burden of independently proving Israel's assertion.

This also removes the burden imposed by a resolution of the International Court of Justice according to which Israel should preserve the material evidence collected. Without a doubt, photos or objects without context are not credible evidence.

Yesterday, March the 31st, we received a statement from the Minister of Health of Gaza, there should be no doubt on its content, given that normally what was communicated by this source has always been confirmed. The text comes to us through the National Arab Medical Association (NAAMA).

The statement is terrible but not unexpected, given that for 14 days the Shifa Hospital has been the scene of siege, armed assault and around 400 executions, i.e. killings of unarmed people, in addition to the imprisonment of around 800 people, mostly deported to Israel.

All of this happened inside the hospital.

The forced evacuation of the patients and refugees who were inside the structure took place by directing them on the road to escape by force of gunfire.

This has already been documented in various testimonies. What the minister of health communicates is that the patients remaining inside the facility - around 100, including the most serious cases who were being treated and the very few remaining family members, together with 60 staff units have been moved to the human resources building.

This building was home to offices only and consists of two floors without a lift, furnished with desks and chairs, with corresponding small toilets, no medical instruments and no medicines or instruments. There is still no news of colleagues and confined patients.

The text below tells the story of Easter and what was seen happening.

"It is the 14th day of the siege imposed on Al-Shifa medical complex. Based on the testimonies of the internal medical staff, the situation is as follows; 107 patients, most of whom were serious cases, who had been in intensive care, and 60 medical staff were incarcerated in an old hospital building which does not have the capacity to accommodate such a large number of patients nor the equipment. The situation reported by many staff members is horrible and inhumane; no ventilation, clean conditions, water or minimal medications were provided and this resulted in the wounds becoming septic and whiteflies coming out of them. Doctors said they ran out of gloves, so they started using plastic bags to change the wounds, which also ran out.

They also reported the lack of diapers for the elderly, in particular that 30 patients are bedridden and use diapers and have an intense need for medical and nursing care that the limited number of staff is unable to provide. Furthermore, patients' companions are executed, arrested or displaced to the south by the military, which adds an additional burden to the staff. Additionally, the military is starving patients and beleaguered staff, with no food or drinking water provided for days. However, the staff representative attempted several times to convey his needs to the military leadership; he was greeted by violations and mistreatment. Before any attempt at negotiation, the soldiers strip him and leave him half naked for at least 3 hours before meeting the officer concerned with the response "we will look into the matter and get back to you", but they never did. In light of these horrific conditions, our already exhausted medical staff have begun to show symptoms of fatigue and allergies and if a solution is not pursued as soon as possible, the place will turn into a graveyard of patients and staff, if it is not already like this. Dr. Yousef Abu Al-Reech, MOH, Gaza, March 31. 2024."

The statement comes in a context that is becoming increasingly tragic, given that today the **al Aqsa Hospital in Deir al Balah**, one of the 4 hospitals out of 36 still partially functioning in Gaza, **suffered a military attack in the external area which killed four people, injured 12 and was headed towards the tents where the press stops to work** using the hospital's internet connection and electricity.

Already 137 journalists have been killed in Gaza, and many injured. Numbers that exceed every conflict that has occurred in the last 20 years. Those who report war news continue to be targeted by the Israeli army. This attack is a disastrous reminder of the progressive attack and dismantling that was carried out on all the other 32 hospitals made unusable by the military strategy of the Israeli army. But it's not enough.

Today we also received from Gaza a lacerating description by some doctors who are part of an international volunteer medical team that arrived 6 days ago in support of the European Hospital.

The European Hospital is one of the hospitals still

functioning, albeit with a quadrupled patient load and the corresponding difficulties in supplies. The testimony comes from two American emergency surgeons, who have worked for a combined 57 years in many natural and man-made disasters.

They tell us about the hospital conditions they found in what is currently the best functioning garrison in all of Gaza. They describe how they are working in a sea of wounded and patients lying on the ground along walls and corridors, with refugees camped all around. They tell us about the absolute inadequacy of medical devices and instruments, and the numbers of staff, who are moreover exhausted from 6 months of working in emergency conditions and overwhelmed by the number of hospitalized patients; of wounds infected with maggots and of the fact that “many of these wounded are evidence of horrible violence deliberately directed at civilians and children: a 3-year-old boy hit in the head, a 12-year-old girl in the chest and abdomen by the best sharpshooters of the world”. They report the results of the use of high-yield bombs on civilians whose “impact caused building debris to penetrate deeply into tissue so that it is virtually impossible to clean, and in the absence of antibiotics, it becomes infectious and even lethal.” Comparing this to their experience during 9/11, or during the Boston Marathon attack or in Ukraine, they say they have never seen this level of damage.

They remind us that the USA has armed and continues to arm this massacre. **We remember that, except Canada, none of the countries complicit in the massacre as continuous supporters at a diplomatic and military level of the Israeli government and its military industries, have stopped the sale of weapons or commercial relations or support for the aggression on Gaza .**

We recall that only in England was a complaint raised for the government’s failure to request legal advice, which should have occurred following the decisions of the international criminal court to ascertain the legitimacy of supplying weapons or parts thereof and supporting Israel economically in light of the fact that he is plausibly carrying out genocide.

This opinion is due because the resolutions of the international criminal court are binding but it was not requested even in Italy. Meanwhile, the US, which declares great irritation because Israel is preventing humanitarian aid, has just freed up billions to send in supplies of heavy weapons, and it seems that all it wants is for people to die sated and helpless. It looks like the USA do not want to stop the attack on Rafah while building a platform to station aid at sea, yet another inefficient and much debated stopgap, as the Washington Post tells us. Meanwhile, Sissi, the Egyptian president, receives the promise of 10 billion from the International Monetary Fund as compensation for the expenses he will have to bear for Gaza, while he builds an open-air prison with walls all around juxtaposed on the border with Gaza. It

seems that this will be the possible “final expulsion solution” to allow Israel to exile civilians without return, and take the land, while it says it only wants to fight the resistance to the last man. Despite the use of the equivalent of almost 2 atomic bombs dropped on the Gaza Strip, Israel has not managed to eliminate even from the northern part of Gaza after 6 months of invasion which increasingly becomes a march of horrors ineffective militarily and of extreme perversion as far as we see from the telegram channels of the fighters of the most moral army in the world who boast of jewels and bras taken from the empty houses they blow up. This attitude, these rules of engagement, reflect much more than the banality of evil, and seem at the same time to be the result of and evidence of incitement to dehumanize Palestinian people.

What do we, simple citizens of a country which is involved and complicit, do to change all this?

The strength is in each of us and in the pressure we can put on our government to stop being complicit in a genocide that violates international law. In some countries people are starting to think about bringing government representatives to trial for failure to take action to prevent the Israeli genocide. The paradox is that international law and agreements within the framework of the United Nations are on one side and many of the Western countries and their allies who founded them on the other, in clear conflict. The problem of saving Palestine is not just a Palestinian problem. And we are short of time. It must be time to re-evaluate military and economic agreements in light of this country’s objective behavior and severed by all states. Israel benefits from deepening this split within these countries. A large part of the complicit nation’s populations are with the UN and international laws and are increasingly boycotting Israel. The task of states, what is required of them, is to sanction Israel, severing economic, military and research agreements. Not doing so makes them complicit in an ongoing genocide. And it would be necessary for those who invest in Israel to suspend these investments. At a time when diplomacy and persuasion have become a screen, pressure becomes the only peaceful and legal tool to obtain an end to this ongoing genocide which in Gaza could very soon widen and deepen with the increase in the frequency of deaths by hunger, dehydration and treatable diseases that are already growing exponentially, and there is certainly no time to waste any longer because **every hour now counts in human lives.** But not only in Gaza, this gap between states’ behavior and their own international and national institutions and laws, if not filled, creates the space for any possible devastation.

Source: - <https://contropiano.org/news/internazionale-news/2024/04/02/sui-crimini-israeliani-a-gaza-e-le-loro-implicazioni-0170949>

“The collapse of Gaza’s health system indicates the intent of genocide”

International paper by
doctors and researchers

Article by Pietro Barabino | FEBRUARY 13

2024 | Il Fatto Quotidiano (newspaper)

<https://www.ilfattoquotidiano.it/2024/02/13/il-collasso-del-sistema-sanitario-di-gaza-indica-l-intenzione-di-genocidio-il-paper-internazionale-di-medici-e-ricercatori/7444201/>

A large team of doctors and scientists join the voices being raised internationally to ask for a ceasefire and an end to the offensive of the Israeli military in the Gaza Strip. This team has produced a paper entitled “On the international duty to protect the population of Gaza, as the health system collapse indicates the intent of genocide.”

The detailed document was drawn up at the end of January by around twenty renowned international doctors and researchers and is currently under review at the Journal of Public Health and Emergency, an authoritative scientific journal specializing in the study of public health and health emergencies.

In this text the authors address the issue from a strict point of view concentrated on Gaza’s healthcare. **The paper uses the term “genocide” because they believe the deterioration of the health system in Gaza is not a “collateral effect”, but a deliberate act to inflict massive damage on the population.**

A systematic and intentional attack against a group of people, and in the specific context, through the **denial of the rights to health and survival.**

“Military attacks and bombing of hospitals, siege and occupation of health facilities, deprivation of fuel and medical supplies, food and water, killing of personnel and indiscriminate detentions.”

In the scientific article, the count of victims of attacks on the healthcare system as of January 22: 374 doctors and nurses killed and 99 healthcare workers arrested for not obeying evacuation orders.

We have interviewed Dr. Paola Manduca, the first signatory of the report which draws from the data reported by health organizations active on the bor-

ders of the Gaza Strip and from the testimonies of colleagues with whom the authors have collaborated over years of international cooperation.

“Compared to when we delivered the paper, the situation has worsened further – she explains – Today only one hospital operates in the Gaza Strip compared to the 36 originally active, in mid-January there were three structures still active. Added to this is the suspension of funds for the UN Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNWRA), the only organization capable of adequately dealing with the enormous humanitarian emergency underway”.

Among the authors Alice Rothchild, former doctor and professor at Harvard Medical School and activist of Jewish Voice for Peace (Jewish organization that promotes a fair and peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict), Alan Meyers, distinguished professor in pediatrics in Boston and Derek Summerfield of King’s College London.

Many Italian doctors were involved, including children’s heart surgeon Vincenzo Stefano Luisi, who for years has coordinated the Italian humanitarian missions in Gaza with the Palestine Children’s Relief fund and Gianni Tognoni of the Lelio Basso Foundation.

“Attacking public healthcare in all its aspects (structures, supplies, personnel) in such a violent, deliberate and pervasive way – is the thesis expressed in the document – is a crime which has the potential consequence of the death of an entire population”.

Among the elements highlighted in the peer-reviewed article, **“neonatal intensive care units and maternity wards in hospitals were among the first military targets of any attack on hospitals.**

Of the approximately 180 women who give birth every day very few are able to receive assistance and no neonatal intensive care unit is functioning”.

According to the testimonies collected, the healthcare staff continues to work “as best they can”, but the entrance of professional help from outside is severely limited. For this reason, as also reported by the doctors who brought the first refugee patients to Italy, many urgent operations take place without anesthesia and adequate equipment.

This is how hospitals become overcrowded asylum places for displaced people:

“The staff who decided not to accept the evacua-



Image: Paris, Demonstration 01/28/2024

tion manage to save lives - explains Manduca - but the objection to the evacuation exposes them to the risk of further attacks by the Israeli army.”

The scientific text describes further details of the health emergency:

“Many wounds, which have become incurable, risk infection, **making amputations a dramatic but necessary choice to preserve life**”. The lack of essential medical care is highlighted:

“Medicines were not provided to patients suffering from chronic diseases, leaving 1,200 dialysis patients, including 45 children, without treatment. All medicines and therapeutic equipment are filtered at the gates and do not reach hospitals.

The army’s direct attack on ambulances has reduced the availability of this vital service, while there is an exponential increase in contagious diseases, anemia, diabetes and hypertension, pathologies already widespread in Gaza and aggravated by the shortage of medicines”.

This collapse of the healthcare system is also confirmed by reports from the World Health Organization

Healthcare of 21 December and 15 January, in which it is underlined how the “health system is close to the collapse” is combined with the “severe malnutrition” generated by the conflict, creating an unprecedented humanitarian crisis.

“In these conditions – concludes Manduca – we take responsibility for using the term genocide because the lives of almost a quarter of the civilian population of Gaza are at risk”.

Destruction of medical infrastructure in Gaza

Forensic architecture

Since October 7th, 2023 Forensic Architecture has been collecting news on Israeli military attacks on medical infrastructure in Gaza. Their analysis suggests that Gaza’s hospitals are subjected to a systematic pattern of intimidation and violence by the Israeli army as part of the current invasion.

Model analysis

The results of this analysis suggest a repeated and consistent pattern of attacks on hospitals across the region, defined by intimidation, attacks on the surrounding areas, direct targeting, sieges and occupation. The impact of this systematic and widespread pattern of destruction of medical infrastructure and forced population transfer has put 28 hospitals in Gaza out of service, including all those located in the north of the Strip.

Forensic Architecture has cross-referenced and analyzed hundreds of reports from Al-Jazeera, Alaraby and Shehab News, describing attacks on or near hospitals and medical infrastructure in the northern Gaza Strip. **The results of this analysis suggest a repeated and consistent pattern of attacks on hospitals across the region, defined by direct and surrounding attacks, sieges and occupation.**

These have cumulatively forced hospitals to cease their services.




Gaza Strip Hospital Capacities as Oct. 17th 2023

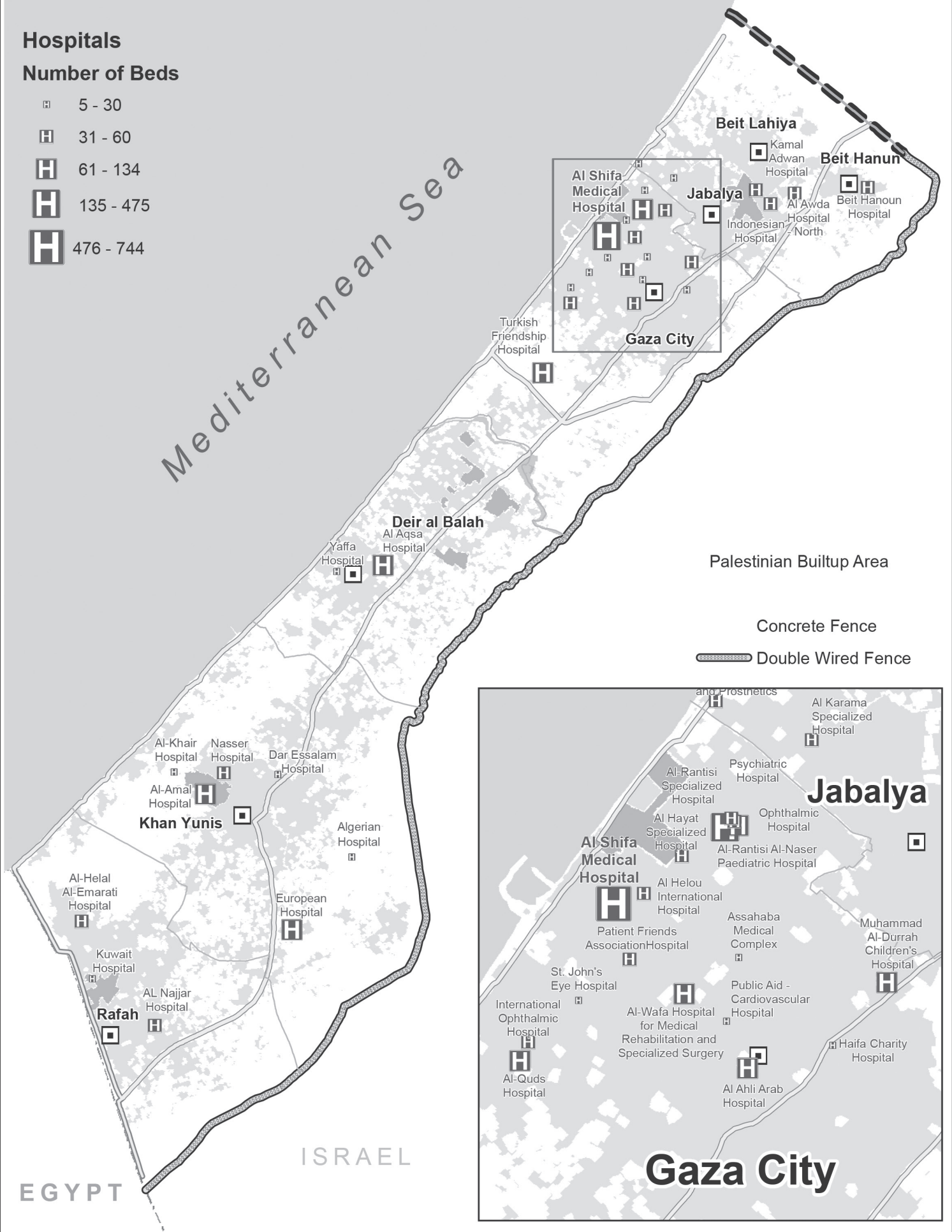
Ospedali nella Striscia di Gaza e la loro capienza

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Hospitals

Number of Beds

-  5 - 30
-  31 - 60
-  61 - 134
-  135 - 475
-  476 - 744



Attacks on the 36 hospitals in the Gaza Strip

This list of hospitals and respective attacks will follow a geographical order starting from the north of the Gaza Strip: from Beit Hanoun to Rafah.

Beit Hanun

1 Beit Hanun Hospital 10.09.2023

The Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza said Israel had repeatedly targeted the vicinity of the hospital, the only hospital in Beit Hanun, a city with a population of about 36,000 people. The attacks made it impossible for hospital staff to enter and exit the hospital and also damaged much of the facility, the statement said, forcing them to suspend services.

Sources:

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Beit Lahiya

2 Indonesian Hospital 11.24.2023

The Indonesian hospital in Gaza is in ruins after the Israeli raid and a siege that lasted days.

Nurses recall the horror of the Israeli raid and interrogations, saying troops beat and humiliated them because they refused to leave patients behind.

Medical equipment and supplies were strewn outside the Indonesian hospital on the edge of the Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip after Israeli troops stormed the facility on November the 24th, 2023. The Indonesian hospital, one of the largest he-



Beit Hanun Hospital, 02/08/2024

alth facilities in northern Gaza, was so badly damaged by Israeli attacks that it may never reopen. Israeli tanks and snipers had besieged the Beit Lahiya hospital for days, before targeting its main generator and raiding it in the early hours, shortly before the four-day truce between Israel and Hamas.

The ministry said that the hospital was experiencing “heavy shelling” by the Israeli army and that they feared for the lives of 200 wounded people and medical staff.

He added that intense Israeli fire killed a wounded woman and injured at least three other people. Now in ruins, the hospital is overwhelmed with large numbers of injured people due to acute shortages of medical supplies. “The corridors have become wards and surgeons operate on site,” said Al Jazeera’s Osama Bin Javid, who gained access to the facility. “Outside the hospital building, the stench of death forces people to cover their noses, while charred and decomposing bodies, including children, pile up in the corners.

There have been no burials for days because Israeli snipers targeted anyone who ventured to dig a grave,” he said. Another nurse recalled how Israeli forces targeted the fourth floor of the facility with a missile and cut electricity and solar power to the buildings. “We had 25 people with broken pelvises



Indonesian Hospital Entrance 25/11

who couldn't be moved. They blew up this entrance and shot the patients inside. They searched us one by one and scanned everyone's faces. I told them I am a nurse," the emergency room nurse told Al Jazeera.

“They took me to a corner and beat me, and asked me many questions about the hospital, the Israeli prisoners and hostages – if I know anything about them. Every question was accompanied by a slap. After they left, we could have left, but I promised that I would never leave my patients alone and that I would be the last to leave this hospital,” the nurse said.

Hundreds of displaced people had previously sought asylum in the hospital, also near the Jabalia refugee camp. With the facility out of service for weeks and extensive damage, it is unclear whether it will ever reopen.

Voices from Gaza: Bisan Owda

According to video testimonies from journalist Bisan Owda, during the siege and assault of the hospital the Israeli army tortured the medical staff and the wounded.

Relocation: November 20th

Hundreds of injured people were transported by bus to the Nasser hospitals and the European hospital (Khan Younis). Anyone who was on the vehicles was forced to get off despite the handicaps caused by their injuries,

They were searched and humiliated.

Some ambulance drivers and healthcare workers were placed under arrest.

The attack on the hospital:

24 November

An Indonesian hospital volunteer, Hidaya, testifies that healthcare staff were subjected to beatings. She also report that two seriously injured people were hanged by the army in front of a crowd of patients and displaced people. An ambulance driver says he was forced to undress by the army together with his colleagues.

Sources:

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Kamal Adwan Hospital

12.03.2023

The Israeli army struck near the Kamal Adwan hospital, killing at least four people.

12.11.2023

The hospital director said **Israel had killed two mothers and their newborns when Israel targeted the maternity ward. The UN confirmed the killings.**

12.12.2023

The Israeli army raided the Kamal Adwan hospital. The head of pediatrics stated that the Israeli army had ordered all men and boys over the age of sixteen to leave the hospital and to be searched.

70 medical staff were arrested and taken to an unknown location.

12.14.2023

Gaza's Health Ministry reported that 2,500 internally displaced people had been forcibly evacuated and that Israeli army soldiers had prevented medical staff from continuing to provide care to 12 children in intensive care and ten emergency room patients, causing **two deaths.**

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said patients had evacuated Kamal Adwan Hospital, resulting in the deaths of patients, including a nine-year-old boy.

12.16.2023

Israeli bulldozers crushed people taking refuge outside the hospital.

One journalist described “terrifying massacre and

Ospedale Kamal Adwan dopo l'irruzione dei bulldozer il 16.12.2023



unspeakable scenes” and said: “Dozens of displaced, sick and injured people were buried alive.”

A man stated that his 25-year-old son had been buried alive by Israeli army bulldozers in Kamal Adwan and in the same report the Israeli army was accused of necroviolence by running over corpses with a bulldozer. Staff reported that Israeli troops shot at doctors and used dogs to abuse handicapped patients.

12.18.2023

Gaza’s Ministry of Health general director, Munir al-Bursh, states he was shot at by Israeli forces while holding a press conference outside the hospital. Video of the press conference:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djk3mV8RHoE>

Detention and interrogation of Ahmed Kahlout

Dr. Ahmed al-Kahlout, Director of Kamal Adwan Hospital was kidnapped from his workplace on December the 12th by the Israeli army. Following an interrogation by the Israel Defense Forces, the Israeli army reported that the Dr. Kahlout confessed that the hospital was being used as a military operations center. The Gaza Ministry of Health said that “Kahlout’s confessions were extracted through the use of force, coercion, torture and intimidation.”

The Ministry stressed that the Israeli occupation seeks to justify its subsequent crimes, in particular its attack on the healthcare system, in the wake of its failure to prove its allegations about the presence of

alleged control centers under the buildings of the Al Shifa Medical Complex.

Reactions

Palestinian Health Minister Mai al-Kaila called for an investigation into Israeli actions against Kamal Adwan. The Council on American-Islamic Relations has called for an international United Nations investigation. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the WHO was shocked by the “effective destruction” of the hospital. The United Nations has called for an investigation.

Testimony of Doctor Iyad Zaqout Surgeon - Kamal Adwan Hospital

Torture date: approximately December 12th

I was subjected to a series of insults: from being forced to lie naked on the bare ground, to being chained together with others detained people.

I was forced to march without any clothes on. The Israeli occupation forces took humiliating photos of us after having insulted us in blasphemous ways. They threw water on us.

When we asked some soldiers to loosen our chains, they only tightened them.

We were detained for over 48 hours outside. We forgot how cold it was. The bitter cold took a backseat to the pain the chains inflicted on our hands. Some of us hoped to die.

It would appear that the Israeli military has reached this level of amusement and complacency over the wounds they inflict.

28.02.2024

Four children died of dehydration and malnutrition at Kamal Adwan hospital in northern Gaza, while seven others remained in critical condition.

In a video posted to Instagram and verified by Al Jazeera's Sanad verification unit, journalist Ebrahim Musalam shows a newborn baby on a bed inside the children's ward of Kamal Adwan Hospital, while the power goes in and out.

Musalam said children in the department suffer from malnutrition and lack of formula, and that necessary devices have stopped working due to constant power outages due to fuel shortages.

02.29.2024

FLOUR MASSACRE

The Kamal Adwan hospital "received today around 300 injured and 20 dead, most of them victims of the massacre perpetrated by the Israeli occupation while they were waiting for help," Mustafa Naeem, head of the emergency room of the hospital, told Anadolu. At least 112 Palestinians were killed and 760 others wounded when Israeli forces opened fire on a crowd awaiting humanitarian aid south of Gaza City on Thursday, the enclave's Health Ministry said.

03.03.2024

"15 children died due to malnutrition and dehydration in Kamal Adwan hospital," ministry spokesman Ashraf Al-Qudra said in a statement. "We fear for the lives of six children suffering from malnutrition and dehydration in the intensive care unit of Kamal Adwan Hospital, due to the cessation of electricity generator and oxygen machines," Qudra added.

03.04. 2024

In the maternity ward of Kamal Adwan hospital in northern Gaza, solar panels are the only thing keeping the incubators running, five months into a grueling war. "We hear of newborns dying because there is no electricity for incubators as well as babies dying when ventilators turn off. Patients die on the operating table simply because the life-saving machines are turned off," said Dr. Ahmed Al Khalout. According to Kahlut, in the rest of the coastal territory there are no longer functioning neonatal care departments, which increases the pressure on his hospital.

03.23.2024

A team from the World Health Organization WHO/WHO has managed to evacuate two six-year-old patients from the Kamal Adwan hospital in Gaza to receive treatment abroad. One child has cystic fibrosis, the other has leukemia. Two carers were also evacuated with them.



Picture: Kamal Adwan Hospital
March 22nd

03/27/2024

In northern Gaza, OCHA oPt office head Andrea De Deminico noted that the Kamal Adwan hospital receives around 15 malnourished children a day and is struggling to maintain services, with a generator severely damaged, amid shortage of water, food and sanitation. To save the children, he called for the need to allow the flow of humanitarian aid without any obstacles.

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Jabalya

4 Al-Awda Hospital

Interview with Doctor Ahmed Muhanna Director of the Hospital
Date: October 19th 2023

Source:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuaK2vQpDak>

"I received a call from the Israeli army: they asked me to evacuate the hospital in two hours. I refused and responded to their request that even 24 hours would not be enough to evacuate the hospital of staff and patients together with the equipment.

They insisted that I had to evacuate, they gave me 10am the next morning at the latest. To tell the truth, I'm scared for my patients and I worry about them. I evacuated six critical patients to other medical facilities, the less complex cases and pregnant women remained here. The next day we consulted with the medical staff and decided that we will not leave, we will remain in the hospital. For what reason? the reason is one: we have hundreds, thousands of injured and the capacity of the hospitals is very limited and therefore incompatible with these massive numbers.

*The army called five hospitals: if all of us abandoned them, people would die in the streets. This is not acceptable, it is not human. **We cannot accept this as human beings and as Doctors.**"*

The World Health Organization (WHO) has strongly condemned Israel's repeated orders to evacuate al-Awda hospital in northern Gaza, calling it a death sentence for the sick and injured.

11.10.2023

An Israeli attack was reported near Al-Awda hospital, with serious damage to an ambulance.

21.11.2023

Doctors Without Borders said two of its doctors had been killed in an attack on the hospital. It also states that: "other medical personnel, including ours, were also seriously injured. [...] Right now, more than 200 patients are still in Al Awda hospital without being able to receive the care they need."

12.01.2023

Doctors Without Borders said the hospital was damaged by a bombing.

12.13.2023

Hospital under siege: 240 people are trapped in al-Awda, surrounded by Israeli snipers, without clean water, surviving on one meal a day of bread or rice. Dr Adnan Radi, head of the obstetrics and gynecology department at Al-Awda Hospital, said six healthcare workers died in the final days of the siege, while pregnant women were killed while trying to access the hospital. "There were three doctors, a nurse and two workers [who] were killed inside the hospital by [snipers] in the last days of the siege. We have been under siege for more than 20 days. "Many pregnant women [have been] killed around the hospital, while [they were] trying to get to the hospital [while] they were in labor and they are killed, [shot] by [snipers] around the hospital."

12.14.2023

The Gaza Ministry of Health expressed fears that once the Israeli raid on the Kamal Adwan hospital was completed, al-Awda would be their next target.

12.17.2023

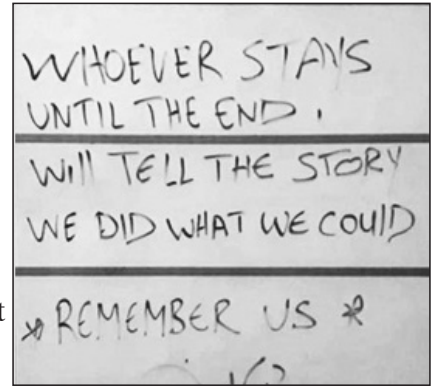
The Israeli army attacks the hospital.

Doctors Without Borders reported that Israeli troops

11.21.2023 Doctors Without Borders declaration

Two MSF doctors have been killed in Gaza. Our thoughts go out to their families and all colleagues mourning their death. We are horrified by the killing of Dr. Mahmoud Abu Nujaila and Dr. Ahmad Al Sahar of Doctors Without Borders and a third doctor, Dr. Ziad Al-Tatari, following an attack on Al Awda Hospital, one of the last functioning hospitals in the north of the Gaza Strip.

Dr. Abu Nujaila and Dr. Al Sahar were in the facility when it was hit on the third and fourth floors. It is extremely tragic to see doctors killed next to hospital beds and this must stop now.



01.11..2024 icj intervention

Speech by Blinne Ní Ghrálaigh, Irish lawyer from the South African legal team at the ICJ.

“Madam President, gentlemen of the Court, in conclusion I share with you two photographs. The first concerns a blackboard in a hospital – in northern Gaza – one of many Palestinian hospitals targeted, besieged and bombed by Israel over the past three brutal months. The blackboard is wiped clean of surgical cases that are no longer possible, leaving only a handwritten message from a Doctors Without Borders medic that reads: “We did what we could. Remember us.”

The second photograph is of the same board, after an Israeli attack on the hospital on November 21 that killed the message’s author, Dr. Mahmoud Abu Nujaila, along with two of his colleagues.

seized Al Awda and stripped, restrained and interrogated all men and boys over the age of sixteen. During the siege, staff members were arrested by the Israeli army before being released, but the hospital director, Dr. Ahmed Muhanna, who was arrested and taken away, is still detained and his whereabouts are unknown.

12.19.2023

Reports emerged that Israeli forces had turned the hospital into their own “military barracks”. After the siege ended, doctors in Al-Awda resumed treating patients despite severe shortages of medical supplies, fuel, food and water.

01.29.2024

At least five people were injured after Israeli forces struck in an airstrike that destroying the entire fourth floor. Some sections of the hospital are out of service and several ambulances have been damaged.

Campaign for the liberation of Dr. Ahmed Muhanna Director of Al Awda Hospital in Jabalia

Kidnapped from his workplace on December 17th, Dr Muhanna was arrested by Israeli occupation forces following a raid on Al-Awda Hospital. While other staff members were detained by Israeli soldiers, they were released after several hours of interrogation, Dr. Muhanna was not released and his current status remains unknown. **The director**

of Al-Awda hospital in Jabalya had become an unofficial spokesperson for health workers in Palestine since Israel began its latest series of attacks on October 7th. Since then Dr. Muhanna had liaised with regional and international authorities and organizations sharing situation reports to illustrate the dire state of hospitals in the Gaza Strip.

Along with other staff members, Dr Muhanna was also one of the healthcare workers who refused to leave the hospital after received evacuation orders from the Israeli occupation in the early stages of the war. [...] The Al Awda Association and People’s Health Movement (PHM) call on healthcare workers and activists around the world to denounce Dr. Muhanna’s arrest and to pressure their governments to push the Israeli authorities to release him.

The organizations are also calling on healthcare workers to organize actions in support of Dr Muhanna and his companions in the Gaza Strip, making their struggle visible in the workplace.

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Gaza City

5 Al Karama Hospital 10.17.2023

Israel intentionally carries out attacks near and around Palestinian hospitals to cause them indirect harm, the Gaza Health Ministry stated.

The attacks also aim to hinder or delay the arrival of the wounded at hospitals. Al-Karama Hospital was out of service, the Health Ministry said.

According to the ministry, medical equipment at Al-Karama hospital ceased to function after Israeli air strikes on nearby buildings caused indirect damage to the hospital.

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6 Qatari Hospital 10.16.2023

The Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Hospital in Gaza has sustained heavy damage as Israel continues to target the besieged enclave with more than 6,000 bombs.

The hospital said on its Twitter account that “damage was caused to Hamad Hospital due to continued Israeli shelling in its surroundings” and posted photos of the damaged surroundings. “The attack had a negative impact on the hospital’s services, forcing it to stop providing its services to save the lives of patients and medical staff on duty,” they added. “This attack is not the first,” the note reads. **“The hospital building was damaged in 2021 following Israeli bombing at the time.”**

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7 Al-Durrah Children’s Hospital 10.13.2023

“On the eighth day of the ongoing Israeli aggression, 15 medical centers were damaged due to Israeli shelling, and Beit Hanoun Hospital and Al-Durrah Children’s Hospital stopped providing services,” Al-Kaila said. “28 health workers were martyred, dozens were injured and 23 ambulances were damaged and rendered unusable.”

The minister also said that Al-Durrah Children’s Hospital was evacuated on Friday after being targeted with internationally banned white phosphorus bombs.”

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8 Psychiatric Hospital 11.06.2023

Israeli airstrikes have caused extensive damage to two hospitals in Gaza city, the government press office said on Monday (November 6).

“On Sunday the bombing targeted the only psychiatric hospital in the territory and an eye hospital in Gaza city,” he told Anadolu’s Salama Marouf, spokesperson of the office. Photographic evidence shows severe damage to the hospital, with three substantial holes in the exterior walls.

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9 Public Aid Hospital

11.03.2023

The Palestinian Authority's Health Ministry said in a report Friday that 16 of 35 hospitals in besieged Gaza have closed due to Israeli shelling or fuel shortages. Among them is the Public Utility Cardiovascular Hospital

Sources:

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10 Al Rantisi Child's Hospital

5-6 november

The army attacked Al Rantisi Children's Hospital where Gaza's only pediatric cancer department was located causing substantial damage to the third floor and parts of the second floor, as well as damage to an ambulance parked nearby.

Image: Dr Suleiman Qaoud observes the damage to the Ranti hospital, 11.06.2023

The small Rantisi Specialized Children's Hospital and the nearby Al-Nasr Hospital in northern Gaza City were evacuated on Friday, November 10th, except for a handful of patients and staff.

There were hundreds of displaced civilians camped in the two hospitals. Dr. Bakr Gaoud, Rantisi's leader, told the New York Times that Israeli forces had arrived late last week and provided maps indicating a safe exit.

"We dragged our patients out of their beds," he said, adding that patients in the worst conditions were sent to Al-Shifa, which was already overwhelmed and had stopped functioning.

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11 Al Nasr Child's Hospital

11.10.2023

Al-Nasr Children's Hospital, in western Gaza City,



has been rendered inoperative due to Israeli attacks. “One attack targeted the hospital gate and the other was directed against the hospital departments,” the director said in a statement, adding that “the hospital suffered serious damage and patients were left without oxygen, causing the death of a child.”

Al-Kalhalut stressed that power supply to life-sustaining equipment in the intensive care unit, which housed several children, was also interrupted. As a result, the hospital was unable to offer any services beyond the intensive care unit, where eight patients were currently being treated. “No one managed to reach the hospital and even ambulances on the road were targeted,” the Palestinian doctor said.

11.11.2023

Israeli tanks had surrounded the hospital compound and the Israel Defense Forces were calling and texting doctors, urging them to leave. **But ambulances could not safely reach al-Nasr to transport the wounded, and doctors refused to leave the facility without their patients.**

Then the Israeli army issued an ultimatum, al-Nasr director Bakr Qaoud told the Washington Post: **Get out or you will be bombed.**

An Israeli official, meanwhile, assured that ambulances would be organized to recover the patients.

An Israeli officer told them to leave the main entrance at 11.20am and explained in detail which routes they would have to take to leave Gaza City.

And twice he told the hospital official to make sure civilians wore something white to show they were not combatants.

In a video verified by the BBC, people waving white flags were seen apparently coming under gunfire as they attempted to leave Al-Nasr on Friday.

Israel’s assault forced a nurse to leave children behind.

They were found decomposing.

Medical staff evacuated premature babies from Gaza’s al-Shifa hospital during the November evacuation. Staff were unable to evacuate four children from the nearby al-Nasr Children’s Hospital. The nurse at the besieged hospital was caring for five fragile children. Babies born prematurely, whose parents’ whereabouts are unknown after a month of war. The five premature babies were particularly



vulnerable. They needed oxygen and medications administered at regular intervals.

There were no portable respirators or incubators to transport them. Without life support, the nurse feared, they would not survive the evacuation. Then the Israeli army issued an ultimatum. The nurse, a Palestinian working with Doctors Without Borders based in Paris, had no choice. He chose the strongest baby: the baby he thought might suffer a temporary cut in his oxygen supply. He left the other four on their ventilators, reluctantly, and with his wife, their children and their only newborn, he headed south.

“I felt like I was leaving my children behind,” said the nurse, who spoke on condition of anonymity to protect his privacy. “If we had the ability to get them, we would have, [but] if we had taken away their oxygen they would have died.”

Two weeks later, the lull in hostilities allowed a Gaza journalist to venture into the hospital. In the neonatal intensive care unit, Mohammed Balousha made the terrible discovery.

The decomposing bodies of the four children. Eaten by worms. Blackened by mold. Mauled, Balousha reports, by stray dogs.

“A terrible, horrible scene,” he told the Post. He made a video.

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12 Al-Ahli Arab Hospital

October 14, 2023

According to the Anglican Communion News Service, at 7.30pm on 14 October 2023, the hospital's Cancer Treatment Diagnostic Center was damaged by Israeli rockets, injuring four hospital staff members and severely damaging two of the higher floors, with the mammography and ultrasound departments most affected. The Israeli army did not respond to questions from the BBC about this attack.

10.17.2023

Three days later, on the evening of October 17th, an explosion occurred in the courtyard that housed thousands of people displaced by the war. According to preliminary data from the Gaza Ministry of Health, this explosion caused the death of 200-500 Palestinians and injured over 600 people. The victims of the explosion at Al-Ahli hospital were buried in the courtyard of Al-Shifa. A week later, the UN estimated that 45,000 displaced people were taking refuge in Al-Shifa, including those who had fled Al-Ahli.

"We were performing surgery at the Baptist hospital when a loud explosion occurred and the ceiling of the operating room fell. This is a massacre," said Ghassan Abu Sitta, a doctor associated with Doctors Without Borders.

According to Dr ABu Sitta, the rocket launched inside the courtyard of the Al Ahli Baptist Hospital was a test to evaluate the international community's

response to the attack on the healthcare sector.

10.19.2023

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) condemns the attack on al-Ahli hospital in the Gaza Strip on 17 October 2023. "Civilians and hospitals must be protected at all times," said Said Benarbia, director of the ICJ MENA program.

10.24.2024

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani says the explosion was not caused by a missile launched by Israel and that around 50 people were killed, not the nearly 500 reported by Palestinian officials.

02.14.2024

The journalist Bisan Owda @wizard_bisan1 communicates on Instagram that while the population in the north of Gaza was trying to restore some hospital services, the Israeli army bombed the structure again.

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Image: Hospital courtyard Al Ahli after attack, Al Jazeera



13 Al-Shifa Hospital

The Al-Shifa hospital, the largest in Gaza, was subjected by the Israeli army to a systematic process of destruction and depopulation.

The attack on Al-Shifa hospital began with intimidation, as the hospital received notice to evacuate and its surroundings were heavily targeted. Forensic architecture has located many of the numerous attacks reported in the vicinity of the hospital, each of which has contributed to a prevailing sense of fear and anguish among the patients and displaced civilians inside.

11.03.2023

On November 3, an Israeli missile hits an ambulance at the main entrance of Shifa hospital, killing 15 people.

The Israeli air attack occurred against a convoy of ambulances departing from al-Shifa hospital carrying 15-20 seriously injured patients.

The convoy was headed to the recently reopened Rafah crossing with Egypt when it was attacked. The convoy was attacked in several places, including outside the hospital gate and in Ansar square. Following the attack, graphic footage emerged on social media of a dozen people lying prone in pools of blood, as people rushed to help.

[@saleh_aljafarawi](https://www.instagram.com/reel/CzMAE-lqXcG/?igsh=NnV0M2czYjMzd2t5)

There was also a dead horse tied to a cart at the scene, as well as a blood-stained Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance. Palestinian health authorities had announced the departure of the ambulance convoy in advance. Al-Qudra said: “We informed the Red Cross and Red Crescent, we informed the



Image: Ambulance hit on November 3rd, Al Shifa

whole world, that those victims were lined up in those ambulances. It was a medical convoy.” [...] The Palestinian Red Crescent confirmed that one of its ambulances was hit, although its staff remained unharmed.

However, a spokesperson noted that the area hit by the attack was “extremely crowded” with civilians at the time. The hospital director said the names of those injured in the ambulance convoy were on a list of authorized evacuees, and Egypt’s health ministry said only 17 of the expected 28 injured evacuees entered Egypt on November 3rd, 2023 as a result of the air attack.

Bisan Owda, a Palestinian filmmaker, was in the immediate vicinity when the attack occurred. She told the BBC of the harrowing scene of people losing limbs and struggling to carry the injured, while others desperately searched for their loved ones amid the chaos. Furthermore, in addition to the patients seeking medical care in Al-Shifa, numerous people had sought refuge from Israeli airstrikes in that vicinity.

The Israeli army subsequently imposed a siege on the remaining doctors, patients and displaced people. Communications were cut and no ambulance could reach the hospital. It was reported that people who attempted to leave were shot at.

11.10.2023

An Israeli munition hits the crowded courtyard shortly after 1 am local time.

This is the first in a series of attacks that killed seven persons, according to Shifa director Dr. Mohammed Abu Salmiya.

Thousands of displaced people were forced to evacuate. On the road outside Gaza City, Palestinian photographer Belal Khaled met a woman who “underwent surgery yesterday and was evacuated from Al-Shifa hospital today after the occupation forces threatened to bomb it.”

11.12.2023

As fuel shortages at the besieged hospital forced power outages, hospital staff had to remove premature babies from incubators and try to keep them warm by swaddling them in blankets and placing them next to each other.

“Yesterday I treated 39 children and today they have become 36,” the head of Al-Shifa’s pediatric department told Reuters the following day.

Doctors and civilians are forced to dig a mass grave in the courtyard.

11.14.2023

Satellite images obtained by The New York Times show tanks within 200 meters of Al-Shifa.

Civilians carrying white flags are attacked as they try to leave Al-Shifa, Mostafa Sarsour reports.

The hospital was invaded and occupied by the Israeli army on November 15 at 3 am.

Testimonies speak of cruel treatment and interrogations of the people inside.

11.18.2023

The remaining doctors and civilians were forced to abandon the hospital. Israeli soldiers took control of Al-Shifa and remained there until a temporary ceasefire on 24 November.

11.20.2023

After being evacuated from Al-Shifa Hospital, 31 premature babies arrived at Al-Helal Al-Emirati Maternity Hospital in Rafah for treatment. Gaza Health Ministry officials said there were initially 39 children, but eight died in Al-Shifa due to a lack of electricity and medicine.

Dr. Muhammad Abu Salmiya Director of Al Shifa Hospital in Gaza. Kidnapped at work on the 23rd November.

“The world must condemn the acts against health workers taking place in Gaza. This correspondence is a call to every human being, all medical communities, and all healthcare workers in the world to stop these anti-hospital activities in and around hospitals, which is a civil obligation under International Law, the UN and the ‘WHO’.”

This appeal was written by the director of Al-Shifa Hospital, Muhammad Abu Salmiya, who was arrested along with other medical personnel from the Israeli army in November 2023 during the evacuation with a World Health Organization (WHO) convoy and who currently remain under arrest.

Some detainees who were detained with Dr. Abu Salmiya report testimonies of torture to which the director was subjected to extract information, force him to make false confessions and break his spirit.

“Of Abu Salmiya, Azzam said the Israeli army broke both of his hands and forced him to walk on all fours. They put a chain around his neck and dragged him in front of people, and when they wanted to feed

him, they brought him a bowl and told him to eat like a dog.”

These testimonies are reported by Dr Bilal Azzam, a member of the Jordanian medical union who recently visited Gaza.

12.16.2023

After the resumption of the military campaign, new waves of displaced people began to take refuge again inside the Al-Shifa hospital.

According to the WHO director general, “Gaza’s largest hospital is currently able to provide limited trauma stabilization and some dialysis support.”

The UN reports that “at least 31 people were killed in Al Shifa hospital”, in new Israeli attacks that hit the entrance gate, the clinic building and an area where internally displaced people were taking refuge.

01.06.2024

The Gaza Ministry of Health announced its success in restoring and reactivating several operating rooms at the hospital.

01.31.2024

The largest hospital in the Gaza Strip has been gradually transformed into a camp for displaced people and is home to around 50,000 people.

Medical teams on site have managed to get the emergency room up and running, but it is largely occupied by hospitalized patients.

The healthcare staff manages to welcome, sort the injured and stabilize them, but then remains somewhat blocked, because there is a serious shortage of beds in hospitals. Doctors have a resuscitation space where people in critical and life-threatening conditions can be treated.

The hospital team, made up of many volunteers, including two from MSF, managed to set up three operating rooms for urgent surgery.

02.04.2024

Nurse @princekouta reports in a video on Instagram that the hospital is surrounded by the Israeli army. A path at the back of the hospital is accessible but dangerous as there are snipers stationed there who shoot at those entering and leaving the hospital. Shifa hospital was thus isolated again.

Furthermore, medical resources or food are no longer arriving in Northern Gaza.



**Image: Dr. Muhammad Abu Salmiya
Director of Al Shifa Hospital**

02.29.2024 - Flour massacre

Jadallah Al Shafei, director of nursing in Al Shifa hospital where some of the injured were brought for care, told Al Jazeera that “most of the dead and injured have gunshot and shrapnel wounds in the head and upper body.”

03.18.2024

At two in the morning the Israeli army begins bombing the hospital. At the start of the raid, Wadea Abu Alsoud, a Palestinian journalist at the scene, said the hospital was heavily hit by gunfire. Al Jazeera journalists claimed that Israeli opened fire on the hospital. Flames broke out in one of the buildings. Inside the hospital there were 200 members of healthcare staff and approximately 280 patients. There were also 30,000 refugees located mainly within the maternity ward, nephrology department, on the third and fourth floors of the specialized surgery pavilion and on the third floor of pavilion 8.

The Israeli army dropped leaflets ordering the evacuation of the hospital. After besieging the hospital, the army destroyed the electricity generators, then video cameras were installed. Video of the Israeli raid showed Israeli forces operating an armored bulldozer in the vicinity of the hospital, razing the hospital courtyard. The army moved into all the buildings ordering those present to leave the structure. The evacuation began with the refugees, then with the patients who were able to walk, then with the medical staff. The Israeli army has transformed the clinic building into its headquarters and interrogation center.

After being selected, patients from the entire hospital were gathered in the emergency department. Many of them are unable to walk and have wounds in their lower limbs. Some health workers were sent to the ward without being questioned, others were interrogated, tortured, stripped and left freezing for long hours in the cold. The head of the Al-Shifa clinic said the doctors' faces were scanned by the Israeli army.

Multiple arrests and beatings of those present were reported. Among them also journalists. Ismail al-Ghoul, an Al-Jazeera journalist in Al-Shifa during the raid, claimed that the journalists were stripped naked, forced to lie on their stomachs, blindfolded and interrogated for twelve hours. Witnesses said the journalists were beaten before being taken to an unknown location. Journalists Ismail Al-Ghoul and Mahmouda Aliwa, correspondents for Al Jazeera, were arrested while witnessing the attack. The news team suffered beatings and equipment was destroyed.

Dr. Waseem Mahani was shot by a sniper following his release, resulting in a fractured humerus and a brachial artery wound.

During the raid, Israeli forces killed the humanitarian aid coordinator who had succeeded in the first truck delivery in northern Gaza in the previous two days. The Israeli army claims to have arrested 160 people.

03.20.2024

The Israeli army sets fire to the surgical department. It also refuses to cooperate in transferring the wounded from the besieged facility.

The Israeli army surrounds the facility, preventing people from evacuating. The Israeli army said it had killed 90 gunmen. The Gaza Media Office stated that all of those killed by Israel were injured and displaced patients, and that thirteen patients had died due to lack of medicine, oxygen and food. The bodies of those killed while trying to escape from the hospital remained in the street.

A hospital evacuee said: “The soldiers shot at the building where we were. They asked us to take off our clothes and go down to the hospital courtyard.”

Survivors of the raid said they were stripped naked, detained for hours and shot despite carrying white flags. The footage of four-year-old Saja Junaid has gone viral and shows the severely burned girl who had not eaten for three days, forced to flee from Al Shifa hospital to Deir el-Balah.

03.21.2024

The patients and doctors gathered in the emergency

department were forced to evacuate to the Prince Nayef Pavilion which is not equipped to accommodate patients or at least not such a large number. The 140 patients, confined in narrow places without water, food and medicine, report purulent wounds from which worms emerge. 3 patients died. All the other buildings were emptied and the army began shelling them with artillery starting from the specialist surgery building. The healthcare personnel who had not yet undergone interrogation were subjected to a brutal inquisition. All but one doctor and one medical student were then brought back. The medical student was interrogated, beaten and then ordered to leave the hospital. At the hospital gate they shot him in the hand and grazed his head so he re-entered the hospital. A total of sixteen doctors did not return from the interrogations from the beginning of the siege.

Journalist Hani Mahmoud said: “The Israeli army is now ordering everyone inside the hospital, including medical staff and patients, to evacuate immediately. Otherwise, the entire structure will be blown up.” Only 60 out of 200 healthcare workers remain working.

Israel said it had made 600 arrests.

The Israeli army continues to strike the hospital facility: the oxygen depot has been destroyed. The army continues to raid and bomb the buildings around the hospital, killing the inhabitants or forcing them to flee towards the South.

03.22.2024

Healthcare workers and patients have not eaten for 4 days. The Israeli army ordered the surrender and evacuation of all the people remaining in the besieged hospital. Anyone who walks away risks being hit by snipers and drones. Verified footage showed

Israeli bulldozers “wreaking havoc” on the hospital compound. Gaza’s Health Ministry said Israel had bombed several hospital buildings and burned its vascular department. An elderly patient told Agence France-Presse that he saw Israeli soldiers “beating all the young people and arresting them.” Execution of Dr. Mohammed Zaher Al-Nono in front of his patients. The doctor, director of the pharmaceutical department, refused to evacuate and abandon the wounded without treatment. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, head of the World Health Organization, said the situation in Al-Shifa was “absolutely inhumane” with nearly 200 staff and patients kept in a building with limited access to food and water and seriously injured patients lying on the floor.

The Committee to Protect Journalists said it was “gravely concerned” about the journalists arrested by Israel and said the IDF “must be fully transparent with journalists who have been detained and refrain from any attempts to block the work of journalists at al-Shifa hospital and all of Gaza.”

03.23.2024

Israel said it killed over 170 gunmen within the hospital grounds. Gaza’s Health Ministry said five injured patients were trapped in the hospital and had gone six days without water, food or medicine.

03.24.2024

The Israeli army ordered everyone in the vicinity, via loudspeakers, to immediately leave their residential area, otherwise their house would be bombed. The army also said it had arrested more than 800 people in total.

Among those arrested were at least 6 healthcare wor-





The bodies of medical doctor Yusra Maqadmeh and her son, Ahmed, also a medical doctor, a plastic surgeon, were just found after being executed by the Israeli Army in the Al Shifa Medical Complex following pullout of the Israeli troops from the hospital this morning after a two week seige.

kers: from the Intensive Care team Dr. Nihad Abed, Dr. Mu'nis Muhaisen, nurse Rohi Labban, nurse Kamal Kishko; of the orthopedic team Dr. Murad Al-Quqa, nurse Yosef Abo Nada.

The Gaza government press office said five medical staff were killed by Israeli soldiers.

The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor said it had gathered testimony that men were being used as human shields by the Israeli army.

03.26.2024

For more than a week, the Israeli army has been conducting systematic and terrifying military operations in and around the Al-Shifa medical complex.

These crimes include extrajudicial killings and deliberate killings of Palestinian civilians.

The Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor team received testimonies about the killings and executions of 13 Palestinian children aged between four and 16. The area around the Al-Shifa medical complex has become a hotspot for field executions and murders, with victims' bodies discovered in the streets.

The Israeli army launched a massive military operation on March 18th targeting the Al-Shifa medical complex, turning it into a military barracks and turning the surrounding area into a military zone, amid relentless aerial and artillery bombardment and fire.

03.29.2024

Mohammad Abu Sukheil, host of Sawt Al-Quds radio, was killed by the Israeli army at Al-Shifa

hospital.

31.03.2024

Message from Dr. Yousef Abu-Al Rish, Ministry of Health, on the siege of Al-Shifa.

"It is the 14th day of the siege imposed on the Al-Shifa medical complex. Based on the testimonies of the internal medical staff, the situation is as follows; 107 patients, most of whom were serious cases, who had been in intensive care, and 60 medical staff were incarcerated in an old hospital building which does not have the capacity to accommodate such a large number of patients nor the equipment. The situation reported by many staff members is horrible and inhumane; no ventilation, clean conditions, water or minimal medications were provided and this resulted in the wounds becoming septic and whiteflies coming out of them. Doctors said they ran out of gloves, so they started using plastic bags to change the wounds, which also ran out.

They also reported the lack of diapers for the elderly, in particular that 30 patients are bedridden and use diapers and have an intense need for medical and nursing care that the limited number of staff is unable to provide. Furthermore, patients' companions are executed, arrested or displaced to the south by the military, which adds an additional burden to the staff. Additionally, the military is starving patients and beleaguered staff, with no food or drinking water provided for days. However, the staff representative attempted several times to convey his

needs to the military leadership; he was greeted by violations and mistreatment. Before any attempt at negotiation, the soldiers strip him and leave him half naked for at least 3 hours before meeting the officer concerned with the response “we will look into the matter and get back to you”, but they never did. In light of these horrific conditions, our already exhausted medical staff have begun to show symptoms of fatigue and allergies and if a solution is not pursued as soon as possible, the place will turn into a graveyard of patients and staff, if it is not already like this.”

04.01.2024

The Israeli army has ended its two-week siege of Al-Shifa hospital, leaving Gaza’s largest medical complex in rubble.

The structure of the largest hospital in the Gaza Strip, which constituted 30% of the health system’s capacity, is therefore currently unrecoverable.

The World Health Organization says at least 21 patients have died since the siege began.

Gaza authorities said the Israeli army killed more than 400 Palestinians, including health workers and children, and destroyed more than 1,000 homes near the hospital.

According to what Palestinian newspapers write, dozens of corpses were found in the rubble.

Among them also many doctors. The bodies of the doctor Yusra Maqadmeh and her son Ahmed, a plastic surgeon, were in fact found after they were killed by the Israeli army in the Al Shifa medical complex following the withdrawal of the Israeli troops. The body of Baha’a Al-Kilani, head of the maintenance department, was also found and buried. “Some of the bodies were crushed after being hit by military tanks and bulldozers,” Palestinian medical sources told The New Arab. Civil Defense in the Gaza Strip reported that around 300 bodies had been found, including people with their hands and feet tied, Mohammed Bassal, spokesman for the Palestinian Civil Defense, told TNA.

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Martyrs of Al Shifa Hospital

Dr Hammam Alloh

The words of Dr. Hammam Alloh in his interview with Democracy Now on October 31 in one of his last interviews before he was killed in an Israeli air strike. Alloh was a nephrologist at Al-Shifa Hospital

“If I go, who will treat my patients?”

“**We are not animals, we have the right to receive adequate healthcare.** We can’t just leave. Do you think I went through medical school and my post-graduate degrees for a total of 14 years, so I only think about my life and not my patients? Do you think that’s why I went to medical school, to just think about my life? That’s not why I became a doctor.”



Dr. Ahmad Hassan

Dr. Ahmad Hassan was a surgeon specialized in orthopedic surgery, who returned to Gaza a few weeks before the start of the conflict, after an absence of about 8 years, he voluntarily offered to serve in Al-Shifa hospital.

He was killed by an airstrike directed at his home on November 14, 2023.



Dr Midhat Saidam

Dr Midhat Saidam, 47years old, a plastic surgeon specializing in the treatment of burns, worked in Al-Shifa Hospital, in Gaza City, and was called the “relentless surgeon” by his colleagues due to his dedication to his work. It was October 15th when, after more than a week spent working inside the hospital, Dr Saidam decided to return home for the night, to take a break. That same evening an air strike aimed at his house killed him and his entire family.

The following day, Dr Saidam’s body was welcomed by medical staff in the forecourt of Al-Shifa Hospital to honor him, before returning to assist present and arriving patients.

Dr Hani Al-Haitham Dr Samira Al-Ghefari

On the 17th of December 2023 Dr Hani Al Haitham and his wife Dr Samira Ghefari were killed during a targeted airstrike by the Israeli army.

Dr Hani Al Haitham was a neurosurgeon and in 2009 he took part in the team that carried out a brain tumor removal operation for the first time in Gaza, an event that changed the perspective of those patients who were not allowed to leave Gaza. In 2019 he became head of the emergency room, shortly before the start of the Covid epidemic.

From the beginning of the conflict he worked tirelessly in Al-Shifa Hospital, sleeping for eight weeks in his ward and refusing to abandon his job.

Dr. Samira Al Ghefari was an established doctor, specialized in women’s care and primary care.

On December 17, Hani Al Haitham managed to escape arrest outside the hospital but shortly afterwards his home was hit by an air strike killing him, his wife and five children Shireen, Tia, Sameer, Wafa, and Sara.



14 Al-Quds Hospital

eli-snipers-kill-21-civilians-outside-gazas-besieged-nasser-hospital
-https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2x4EWUZD8g

11.03.2023

At least 21 people were injured in the morning at Al-Quds hospital in Gaza City when an Israeli airstrike struck near the building, the Palestinian Red Crescent said.

At least “21 injuries and many contusions occurred when the internal glass of Gaza’s Al-Quds hospital shattered and part of the false ceiling collapsed,” the Palestinian NGO said.

11.11.2023

The Palestinian Red Crescent reported that Israeli tanks approached the hospital and began shooting at it. They reported that around 14,000 displaced people were sheltering inside at the time of the fighting. Early in the morning, an Israeli attack struck near the hospital, damaging it.

11.12.2023

Tommaso Della Longa, spokesman for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, said al-Quds hospital has been cut off from the world for the past six to seven days.

“No way in, no way out.” The hospital is now closed to new patients, with staff saying Israeli shelling and lack of fuel and medicine mean those already being treated could die.

02.09.2024

The al-Quds hospital suffered significant damage due to Israeli tank fire.

“The Israeli army deliberately targeted the company’s headquarters and vehicles to put them out of service,” Red Crescent spokesman Raed al-Nims said.

02.20.2023

The Palestinian Red Crescent reports on Twitter that the Israeli army is calling for the evacuation of Al-Quds hospital, a shelter for over 400 patients and approximately 12,000 displaced civilians.

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15 Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital

10.30.2023

The Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital for cancer patients in Gaza was severely damaged by Israeli airstrikes, the Palestinian Authority announced on Monday.

Ministry of Health of the enclave.

“A state of panic afflicts cancer patients and medical personnel due to the heavy Israeli shelling of the only Turkish Friendship Hospital for cancer patients in the Gaza Strip and the severe damage inflicted on it due to the Israeli occupation which has repeatedly targeted its patients nearby,”

Dr Subhi Skaik, director general of the hospital, said on Facebook.

“The occupation has not only increased the suffering and pain of cancer patients and deprived them of medicines and travel for treatment abroad, but has now endangered their lives by targeting the hospital surroundings” .

11.08.2023

Gaza: Palestinian cancer patients die due to hospital closures and lack of medical care.

The Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital was forced to close due to frequent Israeli attacks, as well as lack of fuel and medical supplies, factors that ultimately pushed the hospital administration to evacuate all patients and send them in reception centers or to return them to their homes.

Mohamed Ziyad, 48, explained that his condition was worsening due to the hospital’s power outage, repeated Israeli air raids and the subsequent closure of the facility. The lung cancer patient said he was taken from the hospital to his home after it closed, and has not had access to any medical care since.

Despite the grave risk to their lives, Gazans being treated for cancer and serious chronic illnesses are no longer given priority in health scenarios. This is due to concern over the effects of Israel’s intense air, ground and artillery attacks on the Strip, which have resulted in record numbers of casualties, Euro-Med Monitor said. **The human rights organization warned that thousands of patients – more than 2,000**

cancer patients, more than 1,000 patients requiring dialysis to survive, 50,000 cardiovascular patients and more than 60,000 diabetics – urgently need access to health services.

Sources:

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16 Assahaba Hospital

12.09.2023

There have been dozens of casualties when the Israeli army bombed the vicinity of the Assahaba medical complex in central Gaza.

12.21.2023

In addition to the Ahli Arab hospital, there are only three other minimally functional health facilities in northern Gaza: al-Shifa, al-Awda and the Assahaba Medical Complex, which shelter thousands of displaced people.

Sources:

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17 Patients Friends Association Hospital

12.23.2023

WHO and partners on a joint mission also visited the Hospital of the Friends of Patients Association, managed by an NGO, which provides maternity, trauma and emergency care services. The hospital performs 6-8 operations a day but lacks vascular specialization surgeons, neurosurgeons and intensive care personnel, as well as antibiotics, painkillers and external fixators.

02.13.2024

Photographic evidence shows a destroyed building: this is what remains of the Friends of Patients Association hospital in northern Gaza.

Patients and healthcare workers were evacuated in search of safety at the beginning of February.

Sources:

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18 Haifa Charitable Hospital

11.03.2023

The Palestinian Authority's Health Ministry said in a report Friday that 16 of 35 hospitals in besieged Gaza have closed due to Israeli shelling or fuel shortages.

Among them is the Haifa Charity Hospital.

Sources:

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Image: Patients Friends Association Hospital 02.13.2024



19 Al-Hayat Specialist Hospital

11.03.2023

The Palestinian Authority's Health Ministry said in a report Friday that 16 of 35 hospitals in besieged Gaza have closed due to Israeli shelling or fuel shortages. Among them is the Al Hayat Specialist Hospital.

Sources:

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20 Al Helou Hospital

11.01.2023

Bombing of Al Helou private international hospital. No casualties have been reported.

11.05.2023

Gaza's Al Shifa hospital moves its maternity ward to the private al-Helou hospital: Gaza's largest hospital forced to find more space for pregnancy care due to Israeli attacks. Lack of fuel and a large numbers of injured Palestinians arriving at al-Shifa Hospital led to the transfer of the maternity ward to the private al-Helou International Hospital.

"The hospital is fully equipped for all services, including neonatal, internal medicine and surgery," said Mohammed al-Helou, a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology.

He explained that what pregnant women experience in this war is "deeply terrifying."

"People are afraid to even go to hospital to receive services because of the bombing everywhere and the fact that there are no safe spaces in the Gaza Strip," he said.

According to the United Nations Population Fund in Palestine, there are 50,000 pregnant women in the Gaza Strip who cannot obtain basic health services. According to the UN, at least 5,500 will give birth in October.

"A large number of women have had premature births and many miscarriages due to fear and panic following continued Israeli bombing of Gaza," said Abdelhakim Shehateh, medical director of al-Shifa hospital and consultant obstetrician.

The lack of medical supplies and fuel to operate has sent hospitals in the Gaza Strip into a state of collapse.

Shehateh said al-Shifa hospital had no choice but to accommodate some of the Palestinians wounded in Israeli attacks in its maternity ward because the hospital had run out of space. As a result, the Palestinian Ministry of Health decided to transfer the department to al-Helou hospital.

"*We perform cesarean sections but we are selective due to lack of resources,*" Shehateh said.

"We need everything from a syringe to a hospital bed." The private hospital was founded in 2017 and includes specialized outpatient clinics, an internal medicine clinic, a maternity ward and a urology department.

11.14.2023

Israeli tanks have surrounded more than 100 patients and medical staff at Al Helou International Hospital in Gaza City, an Al Jazeera correspondent reports.

01.02.2024

The UN relief coordination agency OCHA noted that Gaza health authorities have managed to resume some hospital services in northern Gaza.

These included Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Friends of Patients Charity Hospital, Al Helou International Hospital, Al Awda Hospital and a number of other primary care centres.

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21 Saint John Eye Hospital

10.18.2023

In total, at least 22 hospitals have received Israeli threats since October 7. The Saint John Eye Hospital is also included in the list of hospitals ordered to evacuate by the military.

Sources: <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israel-palestine-war-gaza-hospitals-threatened-bomb>

22 Al Wafa Hospital

10.14.2023

The Israeli army ordered Al-Wafa medical center to evacuate the facility.

11.04.2023

According to an Anadolu correspondent, Israeli soldiers bombed the power generator and solar panels of Al-Wafa hospital in central Gaza City early Saturday morning.

11.17.2023

According to the official Palestinian news agency “Wafa”, an attack targeted the Al-Wafa hospital for the elderly in the Al-Zahraa neighborhood, **killing the director Midhad Mhaisen**. Several doctors were also injured in the attack, sources said.

2014

During Israel’s military operation “Protective Edge”, Al Wafa Hospital was completely razed to the ground following three different attacks.

The Israeli air strikes on the hospital were targeted and precise.

The official and repeated requests for explanation from the administration of the health facility never received responses from the Israeli authorities.

In 2016, after two years, the hospital was entrusted with a new headquarters by the Palestinian Ministry of Health, in the al-Zahara area, on the outskirts of Gaza City.

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23 International Eye Hospital

10th and 11th October 2023

The International Eye Center was hit repeatedly and

completely destroyed after an attack.

An image shows the destroyed ground floor of the building. The building was probably hit again, reducing it to rubble. A large crater is visible in satellite images showing the aftermath of what appears to be an Israeli airstrike.

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24 Ophthalmology Clinic

10.09.2023

The International Eye Center was partially destroyed while the adjacent ophthalmology clinic was completely demolished.

Mohammed Felyona, owner of the destroyed clinic, said: “Those who were at the hospital called me and said the center had been destroyed, so I came and found the scene as it is now”.

Sources:

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Image: International Eye Hospital
10.08.2023

Deir Al-Balah

26 Shuhada Al-Aqsa Hospital

12.07.2023

Dozens of Palestinians were injured when the Israeli army shelled the vicinity of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Hospital in the city of Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip, Anadolu news agency reported.

01.06.2024

Doctors at the Shuhada al-Aqsa hospital report that Israeli fire is approaching the hospital.

Tens of thousands of people are said to be taking refuge in the hospital.

British doctor Nick Maynard said his medical team was forced to evacuate the hospital as Israeli troops attacked the facility. Medical Aid for the Palestinians and the International Rescue Committee also evacuated their medical teams when the Israeli army dropped leaflets informing nearby residents that they were in a "dangerous combat zone."

70% of the staff and many patients fled.

Doctors reported that many patients were physically unable to move and that their conditions were rapidly worsening.

Health workers and doctors have warned of the danger of the closure of Al-Aqsa as it was the last remaining hospital in the entire central area of Gaza.

01.08.2024

Hundreds of patients and staff are said to be missing from the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Hospital in central Gaza: most of the medical staff, as well as around 600 patients, have been forced to leave the compound for unknown locations, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations (UN) reported on Monday.

WHO official Sean Casey said new patients were arriving at the hospital every few minutes, adding that due to evacuation orders and the dangerous situation, only five doctors were left to oversee hundreds of emergency cases and casualties.

"This hospital is currently operating with approximately 30% of the staff it had just a few days ago.

They see, in some cases, hundreds of victims every day in a small emergency room."

In a familiar pattern, one of Gaza's main hospitals

in the central area is increasingly being attacked by Israel's army, forcing thousands of people to flee the facility. Doctors Without Borders and other humanitarian groups have withdrawn from the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Hospital in Deir al-Balah in recent days, saying it is too dangerous. **This has spread panic among people taking refuge there, prompting many to join the hundreds of thousands of people who have fled to the south of the besieged territory.**

Omar al-Darawi, an employee of Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Hospital, said the facility had been hit several times in recent days.

He said thousands of people have left after aid groups withdrew and that patients have been concentrated on one floor of the building so that remaining doctors can care for them more easily. "We have a large number of wounded who cannot move," he said. ***"They need special care that is not available."*** More dead and wounded arrive every day as Israeli forces advance into central Gaza following heavy airstrikes. The Health Ministry said Monday that 73 bodies and 99 injured people had been taken to the hospital only in the last 24 hours.

01.13.2024

The hospital ran out of fuel to power its generators, causing a blackout that threatened the lives of patients.

02.19.2024

The wounded and dead from repeated attacks in Khan Younis are being moved to Al-Aqsa hospital in Deir al-Balah as the Nasser and Al Amal hospitals in Khan Younis are under siege and occupation by the Israeli army.

03.31.2024

An Israeli air strike hit tents outside of the hospital. At least four people have been killed and 17 others injured in an airstrike, WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

Khaled al-Dakran, a hospital spokesman, said several journalists were among those injured in the attack.

The Government Press Office in Gaza said the airstrike hit a tent where displaced people were taking refuge and where journalists worked.

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- <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/3/31/israel-attacks-gazas-al-aqsa-hospital-striking-civilians-and-journalists>

27 Yaffa Hospital

12.08.2023

Between December the 7th and the 8th, Israel destroyed the Yaffa mosque in the center of Deir al-Balah, razing the building to the ground and severely damaging the nearby Yaffa hospital.

The images taken by local journalists show the rubble of the mosque and the destroyed walls of the hospital.

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Khan Younis

28 Al-Nasser Hospital

12.17.2023

Maternity ward attack: Several people were injured,



Image: Dina Iyad Abu Mohsen

including children, after the hospital was targeted. The Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Al Mezan, and Al-Haq condemn the Israeli bombing of the Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis, which led to the killing of Dina Iyad Abu Mohsen, a 12-year-old who survived an earlier attack that killed her parents and two of her brothers, resulting in the amputation of her leg. Dina had also expressed aspirations of becoming a doctor to help treat other children.

01.15.2024

Bombings and shootings in the surroundings of the hospital.

Leo Cans of Doctors Without Borders reports that an air strike 150 meters from the entrance to the facility injured more than 80 people and killed 8 people, including two children aged 4 and 5.

01.17.2024

After various evacuation orders, the Israeli army bombs are ever closer to the hospital.

Journalist Yousef Alhelou on Instagram @alhelou.y , journalist Bisan Owda

Image: Yaffa Hospital 12.08.2023



@bisan_owdal and Doctor Ahmed Moghrabi @dr.ahmed.moghrabi document in videos crowds of people fleeing while tanks approach 40/50 meters from the hospital, bombing and shooting in the surrounding area. The ambulances are blocked. About 90 percent of the people present fled the hospital including healthcare workers.

01.20.2024

Doctor Mohammed Harara @mohammedharar2 who works at the Nasser hospital after being forced to evacuate from the Al Shifa hospital reports that the situation is similar to the one he experienced at the Shifa and that the siege is getting closer as tanks and snipers surround the facility.

01.22.2024

Journalists and displaced people are forced to create mass graves in the hospital courtyard as happened at Al Shifa hospital given that the army surrounds the hospital and those who leave or enter are targeted.

01.24.2024

Journalist Yousef Alhelou on Instagram @alhelou.y publishes videos in which the Israeli army is seen shooting at the hospital. Doctors Without Borders staff inside the hospital report that there are 850 patients and thousands of displaced people inside the hospital. The health workers declare that they will not abandon the hospital. The hospital is full of wounded due to attacks in the surrounding areas.

02.09.2024

A nurse is shot in the chest by a sniper while he is standing at the window of the surgical department.

02.10.2024

Doctor Ahmed Moghrabi @dr.ahmed.moghrabi reports that snipers are targeting anyone who moves outside the buildings and into the courtyard. A tank occupies the main entrance. The gate was then blocked with sand.

02.11.2024

A man is killed in the hospital courtyard. Another is shot but manages to take refuge in the building. Gaza's Health Ministry said at least 10 people were killed inside the compound this week.

02.12.2024

Journalist @mohammad_salama.2 takes to Instagram to record the heroic rescue of an injured man in the hospital courtyard by healthcare personnel.

02.13.2024

Dr Khaled Alserr reports that if the hospital is not evacuated the army will bomb it. The tanks destroy the northern gate and send a hostage with his hands tied to order the evacuation. When people begin to evacuate, the army shoots, wounding three young people. The hostage was also found killed nearby. In the hospital remain 5 doctors, a handful of nurses and 350 patients. A woman is forced to evacuate after 30 minutes she gave birth.

02.15.2024

The army shoots in the staff dormitory. During the night, at 2 in the morning, the orthopedic department was attacked with a rocket, causing one patient to die and eight to be injured. The army fires on the building and cuts off electricity. At 3 in the morning they forced people to evacuate. At 8.45 in the morning the army declares that it

The war crimes that occurred at Nasser Hospital are widely documented thanks to the commitment of journalists and doctors. In the mural Doctor Mohammed Harara





Doctor Amira Al Assouli

will enter the hospital through the main entrance. Tanks and bulldozers invade the hospital. The nurse @mohammed.laqaan declares that once the building was invaded, the army handcuffed and stripped the staff, forcing them for 13 hours without water, food or being able to use the bathroom.

On this occasion, a hundred people were kidnapped by the army, including at least ten doctors:

Dr Haytham Ahmed, Dr Mohammad Abu Musa, Dr Bayan Shurab, Dr Ayad Shaqoura, Dr Mahmoud Shehadeh, Dr Ahmed Al Samiri, Dr Nahed Abu Taima , Dr Alaa Barbakh.

Dr. Ahmed Abu Sabha, one of the few who has since been released, testified to the BBC about his torture. He reports that muzzled dogs were set on him and that his hand was broken by an Israeli soldier.

The Ministry of Health says the obstetrics department was attacked and two ambulances were destroyed. In the forced exodus from the Nasser hospital in Rafah the displaced people document the state of devastation of the city of Khan Younis.

During the march towards Rafah some people were attacked by drones and Dr Israa Abu Rogaa was hit and seriously injured as documented on Instagram by journalist Yousef Alhelou @alhelou.y

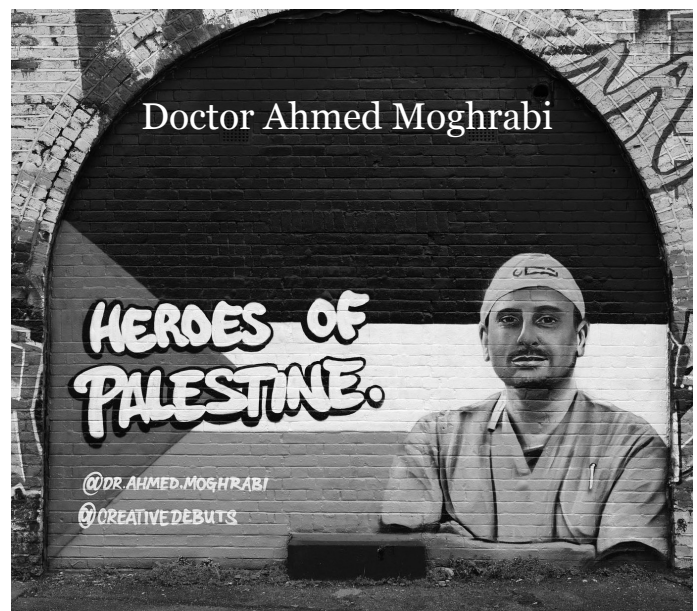
02.18.2024

Six intensive care patients die due to the blockage of electricity and oxygen supplies.

02.19.2024

After two days of negotiations with the military, the WHO said in a statement that its staff conducted two high-risk missions on Sunday and Monday to move 23 critical patients, including two children, and to deliver supplies of medicines and food.

Four Palestinian Red Crescent ambulances tran-



sported patients to the European Hospital in Khan Younis, al-Aqsa Hospital in the central city of Deir al-Balah and three field hospitals in the southern city of Rafah. “Among the patients transferred during the missions there were three suffering from paralysis - two of them with tracheostomies - and several others with external fixators for serious orthopedic injuries. Two of the paralyzed patients required continuous manual ventilation throughout the journey, due to the lack of portable ventilators.”

02.20.2023

The Palestinian Red Crescent claims to have transferred 21 patients from Nasser hospital, including several children, collaborating with WHO and OCHA.

02.23.2023

The Palestinian Red Crescent says it has transferred 18 patients from Nasser Hospital including two newborns who lost their mothers.

03.17.2024

As documented by surgeon Khaled Al Serr, the staff was able to repair the electric generator and restore light to the structure. Since the beginning of March, staff and volunteers have been busy cleaning and tidying up the hospital trying to repair serious damage caused by the Israeli army.

03.24.2024

Israeli military vehicles suddenly entered the Nasser Medical Complex, coinciding with a series of Israeli raids in various areas of the city including Al Amal Hospital, causing deaths and injuries, according to eyewitnesses. Thousands of displaced people have taken refuge in the Nasser Medical Complex fleeing Israeli military operations.

04.01.2024

In a statement, the health ministry called on all international and humanitarian institutions to make efforts to reactivate the hospital and provide protection to health institutions.

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29 Al Amal Hospital

01.04.2024

The Palestinian Red Crescent (PRCS) expresses deep concern for the safety of teams working at Al-Amal Hospital and PRCS headquarters in Khan Yunis, as well as the approximately 14,000 internally displaced people seeking safe refuge there.

Over the past two weeks, the vicinity of Al-Amal hospital, run by the Palestinian Red Crescent, has been subjected to intense bombing. Over the past three days, Israeli occupation forces have targeted several floors of the PRCS compound.

The latest attack occurred this morning.

Seven victims among internally displaced people, in-

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cluding a 5-day-old baby, and 11 people were injured during the three days of shelling.

Furthermore, dozens of residential buildings and gatherings of citizens at the entrance to the hospital and in its immediate vicinity were targeted, resulting in the killing and wounding of dozens, including those displaced in the Al Amal complex.

Furthermore, the bombing resulted in the destruction of the VHF communications transmitting station, which is the only means of communication remaining in the Khan Yunis PRCS headquarters.

The damage to the communications system represents a serious obstacle to the response of ambulance crews.

01.21.2024

The invasion advances in the city of Khan Yunis.

The tanks approach with shelling and shooting in the surroundings of the hospital.

The area is increasingly dangerous. Transporting the wounded from the surrounding area is increasingly risky. The Palestinian Red Crescent builds hospital tents far from the most at-risk areas.

01.26.2024

The army attacks the hospital gates with tanks.

01.28.2024

A young 28-year-old displaced person dies after being shot while he was at the entrance to the emergency room.

01.30.2024

During the night the army stormed the hospital and forced its evacuation, burning the tents of the displaced. At least ten people were injured.

02.02.2024

Security personnel were killed while standing at the back door of the hospital. The hospital is hit intensely and smoke bombs are thrown.

02.04.2024

Two displaced people are injured near the hospital. After 14 days of siege, there is a shortage of food, diapers, fuel, oxygen and medicine.

02.06.2024

Palestinian Red Crescent volunteers Tamer Mohammed Shanin and Hamdan Samer Abu Khattar are arrested while passing through the humanitarian corridor at the hospital. The army also kidnapped the Director General of Al Qudra Hospital Dr Haider

and the Administrative Director Maher Allah. 8,000 displaced people are forced to abandon hospital according to Al Jazeera.

02.09.2024

The army raids the hospital, arresting 8 staff members. On this occasion Israeli soldiers collected almost all the mobile phones. Among those arrested was Alaa al Sousi, director of the emergency medical service.

02.16.2024

The occupation tanks target the second floor of the hospital causing very serious damage in two treatment rooms. Occupation tanks have been stationed outside the hospital gates for two weeks, preventing the entry of aid or logistical supplies.

The army frees only two doctors kidnapped the previous week, Dr Jamal Ayad and Nafith Al Qarm.

02.18.2024

27th day of siege: the army bombs the fourth floor of the hospital causing extensive damage.

It also destroyed the control room and fired on the fuel cylinders. Looking out the window has become a forbidden dream for the staff. Snipers attack everything they can inside the facility.

02.20.2024

The Al-Amal hospital was subjected to a new bombardment by the Israeli occupation artillery, which caused significant damage to the hospital facilities, as well as wounding 3 patients' companions.

02.25.2024

Since the siege began on January 21, the hospital has been attacked 40 times, killing 25 people.

WHO/WHO transfers 24 patients from the facility where 31 patients remain.

The convoy was blocked by the Israeli army who forced the patients out of the ambulances and the staff to undress. Three paramedics were arrested.

03.03.2024

After 40 days of siege the tanks finally move away from the hospital. Staff can leave the hospital in the open air.

03.24.2024

Israeli military vehicles approach the structure and open fire, coinciding with a series of Israeli raids in various areas of the city including the Nasser Hospital. The Palestinian Red Crescent reports that

one displaced person has died after being shot in the head, that smoke bombs are being thrown inside the hospital and that Israeli drones are ordering those present to leave the hospital naked.

Tanks and bulldozers are destroying the surrounding areas and closing the hospital gates with sand barriers. All displaced people and capable patients are forced to evacuate.

Some of the medical staff remained with 9 patients, ten companions and a displaced family with disabled children. There were three injured.

Colleague Amir Abu Aysha, a 23-year-old member of the emergency team, was killed.

03.26.2024

The Palestinian Red Crescent says it is forced to close Al Amal Hospital due to the lack of protection provided by the international community to medical staff and facilities.

03.28.2024

The Palestinian Red Crescent states that seven colleagues arrested at Al Amal hospital have been released after 47 days of captivity.

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30 European Hospital

The European Hospital, the second largest facility in the South after the Nasser Hospital that can provide surgeries, is often the destination of international volunteering.

11.18.2023

A house near the European Hospital in Khan Younis was targeted by the occupation forces, resulting in a significant number of casualties. The attack resulted in an increase in injuries, with victims quickly transported to the nearby medical center for immediate

treatment.

01.28.2024

The hospital is unreachable by the population and medical staff as the surrounding areas are subject to an evacuation order.

02.11.2024

Patients at Gaza's overwhelmed hospital often "die or are condemned to die."

Emergency medical staff who have volunteered to work at the European Hospital near Khan Younis tell FRANCE 24 of the terrible conditions at one of Gaza's last functioning medical facilities, where overwhelmed staff are grappling with a serious shortage of medicine and must make painful choices about which seriously injured patients to treat.

Doctor Raphaël Pitti and nurse Imane Maarifi returned to France on February 6 after volunteering for 16 days at the overcrowded European Hospital in southern Gaza, where thousands of displaced people joined the wounded and sick, seeking shelter and safety. According to doctors, around 25,000 people are currently crowded around the hospital near Khan Younis and around 6,000 are crammed inside the facility. More arrive every day, hoping to find shelter or treatment.

"People miss everything," said Maarifi, 37, whose last patient, a newborn, died of hypothermia in her arms. "There are volunteers who do the work of orderlies, nurses who do the work of doctors and doctors who replace surgeons," said Maarifi, complaining of a serious shortage of medicines and equipment.

"We can no longer do dialysis or chemotherapy. Patients who need treatment are dying or destined to die," Maarifi said.

She then cited the case of a 24-year-old pregnant patient with diabetes who developed complications due to insulin deficiency, she lost the baby and died the next day.

"We are heading towards a collapse of public health in Gaza," said Lucile Marbeau, spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), which works in collaboration with the Egyptian Red Crescent (which is in charge of coordinating international aid in Gaza).

"The war wounded are amputated every day, the chronically ill can no longer receive treatment and the living conditions fuel the fear of a resurgence of diseases such as polio, cholera and chickenpox, which we will not be able to cure."

02.18.2024

On Instagram, Doctor Mohamed S. Ziara @dr.mohamed.palestine reports that many patients are dying due to malnutrition.

03.25.2024

Volunteer surgeons visiting the European Hospital in Gaza reported treating patients with "large, infected open wounds."

In other cases, they say doctors have had to administer emergency nutritional supplies because food shortages jeopardized patient care.

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31 Algerian Specialized Hospital

02.19.2024

Israeli vehicles entered the vicinity of the Algerian specialized hospital in Abasan, east of Khan Yunis.

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32 Dar Essalam Hospital

03.11.2023

As Subhi Sukeyk, director of the Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Oncology Hospital, reports, “Some patients have been transferred to the Dar Essalam hospital in Khan Yunis, which they say is safe, but there is no safe place in Gaza at all.”

Dar Essalam Hospital cannot offer medicines or cancer treatments, but provides patients with basic clinical care, he said.

“Specialized treatments for cancer patients, such as chemotherapy and treatment combining several medicines, cannot be provided,” Sukeyk told Al Jazeera. **“During the transfer of patients to Dar es Salaam hospital, four patients died on the same day of their evacuation,”** said Dr. Subhi Sukeyk. The hospital in Dar es Salaam currently accommodates 12 cancer patients and their conditions are extremely difficult,” explained Dr Sukeyk.

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33 Al-Khair Hospital

01.22.2024

Israeli forces, advancing deep into western Khan Yunis during Gaza’s bloodiest fighting so far in January, stormed a hospital and placed another under siege on Monday, isolating the wounded from trauma care.

The troops first advanced into al-Mawasi district near the Mediterranean coast, west of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza’s main city. There they stormed Al-Khair hospital and arrested medical staff, Gaza Health Ministry spokesman Ashraf al Qidra told Reuters.

The tanks approached Al-Amal and Al-Khair hospitals, part of an Israeli offensive that began last week to take control of Khan Yunis.

Speaking in Geneva, Christian Lindmeier, spokesperson for the World Health Organization (WHO), confirmed that the Al-Khair hospital is “one of two hospitals currently being raided”.

25.01.2024

Statement by Thomas White, Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territories, based in Gaza:

“Al Khair Hospital was closed after patients, including women who had just undergone caesarean section surgery, were evacuated in the middle of the night.”

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Rafah

34 Kuwait Hospital

10.15.2023

In this period, the Kuwait hospital is the only hospital in southern Gaza to receive the order to evacuate patients and staff and abandon the hospital.

11.06.2023

Kuwait's specialized hospital in the Gaza Strip continues to operate despite the Israeli army's brutal bombing and threats to obliterate the facility. Medical staff continue to receive hundreds of patients and dozens of injured people every day. With the increase in the number of displaced people from the north, there are currently around one million people in the area.

The hospital's emergency room received 500 cases suffering from respiratory and skin diseases, fever and stomach problems. Major surgeries have been suspended and all efforts have now been directed to the emergency room and other departments.

12.11.2023

Given the widespread scale of the attack, Al-Kuwait Hospital is filled up and several beds have been set up outside the hospital in tents so that doctors and nurses can treat the wounded and other patients. The Rafah crossing is closed and no medical and pharmaceutical aid is being sent. The president of Al-Kuwait Hospital, Sohaib Muhammad al-Hums, denounced the lack of medical care in the hospital

and said that the killing of medical staff as well as Palestinian residents by the Israeli regime continues.

12.20.2023

Journalist Bisan Owda on Instagram @wizard_bisan1 records heavy shelling near the hospital. The bombings were also covered live by an Aljazeera correspondent.

12.28.2023

The Kuwait hospital in Rafah, southern Gaza, was overwhelmed with casualties after an Israeli airstrike on a nearby building that reportedly housed displaced civilians. According to the Gaza Health Ministry, at least 20 people were killed and dozens injured.

02.09.2024

An airstrike hits near Kuwait Hospital, killing at least five people.

02.13.2024

Aljazeera reports heavy bombing near the hospital

02.14.2024

Dr. Suhaib Al-Hamss, director of Kuwait's Rafah hospital, criticized the Arab world during a telephone interview broadcast on Qatar TV. Al-Hams said the aid arriving in Gaza is "ridiculous".

He said: "You have abandoned us. We expected the whole world to rise up in support of Gaza, its buildings, mosques, universities and hospitals. But the world... I swear, you massacred us, while you organized football matches... You watch us being massacred and organize parties..."



Image: Kuwait Hospital
10.22.2023

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Al Hilal Maternity Hospital

Al Hilal Emirates Hospital is the largest obstetric healthcare facility in southern Gaza.

11.16.2023

Time is running out for premature babies at the Emirates Red Crescent Al Hilal Hospital in Rafah, southern Gaza, as supplies of fuel needed to operate the hospital's incubators are running low.

02.03.2024

Amid the ongoing crisis in Gaza, Al-Hilal Hospital in Rafah is grappling with unprecedented challenges, particularly in its neonatal unit. Dr. Ziyaeddin Ramadan, a dedicated neonatologist, shares the collective struggles faced by newborns and healthcare workers during the conflict. Originally from the Jabalia camp and having previously worked at Indonesian Hospital and Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, Dr. Ramadan provides insights into the critical situation at Al-Hilal Emirates Hospital.

The facility, which serves a displaced population, is the sole provider of essential health services, including women's health, maternity and newborn care. The neonatal unit, designed for one baby, now accommodates two or three due to enormous demand, posing risks to the well-being of newborns. Dr Ramadan highlights the urgent need for support to maintain adequate standards of care, highlighting the pressure on resources and potential consequences for these vulnerable newborns. Amid these challenges, touching stories emerge, such as that of twins transferred from Kamal Adwan Hospital, separated from their families, and another child from Al-Shifa Hospital without family support.

02.08.2024

The World Health Organization has warned that there are serious shortages in the overcrowded Al-Hilal Hospital: "The reality is harsh, and overcrowded hospitals are struggling to provide adequate care for newborns and mothers. The hospital suffers from a lack of water, sanitation and hygiene products, which can put the lives of newborns at risk."

Image: Al Hilal Hospital after the transfer of the newborns from Al-Shifa



02.15.2024

The United Nations issued a statement regarding a visit conducted by the United Nations Population Fund team to the hospital. As for the pregnant women admitted to the hospital: “If the bombings and raids don’t kill them, and if disease, hunger and thirst can’t eliminate them, then childbirth can. The living conditions are miserable. Residents lack the basic necessities to survive and are haunted by the specter of hunger, disease and death. Many of them have been displaced several times, ending up in tents scattered across the streets of Rafah, which have become their last hope.”

Dr. Dhia Abu Kwaik, from the same hospital, said: “The hospital’s incubators are full of children. Now there are 77 newborns in the 20 available incubators, which puts their lives in danger.”

Abu Kwaik added: “Most of the children in foster care have become orphans, as their parents are martyrs or missing. The hospital is overcrowded and struggles to provide adequate care for newborns and mothers.”

02.03.2024

At least 11 people were killed in an Israeli rocket and drone attack that hit the area where displaced people had taken refuge in tents outside the gates of the Emirates maternity hospital.

The ministry said at least 50 people, including children, were injured. Among the victims are a hospital paramedic, Abdel Fattah Abu Marhi, while the nurse Salem Sharab was killed wearing his uniform. Sharab worked at Nasser Hospital and had lived under siege there. After being forced to evacuate to Rafah by the army he worked as a volunteer at Al Hilal hospital. Among the injured was a member of the ambulance crews.

03.08.2024

In the Emirates Hospital, 16 children have died in over thirty days, according to the deputy head of the neonatal intensive care unit Ahmed al-Shair.

Most had been discharged, but returned underweight and ill.

03.14.2024

On the UNFPA platform of the United Nations a midwife testified that with the increase of displaced people in the city of Rafah the number of births carried out has multiplied. She said midwives are obliged to force women who have just given birth to get off the bed to make room for the next birth. There are

only 5 inpatient beds. In just one day, 78 babies were born. With the lack of medical devices, women are forced to give birth without protective drapes, many have infections. Due to the impossibility of having checks during pregnancy there are many complications. Some newborns are stillborn.

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36 Al Najjar Hospital

12.14.2023

Dr Marwan al-Hams is the director of the Mohamed Yusuf al-Najjar Martyr Hospital in Rafah, which has 63 beds but currently cares for 145 patients. The hospital is operating at more than double its capacity because Rafah, which sits on the border with Egypt, is now home to around a million displaced Palestinians, on top of its pre-war population of 300,000. “The lack of medicine is catastrophic and there is no space in hospitals,” Dr Hams told the BBC.

After nine weeks the hospitals were overwhelmed with the wounded. Viral diseases are also spreading in overcrowded shelters, schools and homes, and hospitals are welcoming patients with severe diarrhea, fatigue and high fever. Such infections spread through contaminated water and food, as well as through close contact with other people. The WHO says that in Gaza there is on average of one shower for every 700 people and one toilet for every 150 people. Dr Marwan al-Hams said it was currently impossible to stop the spreading of disease in Gaza.

“The number of people who went to hospitals and health centers with chickenpox was around 4,593... five days ago,” Dr. Hams said.

Measles is also a problem, with five cases recorded so far. Dr. Hams said that meningitis is another serious disease and that 115 cases have been recorded in the Gaza Strip.

Skin diseases and rashes are also spreading, with 35,300 cases recorded last Friday in local hospitals. “We also saw 17,511 cases of people going to hospitals and clinics with parasites,” he said. “We can’t find medicine for them.” Furthermore, there were 19,350 cases of scabies, 350 cases of dysentery. “All of this adds to food poisoning,” Dr. Hams said. “Due to food shortage, people resort to eating stale bread. They wash it, dry it in front of the fire or on a stove and then eat it.”

People also have jaundice, while more than 4,100 cases of hepatitis have been recorded.

“We used to receive 1,500 cases every day in the reception area alone. Now we are already receiving over 2,000 people.”

12.27.2023

Some Palestinian prisoners were taken to the Abu Youssef Al-Najjar hospital in Rafah, southern Gaza, following torture inflicted on them while detained by Israeli forces in inhumane conditions.

02.14.2024

“There is a lot of talk about evacuation. The evacuation of people and a military intervention... would be a complete catastrophe” says Dr. Richard Peeperkorn, representative of the World Health Organization (WHO), inside the Al Najjar hospital in Rafah, where, in a unit designed for only 65 patients, 300 patients are treated. Most of them are children and elderly people.

Emergency doctor @mahmood_abu_ancheud says

on Instagram: “Good morning. Six hours have passed since midnight at Najjar hospital in the city of Rafah. The situation is very serious. We are traumatized here after Israel announced that it wanted to evacuate people from the hospital. Now we are thinking seriously. As for the invasion of Rafah, we have no idea what we will do. Will we abandon the patients and leave or will we stay and help people?”

03.04.2024

Yazan Al Kafarna, who has become a symbol of the malnutrition to which the population in Gaza is forced, from which children suffer in particular, dies at the age of nine. Yazan was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when he was just one month old.

With the start of the attack Yazan began to get worse day by day. He didn’t have enough medicine and nutrition.

His mother says: “We took him to hospital and he lived out his last days on life support at Abu Youssef al-Najjar Hospital. At that point he was no longer able to respond to anything, not even to his mother.”

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Image: Yazan Al Kafarna

West Bank

JENIN

Ibn Sina Hospital

01.30.2024

Members of the Israeli army, border police and Shin Bet security service staged a raid on the Ibn Sina hospital in the northern West Bank city of Jenin.

When Israeli forces invaded Jenin hospital wearing medical suits they were caught on CCTV and killed three Palestinian men. This action likely broke several laws of war, including the prohibition on perfidy and the killing of protected persons.

According to the New York Times, Hamas released a statement acknowledging that one of the men was a leader of its armed wing, the Al-Qassam Brigades. His name was Muhammad Jalamneh, and the Israeli army said in a statement that he “had planned a raid inspired by the October 7 massacre.” Islamic Jihad said the other two men, Mohammad Ghazawi and Basil Ghazawi, who are brothers, belonged to its organization.

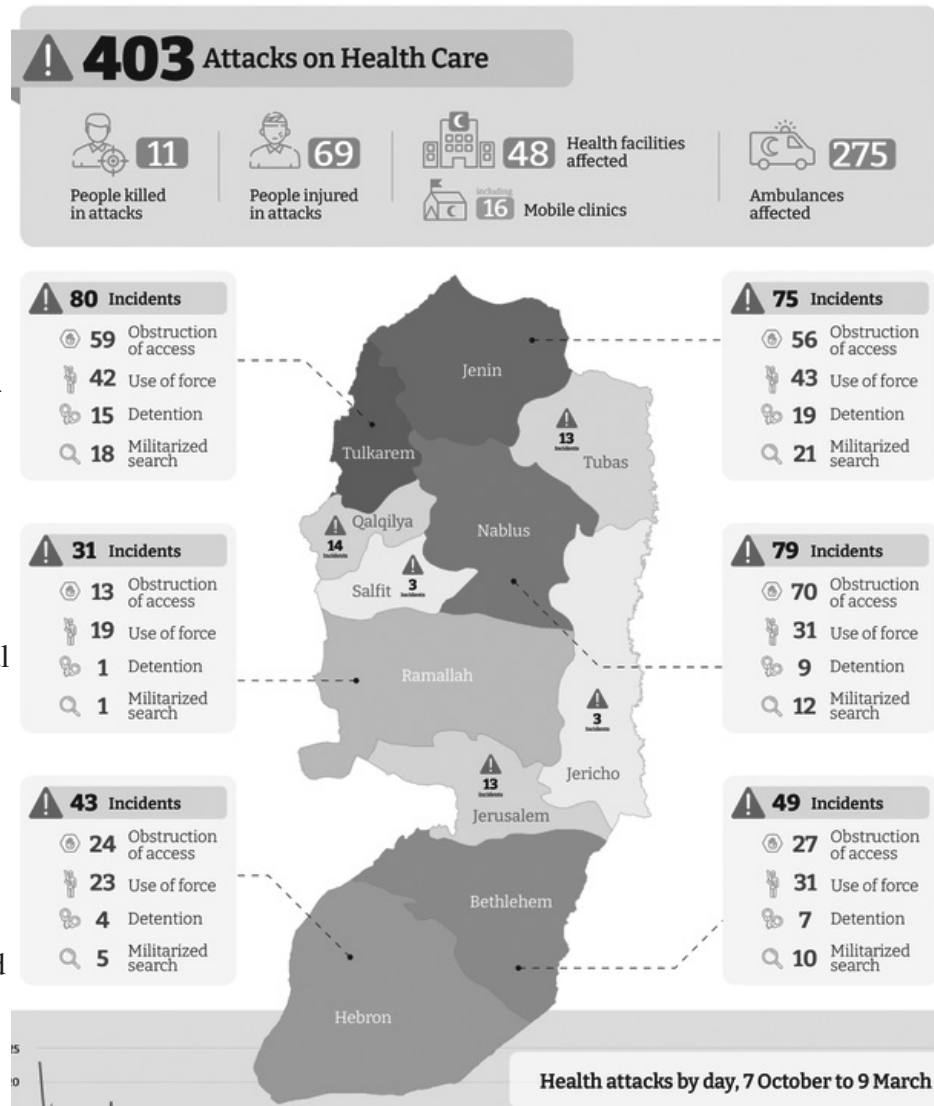
The Palestinians do not deny that the murdered belonged to armed groups, commemorative posters also appeared in Jenin with the three young men with weapons in their hands. Doctors at Ibn Sina yesterday reported that Basil al Ghazawi had been hospitalized since the end of October for serious injuries sustained in an attack by an Israeli drone against a group of Palestinian militants gathered in the city cemetery (four dead, including a fifteen-year-old). Three months later, his condition remained serious. His brother and the other Palestinian man were his escort.

The fact remains, the Palestinians denounce, that Israel increasingly treats the hospitals of the West Bank like those of Gaza, that is, as “bases of terrorism” and not as healthcare facilities to be respected and safeguarded. «We are worried about the escalation. Our hospital has already been surrounded several times by the Israeli army and we expect even more serious abuses and violations in the future” predicted just a few days ago Dr. Tawfiq al Shobaki, head of the General Surgery Department at Ibn

Sina. For the secretary of the Palestinian National Initiative, Mustafa Barghouti, who is also a doctor, the three murders in Jenin occurred in a “shameful international silence”. What Israeli forces “did to the Jenin hospital,” Barghouti told us yesterday, “was a clear and complete violation of international humanitarian law that protects hospitals, patients and healthcare workers.” **For the Palestinian exponent, the biggest danger is “the silence of the international community that accompanies these serious Israeli violations”.**

The hospital director, Dr. Naji Nazzal, told Reuters that the Israelis “executed the three men while they slept in the room. They executed them in cold blood by shooting bullets directly into their heads in the room where they were being treated.” Nazzal identified only one of the men, Basil Ghazawi, as being hospitalized there, suffering from a spinal cord injury that paralyzed him in an October battle with Israeli troops.

The Times reported that Jenin’s top Palestinian health official, Wisam Sbeihat, said Jalamneh, the Hamas member, was visiting Ghazawi. It seems plausible that Mohammad Ghazawi was also visiting his brother.



Kenneth Roth, former head of Human Rights Watch, says that first and foremost “there is an urgent need for an independent investigation” to establish the facts of the situation. Furthermore, Roth argues, the fact “that Israeli forces disguised themselves as medical personnel not only endangers actual medical personnel, but also suggests that the Israelis were guilty of the war crime of perfidy.”

Aurel Sari, associate professor of public international law at the University of Exeter and a fellow of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, agrees. “Perfidy involves killing or wounding an adversary in a way that first invites but then betrays his or her trust in the protection afforded by the law of armed conflict,” Sari says. “In this case, pretending to be medical personnel or civilians, both of whom enjoy protection under the law [would be treacherous].”

Israel is one of the few countries (and the United States is another) that has not ratified Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions, a 1977 amendment that specifically prohibits perfidy. However, perfidy is also illegal under customary international law.

03.13.2024

Israeli forces shot dead two Palestinian men in a West Bank hospital on March 13th, an official said, the latest in a series of killings in the occupied territories since the assault on Gaza began.

The pre-dawn killings took place at the government hospital complex in Jenin, in the northern West Bank, the hospital’s director, Wissam Bakr, told AFP. “Shots were fired at a group of young men” near the entrance to the emergency room, “Snipers started shooting at them, after which the two men entered the emergency room where they were martyred.”

Mr Bakr added that four other people were injured in the accident.

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Palestinian Red Crescent

02.11.2024

Palestinian Red Crescent Statement:

We are devastated by the crime that the Israeli occupation has committed by killing 2 members of our ambulance crews, Ahmad Al Madhoun and



The director of PRCS youth and volunteers, Hidaya Hamad, was killed on 02.02.2024 by Israeli gunfire in the PRCS headquarters in Khan Younis.

Youseif Zeino, who had embarked on a mission to save the child Hind 12 days ago in the Tal El Hawa area of Gaza City. The decomposing bodies of the crew were found in the remains of an ambulance destroyed by the army’s direct attack a few meters from Hind’s family’s car.

This crime follows the one committed by the Occupation in the killing of paramedic Mohammad Al Omari, who was targeted during a medical evacuation mission in Gaza city.

This targeting also led to the wounding of 2 other paramedics, one in the chest and one in the eye. The PRCS also believes that the detention of its crews by the Occupation may constitute crime in some case: enforced disappearance is illegal and they must be released immediately, as it is prohibited to arrest or forcibly disappear health workers as punishment for humanitarian work.

03.05.2024

The Red Crescent says that since October 7, 427 violations have occurred in the West Bank against its ambulance medical rescue missions.

03.12.2024

The Red Crescent says that since October 7, 101 violations have occurred in the West Bank against its staff.

03.29.2024

The Red Crescent says that since October 7, 26 members of its staff have been killed in Gaza Strip.



Attacks on NGOs

Six months of Israeli bombing has turned Gaza into the most dangerous place in the world to deliver aid. More than 200 aid workers, mostly Palestinians, have been killed as of April 2nd – the deadliest crisis yet for aid workers.

As of April 30, 173 UNRWA personnel have been killed.

Some say Israel is using the 25% rule to drive humanitarian organizations out of Gaza. What the rule says is that, under international law, if a humanitarian organization's casualty rate exceeds 25%, the organization must withdraw from a conflict zone. This is the current tactic Israel is adopting by opening fire on both aid workers and civilians.

02.20.2024

Late in the evening of February 20th, Israeli forces conducted a military operation in Al-Mawasi on the Gaza coast, during which an Israeli tank fired on a building housing Doctors Without Borders colleagues and their families. The daughter-in-law and wife of one of MSF colleagues died in the attack and six people were injured, five of whom were women and children. Bullets were also fired at the clearly marked MSF building, hitting the main gate, the exterior of the building and the interior of the ground floor. Ambulance crews were delayed for more than two hours due to shelling in the area, but later managed to reach the scene and take the wounded, some of whom suffered burns, to the International Medical Corps field hospital in Rafah. The Israeli forces were clearly informed of the precise location of this MSF shelter in Al-Mawasi. In addition to this, a two by three meter MSF flag was hung outside the building.

No evacuation orders were issued by Israeli forces before attacking the building, killing two people and wounding six others. Some MSF staff and their family members who were living in the MSF shelter before the attack on Al-Mawasi had already survived the 8 January attack on another MSF shelter in Rafah, which killed a member of MSF staff. MSF teams are supporting our colleagues and their family members who survived the attack, as well as the loved ones of those killed. Five MSF workers have been killed since the start of the war, as well as numerous family members.

04.01.2024

Seven aid workers have been killed in an Israeli military airstrike while delivering food to starving civilians in Gaza, according to the non-profit group World Central Kitchen.

“Despite coordination of movements with the Israeli army, the convoy was hit while leaving the warehouse in Deir al-Balah, where the team had unloaded more than 100 tons of humanitarian food aid brought to Gaza via the sea route,” the group said in a declaration note.

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