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**Palestine Red Crescent Society Response Report**  
**As of Saturday, October 7 th 2023, 18:00 PM**  
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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 **90** day in a row.

**Recent Developments**

**Gaza Strip:**

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- In the evening, emergency medical teams evacuated an eight-member family, including a blind woman, children, and individuals with disabilities, from the Al-Katiba area in Khan Younis. They were subsequently taken to Al-Amal Hospital for safety and care.
- Artillery bombardments persisted in the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital and the nearby headquarters of PRCS in Khan Younis. The area also experienced relentless drone gunfire. The resultant shrapnel fell on the PRCS's headquarters, which shelters thousands of displaced persons, causing considerable damage to the premises and to Al-Amal Hospital. This situation has heightened fear among the displaced population, further complicating the efforts of emergency and relief workers in the area.
- PRCS has suffered an escalation in aggressions increasing the number of violations against PRCS. The Israeli Occupation forces targeted the fifth floor of PRCS's administrative building in Khan Younis with an artillery shell, resulting in the death of a displaced person and injuries to six others.
- Another violation against PRCS occurred today, PRCS's ambulance crew faced hostility. An ambulance, plate number 3-1207-55, was dispatched at 06:50 to respond to injuries in Al-Masdar village in the eastern side of the central governorate. It came under fire, damaging its side door, but the crew members managed to escape unharmed.
- Continuous artillery bombardment around Al-Amal Hospital and PRCS's headquarters in Khan Younis, along with ongoing drone gunfire, has led to shrapnel falling on the headquarters, where thousands of displaced people are sheltered. This has caused substantial damage and spread fear and panic among the displaced, complicating the work of ambulance and relief teams.
- The death toll among the displaced due to direct attacks on PRCS's headquarters and Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis has reached 7 martyrs, with over 11 injured. Three floors of the administrative building were destroyed, forcing many displaced residents to flee.
- Teams in the emergency operations room and those involved in relief and medical aid are facing intermittent internet disruptions at PRCS headquarters and Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis due to recent attacks by the Israeli occupation forces in the surrounding area.
- 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 **15<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 **44<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:

<b>326</b> martyrs EMS teams	<b>40</b> martyrs from the Civil Defense rescue teams	<b>150</b> health institutions targeted	<b>30</b> hospitals and <b>53</b> health centers were put out of service
<b>121</b> ambulances targeted	<b>59</b> ambulances completely-destroyed and put out of service	<b>99</b> medical staff members detained	<b>106</b> martyrs: journalists and media anchors
<b>292</b> educational institutions targeted	<b>93</b> educational institutions put out of service	<b>122</b> mosques completely-destroyed	<b>218</b> mosques partially-destroyed
<b>3</b> churches targeted	<b>200</b> Ancient ruins and archeological sites		<b>10</b> journalists detained

**7780** persons missing under the rubble, including **4700** children and women

- 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 Israeli occupation forces for the second consecutive day continue raids on the Nur Shams camp east of Tulkarm city, resulting in numerous injuries, arrests, the bombing of a house, and the destruction and vandalism of streets, infrastructure, citizens' properties, homes, and public and private facilities. The Israeli occupation forces have also deployed additional military reinforcements to the camp, which is surrounded on all sides, including its entrances. During this time, the Israeli soldiers are raiding homes, detaining inhabitants, subjecting them to interrogation, and violently assaulting them, including the elderly. These residents are being deported from the camp and not allowed to return until the withdrawal of the occupying forces. Some houses are being turned into military barracks and surveillance points. The occupying forces have also obstructed the work of ambulances and hindered their movement.

PRCS Disaster relief and emergency response teams in Tulkarm branch have:

- Provided relief materials including blankets, water, hygiene products, medicines, and food to the citizens who were displaced from the refugee camp after interrogation and not allowed to return. They were sheltered in the 'Birr al-Walidayn' Mosque, numbering between **300-350** people. Women and children have sought refuge at their relatives' homes.
- Informed and Coordinated with the (ICRC) regarding the presence of citizens in the mosque and PRCS teams' presence in the field.
- Worked with the Tulkarm Governorate and the regional commander to secure food meals.
- Evacuated some citizens to locations near 'Birr al-Walidayn' Mosque.
- Planned to coordinate with the ICRC, the Popular Committee, and UNRWA for a rapid assessment and identification of needs as soon as the Israeli occupation forces withdraw their troops from the camp, and to provide assistance according to the PRCS' available capabilities.

PRCS Disaster relief and emergency response teams in Anabta branch have :

- Conducted a rapid assessment for **3** adversely affected families totaling **32** members who were forced to leave Nur Shams camp for Anabta and rent a residential house due to their homes being damaged during the occupation forces' invasion of the camp on 26/12/2023. These families lacked basic necessities, and based on the assessment, relief materials like blankets, mattresses, pillows, and hygiene kits were provided.
- 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.

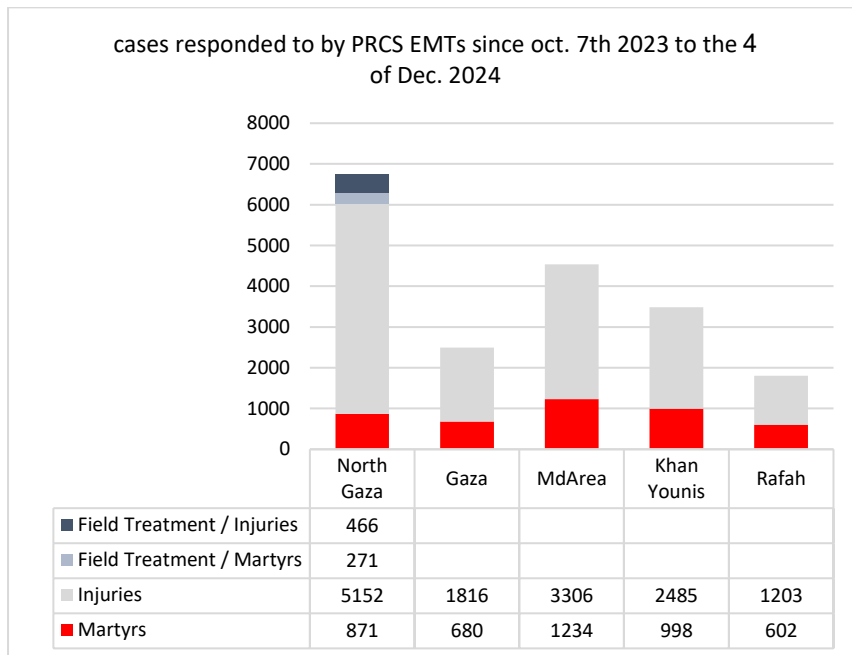
On **Thursday, Jan 4, 2024**, the Israeli occupation forces raided several governorates in **the West Bank**. The response of the Palestine Red Crescent Society to incidents is documented as follows:

- Tulkarm Governorate: PRCS teams responded to **9** cases of assault injuries during the Israeli occupation forces' raid on Nur Shams refugee camp.
- Jenin Governorate: PRCS teams responded to **1** gunshot wound during the Israeli occupation forces' raid on Qabatiya town.
- Tubas Governorate: PRCS teams responded to **6** injuries, including 1 gunshot wound and 5 assault injuries, during the Israeli occupation forces' raid on Tammun town and Seer village.
- Bethlehem Governorate: PRCS teams responded to **1** case of assault injury during the Israeli occupation forces' raid on Al-Maniya village.

**PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response**

**Gaza Strip:**

PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response Gaza Strip: PRCS EMTs responded to **(14,915)** wounded, and **(4,925)** martyrs since the beginning of the escalation, according to the last report issued by the Central Operations Room of Gaza on January 04, 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 03, 2024, at 13:00, it reported over **(+22,438)** martyrs; over **(57,296)** 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 handled by PRCS Hospitals I the Gaza Strip		
Al Quds Hospital as of 11/11/2023	Al Amal Hospital	Total
1169	1225	2394

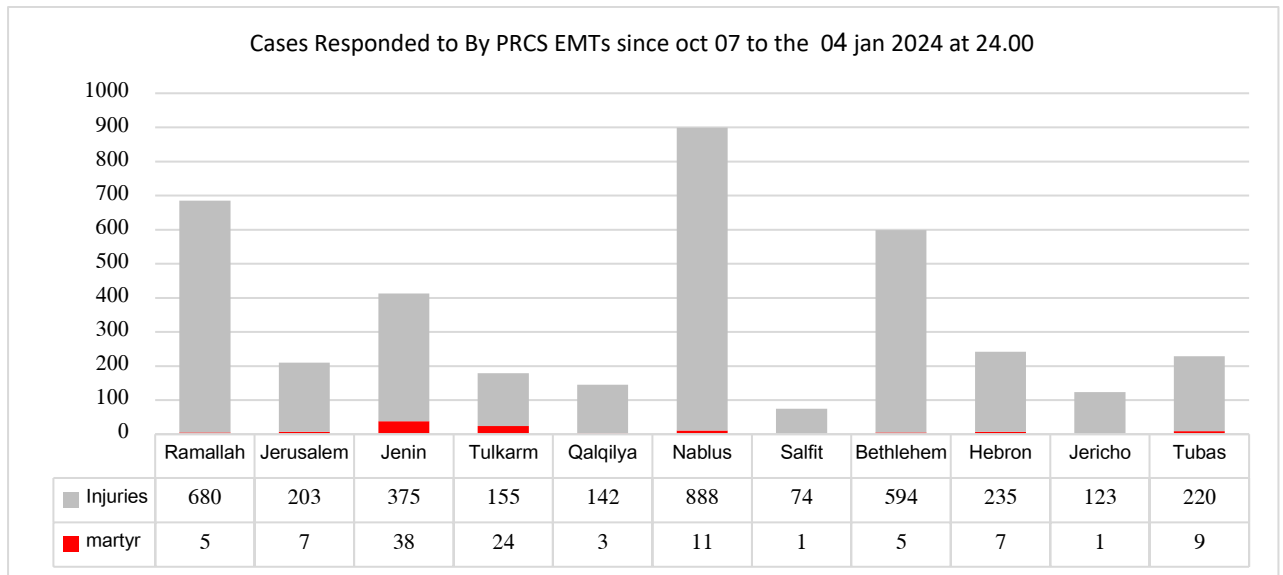
dwelling with partial damage	dwelling unfit for human habitation
+ 290,000	+65,000

- Emergency Medical Services Stations continue to operate at high capacity in response to ongoing events. As of today, there were **19** operational ambulances, including **2** for special tasks, staffed by **89** 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 Israeli occupation forces forcing PRCS teams in the governorate 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 **1,091** cases so far, comprising **444** martyrs and **647** injuries.

**The West Bank and East Jerusalem:**

The total number of cases responded to by PRCS teams from Oct 7th, 2023, until January 04, 2024, included **(3686)** 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 04, 2024				
	Martyrdom of paramedics	wounded paramedics	Buildings	PRCS vehicles put out of service	Severely damaged vehicles
<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>

**West Bank and East Jerusalem:**

<b>143 incidents</b> mounting to violations against PRCS documented and reported by 24:00 on Jan 04, 2024	
<b>Type of violation</b>	<b>Number</b>
Prohibiting access	67
Restricting access	60
Violations against EMT's documented and reported	76
Violations against ambulance vehicles documented and reported	60
Violations against Patients and wounded persons	68
Violations against PRCS infrastructure, facilities, and premises	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>332</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 04, 2024**, PRCS disaster response team in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), carried out rapid assessment and response missions to **66 families** mounting to **931 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+	1.9M+

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

District	CACs	MHPSS	Volunteers
Gaza Strip	<b>103,404</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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