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Palestine Red Crescent Society Response Report
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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 77th day in a row.

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Latest Updates:

Gaza Strip

- This evening, the Israeli occupation's air force targeted two inhabited houses located in the eastern and northern sides near the Hope Hospital and the headquarters of Palestine Red Crescent Society in Khan Younis Governorate. The targeting was done simultaneously, which led to the breaking of glass in the headquarters without injuring any of the displaced or the workers. The area was engulfed in intense fear and panic, as this targeting is the closest to the hospital.
- The Israeli occupation forces stormed the headquarters of Palestine Red Crescent Society in the Northern Gaza Governorate and its EMS center, destroyed the ambulances, and parts of the administrative facility, arrested 8 staff members and took them to an unknown location. The rest were forced to go to Al-Hashemiyah School after being interrogated in the field for more than 4 hours, during which they were treated inhumanely.
- Hundreds of pleas continue to come through various communication means of Palestine Red Crescent Society from citizens to intervene and evacuate them from different areas in the Gaza Strip where the army of the Israeli occupation is present and deemed Israeli military operation zones. The occupation forces deliberately prevent our teams from intervening in those areas and our teams are subjected to targeted killing.
- 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 **31st** 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 **Friday, December 21st, 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:

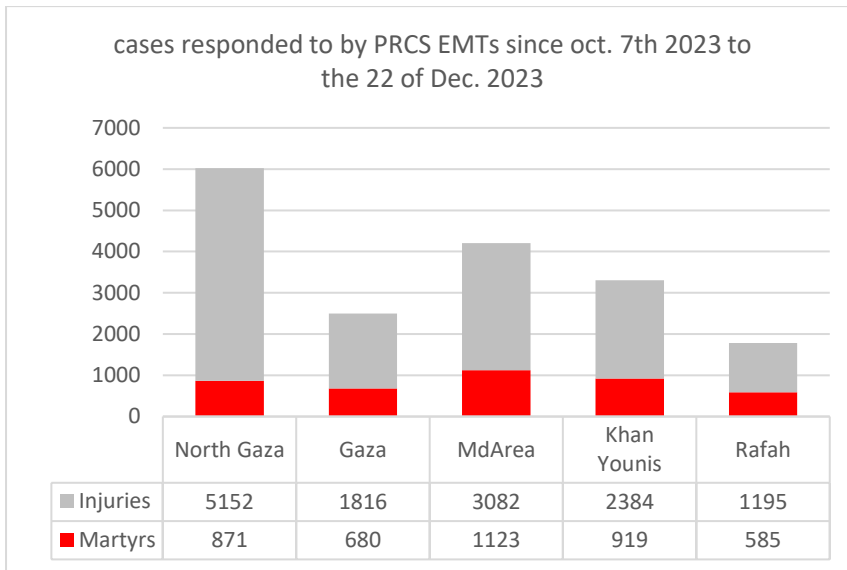
- In Tubas, **1** person shot with live ammunition during an Israeli occupation forces incursion of Tubas.
- In Hebron, **1** person shot with live ammunition in Halhul.
- In Jerusalem, **2** persons to the hospital upon sustaining assault and battery injuries.
- In Bethlehem, **2** persons to the hospital upon sustaining assault and battery injuries during aggressive invasion of the Israeli occupation forces, accompanied by settlers of Qiffin Khala'il Al-Waz village.



PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response

Gaza Strip:

PRCS EMTs responded to **(14,095)** wounded, and **(4,449)** martyrs since the beginning of the escalation, according to the last report issued by the Central Operations Room of Gaza on December 22nd, 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 22nd, 2023, at 15:00, it reported over **(20,057)** martyrs, over **(53,320)** wounded including **8,000+** children, **6,200+** women, and **750+** elderly, however these figures are preliminary due to the massive number of individuals still missing under rubble.



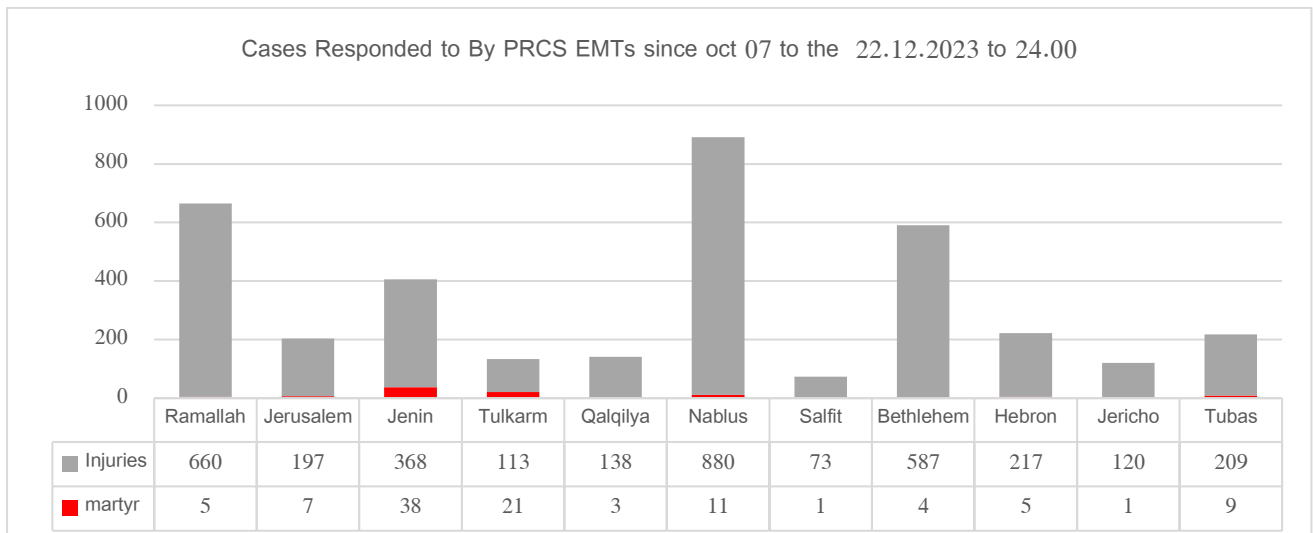
Cases handled by PRCS Hospitals I the Gaza Strip		
Total	Al Amal Hospit	Al Quds Hospital as of 11/11/2023
2280	1111	1169

dwelling with partial damage	dwelling unfit for human habitation
+ 254,000	+52,500

Emergency Medical Services Stations continue to operate at high capacity in response to ongoing events. For this day, there were **15** operational ambulances, including **2** for special tasks, staffed by **67** paramedics, drivers, first responders, administrators, and volunteers. The medical posts are actively receiving minor and moderate medical cases.

The West Bank and East Jerusalem:

PRCS EMTs responded to **(6)** casualties as of today, December 22nd, 2023, by 24:00 AM. Thus, the total number of cases responded to by PRCS teams from Oct 7th, 2023, until December 22nd, 2023, included **(3562)** wounded and **(105)** martyrs. The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported **(302)** martyrs and more than **(3431+)** wounded since 7th October, including **(535)** children, and **(85)** who were assaulted and wounded by the Israeli settlers' aggression as of October 7th until December 19th, 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
41	4	28	8	15	19

West Bank and East Jerusalem:

132 incidents of violation until Dec 22 nd 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	303
Number of martyrs due to violations	4

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 21st 2023 until Dec 16th 2023.
- **1,555** trucks were distributed to UNRWA and other relevant parties from Oct 21st 2023 until Dec 16th 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 14th 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	14,000	1.2M+	1.8M+

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

District	CACs	MHPSS		Volunteers
Gaza Strip	86,472	(31,923) paramedics and volunteers		115
West Bank		(5,179) Gazan workers who were deported by the IOF	(2,207,882) online views	

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