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PRCS' Operational Update (1/3/2017 - 30/4/2017)

Highlights:

- Since the 3rd of October 2015 till February 2017, Israeli occupation forces have killed 273 Palestinians in the oPt, including 67 children and 18 women according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.
- From March - April 2017, Israeli occupation forces have killed 10 Palestinians in the oPt.
- Israeli occupation authorities still hold the bodies of 6 Palestinians.
- Attacks on the PRCS teams and ambulances continue by the Israeli occupation Forces. From 1st of March till 30th of April 2017, **(23)** attacks were documented against the PRCS in the oPT. **(2)** ambulances sustained various damages, and **(21)** incidents of denying access.
- From the 3rd of October 2015 till the end of 2016, **(413)** attacks were documented against the PRCS in the oPT. (162) EMTs and volunteers were injured, (108) ambulances sustained various damages, and (143) incidents of denying access.



Humanitarian Response in the oPT:

❖ Israeli occupation forces' attacks

PRCS has increased its readiness to respond to the needs of Palestinians affected by Israeli occupation forces' and Israeli settlers' attacks in various areas in the oPt including Jerusalem.

- 446 Palestinians injured during Israeli attacks against Palestinians throughout the West Bank including Jerusalem during the reporting period.

**Injuries given first aid by PRCS' teams were distributed as follows:
(1/3/2017 - 30/4/2017)**

Location	Tear Gas	Rubber Bullets	Live ammunition	Severe beatings\burns	Total
West Bank	294	129	12	11	446
Gaza strip	0	0	0	0	0
Total	446				



Israeli violations against PRCS' teams and ambulances in the oPt:

Numerous direct and indirect violations were committed against PRCS' ambulances and teams in the line of duty. These violations put the lives of emergency medical teams (EMTs) in harm's way and caused serious damage to ambulances. 15 attacks on ambulances and teams were documented in the reporting period:

- **Hebron - Tuesday 21/3/2017:** Israeli occupation forces held a PRCS ambulance at the Al Rajabi checkpoint for 40 minutes on their way back from Mohammad Ali Mohtaseb hospital in the old city of Hebron.
- **Nablus - Tuesday 21/3/2017:** Israeli occupation forces stopped a PRCS ambulance at Qalandia checkpoint for one hour not allowing them into Jerusalem while en route to transfer a patient to Al Maqased Hospital. The patient was taken to the hospital by a Jerusalem PRCS ambulance (back to back transfer).
- **Ramallah & Al Bireh - Sunday 26/3/2017:** Israeli occupation forces prevented a PRCS ambulance from reaching About village to transfer a dialysis woman patient to the hospital. The family of the patient had to take her in a private car to an adjacent village where the PRCS ambulance met them to take her to the hospital.

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