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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 79th day in a row.

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Latest Updates:

Gaza Strip

- The healthcare system in the southern areas of Gaza is continuously deteriorating, while the northern areas of Gaza are completely deprived of any healthcare services, especially after the Israeli Occupation forces forced the Red Crescent Society EMS teams to evacuate out of the Northern Governorate thus obliging them to cease their medical operations there.
- The Israeli Occupation Airforce carpet bombed routes thus cutting off the main roads between areas of Al-Bureij, Al-Maghazi, and Al-Nuseirat refugee camps, in turn posing additional significant challenges to the EMS and rescue teams' work in the area.
- According to live testimonies of Palestinian survivors from the northern governorates of Gaza who reported that the Israeli occupation forces committed mass executions and burials of over 137 Palestinian civilians in the Gaza and Northern governorates. Civilians were placed in a ditch, executed, and mass buried in the same ditch.
- This morning, a 13-year-old displaced boy, Amir Rami Ouda, was martyred at Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Yunis, upon being assassinated by an Israeli military UAV within the hospital campus.
- The evacuation of PRCS teams from the Northern Governorate of Gaza to the southern governorates has been postponed until Monday, due to time constraints and the lack of a secure arrangement with the Israeli Occupation forces to allow the EMS teams to safely stay overnight in Gaza.
- 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 **33rd** 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 Ministry of Health has confirmed the scope of the Israeli Occupation forces operations continued to include targeting civilian individuals and public hospitals and facilities. The following statistics are compiled from various official sources:

310 martyrs from EMS teams	35 martyrs from the Civil Defense rescue teams	140 health institutions targeted	23 hospitals and 53 health centers were put out of service
102 ambulances targeted	59 ambulances completely destroyed and put out of service	99 medical staff detained	103 martyrs: journalists and media anchors
285 educational institutions targeted	92 educational institutions put out of service	115 mosques completely destroyed	200 mosques partially destroyed
3 churches targeted	7780 persons missing under the rubble, including 4700 children and women		8 journalists detained

- The Ministry of Health has also made urgent calls to facilitate the medical referrals and travel arrangements of over **5000** wounded persons to receive treatment abroad due to the lack of medical facilities and the severe shortage of medical supplies in the Gaza Strip.

West Bank:

The response of the Palestine Red Crescent Society to incidents is documented as follows:

- In Hebron Governorate: PRCS addressed **4** cases: **1** person sustained assault and battery injuries in Soureef Town, **1** person shot with live ammunition during an Israeli occupation forces incursion of Tarqumia town, and **2** persons shot with live ammunition during an Israeli occupation forces incursion of Yatta City.
- The central operations room at PRCS headquarters receives several appeals and reports on daily basis about those adversely affected by the aggression in the Gaza Strip. The central operations team handles these reports and takes necessary actions to dispatch support. The reports vary and include different types of cases; wounded persons, martyrs,



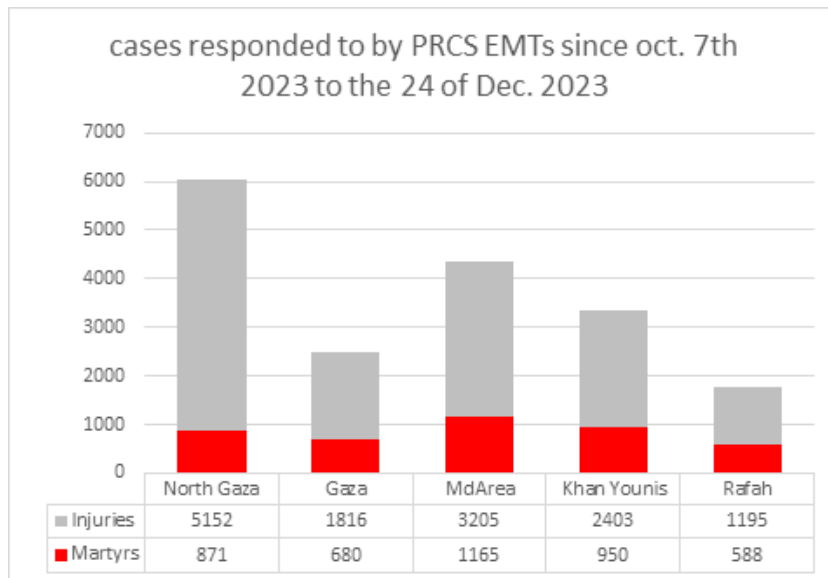
missing persons, childbirth, chronic diseases, citizens trapped in dangerous crossfire zones requesting urgent evacuation, not to mention medication.

- PRCS rapid response teams, in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross, conducted a rapid assessment of the emergency needs of **6** adversely affected Bedouin families in Khirbet Al-Taweel, south of Nablus. A total of **32** individuals were affected due to the demolition of their tents and residential barracks by the occupation forces. Based on the needs assessment, the team provided relief materials, including tents, mattresses, blankets, kitchen utensils, sanitary cleaning tools, kerosene stoves, and jerrycans.
- In Jenin, PRCS rapid response team evaluated the emergency needs of **130** families in the Jenin camp, whose homes were completely destroyed due to recent invasions and aggressive assaults by the Israeli occupation forces. The affected families left their homes seeking temporary and emergency stay with relatives. PRCS needs assessment is pending to identify the needs and priorities for providing relief materials and will coordinate with relevant partners in the field.

PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response

Gaza Strip:

PRCS EMTs responded to **(14,237)** wounded, and **(4,525)** martyrs since the beginning of the escalation, according to the last report issued by the Central Operations Room of Gaza on December 24, 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 24, 2023, at 13:00, it reported over **(20,424)** martyrs, over **(54,036)** wounded including **8,200+** children, **6,200+** women, and **750+** elderly, however these figures are preliminary due to the massive number of individuals still missing under rubble.



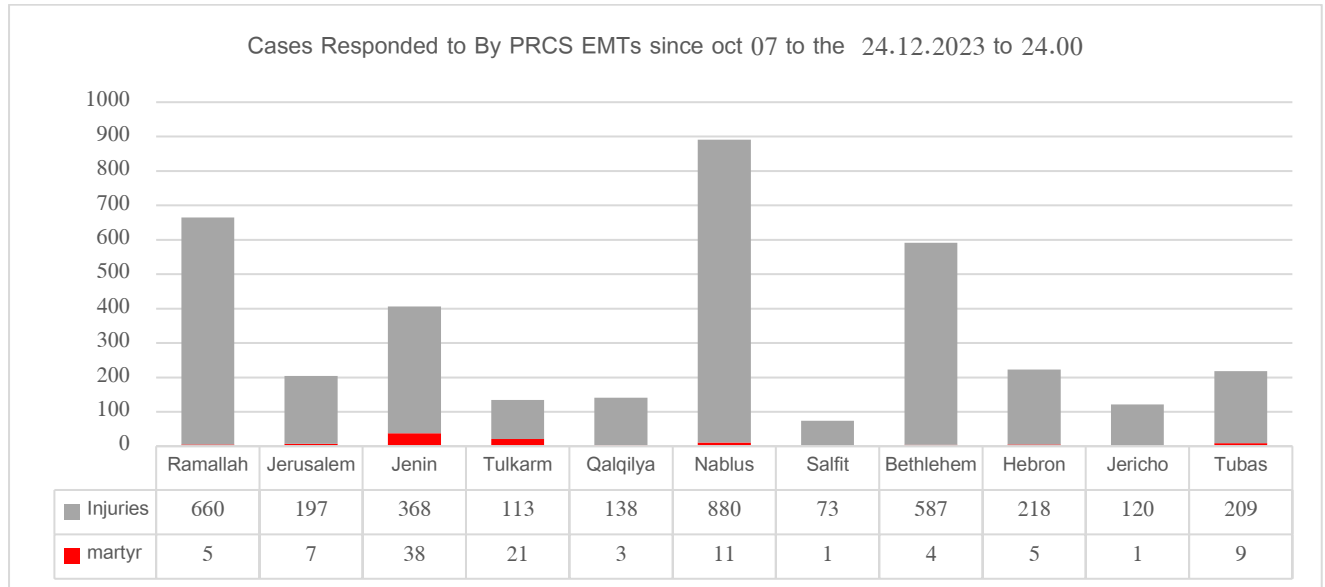
Cases handled by PRCS Hospitals I the Gaza Strip		
Al Quds Hospital as of 11/11/2023	Al Amal Hospital	Total
1169	1111	2280

dwelling with partial damage	dwelling unfit for human habitation
+ 258,000	+55,000

Emergency Medical Services Stations continue to operate at high capacity in response to ongoing events. For this day, there were **17** operational ambulances, including **2** for special tasks, staffed by **80** paramedics, drivers, first responders, administrators, and volunteers. The medical posts are actively receiving minor and moderate medical cases.

The West Bank and East Jerusalem:

The total number of cases responded to by PRCS teams from Oct 7th, 2023, until December 24, 2023, included **(3566)** 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
42	4	28	9	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 21.10.2023 until the 22.12.2023 is **(4,760)** trucks, including **1,091** 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 **3,049** trucks, containing (medicine, medical supplies, beds and medical equipment, food and NFIs, water and milk, and hygiene items) .
- **1,711**trucks were distributed to UNRWA and other relevant parties .
- 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 **60**, 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 **3,790,667** liters, while the amount of cooking gas amounted to **1298.48** tons.

West Bank including East Jerusalem:

PRCS disaster response team in coordination with (ICRC), since October 7, 2023, until December 24, 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
Nablus: Khirbet Al taweel	The Israeli occupation forces demolished residential tents and barracks	6	32	Tents, mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, kerosene stoves, jerrycan

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		121
West Bank		(5,179) Gazan workers who were deported by the IOF	(2,207,882) online views	

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