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**Palestine Red Crescent Society Response Report**  
**As of Saturday, October 7 th 2023, 18:00 PM**  
**until Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 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 **88** 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.**

- Today, the staff and facilities of PRCS faced three severe violations. The Israeli occupation forces' artillery directly targeted the eighth floor of our administrative building, which is currently sheltering thousands of displaced individuals. This attack resulted in the tragic loss of **four** of these displaced persons and injuries to others. In the midst of evacuating the martyrs and wounded, another artillery shell struck the seventh floor, causing further casualties. Among the wounded was volunteer paramedic Hani Abu Khousa, who sustained an injury to his left eye and has since been discharged from the hospital following necessary treatment.
- PRCS OPS, EMS, rescue and relief, and Paramedics teams are all experiencing sporadic internet outages at our headquarters and Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Yunis. These disruptions are a consequence of the recent assaults by the Israeli occupation forces on the areas in the vicinity of the hospital.
- Since the onset of the current hostilities, the Israeli Occupation forces have committed **1,853** massacres against Palestinian families. These horrific events have led to the martyrdom of thousands and wounded tens of thousands more, in addition to familicide; effectively annihilating hundreds of families fully wiping them out from the civil registry.
- **2** PRCS EMS centers in Gaza and Northern Gaza have been put out of service ceasing to provide any services including emergency response and rescue upon running out of fuel along with the Israeli occupying forces restrictions of access of the working medical teams. Moreover, Hospitals in the governorate are put of service as well and it is impossible to conduct any humanitarian evacuation.
- Well over **900,000** children in the shelters are at risk of dehydration, starvation, digestive and respiratory diseases, skin diseases, and anemia.
- Well over **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 Palestinian civilians in the Gaza and Northern governorates. Civilians were placed in ditches, executed, and mass buried in the same ditches.



- 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.
- 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 **13<sup>th</sup>** 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 **42<sup>th</sup>** 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:

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|--|---|--|---|
| <b>326 martyrs EMS teams</b>                 | <b>40 martyrs from the Civil Defense rescue teams</b>                           | <b>141 health institutions targeted</b>  | <b>23 hospitals and 53 health centers were put out of service</b> |
| <b>104 ambulances targeted</b>               | <b>59 ambulances completely-destroyed and put out of service</b>                | <b>99 medical staff members detained</b> | <b>106 martyrs: journalists and media anchors</b>                 |
| <b>285 educational institutions targeted</b> | <b>92 educational institutions put out of service</b>                           | <b>119 mosques completely-destroyed</b>  | <b>208 mosques partially-destroyed</b>                            |
| <b>3 churches targeted</b>                   | <b>7780 persons missing under the rubble, including 4700 children and women</b> |  | <b>10 journalists detained</b>                                    |

- 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.

On **Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024**, the Israeli occupation forces raided **Jenin** governorate in the West Bank. The response of the Palestine Red Crescent Society to incidents is documented as follows:

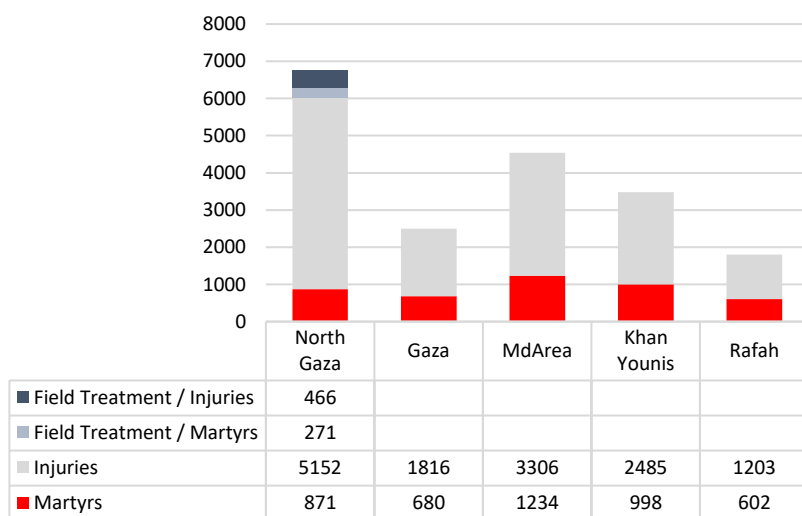
- Jenin Governorate: PRCS's teams responded to **1** wounded person shot by the Israeli occupation forces' during their incursion into the city.

**PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response**

**Gaza Strip:**

PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response Gaza Strip: PRCS EMTs responded to **(14,795)** wounded, and **(4,866)** martyrs since the beginning of the escalation, according to the last report issued by the Central Operations Room of Gaza on January 02, 2024, received at 24:00. The chart below exemplifies the statistics. According to latest official data issued by **the Palestinian Ministry of Health on January 02, 2024, at 24:00**, it reported over **(22,185)** martyrs; over **(57,035)** wounded including well over **+9,100** children, well over **+6,500** women, and well over **+750** elderly, however these figures are preliminary due to the massive number of individuals still missing under rubble.

cases responded to by PRCS EMTs since oct. 7th 2023 to the 2 of Dec. 2024



| Cases handled by PRCS Hospitals I the Gaza Strip |                  |       |
|--|------------------|-------|
| Al Quds Hospital as of 11/11/2023                | Al Amal Hospital | Total |
| 1169   | 1200             | 2369  |

| dwelling with partial damage | dwelling unfit for human habitation |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| + 290,000                    | +65,000                             |

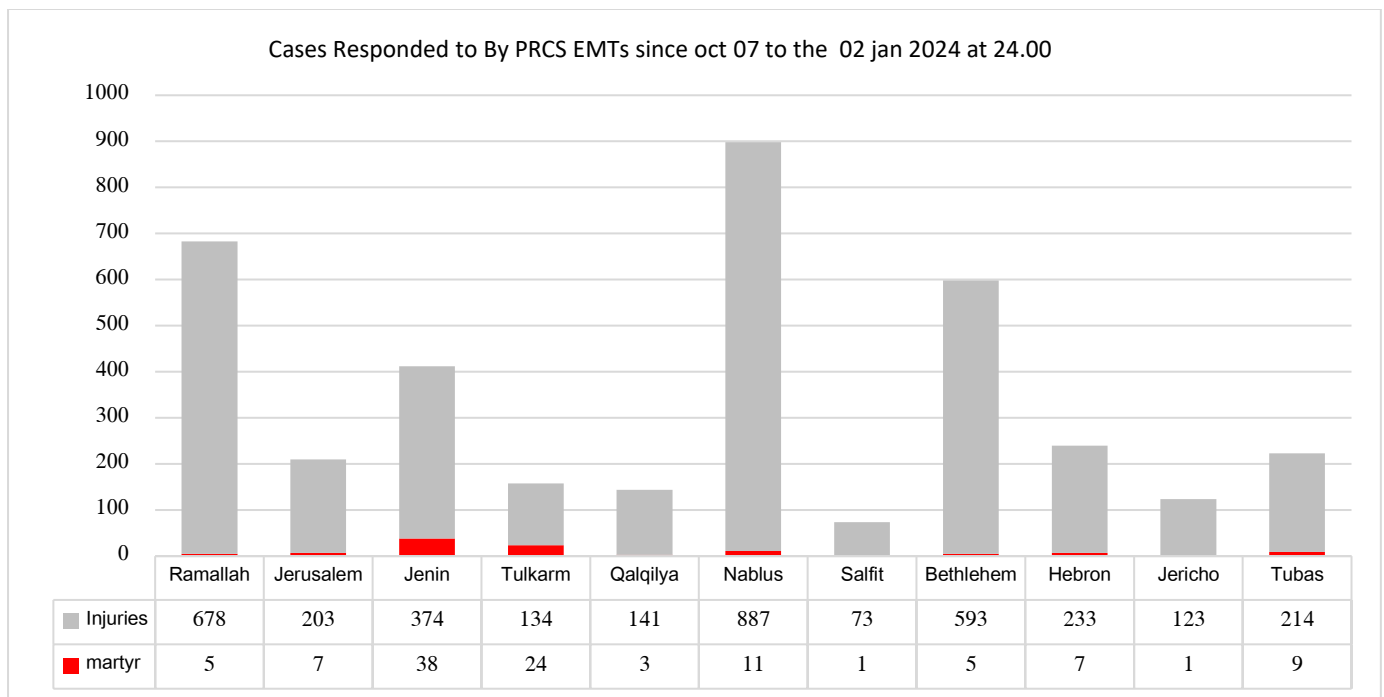
Emergency Medical Services Stations continue to operate at high capacity in response to ongoing events. As of today, there were **17** operational ambulances, including **2** for special tasks, staffed by **64** paramedics, drivers, first responders, administrators, and volunteers. The medical posts are actively receiving minor and moderate medical cases.



PRCS volunteers are persistently operating at the emergency aid station in North Gaza, despite the occupation forces forcing PRCS teams in the region to evacuate following the arrest of **8** members. The emergency aid station at the EMS center in PRCS's Northern Branch has handled a total of **1,051** cases so far, comprising **437** martyrs and **614** injuries.

**The West Bank and East Jerusalem:**

The total number of cases responded to by PRCS teams from Oct 7th, 2023, until January 02, 2024, included **(3653)** 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 7<sup>th</sup>. until December 20<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 by 24:00 on January 02, 2024 |                    |           |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | Martyrdom of paramedics                          | wounded paramedics | Buildings | PRCS vehicles put out of service | Severely damaged vehicles |
| <b>48</b>                  | <b>4</b>   | <b>29</b>          | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                        | <b>19</b>                 |

**West Bank and East Jerusalem:**

| <b>137 incidents</b> mounting to violations against PRCS documented and reported by 24:00 on Jan 02, 2024 |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b>Type of violation</b>  | <b>Number</b> |
| 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             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>315</b>    |
| Total number of martyrs as a direct result of prohibiting the access of medical teams                     | <b>4</b>      |

**Disaster Risk Management Response:**

**Gaza Strip:**

The Palestine Red Crescent Society's Disaster Risk Management response in Gaza includes:

- Ongoing relief efforts in all areas in Gaza including displacement centers and coordinating with relevant institutions.
- Since **October 21 to December 31, 2023:**
  - a total of **5,283** trucks of aid were received.
  - PRCS distributed a total of **3,503** trucks of medical supplies, food, water, and hygiene products.
  - **1,780** trucks were allocated to UNRWA and other related official entities.
  - **310** trucks of humanitarian aid entered North Gaza with food and relief materials during the humanitarian pause.
  - **81** ambulances were received and systematically distributed in coordination with relevant official entities.
  - A total of **3,790,667** liters of fuel and **1812.41** tons of cooking gas were supplied to Gaza during this period.
  - The number of aid trucks that have entered Gaza through the Kerem Shalom crossing is **263**, since December 18, 2023."

**West Bank and Jerusalem:**

Since **October 7, 2023, until January 02, 2024**, PRCS disaster response team in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), carried out rapid assessment and response missions to **63 families** mounting to **549 individuals** adversely impacted by various forms of aggression carried out by the Israeli occupation forces and colonial settlers. This included responding to property demolitions, destruction, and acts of vandalism in numerous West Bank locations. The team distributed a range of relief supplies, including blankets, sanitation and hygiene kits, kitchenware, jerrycans, tarpaulins, tents, mattresses, and heaters, addressing the unique requirements of each affected individual.



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

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

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

| District   | CACs          | MHPSS   | Volunteers                      |
|------------|---------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Gaza Strip | <b>97,470</b> | <b>(31,923)</b> paramedics and volunteers                 | <b>149</b>                      |
| West Bank  |               | <b>(5,179)</b> Gazan workers who were deported by the IOF | <b>(2,207,882)</b> online views |

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