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 Friday, October 13, 2023, at 16:00

- For the seven 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 continues to operate 27\7 in RCS headquarters and in the Gaza Strip.
- 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 the escalation, (15) violations against PRCS teams and premises have been recorded, resulting in the martyrdom of (4) paramedics, injuries to (5) ambulance crews, damage to (8) vehicles, severe damage to ICRC building in northern Gaza, and damage to the Emergency Operations Room. (# According to the latest report No. 55/2023)
- 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.
- Ambulance centers continue to operate at full capacity, with (33) working ambulances, (5) on standby, and a total of (127) paramedics, drivers, first responders, volunteers, and management staff. (# According to the latest report No. 55/2023)

- Due to direct targeting and shelling, the Rafah border crossing (the sole passage) has been closed in both directions, affecting passenger movement until further notice.
- According to official sources, the total number of casualties since the beginning of the escalations stands at (1,417) fatalities, including (447) children and (284) women, in addition to over (6268) injuries as of 22:30..(According to the latest report No. 55/2023, due to the difficulty getting an update from the official sources.)
- The total number of cases PRCS dealt since the beginning of the escalation is (3313) cases, including (669) martyrs and (2644) injuries.
- Al-Quds Hospital received (350) cases, including (349) injuries and one martyr, with (9) cases transferred to the intensive care unit. Al-Amal Hospital received (174) injuries. (According to the latest report No. 55/2023)
- A huge difficulty of communication with the central operations room in PRCS/HQ in Ramallah, and between the branches of PRCS in the Gaza Strip because of targeting communication lines and towers, and cellular communications.
- Recently, PRCS is relocating its emergency operations romm from Gaza City to Khan Yunis center- keeping the field teams providing services across Gaza strip. Communication is done at the best way possible given the weak communication network.
- A considerable number of citizens have been displaced from border areas to urban centers and in shelters or with host families. UNRWA announced receiving over 200,000 displaced persons in its shelters, as well as more than 330,000 displaced individuals in various areas.
- PRCS teams have responded to approximately 3,000 citizens who sought refuge at Al-Quds Hospital, the main ICRC office in the Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood of Gaza, and at Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis since the beginning of the escalations. They were received during the night in available facilities and then directed to nearby shelter centers. Additionally, the PRCS received nearly 1,500 displaced individuals in the available facilities at Al-Quds Hospital on this day. Mineral water, blankets, and personal hygiene items were distributed.

• In coordination with service providers and partners, the disaster risk management teams of the PRCS continue to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to displaced families whose homes have been demolished. The details are as follows:

Governorate	Beneficiaries (families)	Individuals	Mattress	Personal hygiene	Blanket	Kitchen Set	Water bottles	Carpet	Dignity Kits
Gaza	50	301	181	7	178	40	66	50	55
Mid	26	153	46	0	92	23	23	0	0
Khan Younis	45	245	90	44	140	45	1	0	0
Rafah	29	197	58	0	116	29	15	0	0
Total	150	896	375	51	526	137	105	50	55

- The psychological first aid intervention teams continue to provide psychological first aid to the general ambulance teams. The service has been provided to a total of 407 beneficiaries as of the current date.
- Community awareness committees have been providing their services to the targeted groups since the beginning of the escalations up to the current date. The total interventions are as follows:

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 continues to monitor the situation and the level of emergency, and operations are conducted in accordance with the emergency plan.

West Bank:

- The total number of working ambulance vehicles in the field is (39), with a team of (78) paramedics, drivers, and first responders.
- The total number of cases addressed by the ambulance teams in the West Bank from Saturday, October 7, 2023, to Thursday, October 12, 2023 00:00, has reached (640). Until Thursday, October 12, 2023, until 00:00, the teams responded to (50) injuries. The following table illustrates the distribution of these injuries:

Governorate	Live bullets/	Rubber	Rubber	Gaz	Sharpnels/	Sharpnels/	Fall &	Physical	Physical
	Transferred	bullets/	bullets/ Field	inhalation /	Transferred	Filed	Burns	attacks by	attacks by
	to hospital	Transferred to	intervention	Field	to hospital	intervention	Transferred	settlers/	settlers/
		hospital		intervention			to hospital	Transferred	field
								to hospital	intervention
Hebron	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jerusalem	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jenin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramallah	4	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	6	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Nablus	7	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

<u>Violations against the services of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the West Bank:</u>

Since the beginning of the Israeli military offensive on the Gaza Strip and the declaration of a state of war, the teams of the PRCS have encountered numerous challenges and violations in the West Bank, including the following:

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	Bethlehem	As the crew went to Beit Fajjar village, the Israeli occupation forces detained the ambulance for more than 25 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).
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	Nablus	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 9, 2023	Nablus	As the crew was going to Beita to attend to a sick patient, the Israeli occupation forces prevented the crew from reaching the site.
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.

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Jerusalem	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.					
Nobluc	As the EMS/ PRCS crew went to provide first aid for a child (4 months old girl) due to gas suffocation injury in Nablus, the					
Naulus	Israeli occupation forces obstructed the crew's access to the injury site.					
Ierusalem	The occupation forces prevented the ambulance crew from reaching the injured inside the town of Silwan, and the injured					
Jerusalelli	were later declared killed (2 fatalities)					
Rathlaham	As the ambulance crew went from Bethlehem to Beit Ummar, the Israeli occupation forces prevented the crew from					
Deunenem	reaching Beit Ummar.					
Hebron	As the ambulance crew went to evacuate an injured, the Israeli occupation forces prevented them access to the injured site,					
Hebron	in addition to threatening the crew with weapons, and removing the crew from the vehicle and searching it.					
Oalailya	Israeli occupation forces prevented the ambulance from reaching Qalqilya Hospital, and attacked the crew and fired live					
Qaiqiiya	ammunition in the air.					
Qalqilya	Israeli occupation forces prevented the crew from reaching a number of injuries in Jayyous					
Colf.t	Preventing the Palestine Red Crescent ambulance in Bidya from entering Salfit during the transfer of a pregnant woman's					
Saiiit	case.					
Nablus	Detention of an ambulance at Beit Furik checkpoint and preventing passage to the site of the clashes					
	Israeli occupation forces prevented the ambulance crew from moving through the main street in Hawara, and after					
Nablus	coordination through ICRC, they were not allowed to pass.					
	The crew went was forced to use another entrance so that they could reach the town of Osarin					
	As the crew went from Nablus Station to the town of Beit Furik to cover the clashes in the area, Israeli occupation forces					
Nablus	detained the crew at the entrance of the town and prevented it from passing for an hour.					
	Nablus Jerusalem Bethlehem Hebron Qalqilya Qalqilya Salfit Nablus					

Disaster Management Unity in the West Bank:

• The PRCS Disaster Management team provided humanitarian aid to Gazan workers who were displaced by the Israeli forces from their workplaces in the occupied territories to the West Bank governorates. Humanitarian aid was provided to a total of 345 individuals.

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

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 avalibale 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	