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**Palestine Red Crescent Society Response Report**  
**As of Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023, 18:00 PM**  
**until Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2023, 24:00 AM**

Palestine Red Crescent Society teams are still responding to the developments on the ground in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, where PRCS operations are carried out 24\7, for the 76<sup>th</sup> day in a row.

**Latest Updates:**

**Gaza Strip**

- **PRCS Communication with Jabalia EMS station was severed. Occupation forces stormed the station, detaining all personnel and transporting them to an unknown location, leaving women confined indoors.**
- **For eight days straight, complete communication disruption persisted with the Gaza Strip's operations room and all active teams, due to occupation forces severing communication and internet networks.**
- **Occupation forces besieged the Jabalia EMS station, with 127 individuals, including staff, displaced people, and injured persons, confined indoors.**
- **Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis experienced shrapnel damage from nearby bombardment by Israeli occupation airstrikes, causing fear and panic among displaced individuals and staff.**

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- All hospitals in Gaza and North Gaza provinces ceased operations due to the Israeli Occupation forces directly targeting and besieging the facilities. This includes preventing access for injured individuals and forcing medical teams to relocate southwards. Hospitals, medical staff, and displaced people within are directly targeted by the Israeli Occupation forces, leading to a severe health crisis.
- The Palestine Red Crescent EMS in Gaza province ceased its operations due to Israeli occupation forces restrictions against the medical teams, this accompanied by the fuel shortages (for ambulances), and the inoperative local hospitals, thus hindering humanitarian case evacuations. However, a medical mobile station in North Gaza was set up by PRCS EMS team and currently remains operational with the capacity to only handle minor and moderate cases.
- Hospitals in South Gaza are utilized beyond their capacity and unable to keep up with the massive number of injured persons, many of whom are at risk of losing their lives due to the escalation of Israeli aggression against civilians.
- Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis continues to face a severe fuel crisis, leading to downsizing utilization of the capacity of the facility to a bare minimum and operating according to a scheduled timetable. This significantly affects services for displaced people and patients, including ambulance and emergency medical services.
- The Israeli Occupation forces continue intense airstrikes throughout Gaza, targeting industrial, residential, and commercial structures, as well as religious sites and main roads. This has resulted in numerous casualties, predominantly children and women, and complete infrastructure destruction, forcing citizen displacement.
- The Israeli Occupation forces continue their incursions in strategic areas of Gaza and North Gaza, isolating them from southern provinces, and targeting any movement in these isolated areas. They have partially separated the regions by closing Salah al-Din Street, while allowing only a civilian passage through a mandatory route on Al-Rasheed Street.
- Medical and relief teams services are severely challenged due to the current status quo, the separation of Gaza and North Gaza, whereas Israeli occupation forces prohibit access to ambulances and EMS teams in areas of the Israeli military incursion and further shoots any moving target. Moreover, the Israeli

- Occupation forces have citizens on full lockdown. Citizens' mobility is restricted by curfew and through one route only, Salah al-Din Street, which inevitably led to killing, injuring, and arresting civilians not to mention the humiliation or inhuman treatment civilians suffered.
- This segregation increases the challenges faced by the medical and relief teams as the ambulances are prohibited from reaching to the areas raided by the Israeli occupation forces and tanks which are directly targeting whoever is trying to move there, while forcing citizens to move at certain times through Salah Al-din street between the northern and southern governorates, some of them are being killed, injured, arrested, humiliated and inhumanely treated.
- PRCS colleague Awni Khattab Head of Khan Younis Ambulance Center remains detained by the Israeli Occupation forces for the 28th day in a row. He was arrested during the wounded convoy from Al-Shifa Hospital, traveling through the checkpoint which separates north and south Gaza.
- The competent authorities continue to recover the bodies of the martyrs from the streets and under the rubble; the recovery crews are facing high challenges in performing their missions because there is no fuel available for the necessary machines which have already been exhausted. Official authorities have received approximately (7,780) reports of missing persons in the rubble and corpses laying in the streets including well over (4700) children and women.
- The Ministry of Health confirms that the occupation forces deliberately target medical personnel and crews, which led to the loss of (310) medical personal, (35) rescue team members lives and the wreckage of (59) ambulances that are now un-operable. The targeting of (140) health care facilities led to (23) hospitals and (53) health centers to become out of service as a result of the Israeli targeting, fuel, and medical resources depletion. Additionally, the Occupation forces continue its detention of (39) medical personnel, including the General Director of Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza, and still to besiege and target the Indonesian Hospital, obstructing the work of medical teams and preventing them from reaching it.
- The continued targeting of public facilities, as the occupation directly targeted (282) schools, including (90) schools that are out of service, while the number of completely destroyed mosques reached (112) mosques, and (200) partially destroyed mosques, in addition to targeting (3) churches. Based on official data.
- (97) media professionals were martyred under direct targeting since the beginning of the aggression.
- The Israeli occupation forces continue to detain (99) medical team personal, and (8) journalists who their where about remain unknown.
- Demands from the ministry of health to facilitate the evacuation of more than 5,000 wounded people to be provided with the required medical treatment and attention abroad due to the lack of medical capabilities and resources in the strip.

#### **West Bank:**

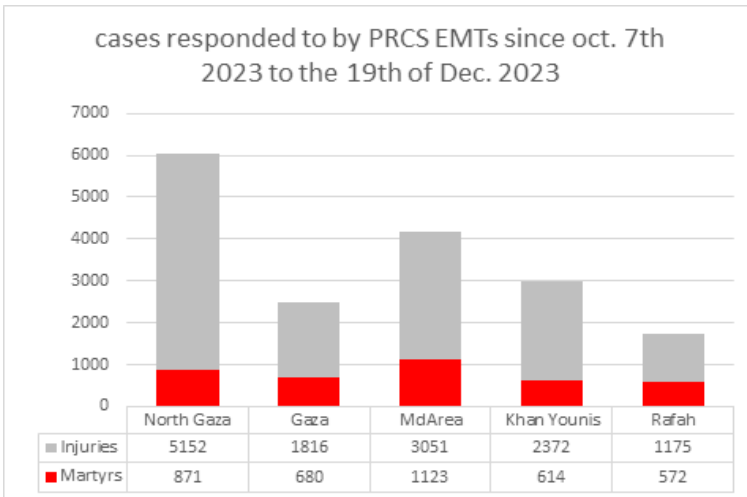
On Thursday, December 20th, 2023, the Israeli occupation forces raided several governorates in the West Bank. The response of the Palestine Red Crescent Society to incidents is documented as follows:

- In Bethlehem, 3 gunshot injuries were treated during an Israeli occupation forces incursion in the Husan area.
- In Ramallah and Al-Bireh, 45 injuries were attended to, including gas inhalation, rubber bullet wounds, and burns.
- In Tulkarm, 1 live bullet injury was treated in Qaffin village.
- In Hebron, 2 gas inhalation cases were managed in Halhul town.
- In Nablus, 1 live bullet injury was treated in Tel village.

#### **PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response**

##### **Gaza Strip:**

PRCS EMTs responded to (13,883) wounded, and (4,418) martyrs since the beginning of the escalation, according to the last report issued by the Central Operations Room of Gaza on December 19th, 2023, received at 24:00. The chart below exemplifies the statistics. According to latest official data issued by the Palestinian Ministry of Health on December 19th, 2023, at 15:00, it reported over (19,667) martyrs, over (52,586) wounded including 8,000+ children, 56,200+ women, and 750+ elderly, however these figures are preliminary due to the massive number of individuals still missing under rubble.



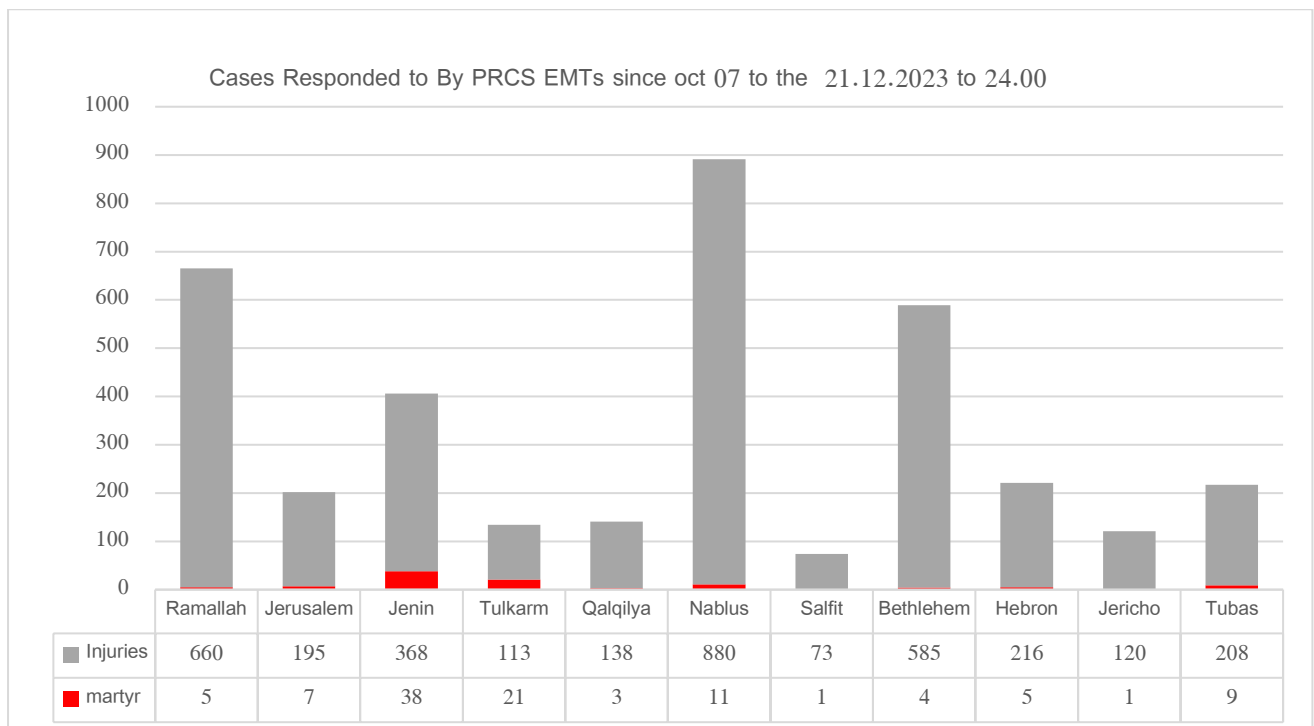
Cases treated at PRCS hospitals in Gaza		
Alquds hospital Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Alamal hospital	Total
<b>1169</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>2245</b>

Partially damaged buildings	In-inhabitant buildings
<b>+254000</b>	<b>+52,000</b>

Emergency Medical Services Stations continue to operate at high capacity in light of the events taking place. Today's operational capacity was (18) ambulance vehicles operating in the field, (2) of which were special use vehicles. The number of staffs working within this capacity is (81) including emergency medical teams, drivers, first responders, administration, and volunteers, while the medical posts continue to receive the mild and moderate cases in northern Gaza.

**The West Bank and East Jerusalem:**

PRCS EMTs responded to (23) casualties and (1) martyrs as of today, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, by 24:00 AM. Thus, the total number of cases responded to by PRCS teams from Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, until December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, included (3556) wounded and (105) martyrs. The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported (302) martyrs and more than (3431+) wounded since 7<sup>th</sup> October, including (535) children, and (85) who were assaulted and wounded by the Israeli settlers' aggression as of October 7<sup>th</sup> until December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



**Violations against PRCS teams:**

The Palestine Red Crescent Society enjoys special protections yielded by international humanitarian law, particularly the Geneva Conventions, and operates within the framework of its humanitarian responsibilities governed by said legal documents. The following recorded violations against our teams, vehicles, and patients are documented in accordance with the First and Fourth Geneva Conventions, the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions, and customary international law.

**Gaza Strip:**

Total Number of violations	Violations Reported				
	Martyrdom of paramedics	Injury of paramedics	Buildings	PRCS vehicles un-operable	vehicle have sustained several damages
<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>

**West Bank and East Jerusalem:**

<b>132 incidents</b> of violation until Dec 21 <sup>st</sup> 2023	
Type of violation	Number
Prevent to access	60
Obstacle to access	56
Violations against EMT's documented and reported	70
Violations against ambulances documented and reported	56
Violations against Patients	60
Violations against PRCS facilities and premises	1
Total	<b>303</b>
Number of martyrs due to violations	<b>4</b>

**Disaster Risk Management Response:**

**Gaza Strip:**

The PRCS' relief teams continue their various efforts in responding to the displaced in all areas of the Gaza Strip, which are suffering from a major disaster due to the aggression on Gaza, in addition to the displacement centers in coordination with the relevant institutions.

- The total number of humanitarian aid trucks received by the PRCS from 10/21/2023 until the 16/12/2023 is **(4301)** trucks, including **1091** trucks during the 7 days humanitarian truce.
- The total share that PRCS distributed to the displacement centers, host families, residential communities, and relevant parties was **2,746** trucks, containing (medicine, medical supplies, beds and medical equipment, food and NFIs, water and milk, and hygiene items) from Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 until Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- **1,555** trucks were distributed to UNRWA and other relevant parties from Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 until Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- The number of trucks that entered the northern Gaza areas during the humanitarian truce period **(310)** trucks containing food, relief materials, drinking water, milk, and tents.
- The number of ambulances received by PRCS is **48**, and they were distributed according to an approved mechanism in coordination with the relevant actors.

- The total amount of fuel delivered into Gaza Strip until the moment is **3,160,667** liters, while the amount of cooking gas amounted to **962.2** tons.

**West Bank including East Jerusalem:**

PRCS disaster response team in coordination with the ICRC, Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2024, carried out an assessment and response as follow:

Area	Incident	Families	Family members	Relief items
Jericho: Bedouin community in Alqalt	Israeli settlers and occupation forces targeted the inhabited barracks, while tampering with the properties	14	79	Blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, jerrycans, tarpaulin
Nablus: Khrbet Tana	Residential tents and properties were demolished and bulldozed by the occupation forces	20	134	Tents, mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, jerrycans
Hebron: Um Qassa Al-Kharou'a/ Masafer Yatta	Israeli settlers and occupation forces targeted the inhabited barracks	3	32	Tents, mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, jerrycans, tarpaulin
Jenin: Romana village	Mattresses were provided to detainees who were released by the occupation forces, where they were sheltered in a school in the village of Romana		150	Mattresses

**Displacement and Evacuation of Civilians in the Gaza Strip:**

PRCS premises	Khan Younis & Al-Amal hospital	UNRWA Centers	Official statistics
# of IDPs	<b>14,000</b>	<b>1.2M+</b>	<b>1.8M+</b>

**Community work department, MHPSS, and the Youth & Volunteers interventions:**

District	CACs	MHPSS		Volunteers
Gaza Strip	<b>86,472</b>	<b>(27,584) paramedics and volunteers</b>		<b>129</b>
West Bank		<b>(5,179) Gazan workers who were deported by the IOF</b>	<b>(2,207,882) online views</b>	

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