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**Summary of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society's
Weekly Response Report
Since Saturday 07/10/2023 from 06:00
Until Saturday 16/10/2023 at 24:00**

Based on PRCS's President decision to declare state of emergency and raise the level of alert and readiness, the PRCS is working in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to the utmost of its human and physical capabilities, as it has been working around the clock for the tenth day in a row.

The central emergency operations room at the headquarters and the Operations Room in Gaza continue to operate 24/7.

Gaza Strip:

- Despite the Israeli army's threat to evacuate PRCS Al-Quds Hospital, the hospital is still providing its services to the wounded, injured, and displaced people out of its national and humanitarian duty.

The emergency operations room team and a number of administrative teams were transferred to PRCS's headquarter in Khan Yunis city, "Al Amal City," due to the Israeli occupation's threats for all residents living north of Gaza, in addition to international, health, and humanitarian institutions, with the necessity of evacuating to the South of the Gaza immediately, as the mentioned area will not be safe anymore. Administrative work is currently being overtaken from Khan Yunis Governorate, while ambulances and emergency services remain the same, in Gaza governorate, North Gaza governorates, in addition to Al-Quds Hospital services.

- PRCS ambulance centers are still operating at high capacity in response to current escalation, as the number of ambulance vehicles operating in the field has reached (32) ambulance vehicles, (3) vehicles on call and special tasks, in addition to (112) paramedics/ EMS staff, drivers, first responders, volunteers, and managerial staff.

- **The number of cases, according to official sources from the Palestinian Ministry of Health since the beginning of the events, has reached more than:**

Gaza Strip	(2808) Martyre		(10850) Injury	
	(853) Child	(936) Woman	(3053) Child	(2586) Woman

- PRCS crews dealt with the following since the beginning of escalation:

(4436) case	(971) Martyre
	(3465) Injury

- PRCS hospitals have received since the beginning of escalation:

Al Quds hospital	(427) case	(423) Injury	(9) intensive care cases/ transferred
		(4) Martyres	
Al Amal hospital	(325) Injury		

Furthermore, the aggression has resulted in the martyrdom of (37) medical personnel, including doctors, paramedics, nurses.

- PRCS crews dealt with the following since the beginning of escalation more than (8000) citizens who were displaced to:

- Al Quds hospital
- PRCS/HQ Tal Al Hawa Gaza
- Al Amal hospital "Khan Younis
(PRCS were distributed blankets, hygiene tools, and drinking water).

- A considerable number of citizens have been displaced from border areas to urban centers and in shelters or with host families. UNRWA announced receiving over 400,000 displaced persons in its shelters, as well as more than 600,000 displaced individuals in various areas.

- As occupation targeting of schools has extended, the occupation forced 18 schools out of service due to significant damage, while 150 schools suffered varying degrees of damage, exacerbating the suffering of displaced individuals and their overcrowding in shelter centers.

- PRCS / Community awareness committees have been providing their services to the targeted groups since the beginning of the escalations up to the current date. The total interventions are as follows:

Total of Interventions		(2450)	
Number of Beneficiaries	(58127)	Male (19000)	Female (39127)

- The psychological first aid intervention teams continue to provide psychological first aid to the general ambulance teams. The service has been provided to a total of **(1312) beneficiaries**.

Violations

The number of violations against PRCS since the beginning of escalation in Gaza Strip reached (17) extreme violations, resulting martyrdom of (4) paramedics, injury of (5) ambulance crews, damage to (8) vehicles, and damage to PRCS Emergency Operating Room.

- In a grave violation that surpasses all red lines, the occupation forces directly targeted an ambulance belonging to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the northern Gaza governorate, resulting in the martyrdom of three paramedics: [Khalil Al-Sharif](#), [Yassir Al-Masri](#), and [Ahmed Dahman](#).
- In another violation, despite medical teams receiving clearance to respond in the eastern part of Gaza City, the occupation forces targeted an ambulance belonging to the PRCS, leading to the martyrdom of paramedic [Hatem Awad](#), bringing the total number of martyred paramedics in the organization to (4).

Palestinian Red Crescent Society- PRCS also received an order from the Israeli occupation forces to evacuate the society's Al-Quds Hospital in Gaza City. The first deadline for the evacuation was set at 06:00 AM on Saturday morning, 10/14/2023. Then at midday on Saturday, a new deadline was given to evacuate at approximately 16:00 pm on Saturday, 10/14/2023.

Challenges

Medicines, medical and relief supplies:

- As a result of the ongoing Israeli aggression on Gaza Strip, there were huge numbers of casualties dealt with by PRCS ambulance crews and its hospitals, the displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians, with the continued closure of all land crossings, the lack of coordination to secure a humanitarian corridor, all of PRCS services are facing a depletion in its strategic and reserve stocks without being able to replenish the stocks of medicines, medical supplies, and relief supplies.
- In the past 48 hours, occupation forces have demanded the evacuation of several hospitals and health centers, including Al-Quds Hospital, Al-Awda Hospital, Kuwaiti Hospital, Public Service Hospital, Kamal Adwan Hospital, as well as the closure of Beit Hanoun Hospitals and Al-Durrah Children's Hospital.
- On October 15, 2023, heavy occupation bombardments on Gaza strip, resulted in the destruction of the infrastructure surrounding the hospital, causing a significant challenge for ambulance vehicles to respond to distress calls. It also caused the displacement of another large number of civilians from the area surrounding Al-Quds Hospital to the inside the hospital's as a safe place for them, this increasing the number of displaced individuals at the PRCS headquarters and Al-Quds Hospital to more than 4,500 citizens.
- Official authorities demand international organizations to put their extreme efforts to re-open Rafah land crossing (the sole travel access) as to save lives of the wounded and injured, and to bring in urgent medical supplies and fuel for hospitals and medical centres.

Fuel:

As a result of increasing power cut hours in the Gaza Strip, PRCS is working in its headquarters, hospitals and vehicles using mechanical electricity generators in order to ensure that the humanitarian calls are met. Due to crossings closer and fuel entry prevention into Gaza Strip, the PRCS has used 80% of its reserve and strategic stock of fuel. If the catastrophic situation continues, many PRCS services will be disrupted. The most important service which will be affected is (ambulance and emergency services, hospitals, central operations, and all logistics of relief operation).

The official authorities launched an urgent appeal to the international community and international relief organizations to intervene urgently due to the depletion of fuel for the only electricity station in Gaza, and with the closure of the Rafah crossing border, the suspension of fuel supplies and the interruption of water, which portends a humanitarian disaster affecting most vital sectors, most notably the health, water and environment.

Communications:

- PRCS ambulance service’s means of communication and the VHF waves are constantly subjected to deliberate interference by the occupation, as they receive calls, insults and hurled in Hebrew. In addition, PRCS lines are deliberately occupied for long periods to disrupt the ambulance service.
- As a result of the repeated Israeli bombing in the vicinity of PRCS’s HQ and ambulance centers, the emergency number 101 for ambulance service witnessed repeated malfunctions, which posed a major challenge in the process of responding to civilians distress calls.
- Difficulty communicating with main operations room in the second half of the year and through subsidiary companies in Gaza Strip as a result of targeting basic cellular communications lines and towers.

The damage of the private network of the mobile company led to a disconnection of communication with all colleagues who use this cellular network. This is a serious indicator of the possibility of the collapse of the remaining networks, leading to a complete disconnection with Gaza strip."

West Bank:

- The number of PRCS EMS/ Ambulances on duty is (59) ambulances, with a human capacity of (114) staff and volunteers (incl. paramedics, drivers), in addition to (56) first responders.
- The Disaster Risk Management Department activated (7) advanced medical points, with an operational capacity of (10) volunteers at each medical point.
- The total number of cases that PRCS EMS/ Ambulance teams have dealt with in the West Bank since Saturday, October 7, 2023 is (1278), in addition to (20) martyres until Monday 16 October 2023, 24:00. That is while PRCS crews dealt with (23) injuries on Monday 16 October 2023. The following table shows further injuries details:

Governorate	Live bullets/ Transport	Rubber/ Field	Gas/ Transport	Gas/ Field	Beat/ Transport
Ramallah	1	0	0	0	0
Jericho	1	1	0	15	4
Bethlehem	1	0	0	0	0

Violations against PRCS in West Bank:

- Since the beginning of Israeli military attack on Gaza Strip and declaration of a state of war, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society- PRCS crews have faced many challenges and violations in the West Bank, where 34 incidents were reported and resulting 48 violations in West Bank, distributed as follows:

Violation	#
Access prevention	17
Access obstruction	12
Violations against crews, distributed as following:	15
Detention	Threaten by: weapon/ verbal
	9
	6
Violations against ambulances, distributed as following:	5
Gun shot	Stones throwing
	4
	1
TOTAL	49

These violations resulted damage to (5) ambulances, while no injuries were recorded among the EMS crews.

PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department in the West Bank:

PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department in the West Bank continues to provide relief assistance to Gaza workers who have been displaced by Israeli forces from their workplaces in the occupied territories to West Bank governorates, as relief items were provided for (345) individuals.

PRCS Mental Health Department in the West Bank:

PRCS’s mental health department provided its services to “Gaza workers who were deported by the occupation forces to the West Bank governorates,” where their number reached (4,211) beneficiaries in shelter centers, by the following services:

- Publishing awareness messages
- Psychological First Aid - PFA
- Psychosocial support in times of war and crises.
- Providing assistive tools through the Rehabilitation Department.

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