Palestine Red Crescent Society Operations Room



جمعية الهلال الأحمر الفلسطيني غرفة العمليات المركزية

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PRCS Report Update From Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 06:00 AM Until Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 20:00

Gaza:

- For the sixth day in a row, RCS teams continue to respond to field incidents (escalation development) in the southern governorates following the declaration of a state of emergency within the PRCS.
- The central emergency operations room at the headquarters and the Operations Room in Gaza continue to operate 24/7.
- In a grave violation that surpasses all red lines, the occupation forces directly targeted an ambulance belonging to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the northern Gaza governorate, resulting in the martyrdom of three paramedics: Khalil Al-Sharif, Yassir Al-Masri, and Ahmed Dahman.
- In another violation, despite medical teams receiving clearance to respond in the eastern part of Gaza City, the occupation forces targeted an ambulance belonging to the RCS, leading to the martyrdom of paramedic Hatem Awad, bringing the total number of martyred paramedics in the organization to (4).
- Since the beginning of events, a number of (12) violations have been recorded against PRCS crews resulting the martyrdom of (4) EMS while (5) others were injured and resulting injury of (7) ambulances seriosely damaged. That's in addition to serious damage to the HQ Northn Gaza Strip, and damage to PRCS emergency operations room.
- The occupation forces continue to target towers, facilities, residential buildings, mosques, major streets, and civilian populations in various areas of the southern governorates, leading to a high number of fatalities, including displaced children and women.
- Official entities have urgently appealed to the international community and international humanitarian organizations due to the depletion of fuel for the sole electricity generation station in Gaza, the closure of the Rafah border crossing, a shortage of fuel supplies, and water cuts.
- This situation poses a humanitarian catastrophe that affects vital sectors, notably health, water, and the environment PRCS EMS/Ambulance centers continue to operate at full capacity in

- response to the ongoing events. The total number of functioning ambulances in the field is (33), with (5) ambulances on call, with a human capacity of (127) staff and volunteers (incl. paramedics, drivers, and First Responders.
- Due to direct targeting and shelling today, the Rafah Crossing bordar (the only crossing point) has
 been closed in both directions for passenger movement.
- The total statistics according to the official sources of the cases since the beginning of the events (1417) martyrs, including (447) children and (284) women, in addition to more than (6268) injuries "as of 13:00."
- The total cases dealt with by PRCS ambulance teams since the beginning of the events are (2974) cases, including (578) fatalities and (2396) injuries, as bellow:
- Al-Quds Hospital received (308) cases, including (307) injuries and (1) fatality (9) cases as referrals to intensive care.
- PRCS Al-Amal Hospital received (143) injuries.
- The displacement of a very large number of citizens from the border areas in the governorates to the centers of the cities was recorded in shelter centers or with host families, as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Refugees (UNRWA) announced that its centers received more than 200,000 displaced people in its shelter centers, while official sources announced The number of displaced people has increased to more than 330,000 in different regions.
- PRCS crews dealt with a number of (3000) citizens who were displaced to Al-Quds Hospital and the HQ in Tal al-Hawa neighborhood in Gaza, where they were received during the night in available facilities, and then directed in the morning to nearby shelter centers. Furthermore, the PRCS/HQ received approximately (1500) displaced individuals during the day in the available facilities at PRCS Al-Quds Hospital. Mineral water, blankets, and personal hygiene items were distributed.

• PRCS Disaster Risk Management teams began providing urgent field relief to displaced families whose homes were demolished in coordination with partner service providers, details of which are as following:

| Governorate | Families | Individuals | Mattress | Personal hygiene | Blanket | Kitchen Set | Water bottles | Carpet | Dignity Kits |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------|---------|-------------|------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Gaza | 42 | 260 | 111 | 5 | 168 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 40 |
| Mid | 23 | 122 | 40 | 0 | 80 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Khan Younis | 33 | 186 | 66 | 32 | 116 | 33 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Rafah | 28 | 182 | 54 | 0 | 108 | 27 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 126 | 750 | 271 | 37 | 472 | 122 | 117 | 42 | 40 |

- PRCS psychological support team began providing psychological first aid for team members where services reached the number of (407) beneficiaries, to date.
- The community awareness committees (CACs) have provided their services to affected community groups from the beginning of the events until today, characterized by details bellow:

| Service / intervention Type | # of services | Total Benificieries | Male | Female |
|---|---------------|---------------------|-------|--------|
| Awareness & Advocacy | 1670 | 12463 | 3540 | 8923 |
| First Aid | 530 | 750 | 290 | 460 |
| Health check up for diabetes, blood pressure, and pregnants | 250 | 364 | 170 | 194 |
| Psycho- social support | | 44550 | 15000 | 29550 |
| Total | 2450 | 58127 | 19000 | 39127 |

• The Emergency Operations Room monitors and follow up the status and degree of emergency, and work is carried out according to the emergency plan.

West Bank:

- The number of PRCS EMS/ Ambulances on duty is (39) ambulances, with a human capacity
- of (78) staff and volunteers (incl. paramedics, drivers, and first responders).
- The total number of cases that PRCS EMS/ Ambulance teams have dealt with in the West Bank since Saturday, October 7, 2023, until thursday, October 12, 2023, is (620) and (32) injuries until 20:00. The following table shows further details:

| Governorate | Live bullets/ Transferred to hospital | Rubber bullets/ Transferred to hospital | Rubber bullets/ Field intervention | Gaz inhalation / Field intervention | Sharpnels/ Transferred to hospital | Sharpnels/ Filed intervention | Fall & Burns Transferred to hospital | Physical attacks by settlers/ Transferred to hospital | Physical attacks by settlers/ field intervention |
|-------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Hebron | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Jerusalem | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Salfeet | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jenin | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ramallah | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jericho | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bethlehem | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Qalqlia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nablus | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tulkarem | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tubas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Violations against the PRCS in the West Bank and Jerusalem:

Since the begining of the Israeli occupation forces attacks on the Gaza Strip and the declaration of a state of war, PRCS crews have faced many challenges and violations in the West Bank, as follows:

| Date | Location | Violations description |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| October 7, 2023 | Nablus Huwara Checkpoint | The team (3 persons) was prevented from passing through Huwara checkpoint and detained for more than half an hour, after which the team proceeded to Awarta checkpoint, which was closed with no soldiers present. They were allowed to pass after coordination, which took over an hour. |
| October 7, 2023 | Nablus Awarta Checkpoint | While transporting a gunshot wound in the foot patient from Beita through Awarta checkpoint. Their passage was hindered for 20 minutes. |
| October 7, 2023 | Nablus, Beit Furik Checkpoint | The team's passage to Beit Furik town was hindered by Israeli forces for 12 minutes at Beit Furik checkpoint. |
| October 7, 2023 | Nablus, Beit Furik Checkpoint | The team's passage to Beit Furik town was hindered by Israeli forces for over 20 minutes at Beit Furik checkpoint. |
| October 7, 2023 | Al-Eizariya- Jerusalem | A private ambulance (due to a malfunction in the PRCS ambulance vehicle), with the PRCS's team on board, was stopped. The team was detained for about two hours, and after coordination with the ICRC, they were released. |
| October 8, 2023 | ,Nablus Huwara Checkpoint | The team's passage was obstructed at Huwara checkpoint for over 28 minutes. |
| October 8, 2023 | Nablus | The team's passage to Qaryout was hindered for a few minutes at Huwara checkpoint, and then they were stopped at Einabus roundabout, where the vehicle was inspected before they were allowed to pass (the entire violation lasted 10 minutes). |
| October 8, 2023 | ,Nablus Awarta checkpoint | The team couldn't return to the Nablus ambulance center from Beita through Awarta checkpoint, which was closed with no soldiers present. Despite coordination with the ICRC, the checkpoint was not opened, and the team had to return to Beita's ambulance center. |
| October 8, 2023 | Nablus | While transporting a gunshot wound in the neck patient, the team couldn't pass through Awarta checkpoint, which was closed. After ICRC, they were directed to pass through Huwara checkpoint. Their passage was obstructed for several |

| | | minutes before the checkpoint was opened for them (the entire violation took about 10 minutes). |
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| October 8, 2023 | Beita,Nablus | After the end of clashes in Beita town, and while attempting to exit the village and return to Nablus, Israeli forces prevented the team's passage. They used lasers and warning shots to force the ambulance to return. |
| October 8, 2023 | Al-Ram, Jerusalem | The team was prevented from reaching a live gunshot wound patient in Ramallah, and the ambulance was meticulously inspected. The team members' phones (two persons) were confiscated during this time. The team was then forced to return without reaching the injured person. |
| October 8, 2023 | near the Beit El settlement, Ramallah | Live ammunition was directly fired at the ambulance vehicle, despite it being parked in a safe location, resulting in a bullet penetrating the vehicle's structure. |
| October 9, 2023 | Nablus | After receiving a report from the Palestinian District Liaison (DCO) of an injury held with the Israeli forces at Huwara checkpoint, thge team went to retrieve the patient. The ambulance's engine was turned off, and the vehicle was inspected by Israeli forces. The team of two persons was detained for about 10 minutes. After coordination with ICRC, they were allowed to return outside the checkpoint. After waiting for about 15 minutes, the injured person, a 60-year-old kidney patient, was handed over to them. |
| October 9, 2023 | Ramallah | While heading to cover clashes in the Western Farm area, Israeli forces stopped the ambulance vehicle, disembarked the team, assaulted them, threw them on the ground, confiscated the team's phones, and threatened to kill them. The team was detained for half an hour, and their phones were not returned. |
| October 9, 2023 | Nublus | Live ammunition was directly fired at the ambulance vehicle, despite it being in a safe location, causing a bullet to penetrate the vehicle's structure. |
| October 8, 2023 | Jenin, Al- Jalameh checkpoint | During coverage of the escalations in Hawara, Israeli settlers attacked the ambulance car by throwing stones, causing damage to the external structure. Israeli forces hindered the team from covering the escalations in the area. |
| October 8, 2023 | Hawara,Nablus | Israeli occupation forces detained an ambulance at the entrance of Beit Fajjar village for 50 minutes. The ambulance was carrying a kidney patient, and the crew was prevented from covering the events in the area. |
| October 10, 2023 | Bethlehem | Israeli forces prevented the ambulance crew from reaching the patient and obstructed the ambulance for 10 minutes at the Jalameh checkpoint. |
| October 10, 2023 | Jenin at the Jalameh checkpoint | A Ramallah ambulance crew was directly targeted with live ammunition, and their vehicle was hit while performing their humanitarian duty at the Beit El checkpoint. |
| October 10, 2023 | Ramallah | Israeli occupation forces prevented the ambulance crew from reaching the injured persons in Silwan town. Subsequently, the injured persons were declared martyrs. |
| October 10, 2023 | Jerusalem | The team (3 persons) was prevented from passing through Huwara checkpoint and detained for more than half an hour, after which the team proceeded to Awarta checkpoint, which was closed with no soldiers present. They were allowed to pass after coordination, which took over an hour. |

PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department in the West Bank:

• PRCS Disaster Risk Management Department in the West Bank is preparing to provide humanitarian assistance to Gaza workers who have been displaced by Israeli occupation forces from their workplaces in the occupied territories where relief items were provided to (345) persons, as the following:

| Date | Governorates | Shelters | individuales | matresses | Blankets | Hygiene kits | Kitchen sets | Towel |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| 10/10/2023 | Tubas | Al Fara'a Orphans | 37 | 37 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | school | | | | | | |
| 10/10/2023 | Ramallah & Al Bireh | Ramallah | 100 | 100 | 200 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Recreational | | | | | | |
| | | Building | | | | | | |
| 11/10/2023 | Qalqilia | Zakat Committee | 20 | 20 | 40 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| | | building | | | | | | |
| 12/10/2023 | Nablus | Nablus Maria in 114 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Municipality Cultural Center - | | | | | | |
| | | Hamdi Mango | | | | | | |
| 12/10/2023 | Ramallah & Al Bireh | Ramallah | 118 | 0 | 100 | 5 | 0 | 100 |
| | | Almaleki | | | | | | |
| | | Building | | | | | | |
| 12/10/2023 | Ramallah & Al Bireh | Ramallah | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| | | governorate | | | | | | |
| 12/10/2023 | Jerusalem | Vocational | 35 | 10 | 35 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | | training center | | | | | | |

Mental Health Department in the West Bank:

• The Mental Health Department disseminates funded awareness messages on social media platforms related to psychosocial support during times of war and crises. Interventions are detailed as follows:

| Location | Interventions | Number of Gaza workers | Number of shelters | Need |
|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Ramallah, Tubas, Qalqilya, Jenin, Tulkarem, Jericho, Bethlehem, Hebron | Joint Need assessment with MHPSS organizations | 1737 | 16 | The basic needs that workers needed peronal health ktis. Treatment & Medications not avalibate Psychosocial Support Services |
| Hebron, Jericho, Jenin | Psychological first aid- PFA | 225 | 4 | Continue providing PFA |
| Ramallah, Hebron: Tarqumia | Voluntry work: distribution and coordination | 1135 | 4 | |