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PRCS Report Update

From Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 06:00 AM

Until Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 24:00

According to PRCS president to declare emergency status and raise the degree of alert and readiness, PRCS is working round the clock with its full humanitarian and physical power since the **twelfth day** in a row and is still responding to accelerations on the ground. Emergency Operations Room in PRCS HQ is still continuing to work using 24/7 system until this moment.

Gaza:

Despite the threats by Israeli occupation forces to evacuate Al Quds Hospital, still the hospital works on providing its services to the wounded, injured and the displaced as part of its national and humanitarian responsibility.

- The Palestinian Ministry of Health announced that hospitals and health centers are witnessing a state of actual collapse due to the lack of medical equipment and the lack of fuel allocated to operate them.
- The huge massacre that took place in Al Ahli National Hospital/ Baptist Hospital killed 471 martyrs, while 28 of the injured are still in critical condition, in addition to 314 with minor injuries. Hospitals and medical centers are still under threat of being targeted, including Al-Quds Hospital, Al-Shifa Hospital, Al-Awda Hospital, Al-Kuwaiti Hospital, Public Service Hospital, Kamal Al-Adwan Hospital, in addition to the Beit Hanoun and Al-Durrah Children's Hospitals being out of service.
- In particular, Israeli occupation forces targeted today one UNRWA school used as center for sheltering for refugees and displaced people in Maghazi camp in the Middle East as a center for sheltering displaced people, resulting in the martyrdom of 6 displaced people.
- **The Israeli army still until moment threatens several hospitals demanding evacuation**
- **The vicinity of Al-Quds Hospital witnessed a violent bombing at a distance of less than 100 meters away from the hospital itself, which led to glass of hospital being broken and false ceiling falling on top of displaced heads. "No significant injuries recorded."**
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- The Israeli occupation army continues to target residential towers & buildings and Facilities on the heads of its residents, in addition to mosques, streets and civilians in various regions of the southern governorates, which led to a large number of casualties, including children and women. That is in addition to the displacement of civilians seeking safety.
- The emergency operations room team in addition to a number of administrative team were transferred to PRCS's headquarter in Khan Yunis city, "Al Amal City". That is due to the Israeli occupation's threats for all residents living north of Gaza, in addition to international organizations, 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 and North Gaza governorates in addition to Al-Quds Hospital services.

- PRCS EMS stations are working with its extreme capacity to response to current accelerations, as the number of ambulances working in the field reached (34) ambulances, (3) ambulance on call and special missions (in addition to 160 EMS staff, driver, first responder, volunteer, and administrative staff).

The number of cases since the beginning of accelerations according to official sources by Palestinian Ministry of Health, reached to more than the following:

Gaza Strip	(3,400) Martyr	Injury (15,543)
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Official authorities announced that it received 1,300 reports of missing people under rubble, of which 600 of them are children.

PRCS since the beginning of accelerations dealt with:

Emergency statistics until 18.10.2023 at 00.00					
Statistics of cases PRCS dealt with					
Martyrs	Injuries	Total	Al Quds Hospital	Al Amal Hospital	Total
1,246	4,111	5,357	581	502	1,083
Total Statistics					
Martyrs	Injuries	Total	Total demolition	Severe damage	Partial damage
3,475	12,065	15,543	12,845	9,055	121,000

The number of health personnel victims reached (37) martyrs, from various specialties: (doctor, paramedic, and nurse).

Since the beginning of the war and accelerations, the headquarters of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society- PRCS in Gaza City, Al-Quds Hospital, the Society's branch in Khan Yunis Governorate, and Al-Amal Hospital have witnessed the exodus of thousands of citizens, seeking safety, due to the continued threats of the Israeli occupation to the civilian population by targeting their homes. The two sites are witnessing a very severe state of overcrowding, exceeding its capacity.

Dozens of displaced people sleep in front of the PRCS's entrance, administrative offices, and patient rooms, while and the number of displaced people in the PRCS's headquarters in Gaza and Khan Yunis is estimated to more than 12,000 citizens (distributed as following: main HQ in Gaza 7,000 citizens, Khan Yunis branch 3,000 citizens). This increase in displaced number comes as a result of increased Israeli threats, the latest of which was today to evacuate Sheikh Ajlin area southwest of Gaza City, which led to the displacement of approximately 2,000 citizens towards Al Quds Hospital and PRCS's main headquarter in Gaza, in addition to a live testimonies of displaced people saying they received calls from the Israeli officer warning them from targeting Al-Quds Hospital and ordering them to leave towards the southern Gaza Valley area.

- The displacement of a very large number of citizens from the border areas in the governorates towards the heart of cities was recorded in shelter centers or with host families, as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) announced that its centers received more than **400,000** displaced people in its shelter centers, while official sources announced the number of displaced people has increased to more than **1 million** displaced people in different regions.
- As the Israeli occupation targeted schools in addition, more than **18** school was sent out of service as a result of it being severely damaged, while **150** schools were damaged to varying degrees, which exacerbated the suffering of the displaced and their overcrowding in shelter centers.

In-kind donations received by PRCS:

- Hygiene kits, Qty. (550), from CARE International, distributed on the displaced at PRCS headquarters
- Food parcels, Qty. (5,000) including (Tuna cans, beans cans, canned foods, Mortadella, dates, sugar), from PCRf organization, and were deposited in PRCS's warehouses in Gaza and Khan Yunis. Will be distributed as part of the food and nutrition program for the displaced at the PRCS's headquarters.

PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department in Gaza:

- Due to the Israeli army's threats to target civilians, it was not possible to provide urgent field relief services in Gaza and North Gaza governorates. Relief services were limited to the displaced in PRCS headquarters (Al Amal City) and other related hospitals, where Disaster Risk Management is distributing blankets, hygiene kits, and drinking water, details as the following:

Governorate	Beneficiary Families	Beneficiary Individual	Mattress	Blanket	Hygiene Kit	Kitchen Set	Water Jerrycan	Water Bucket	Carpet	Dignity
Gaza	910	5010	234	678	7	40	118	0	50	85
Central	1715	9437	846	2092	0	23	2023	0	0	0
Khan Yunis	45	245	90	140	44	45	1	64	0	0
Rafah	34	231	90	132	0	34	15	24	0	0
Displaced Al Quds, Al Ama hospitals	2028	10000	250	500	15	0	0	0	0	0
Shelter	181	1000	800	2000	0	0	2000	0	0	0
TOTAL	4913	25923	2310	5542	66	142	4157	88	50	85

PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department, in coordination with the Ministry of Social Development and the International Committee of the Red Cross- ICRC, provided urgent relief assistance to (4) displacement shelters inhabited by more than (10,000) displaced persons in Gaza City in Tal al-Hawa area. These shelters are affiliated to UNRWA and are suffering from severe shortage in relief items and supplies. PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department provided (800) mattresses, (2,000) blankets, and (2,000) drinking waters gallons for the displaced.

Based on Nasser Hospital's appeal to provide mattresses for patients use as there are no vacant beds in the hospital, PRCS took the initiative to urgently provide hospital with 50 mattresses to fill the shortfall in need.

PRCS crews (community awareness committees) have dealt since the beginning of war and accelerations with the following:

Beneficiary	(58127)
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Psycho- social team continues to provide psychological first aid- PFA services for the crews working in current events, as the following:

Beneficiary	(2085)
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Violations:

The violations against PRCS crews and facilities in Gaza strip witnessed (17) violations since the beginning of war and accelerations resulting (4) EMS martyrs, (5) EMS injuries, in addition to (8) severe damage to PRCS ambulances, PRCS facilities and HQ in northern Gaza and emergency operation room.

- Extreme violation crossing all red lines, the occupation forces directly targeted an ambulance belonging to Palestinian Red Crescent Society - PRCS, North Gaza Governorate leading to the **martyrdom of three EMS staff: Khalil Al-Sharif - Yousry Al-Masry - Ahmed Dahman.**
- In a separate extreme violation and despite that EMS staff receiving the green light to respond east of Gaza City, the occupation forces targeted an ambulance belonging to PRCS East of Gaza City, which led to the **martyrdom of another EMS staff Hatem Awad, bringing the number of martyred PRCS EMS staff to (4) in less than half an hour.**

The Palestinian Red Crescent Society- PRCS 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, and then at midday on Saturday, a new deadline for the evacuation was given. Approximately 16:00 pm on Saturday, 10/14/2023.

Challenges

Medicines, medical and relief supplies

- The hospital and medical centers are facing actual collapse as a result of lacking medical equipment and fuel required to operate them.
- The Israeli occupation blasting UNRWA warehouses in northern Gaza, which exacerbates the catastrophic humanitarian reality and deprives citizens of any aid.
- The official authorities call on the international community to work on opening the Rafah land crossing (the only port for travel) as to save the lives of the wounded and injured, and to bring in urgent medical supplies, fuel to hospitals and medical centers.
- As a result of Israeli aggression on Gaza strip, a huge number of injuries was witnessed and dealt with by PRCS EMS and its hospital crews, in addition to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians. By the continuity of closure for all land crossing points, and while no coordination is available to provide a safe humanitarian corridor, all of PRCS services are facing a depletion in its strategic and reserve stocks without replenishing of medicines, medical supplies, and relief supplies.
- The occupation forces demand the evacuation of several hospitals and health centers, including Al-Quds Hospital, Al-Awda Hospital, Kuwaiti Hospital, Public Service Hospital, and Kamal

Adwan Hospital, in addition to Beit Hanoun and Al-Durrah Children's Hospitals being out of service.

- The tasks of retrieving the martyrs face great difficulty in light of the lack of tools and equipment necessary to remove the rubble, while hundreds of martyrs are still under the rubble of their homes which were bombed by the occupation without prior warning.

Fuel

As a result of the increasing the electric power cut duration in Gaza Strip, PRCS is continuing its work in its headquarters, hospitals and vehicles using mechanical electricity generators in order to ensure that the call of humanity is met. Due to the closure of the crossings and the entry of fuel to Gaza Strip, PRCS has used more than 80% of its reserve and strategic stock, as if the catastrophic situation continues, many services will be disrupted. The basic strategic and reserve fuel stock, noting that the continuity of this disastrous situation may lead to disable of many PRCS basic service, most of important are central operations, Emergency services, hospitals in addition to all logistics of the relief operation.

The official authorities launched an urgent emergency appeal to the international community and international relief organizations, calling for urgent intervention due to the running out of fuel for the only power plant in Gaza, with the closure of the Rafah land crossing, the cessation of fuel supplies, and the interruption of water, which heralds a humanitarian disaster affecting most of the vital sectors, most notably the health, water, and environment sectors.

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 the central emergency operations room at the HQ, and in between the PRCS's branches in Gaza Strip as a result of targeting landline networks and cellular communication towers.

The collapse of Jawwal's communications company network, led to a loss of communication with all colleagues who use this cellular network. This is a dangerous indicator of the possibility of collapse for the rest networks available, which will lead to a complete loss of communication with Gaza.

West Bank

- The number of PRCS ambulanced working in the field is (59), with (114) EMS staff & driver, and (56) first responder volunteer.
- 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 (1446), in addition to (25) martyrs until Wednesday 18 October 2023, 24:00. That is while PRCS crews dealt with (137) injuries during Wednesday 18 October 2023, and (5) martyrs. The following table shows further injuries details:

Governorate	Martyr	Live bullets/ Transport	Rubber/ Transport	Rubber/ Field	Gas/ Transport	Gas/ Field	Shrapnel/ Transport	Shrapnel/ Field	Beat/ Transport
Hebron	0	8	2	6	0	1	1	0	0
Jerusalem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salfet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jenin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ramallah	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jericho	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qalqilia	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	2	7	0	0	0	74	3	4	3
Tulkarem	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tubas	0	2	0	6	0	9	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	27	2	12	0	84	5	4	3
Total 138 Injuries and 5 Martyrs									

Violations against PRCS services:

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 (35) incidents were reported and resulting (46) violations in West Bank, distributed as follows:

Violation		#	
Access prevention		15	
Access obstruction		12	
Violations against crews, distributed as following:		14	
Detention	Threaten by: weapon/ verbal	9	7
Violations against ambulances, distributed as following:		5	
Gun shot	Stones throwing	4	1
TOTAL		46	

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 (Ramallah, Al Bireh, Tubas, Qalqilia, Nablus, Jerusalem), as relief items (Mattresses, Blankets, Hygiene Kits, Kitchen sets, Towels) were provided for (345) individual.

Psycho- social and Mental Health Department:

PRCS's Psycho-social and 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 (1,720) beneficiaries in shelter centers. In addition to a daily sponsored guidance publication on social media pages, where the number of beneficiaries reached (59,151) through:

- Publishing awareness messages
- Psychological first aid- PFA
- Psychosocial support in times of war and crises.
- Providing assistive tools through the Rehabilitation Department
- Daily guidance posts on social media

Occupied Jerusalem:

- The number of ambulances currently operating in the field is (18) ambulances, (27) EMS staff and driver, and (50) first responder volunteer.
- PRCS's crews in occupied Jerusalem dealt with (110) cases, including (5) martyrs and (105) injury, following are further information:

Governorate	Area	Martyr	Fall & Burns		Shrapnel		Gas		Rubber		Live bullets	
			transport	field	transport	field	field	transport	field	transport	field	transport
Jerusalem	Shufat camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Wadi Al Jouz	0	2	1	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
	Bab Al Amoud	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ezariyeh	0	0	0	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	1
	Jerusalem	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	Jeeb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Biddo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Silwan	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
	Qalandia	2	0	0	4	0	12	0	0	3	2	15
	Esawiyeh	2	0	4	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	3
TOTAL	5	3	8	7	1	46	2	2	4	2	30	

Three incidents were reported resulting 4 violations against PRCS in Occupied Jerusalem, distributed as the following:

Violation type		Number of violations
Access block		2
Violations against PRCS crews, distributed as bellow		2
Detention	Threaten (weapon/ verbal	
Violations against ambulances, distributed as bellow		
Gun shot	Stone throwing	
Total		4

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