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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 **83** day in a row.

Recent Developments

Gaza Strip:

Disclaimer: The information in this report is limited, and only represents the available data which PRCS teams could gather directly or from various credible information sources . This limitation is due to communication disruptions and extreme difficulties in accessing information sources.

- This morning the Israeli occupying forces bombarded a residential building near Al-Amal Hospital, located to its southeast. The attack resulted in over 10 martyrs, mostly children, and wounded numerous others. The event caused widespread fear and panic among those seeking refuge in the hospital, exacerbated by the debris and shrapnel impacting the hospital structure.
- In a span of less than 24 hours, the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital witnessed two separate air-strikes. These incidents led to the loss of over 35 lives and left many injured, including some of the displaced occupants seeking refuge at the hospital. Concurrently, the surrounding areas of the hospital are experiencing ongoing artillery bombardment at regular intervals.
- Over the last 48 hours, Al-Amal Hospital has treated a significant number of injured and wounded individuals, stretching its capacity beyond its limits. This situation is particularly challenging due to the shortage of medical supplies and the high influx of patients requiring care.
- Frequent interruptions in communication services, including mobile, landline, and internet, are severely hindering the efforts of emergency and relief teams to handle humanitarian emergencies. These disruptions also affect the coordination between PRCS' emergency control room in Gaza and its main headquarters in Ramallah.
- PRCS teams, coordinated through the International Committee of the Red Cross, the evacuation of **8** people, including **5** wounded persons from the Al Ahli Baptist Community Hospital. In addition to **6** wounded persons from Al-Shifa Hospital to hospitals in the southern sector of the region. Additionally, a number of its teams and volunteers in the northern sector were evacuated after the Israeli occupying forces forced them to vacate the EMS center in Jabalia, raided the building, and destroyed the ambulances there.
- PRCS EMS center has been put out of service ceasing to provide any of its services including emergency response and rescue after the Israeli occupying forces forced some of the staff to leave the Northern Governorate of Gaza while it arrested some.
- **900,000** children in the shelters are at risk of dehydration, starvation, digestive and respiratory diseases, skin diseases, and anemia.
- **50,000** pregnant women in the shelters are without water, food, and healthcare, with about **180** women giving birth daily in unsafe and inhumane conditions.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Israeli occupation forces continue to detain **8** members of the PRCS teams in the Northern Governorate of Gaza (paramedics and volunteers). This detention marks the **8th** consecutive day. Noting the detainees were apprehended at the PRCS's headquarters and taken to an undisclosed location, with their fate, current status, and whereabouts still unknown at this moment.
- The Israeli occupation forces continue the arbitrary detention of **Awni Khattab**, Director of the Khan Younis EMS, a PRCS facility, for the **37th** day in a row. It is noteworthy to mention that he was illegally apprehended at the checkpoint separating Northern and Southern Gaza while transferring a critical medical convoy of injured civilians from Al Shifa hospital to then operating Hospitals in the southern of 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:

312 martyrs EMS teams	40 martyrs from the Civil Defense rescue teams	141 health institutions targeted	23 hospitals and 53 health centers were put out of service
104 ambulances targeted	59 ambulances completely destroyed and put out of service	101 medical staff members detained	105 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 children and women		9 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:

- The central operations room at PRCS headquarters receives several appeals and reports on a 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.
- In collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross, PRCS' rapid response team evaluated the urgent needs of **7** Bedouin families in Froush Beit Dajan, Nablus Governorate. These families, comprising **35** individuals, suffered losses due to the destruction of their tents and residential shelters by the Israeli military forces. The team supplied them with essential relief items such as tents, women's dignity packages, kerosene stove, kitchenware, hygiene products, pillows, and jerrycans.
- PRCS rapid response team, working alongside the International Committee of the Red Cross, assessed the immediate necessities of **12** Bedouin families in Nur Shams refugee camp, Tulkarem Governorate. The **80** individuals were impacted by the demolition of their residential structures. In response, we provided them with vital aid including tents, blankets, kitchen tools, heaters, and hygiene supplies.

On **Thursday, December 28, 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:

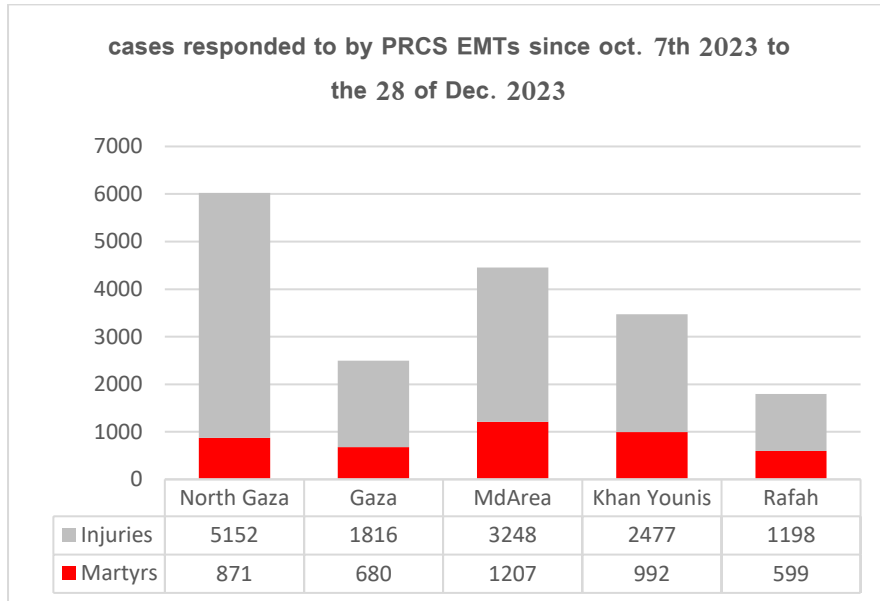
- Hebron Governorate, PRCS teams transferred **4** wounded persons; shot with live ammunition during an Israeli occupation forces incursion of the town of Halhul.
- Ramallah Governorate, PRCS teams transferred **15** patients, **8** wounded persons shot with live ammunition; and **7** patients suffocated with tear gas injuries, during an Israeli occupation forces incursion of Ramallah.
- Nablus Governorate, PRCS teams transferred **1** wounded person; shot with live ammunition during an Israeli occupation forces incursion of the old city of Nablus.
- Jericho Governorate: PRCS teams treated **1** wounded person; shot with live ammunition during the Israeli occupation forces incursion of the refugee camp of Ein AL Sultan.
- Jenin Governorate: PRCS teams transferred **4** shrapnel injuries, during the Israeli occupation forces incursion of the Jenin.
- Bethlehem Governorate: PRCS teams transferred **1** martyr, during the Israeli occupation forces incursion of the town of Al-Doha.



PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response

Gaza Strip:

PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response Gaza Strip: PRCS EMTs responded to **(14,357)** wounded, and **(4,620)** martyrs since the beginning of the escalation, according to the last report issued by the Central Operations Room of Gaza on **December 28, 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 28, 2023, at 13:00, it reported over **(21,320)** martyrs, over **(55,603)** wounded including well over **+8,800 children**, well over **+6,300 women**, and well over **+750 elderly**, however these figures are preliminary due to the massive number of individuals still missing under rubble.

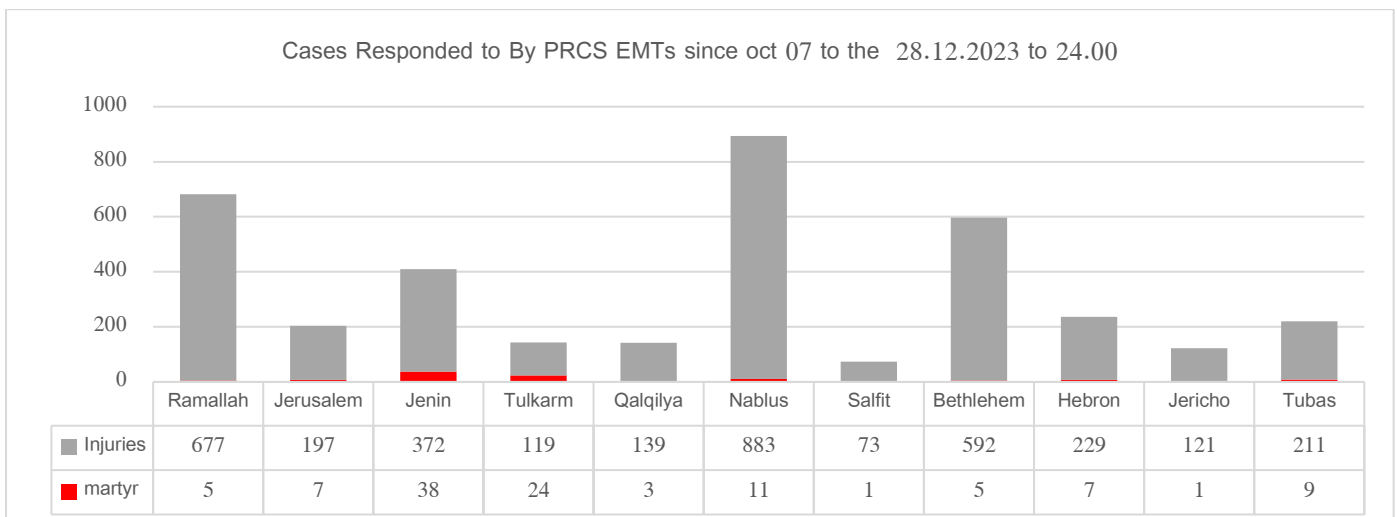


Cases handled by PRCS Hospitals I the Gaza Strip		
Al Quds Hospital as of 11/11/2023	Al Amal Hospital	Total
1169	1174	2343
dwellings with partial damage		dwellings unfit for human habitation
+ 290,000		+65,000

Emergency Medical Services Stations continue to operate at high capacity in response to ongoing events. As of today, there were **16** operational ambulances, including **2** for special tasks, staffed by **71** 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 28, 2023, included **(3613)** wounded and **(111)** martyrs. The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported **(303)** 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 20th, 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 by 24:00 on December 28, 2023				
	Martyrdom of paramedics	wounded paramedics	Buildings	PRCS vehicles put out of service	Severely damaged vehicles
45	4	28	12	15	19

West Bank and East Jerusalem:

137 incidents mounting to violations against PRCS documented and reported by 24:00 on Dec 28, 2023	
Type of violation	Number
Prohibiting access	63
Restricting access	58
Violations against EMT's documented and reported	73
Violations against ambulance vehicles documented and reported	65
Violations against Patients and wounded persons	63
Violations against PRCS infrastructure, facilities, and premises	1
Total	315
Total number of martyrs as a direct result of prohibiting the access of medical teams	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 and Jerusalem:

Since October 7, 2023, until December 28th, 2024 PRCS disaster response team in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), carried out assessment and response missions to each of the governorates as follows accordingly:

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: Khrbet Al taweel	The Israeli occupation forces demolished residential tents and barracks	6	32	Tents, mattresses, blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, kerosene stoves, jerry can
Nablus: Froush Beit Dajan	The Israeli occupation forces demolished residential tents and barracks	6	35	Tents, dignity kits, kitchen utensils, hygiene kits, kerosene stove, pillows, jerry can
Hebron: Al Nawaj'aa/ Masafer Yatta	The Israeli occupation forces demolished residential tents and barracks	1	7	Tents, mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets
Tulkarem, Nur Shams refugee camp	Israeli occupation forces demolished some of the residential houses, while vandalizing the properties	12	80	mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen sets, heaters

Displacement and Evacuation of Civilians in the Gaza Strip:

PRCS premises	Khan Younis & Al-Amal hospital	UNRWA Centers	Official statistics
# of IDPs	13,000+	1.2M+	1.8M+

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

District	CACs	MHPSS		Volunteers
Gaza Strip	91,772	(31,923) paramedics and volunteers		148
West Bank		(5,179) Gazan workers who were deported by the IOF	(2,207,882) online views	

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