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Palestine Red Crescent Society Response Report
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Palestine Red Crescent Society teams are still responding to the developments on the ground in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, where PRCS operations are carried out 24\7, for the **109** day in a row.

Recent Developments

Gaza Strip:

Disclaimer: The information in this report is limited, and only represents the available data which PRCS teams could gather directly or from various credible information sources . This limitation is due to communication disruptions and extreme difficulties in accessing information sources

- The occupation forces advanced the ground invasion into the southern and western areas of Khan Younis Governorate, while controlling the northern side of the governorate, putting the entire central Khan Yunis area, (including Al-Amal neighborhood, in which the association's branch in Khan Yunis and Al-Amal Hospital are located) under siege and direct targeting.
- For the **third day** in a row, Al-Amal Hospital suffers from repeated and numerous attacks and a siege after the occupation forces entered the surrounding areas, which hampers the work of ambulances and relief teams and put them at high risk. The Internally displaced people also face the risk of direct targeting by the occupation forces and the drones which are deployed densely in the skies of Khan Yunis Governorate.
- Today, airstrikes targeted the fourth floor of the administration building in PRCS Al Amal Hospital Compound in Al-Amal neighborhood located in Khan Yunis Governorate, resulting in wounding a number of IDPs sheltering there.
- Today, the Palestine Red Crescent Society teams began establishing a field medical post in the Al-Mawasi area, west of Khan Yunis city. This post works to respond as quickly as possible to the casualties in light of the difficulty of reaching Nasser and Al-Amal governorate hospitals in light of Israeli targeting of their surroundings. It is noteworthy that the PRCS ambulance crews are currently transferring critical cases to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in the Central Governorate, while the remaining injuries are transferred to the field medical posts or hospitals in Rafah city, which increases the challenges facing ambulance crews and puts the lives of the wounded at risk.
- The various means of communication including landline, cellular, and Internet communications were cut off for more than **10** days in Khan Yunis Governorate, which led to the connection difficulties within PRCS various crews, (including the operations room), in addition to telecommunication cut with the external world.
- The occupation forces directly targeted the shelters of displacement of civilians in Khan Yunis Governorate: **5** centers that were approved as displacement centers, including an UNRWA center, which led to the Killing and injury of dozens of safe displaced people.
- During the past few hours, the occupation forces committed dozens of massacres against citizens, which led to an increase in the number of massacres carried out against Palestinian families to more than **2250** massacres from the beginning of the aggression until today, resulting in thousands of martyrs and tens of thousands of wounded, and the lists of hundreds of families erased from the civil registry.
- During the communication interruption period, the PRCS crews succeeded in entering the northern Gaza governorates (Gaza and North Gaza governorates), where the team worked on assessing the damage to Al-Quds Hospital and the administration building. In addition, team worked on cleaning the emergency department and prepared it to refunction if suitable conditions were available.



- PRCS OPS, EMS, rescue and relief, and Paramedics teams are all experiencing sporadic internet outages at our headquarters and Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Yunis. These disruptions are a direct consequence of the recent assaults by the Israeli occupation forces on the areas in the vicinity of the hospital.
- 2 PRCS EMS centers in Gaza and Northern Gaza have been put out of service ceasing to provide any services including emergency response and rescue upon running out of fuel along with the Israeli occupying forces restrictions of access of the working medical teams. Moreover, Hospitals in the governorate are put of service as well and it is impossible to conduct any humanitarian evacuation. The medical point in North Gaza Governorate, which is managed by the association's volunteers, is still continuing its work in providing emergency services to the wounded.
- According to live testimonies of Palestinian survivors from the northern governorates of Gaza who reported that the Israeli occupation forces committed mass executions and burials of Palestinian civilians in the Gaza and Northern governorates. Civilians were placed in ditches, executed, and mass buried in the same ditches.
- Hundreds of pleas continue to come through various communication means of Palestine Red Crescent Society from citizens to intervene and evacuate them from different areas in the Gaza Strip where the army of the Israeli occupation is present and deemed Israeli military operation zones. The occupation forces deliberately prevent our teams from intervening in those areas and our teams are subjected to targeted killing.
- All hospitals in Gaza and North Gaza provinces ceased operations due to the Israeli Occupation forces directly targeting and besieging the facilities. This includes preventing access for injured individuals and forcing medical teams to relocate southwards. Hospitals, medical staff, and displaced people within are directly targeted by the Israeli Occupation forces, leading to a severe health crisis.
- Hospitals in South Gaza are utilized beyond their capacity and unable to keep up with the massive number of injured persons, many of whom are at risk of losing their lives due to the escalation of Israeli aggression against civilians.
- Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis continues to face a severe fuel crisis, leading to downsizing utilization of the capacity of the facility to a bare minimum and operating according to a scheduled timetable. This significantly affects services for displaced people and patients, including ambulance and emergency medical services.
- Israeli Occupation forces continue intense airstrikes throughout Gaza, targeting industrial, residential, and commercial structures, as well as religious sites and main roads. This has resulted in numerous casualties, predominantly children and women, and complete infrastructure destruction, forcing citizen displacement.
- Israeli Occupation forces continue their incursions in strategic areas of Gaza and North Gaza, isolating them from southern provinces, and targeting any movement in these isolated areas. They have partially separated the regions by closing Salah al-Din Street, while allowing only a civilian passage through a mandatory route on Al-Rasheed Street.
- Medical and relief teams services are severely challenged due to the current status quo, the separation of Gaza and North Gaza, whereas Israeli occupation forces prohibit access to ambulances and EMS teams in areas of the Israeli military incursion and further shoots any moving target.
- The Israeli occupation forces continue to detain **5** members of the PRCS teams in the Northern Governorate of Gaza (paramedics and volunteers). This detention marks the **34th** consecutive day. Noting the detainees were apprehended at the PRCS's headquarters and taken to an undisclosed location, with their fate, current status, and whereabouts still unknown at this moment.
- The Ministry of Health has confirmed the scope of the Israeli Occupation forces operations continued to include targeting civilian individuals and public hospitals and facilities. The following statistics are compiled from various official sources:

337 martyrs EMS teams	45 martyrs from the Civil Defense rescue teams	150 health institutions targeted	30 hospitals and 53 health centers were put out of service
121 ambulances targeted	59 ambulances completely-destroyed and put out of service	97 medical staff members detained	119 martyrs: journalists and media anchors
295 educational institutions targeted	99 educational institutions put out of service	161 mosques completely-destroyed	253 mosques partially-destroyed
3 churches targeted	200 Ancient ruins and archeological sites		9 journalists detained



7000 persons missing under the rubble, including 5000 children and women

- More **than a million children** and elderly people in shelter centers suffer from the risk of dehydration, famine, digestive and respiratory diseases, skin diseases, and anemia.

West Bank:

- The central operations room at PRCS headquarters receives several appeals and reports on a daily basis about those adversely affected by the aggression in the Gaza Strip. The central operations team responds to these reports and takes necessary actions to dispatch support. The reports vary and include different types of cases; wounded persons, martyrs, missing persons, childbirth, chronic diseases, citizens trapped in dangerous crossfire zones requesting urgent evacuation, not to mention medication.

On **Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024**, the Israeli occupation forces raided several governorates in the West Bank. The response of the Palestine Red Crescent Society to incidents is documented as follows:

- **Nablus Governorate** PRCS teams responded to **(4)** wounded persons including **3** persons shot with live ammunition, **1** person physically assaulted by beating, during the Israeli occupation forces' raid into the villages of Rujib, Beit Furik, Al-Taawun Al-Alawi area.
- **Jenin Governorate** PRCS teams responded to **(1)** martyr person during the Israeli occupation forces' raid into the Arrabeh village.

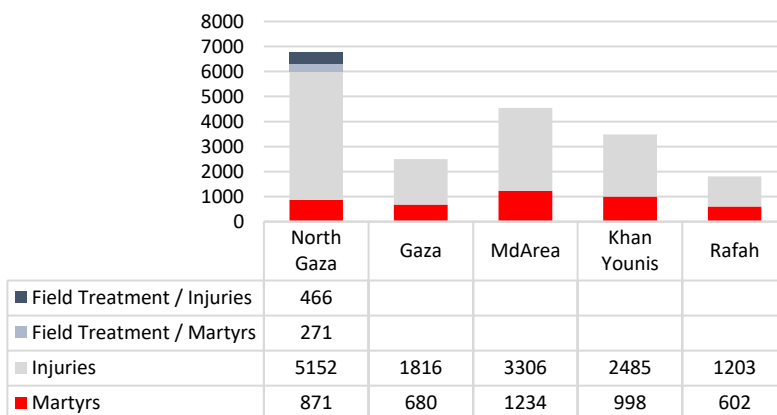
PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response

Gaza Strip:

You will be provided with the interventions of PRCS crews updates, after receiving from our crews working in the field, as we face very great difficulties in communicating and gathering information due to telecommunication blackouts.

PRCS Emergency Medical Services Response Gaza Strip: PRCS EMTs responded to **(15,665)** wounded, and **(5,205)** martyrs since the beginning of the escalation, according to the last report issued by the Central Operations Room of Gaza on **January 12, 2024, received at 13:00**. The chart below exemplifies the statistics. According to latest official data issued by the Palestinian Ministry of Health on **January 12, 2024, at 13:00**, it reported **over (+23,469)** martyrs; **over (59,604)** wounded including well over **+10,300 children**, well over **+7,100 women**, and well over **+750 elderly**, however these figures are preliminary due to the massive number of individuals still missing under rubble.

cases responded to by PRCS EMTs since oct. 7th 2023 to the 12 of Jan 2024



Cases handled by PRCS Hospitals I the Gaza Strip		
Al Quds Hospital as of 11/11/2023	Al Amal Hospital	Total
1169	1254	2423

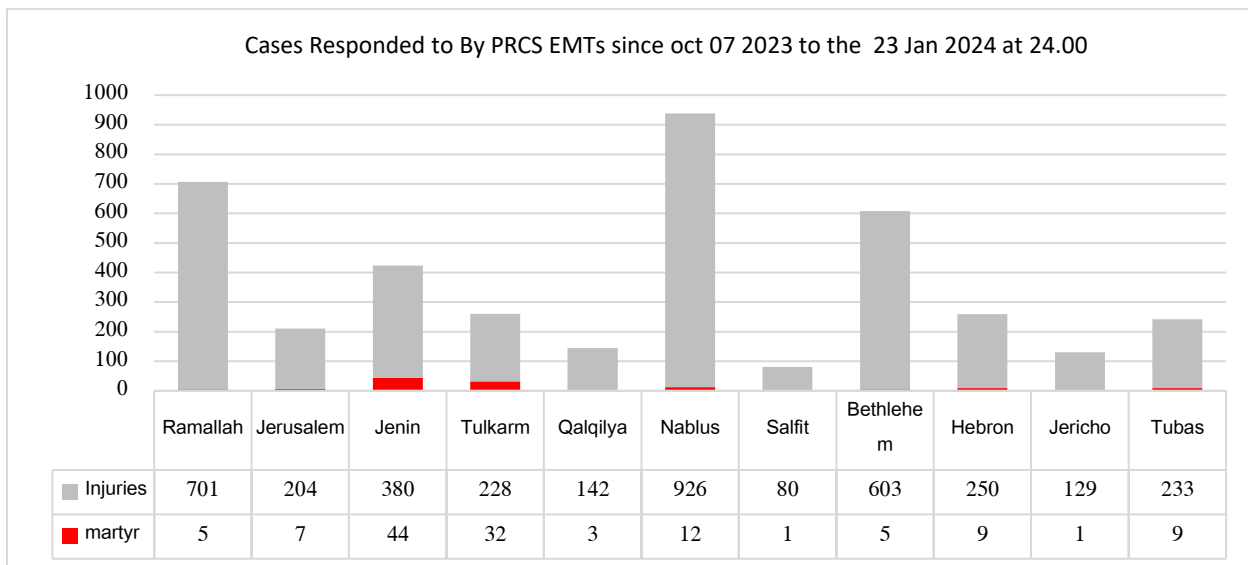
dwelling with partial damage	dwelling unfit for human habitation
+ 290,000	+65,000



- Emergency Medical Services Stations continue to operate at high capacity in response to ongoing events. As of today, there were **24** operational ambulances, including **2** for special tasks, staffed by **99** paramedics, drivers, first responders, administrators, and volunteers. The medical posts are actively receiving minor and moderate medical cases.
- PRCS volunteers are persistently operating at the emergency aid station in North Gaza, despite the Israeli occupation forces forcing PRCS teams in the governorate to evacuate following the arrest of **8** members. The emergency aid station at the EMS center in PRCS's Northern Branch has handled a total of **1,448** cases so far, comprising **522** martyrs and **926** injuries.
- Al-Amal Hospital staff, (PRCS facility), continue to receive and respond to IDPs who cannot reach other hospitals and clinics, especially considering the massive number of IDPs in Al Mawasi area, west of Khan Younis and Rafah. Hence, PRCS' Al-Mawasi clinic and mobile clinics are at service, where to date **4780** cases were responded to; services included primary care, medical examination, and the provision of necessary medications.

The West Bank and East Jerusalem:

The total number of cases responded to by PRCS teams from Oct 7th, 2023, until January 23, 2024, included **(3,876)** wounded and **(128)** martyrs. The Palestinian Ministry of Health reported **(355)** martyrs and more than **(+4,212)** wounded since 7th October, including **(637)** children, and **(85)** who were assaulted and wounded by the Israeli settlers' aggression as of October 7th, 2023 until January 18th, 2024.



Violations against PRCS teams:

The Palestine Red Crescent Society enjoys special protections yielded by international humanitarian law, particularly the Geneva Conventions, and operates within the framework of its humanitarian responsibilities governed by said legal documents. The following recorded violations against our teams, vehicles, and patients are documented in accordance with the First and Fourth Geneva Conventions, the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions, and customary international law.

Gaza Strip:

Total Number of violations	Violations Reported by 13:00 on Jan 12, 2024				
	Martyrdom of paramedics	wounded paramedics	Buildings	PRCS vehicles put out of service	Severely damaged vehicles
54	8	29	18	16	20

West Bank and East Jerusalem:

170 incidents mounting to violations against PRCS documented and reported by 24:00 on Jan 23, 2024	
Type of violation	Number
Prohibiting access	79
Restricting access	73
Violations against EMT's documented and reported	89
Violations against ambulance vehicles documented and reported	72
Violations against Patients and wounded persons	84
Violations against PRCS infrastructure, facilities, and premises	1
Total	398
Total number of martyrs as a direct result of prohibiting the access of medical teams	4

Disaster Risk Management Response:

Gaza Strip:

The Palestine Red Crescent Society's Disaster Risk Management response in Gaza includes:

- Ongoing relief efforts in all areas in Gaza including displacement centers and coordinating with relevant institutions.
- Since **October 21, 2023 to January 6, 2024:**
 - a total of **5,625** trucks of aid were received.
 - PRCS distributed a total of **3,833** trucks of medical supplies, food, water, and hygiene products.
 - **1,792** trucks were allocated to UNRWA and other related official entities.
 - **1,091** of trucks received during the humanitarian pause
 - **310** trucks of humanitarian aid entered North Gaza with food and relief materials during the humanitarian pause.
 - **88** ambulances were received and systematically distributed in coordination with relevant official entities.
 - A total of **3,793,167** liters of fuel and **2415.77** tons of cooking gas were supplied to Gaza during this period.
 - The number of aid trucks that have entered Gaza through the Kerem Shalom crossing is **760**, since December 18, 2023."

West Bank and Jerusalem:

- Since **October 7, 2023, until January 21, 2024**, PRCS disaster response team in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), carried out rapid assessment and response missions to **69 families** mounting to **949 individuals** adversely impacted by various forms of aggression carried out by the Israeli occupation forces and colonial settlers. This included responding to property demolitions, destruction, and acts of vandalism in numerous West Bank locations. The team distributed a range of relief supplies, including blankets, sanitation and hygiene kits, kitchenware, jerrycans, tarpaulins, tents, mattresses, and heaters, addressing the unique requirements of each affected individual.
- During the month of January, the Palestine Red Crescent Society distributed food parcels, part of its humanitarian mission to provide relief assistance to alleviate the suffering of disadvantaged families especially during the dire situation the Palestinian communities are experiencing nationwide. This endeavor is part of a relief campaign targeting the governorates of the West Bank; cities, villages, and refugee camps including the suburbs of occupied Jerusalem. This relief campaign aims to target **(7140)** families including well over **(42840)** individuals. The relief campaign is expected to continue throughout the month of January. PRCS branches and directorates are responsible for the distribution of the food parcels. PRCS coordinated its efforts with the officials in each targeted area setting the selection criteria to identify the beneficiaries.



Displacement and Evacuation of Civilians in the Gaza Strip:

PRCS premises	Khan Younis & Al-Amal hospital	UNRWA Centers	Official statistics
# of IDPs	13,000+	1.4M+	2M+ IDPs

Community work department, MHPSS, and the Youth & Volunteers interventions:

District	CACs	MHPSS	Volunteers
Gaza Strip	116,112	(32,983) paramedics and volunteers	112
West Bank		(5,183) Gazan workers who were deported by the IOF	(2,207,882) online views

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