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PRCS Report Update

From Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 06:00 AM

Until Monday, October 16, 2023, at 11:00

- For the tenth day in row, the PRCS teams continued respond to the field accelerations in the southern governorates, following the declaration of State of Emergency by PRCS
- The central emergency operations room at the headquarters and the Operations Room in Gaza continue to operate 24/7.

Gaza:

Despite the Israeli army's threat to evacuate PRCS Al-Quds Hospital, the hospital is still providing its services to the wounded, injured, and displaced people out of its national and humanitarian duty.

-The occupation forces are still targeting towers, facilities, and residential buildings, mosques, main streets, and civilian residents in various areas in the southern governorates, which has led to a large number of casualties, including children and women, and the displacement of civilians in search of safety.

The emergency operations room team and a number of administrative teams were transferred to PRCS's headquarter in Khan Yunis city, "Al Amal City," due to the Israeli occupation's threats for all residents living north of Gaza, in addition to international, health, and humanitarian institutions, with the necessity of evacuating to the South of the Gaza immediately, as the mentioned area will not be safe anymore. Administrative work is currently being overtaken from Khan Yunis Governorate, while ambulances and emergency services remain the same, in Gaza governorate, North Gaza governorates, in addition to Al-Quds Hospital services.

- **Crossing all red lines the occupation forces directly targeted an ambulance belonging to Palestinian Red Crescent Society - PRCS , North Gaza Governorate leading to the martyrdom of three EMS staff: Khalil Al-Sharif - Yousry Al-Masry - Ahmed Dahman.**
- **In a separate incident, and despite that medical staff receiving the green light to respond east of Gaza City, the occupation forces targeted an ambulance belonging to PRCS East of Gaza City, which led to the martyrdom of another EMS staff Hatem Awad, bringing the number of martyred PRCS EMS staff to (4) in less than half an hour.**
- Since the beginning of the accelerations, a number of (16) violations have been recorded against the PRCS's crews and centers, resulting in the martyrdom of (4) EMS staff, the injury of (5) EMS staff, damage to (8) ambulance vehicles, and severe damage to the PRCS's centers in the North Gaza, and damage to PRCS's Emergency Operations Room.

- As a result of the repeated Israeli bombing in the vicinity of PRCS's HQ and ambulance centers, the emergency number 101 for ambulance service witnessed repeated malfunctions, which posed a major challenge in the process of responding to civilians' distress calls.
- The official authorities launched an urgent emergency appeal to the international community and international relief organizations, calling for urgent intervention due to the running out of fuel for the only power plant in Gaza, in addition to the closure of Rafah land crossing, scarcity of fuel supplies, water outage, which heralds a humanitarian disaster affecting most of the vital sectors, most notably health, water and environment sectors.
- PRCS Demand official and international bodies to put their extreme efforts to re-open Rafah land crossing (the sole travel access) as to save lives of the wounded and injured, and to bring in urgent medical supplies and fuel for hospitals and medical centres.
- PRCS ambulance centers are still operating at high capacity in response to current accelerations, as the number of ambulance vehicles operating in the field has reached (32) ambulance vehicles, (3) vehicles on call and special tasks, in addition to (112) paramedics, drivers, first responders, volunteers, and managerial staff.
- Israel forces is still demanding immediate evacuation for hospitals and health centers, including Al-Quds Hospital, Al-Awda Hospital, Al-Kuwaiti Hospital, Public Service Hospital, Hamad Rehabilitation Hospital, Kamal Adwan Hospital, in addition to the Beit Hanoun and Al-Durrah Children's Hospitals being out of service.
- This bombing led to the destruction of infrastructure surrounding the hospital, which posed a major challenge for ambulances to respond to distress calls. It also led to the flight of another large number of civilians in the vicinity of Al-Quds Hospital to hospital building in search of safety, which increased the number of displaced people at PRCS's headquarters and Al-Quds Hospital. To more than 4,500 citizens.
- The total statistics according to the official sources of the cases since the beginning of the accelerations (2750) martyrs, including (800) children and (500) women, in addition to more than (9700) injuries including (3000) children and (2200) women, until the reporting period ends as of 11:00 am.
- The total cases dealt with by PRCS ambulance teams since the beginning of the accelerations are (4251) cases, including (919) fatalities and (3332) injuries.
 - Al-Quds Hospital received some cases, including (419), of them (415) were injuries, (4) martyres, and (9) cases as referrals to intensive care.
 - PRCS Al-Amal Hospital received (324) injuries.
 - PRCS ambulance service's means of communication and the VHF waves are constantly subjected to deliberate interference by the occupation, as they receive calls, insults and hurled in Hebrew. In addition, PRCS lines are deliberately occupied for long periods to disrupt the ambulance service.

- The tasks of retrieving the martyrs face great difficulty in light of the lack of tools and equipment necessary to remove the rubble, while hundreds of martyrs are still under the rubble of their homes which were bombed by the occupation without prior warning.
- The displacement of a very large number of citizens from governorates border areas to the heart of cities was recorded in shelter centers or with host families. The (UNRWA) announced that its centers received more than 400,000 displaced people in its shelter centers, while official sources announced the number of displaced people has increased to more than 500,000 in different regions.
- The Israeli targeting affected schools, as the occupation put (14) schools out of service due to severe damage, while (143) schools were damaged to varied degrees, which exacerbated the suffering of the displaced in addition to being overcrowded in shelter centers.
- Since the beginning of the accelerations, PRCS HQ in Gaza and Al Quds hospital crews witnessed the flight of thousands of civilians from their homes. That is in search of safety after the threats by Israeli forces for the civilians to leave their homes.
- Due to the Israeli army's threats to target civilians, it was not possible to provide urgent field relief services in Gaza governorate and North Gaza governorates. Relief services were limited to providing services to the displaced in Al-Quds Hospital and Al-Amal Hospital, where blankets, hygiene tools, and drinking water were distributed.
- Psychological intervention teams continue to provide first psychological aid to ambulance teams working in current events, providing the service to (850) beneficiaries until date.
- Community awareness committees continue to provide their services to the target groups from the beginning of the accelerations until today, as the total interventions were as follows:

Service Type	Female	Male	Beneficiaries	Interventions
Awareness & Advocacy	8923	3540	12463	1670
First Aid	460	290	750	530
Health follow up for diabetes, blood pressure, and pregnant	194	170	364	250
Psycho- social support	29550	15000	44550	-
Total	39127	19000	58127	2450

West Bank:

- The number of PRCS EMS/ Ambulances on duty is (59) ambulances, with a human capacity of (114) staff and volunteers (incl. paramedics, drivers), in addition to (56) first responders.

- The Disaster Risk Management Department activated (7) advanced medical points, with an operational capacity of (10) volunteers at each medical point.
- The total number of cases that PRCS EMS/ Ambulance teams have dealt with in the West Bank since Saturday, October 7, 2023 is (1276), in addition to (20) martyres until Sunday 15 October 2023 , while PRCS crews dealt with (21) injuries on Monday 16 October 2023. The following table shows further injuries details:

Governorate	Live bullets/ Transport	Rubber/ Field	Gas/ Field	Beat/ Transport
Jericho	1	1	15	4

Violations against PRCS in West Bank:

Since the beginning of Israeli military attack on Gaza Strip and declaration of a state of war, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society- PRCS crews have faced many challenges and violations in the West Bank, where 34 incidents were reported and resulting 48 violations in West Bank, distributed as follows:

Violation	#		
Access prevention	16		
Access obstruction	12		
Violations against crews, distributed as following:	15		
Detention	Threaten by: weapon/ verbal	9	6
Violations against ambulances, distributed as following:	5		
Gun shot	Stones throwing	4	1
TOTAL	48		

These violations resulted damage to (5) ambulances, while no injuries were recorded among the EMS crews.

Violations recorded details where as the following:

PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department in the West Bank:

- PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department in the West Bank continues to provide relief assistance to Gaza workers who have been displaced by Israeli forces from their workplaces in the occupied territories to West Bank governorates, as relief items were provided for (345) individuals, as the following:

Date	Governorates	Shelter	Individuales	Kitchen sets	Hygiene Kits	Blankets	Matresses	Towel
10\10\2023	Tubas	Al Fara'a Orphans school	37	0	0	37	37	0

10\10\2023	Ramallah & Bireh	Ramallah Recreational Building	100	0	15	200	100	0
11\10\2023	Qalqilia	Zakat Committee building	20	7	7	40	20	0
12\10\2023	Nablus		70	0	0	70	70	0
12\10\2023	Ramallah & Al Bireh	Al Malki bldg.	118		5	100	0	100
12\10\2023	Ramallah & Al Bireh	Ramallah Shelter	0	0	150	0	0	0
12\10\2023	Jerusalem	Vocational training centres	35	0	4	35	10	0

PRCS Mental Health Department in the West Bank:

- PRCS Mental Health Department is disseminating sponsored awareness messages on social media related to psychosocial support during times of war and crises. Below is the details of psycho- social interventions:

Governorate	Intervention	Number	Shelters	Needs
Ramallah, Tubas, Qalqilia, Jenin, Tulkarem, Jericho, Bethlehem, Hebron	Needs assessment with counterparts institutions	1737	16	-The basic needs that workers demand and talked about are related to basic personal and health matters. -Communication with their families is somewhat present. -Chargers are available, but not in sufficient numbers. -Psychosocial support services -support to find missing family members -Treatment and medications
Hebron, Jericho, Jenin	First Aid	225	4	Continuity in services
Ramallah, Hebron/ Tarqumia	Volunteer services/ Food distribution	1135	4	-The volunteers from civil society suffer from fatigue in the field, especially in Ramallah in Al-Sariya shelter and the recreational center. - Civil society: The

				governorate in Ramallah did not provide meals today, Friday 13/10
Nablus	Visits for the wounded	5		
Tulkarem	Visists for martyres families	1		

Intervention									
Governorate	Needs assessment with partners	Psychological first aid	Volunteering: distribution & organizing	Assesive devices	consultations	Psycho-social support for martyres families	Psycho-social support for injured	Psychosocial support for families and patients in hospitals	Sponsored psycho-social support publications /social media pages
Ramallah & Bireh	Done	0	610	0	0	0	0	coordinated to be visited	Awaiting to receive the number reached, interactions and participation from company
Hebron	Done	150	70	0	0	1	1	40	
Bethlehem	Done	0		0	0	0	0	0	
Jenin	Done	180	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Qalqilia	Done	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	
Tulkarem	Done	28	0	0	0	1	1	0	
Nablus	Done	0	0	1 wheel chair, air mattresses	0	0	0	1	
Tubas	Done	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Jericho	Done	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total		376	683		2	2	4	41	