PRCS Report Update

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

Until Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, at 20:00 AM

According to PRCS’s president announcement, PRCS declared a state of emergency at the highest level in both Gaza Strip and the West Bank where the national society operates to fullest humanitarian and resource capacity for the 25th day on the row.

Gaza Strip:

• Israeli occupation forces targeted a densely populated residential area in Jabaliya Camp, north of Gaza, this afternoon. Information from the scene indicates the complete destruction and leveling of residential buildings in the area, resulting in the martyrdom of more than 400 citizens, hundreds of wounded, and dozens still missing under the rubble.

• A large number of Israeli occupation tanks and vehicles penetrated several main axes in the Gaza and northern Gaza governorates, attempting to separate the southern part of the Gaza Strip from the north, according to official statements.

• Israeli forces renewed their explicit threat to evacuate Al-Quds hospital and PRCS’s HQ in Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood in western Gaza. They demanded the evacuation of more than 14,000 displaced individuals, additionally, multiple residential towers adjacent to the hospital from the eastern side. Nevertheless, Al-Quds hospital continues to provide its services to the wounded, injured, and displaced individual’s due to its national and humanitarian duty, despite the Israeli occupation’s threat to evacuate the hospital. The surrounding area of the hospital and the main headquarters continues to face severe targeting and shelling.

• The Israeli forces continue to carry out intense airstrikes across the Gaza Strip, targeting towers, industrial and vital facilities, residential buildings with their inhabitants, mosques, churches, main streets, and civilian populations in various areas of the southern provinces. This has resulted in a high number of casualties, with the majority being children and women, and extensive destruction of infrastructure, leading to civilians seeking refuge for safety.

• Five ambulances belonging to the Society have been taken out of service due to severe violations and damages.

• The Israeli occupation targeted the main warehouses of the Society in Tal Al-Hawa - western Gaza, as well as the warehouses of UNRWA in Gaza and northern Gaza. This exacerbates the catastrophic humanitarian situation and deprives citizens of any relief assistance.

• The ministry of health confirmed that the targeting of the healthcare system has damaged 57 health facilities, resulted in the deaths of 124 medical staff, 18 research and rescue, destroyed 25 ambulances, rendering them inoperable.
Additionally, the ministry of health reported that 12 hospitals and 32 health centers have gone out of service due to Israeli targeting and the depletion of medical equipment and fuel.

Official data states that 35 journalists have been killed as a direct result of the aggression since the beginning of the conflict.

There have been reports of Israeli forces targeting civilians with internationally prohibited bombs in multiple locations in northern Gaza.

The ministry of health has confirmed that the continuation of the medical aid drip-feed policy does not support the healthcare system and leads to further casualties. The immediate entry of fuel to all hospitals is crucial to saving the lives of thousands of injured and ill patients who require life-saving services.

Official sources received approximately 2,000 reports of missing persons under the rubble, including more than 1,100 children.

**Escalation statistics:**

**Gaza Strip:**

Emergency centers continue to operate at their highest capacity in response to the ongoing events. The number of PRCS ambulances currently operational in the field is (35) that have been repaired due to the targeting, (3) specialized vehicles, and (110) paramedics, drivers, first responders, volunteers, and management.

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Martyr: 3542 children, 2187 women, 480 elderly.

These statistics remain preliminary due to the unfortunate fact that the numbers may increase from the missing people under the rubble.
West Bank & Jerusalem:

PRCS’s emergency teams in all West Bank governorates, including Jerusalem, have dealt with (44) fatalities and (2188) injuries since Saturday, October 7th 2023, up to Tuesday, October 31st 2023 at 14:00. PRCS’s teams dealt with (18) injuries, on Tuesday, October 31st 2023.

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Violations against PRCS services:

Gaza Strip: Since the beginning of the Israeli military attack on the Gaza Strip and the declaration of the state of war on October 7th 2023, (23) violations against the teams and PRCS’s premises have been recorded. These violations resulted to the martyrdom of (4) paramedics, the injury of (16) paramedics, damage to (11) ambulances, and significant damage to the NS HQ in the northern Gaza Strip, as well as damage to the emergency operations room. The ambulance stations of Gaza, Northern Gaza and the main warehouses are ceasing operations due to the repeated targeting in their vicinity, leading to significant damage to PRCS’s premises in Gaza, northern Gaza and Khan Yunis. Additionally, the operation room and Al-Quds hospital sustained damage as well.

West Bank: Since Saturday, October 7th, 2023, the Palestine Red Crescent Society- PRCS teams have faced numerous challenges and violations, with (59) incidents resulting to documenting (100) violations.

Occupied Jerusalem: Since Saturday, October 7th, 2023, the Palestine Red Crescent Society- PRCS teams have also encountered several challenges and violations, with (3) incidents documented resulting to (4) violations.
The displacement of citizens in Gaza Strip:

- A significant number of citizens have been displaced from border area in the governorates to the middle cities, either to shelter centers or with host families. UNRWA announced that its centers have received more than **400,000** displaced individuals. Furthermore, official sources have reported an increase in the number of displaced individuals to over **1.4 million** in various areas.

- Since the beginning of the escalation, PRCS’s HQ, Al-Quds hospital, Khan Yunis branch, and Al-Amal hospital have witnessed the displacement of thousands of citizens seeking refuge. This is due to the continued threats by the Israeli occupation forces to target civilian homes. The two HQs are experiencing extreme overcrowding beyond their capacity, with hundreds of displaced individuals sleeping at the entrance of the facilities, administrative offices, and patient rooms. The estimated number of displaced citizens at the PRCS's premises in Gaza and Khan Yunis is over **20,000** with **14,000** in Gaza HQ, and **6,000** in Khan Yunis branch. This increase in the number of displaced individuals is due to the escalating Israeli threats, with the latest displacement of more than **2000** citizens due to ongoing attacks and the destruction of homes in Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood near the hospital. **It’s worth noting that there is an increase in the number of displaced individuals at by around 2,000 compared to daytime.**

- The increased number of displaced persons in the hospitals are putting immense pressure on the healthcare system, posing a severe health crisis for the wounded and the immunocompromised patients.

- Israeli targeting has also affected schools, with the occupation taking **45** schools out of service due to severe damage. Furthermore, **203** schools have suffered varying degrees of damage, exacerbating the suffering and overcrowding of the displaced individuals in shelter centers.
Disaster Risk Management Interventions:

**Gaza strip:** due to the threats from occupying forces to target civilians, the provision of immediate field relief services in the governorates of Gaza and North Gaza was impeded. Relief services were limited to providing assistance to internally displaced persons at PRCS’s premises (Al-Nour city and Al-Amal city), the hospitals, and shelter centers.

- PRCS provided **3,338** food parcels to the ministry of Social Development to be distributed in the shelters in the Gaza Strip governorates.
- PRCS also provided **81** batches of food parcels, totaling **5,100** parcels, which were delivered to the UN to be distributed within the shelters affiliated.

**West Bank and Jerusalem:**

The disaster risk management provided relief items to Gaza workers who were relocated by occupying forces from their workplaces in the occupied territories to the West Bank governorates, Ramallah and Al-Bireh, Tubas, Qalqiliya, Nablus, Jerusalem and Jenin. Relief items included mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, kitchen kits, and towels for a total of **405** individuals.

As in today, the response team at Bani Naim branch conducted a rapid assessment for **3** of the affected families including **17** members in the Shu’ab Al-Batm, Masafer Yatta area due to settlers’ attack on their residential tents and destruction of their property.
Community Work Department, Gaza Strip: the community awareness committees provided their services since the beginning of the escalation for 59,306 persons. (According to committee members, the lack of resources is evident, with the spread of infectious diseases such as Influenza, respiratory infections, skin diseases, scabies and gastrointestinal illnesses)

Psychological Health Interventions in the Gaza Strip: since the beginning of the escalation the PSS teams in the strip provided MHPSS to 8699 persons.

West Bank: the psychosocial health department provided its services to ‘Gaza workers who were relocated by occupying forces to West Bank governorates’. The total number of beneficiaries in shelter centers was 3327. Additionally, a daily sponsored informational post on social media reached a total of 59,151 views

- dissemination of informative awareness messages and PFA.
- psychological support during times of war and crises.
- supply of assistive devices through the rehabilitation department.
- Daily guidance posts on social media platforms.

Youth and volunteers’, Gaza Strip:

Gaza Strip: Volunteers have been actively working since the moment, the PRCS declared a state of emergency, responding to work in all the PRCS facilities. The operational capacity of the volunteers on this day reached 130 volunteers.