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Palestinian Red Crescent Society: Response Report

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To Thursday , 02/11/2023, 24.00

Following the declaration of a state of emergency and highest preparedness by the PRCS President, PRCS is operating in the West Bank and Gaza Strip fully mobilizing all its human and financial resources around the clock for the **twenty-seventh** day in a row; the PRCS paramedic staff continue to respond despite life-threatening risks of operating in the field.

Latest Updates:

Gaza Strip:

- **Al-Quds Hospital in the Tal Al-Hawa Neighborhood, west of Gaza City, was hit by random gunshots fired by the Israeli occupation forces positioned to the south of the hospital. The gunfire penetrated the sixth-floor walls of the hospital and disrupted its central air conditioning units rendering it out of service. Additionally, two displaced individuals, a young man and a child, seeking refuge at the hospital were injured in the chest and abdomen as a result of random Israeli machine gunfire.**
- **The Ministry of Health announced that the Turkish Friendship Hospital (dedicated to cancer patients) has been heavily targeted by the Israeli Occupation forces, as a result it has been taken out of service and evacuated due to being significantly damaged beyond operation.**
- **The Israeli occupation forces have obstructed the evacuation of the wounded patients from hospitals in Gaza and North Gaza to the Arab Republic of Egypt by blocking the roads between the north and south, despite the issued approval for the exit of 30 injured individuals on this day.**
- **Israeli violations against PRCS emergency crews continued, as this afternoon, PRCS ambulance crews were targeted while carrying out their humanitarian duties west of the city of Gaza. This resulted in wounding two paramedics, one with a gunshot in the hand and shrapnel in the head, and the other with shrapnel in the foot and hands. Additionally, the Israeli attacks put two ambulances out of service.**
- **As an exception to the rule; the Rafah land crossing is specifically open for the second day in a row only to allow the transport of a number critical cases of war-wounded individuals as well as individuals with dual citizenship (holders of foreign and Palestinian/Arabian passports). PRCS vehicles and ambulances are put to service to facilitate the transportation process.**
- **A large number of Israeli occupation tanks and vehicles have penetrated into several main axes in both the Gaza and Northern Gaza governorates. According to official statements, this is an attempt to separate the southern part of the Strip from the north.**
- **The Israeli occupation forces persist in their explicit threat to evacuate Al-Quds Hospital and PRCS's main headquarters in the Tal Al-Hawa Neighborhood, west of Gaza. Furthermore, these threats extend to evacuating and relocating well over 14,000 displaced persons taking shelter at the Hospital. Moreover, the Israeli occupation forces have also targeted several residential towers adjacent to the Hospital from the eastern side, causing significant damage to the Hospital's building and operations. Nevertheless, Al-Quds Hospital remains true to its dedication to providing services to the wounded, injured, and displaced people**

out of its national and humanitarian duty, despite the Israeli occupation's threats to evacuate the hospital, and despite the non-stop shelling and bombing of the area surrounding the hospital.

- 5 PCRS ambulance vehicles went out of service after being directly targeted by the Israeli occupation forces, in grave violation of international humanitarian law.
- The Israeli occupation targeted PCRS main warehouses in the Tel Al-Hawa Neighborhood west of Gaza, and UNRWA warehouses in both Gaza and North Gaza. This exacerbates the catastrophic humanitarian situation and deprives citizens of any relief aid.
- The Ministry of Health confirmed that targeting the healthcare system has resulted in damage to 57 healthcare facilities, the martyrdom (loss) of 130 medical staff members, 18 rescue team members, and the full destruction of 25 ambulances; rendering the ambulances inoperable.
- The Ministry of Health also confirmed that 16 hospitals and 32 health centers were out of service as a result of Israeli targeting and the depletion of fuel and medical resources.
- According to official data, the Israeli occupation forces directly targeted killing 35 journalists, martyred, since the beginning of the aggression.
- Incidents of the Israeli occupation forces using internationally banned white phosphorous bombs against civilians have been reported and documented in several locations in northern Gaza.
- Official authorities have received approximately 2,060 reports of missing persons under the rubble including well over 1,150 children.

Latest statistics:

Gaza Strip: Emergency centers continue to operate at full capacity in response to the ongoing aggression; deploying 35 active ambulance vehicles in the field (including the ambulances repaired after being directly targeted by the IOF). In addition to deploying (3) specialized-task vehicles, (112) paramedics, drivers, first responders, volunteers, and management personnel.

Statistics on Emergency services as of 02/11/2023, 24.00 (midnight)					
Cases responded to by PRCS paramedics					
Martyred	wounded	Total	Al-Quds Hospital	Al-Amal Hospital	Total
2,753	8,463	11206	991	865	1,856
Official statistics until 13.00					
Martyred	wounded	Total	Inhabitable	Partially damaged	Targeted schools
9061	23000	32,061	35,000	200,000	212
Martyrs include: 3760 children, 2326 women, 490 elderly			These preliminary statistics are expected to increase due to the underreported number of persons missing under the rubble		

Total number of cases responded to since 07/10/2023 to date						
Governorate	North Gaza	Gaza	Mid–Area	Khan Younes	Rafah	Total
Martyrs	599	561	654	523	416	2753
Injuries	3106	1605	1606	1326	820	8463
Total cases	3705	2166	2260	1849	1236	11216
Grand total	11216					

West Bank and Jerusalem: PRCS crews in the West Bank Governorates, including Jerusalem, responded to (45) martyrs and (2251) injured persons as of Saturday, 7/10/2023 through midnight Thursday 02/11/2023. PRCS staff in the West Bank, including Jerusalem, responded to a total of (34) wounded persons just on Thursday, 02/11/2023 alone.

Daily report: 02/11/2023 until midnight.

Governorate	Martyr	Live ammunition (live bullets) (transportation)	Exposure to gas (transportation)	Exposure to gas in the field	Physical assault	Falls from heights and burns (transportation)
Ramallah		3	0	0	0	0
Qalqilia		3	0	0	0	0
Jenin	1	1				
Nablus		2	1	22	1	1
Total	1	9	1	22	1	1
Grand Total	1	34				

Consolidated report as of 07/10/2023 through 2/11/2023, midnight

The number of cases PRCS responded to in the West Bank and Jerusalem since the eruption of the aggression on 7/10/2023 through 1/11/2023 only		
Governorate	Martyrs	Injuries
Ramallah	4	328
Jerusalem	6	117
Jenin	11	148
Tulkarem	12	85
Qalqilia	2	94
Nablus	4	700
Salfeet	0	29
Bethlehem	2	376
Hebron	2	129
Jericho	1	83
Toubas	1	162
Total	45	2251

Violations against PRCS services:

State of displacement: Gaza Strip: Since Oct 07 2023, (26) violations have been documented against the PRCS's teams and premises. These violations have resulted in the death (martyrdom) of (4) paramedics and the injury of (21) ambulance paramedics. Additionally, (13) ambulance vehicles have sustained severe damage. Moreover, PRCS's premises in northern Gaza and Khan Yunis have sustained severe destruction. **The emergency operations room, as well as the ambulance stations in northern Gaza and Gaza City, and PRCS's main warehouse have been taken out of service due to deliberate recurrent targeting of its surroundings. Furthermore, severe damage has been inflicted on the PRCS'S premises in Gaza, northern Gaza, and Khan Yunis, as well as on the emergency operations room and Al-Quds Hospital.**

West Bank: As of Saturday, October 7, 2023, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society teams in the West Bank have faced numerous challenges and violations, whereas (60) incidents were reported and documented, resulting in (102) violations.

Jerusalem: As of Saturday, October 7, 2023, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society teams in the West Bank have faced numerous challenges and violations, whereas (3) incidents were reported and documented, resulting in (4) violations.

- **Many of the citizens from the border areas in the Gaza Strip were registered as internally displaced persons (IDPs) to the cities' centers, shelters, or host families. UNRWA announced having received over 400,000 displaced persons in its shelters. Official sources announced a rise in the number of internally displaced persons to over 1,500,000 persons in different areas.**
- Since the outbreak of the aggression, PRCS headquarter in Gaza as well as its branches in Khan Younes, Al-Quds Hospital, and Al-Amal Hospital have all been receiving thousands of displaced citizens seeking refuge following ongoing Israeli occupation threats to the civil population to evacuate before bombing their homes. Both headquarters are excessively crowded way beyond full capacity; hundreds of IDPs sleep in front of the entrance of PRCS administrative offices or patients' rooms. It is estimated that the PRCS premises in Gaza and Khan Younes host currently over 20,000 IDPs distributed as follows (Main Headquarters in Gaza: 14,000 citizens – Khan Younes Branch: 6,000 citizens). The number of IDPs increases with rising Israeli threats and strikes, the latest of which displaced over 4,000 citizens due to non-stop bombing and shelling citizens' houses in Tel Al-Hawa Neighborhood within the vicinity of the hospital. **It should be noted that the number of IDPs increases at night compared to day time by 2000 persons.**
- The increasing number of displaced individuals and their growing presence in hospitals is putting immense pressure on the healthcare system, posing a severe health catastrophe for the immunocompromised wounded and patients.
- Israeli targeting extended to schools, where the occupation rendered 45 schools out of service and inhabitable due to severe and deliberate damage, while 212 schools suffered varying degrees of damage, exacerbating the suffering of the displaced and their congestion in shelter centers."
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Interventions of the Directorate of Disaster Intervention:



Psychological Health Interventions:

Gaza Strip: The physiological intervention teams continue to provide psychological first-aid to the crews operating during the aggression serving (12474) beneficiaries.

West Bank: PRCS Mental Health Department provided services to the Gazan workers, who were deported by the occupation forces to the West Bank Governorates. A total of (3327) workers in the shelters benefited from the service. Furthermore, a sponsored post is posted daily on social media, documenting (59,151) views.

Youth and Volunteer Departments:

Gaza Strip:

Since the declaration of the state of emergency, the volunteers continued to provide services with an operational capacity of (189) volunteers distributed to all operating departments.

End of Report