



GAZA: GUERRA AGLI OSPEDALI





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occupied Palestinian territory

Gaza Strip

Overview

Source: Ministry of Health. As of 3 March 2024



30,534 Fatalities

70% are said to be women and children



71,920 Injuries



+7,780

reported missing or under the rubble



1.7M People

(75% of population) displaced

According to Israeli authorities, over 1200 Israelis and foreign nationals were killed inside Israel, and approximately 5,400 reported injuries. There have been 244 reported fatalities and 1,451 reported injuries of Israeli soldiers since the start of the ground operation in the Gaza Strip. One hundred and thirty four hostages remain in Gaza.

Health Care Functioning, Access and Risks

Hospitals



33%

12/36 Hospitals partially functioning

Estimated average bed occupancy: **295%**



3%

1/36 Hospitals minimally functional



67%

2/3 field Hospitals fully functional

UAE Field Hospital
IMC Field Hospital

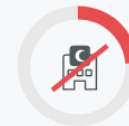


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Jordanian Military Hospital

PHCCs



24.4%

20/80* Primary health care facilities are functional

* The number of PHCCs includes active NGOs.

According to the WHO
only 15 of 36 hospitals in Gaza
are partially functional



21 hospitals shut down

Most of Gaza's hospitals have either been destroyed or rendered out of service

Hospitals over capacity

The nine partially functional hospitals in the south are operating at three times their capacity

Cancer hospital

The Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital, the only cancer hospital in Gaza, was forced to close on November 1, 2023

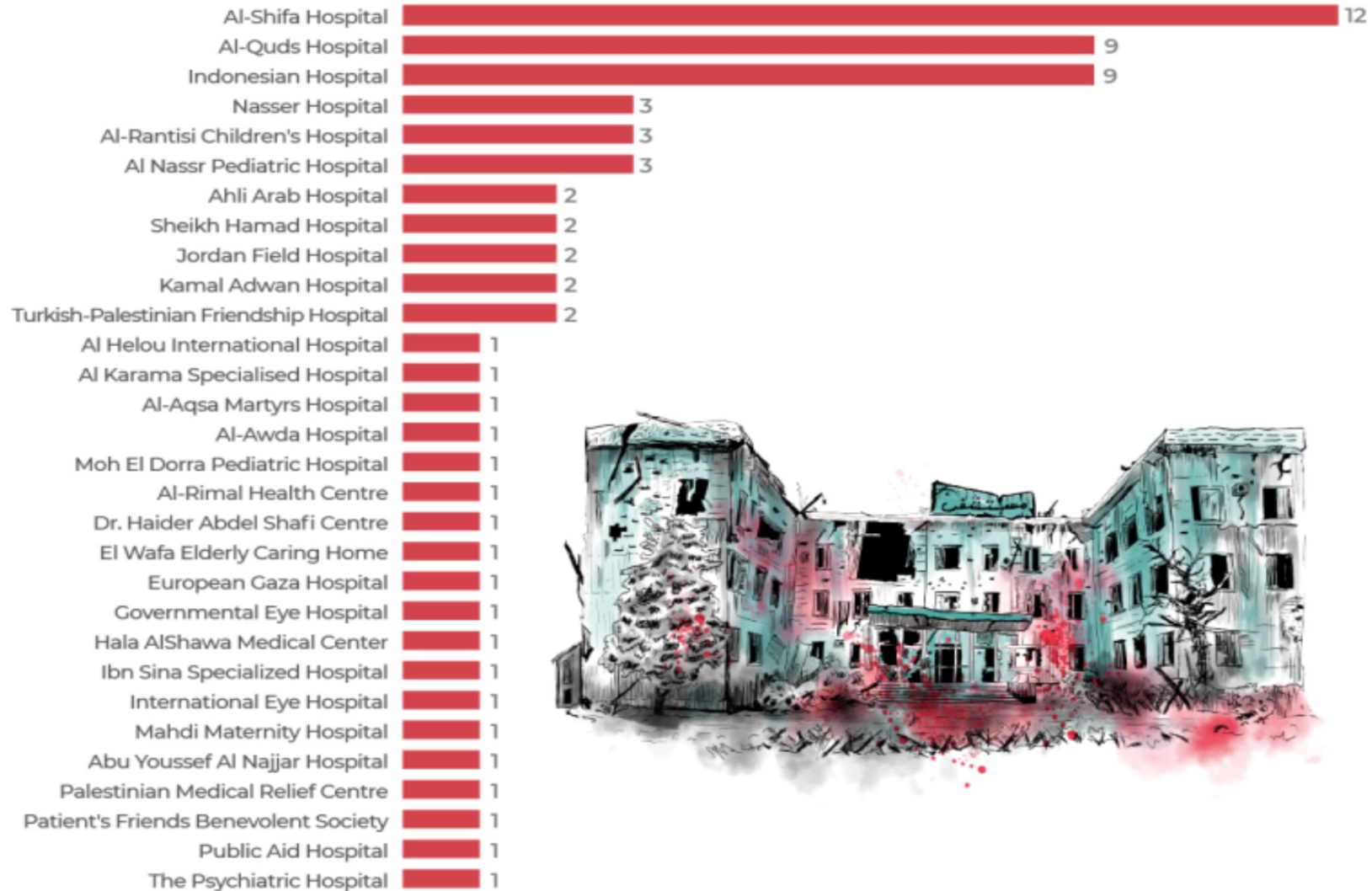


Fuel shortages

Front-line workers cannot reach the sick and injured when fuel for ambulances runs out

Hospitals in Gaza attacked by Israeli forces

October 7 - November 24, 2023



La violenza nei conflitti armati contro l'assistenza sanitaria - fenomeno molto diffuso.

- Nel 2022 nel mondo: 1.989 attacchi in conflitti armati contro strutture sanitarie e il loro personale (>45% rispetto al 2021)
- In due mesi (7/10/23 – 9/12/23) a **Gaza** operatori sanitari uccisi (286) oltre 3 volte superiore a quelli in **Ucraina** nell'intero anno 2022 (78)

Impact of health attacks in the Gaza Strip

7 October 2023 until 12 February 2024, 14:00



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378 Attacks on Health Care



659

People killed in attacks*



843

People injured in attacks*



98

Health facilities affected



including 27 hospitals damaged



98

Ambulances affected



including 52 damaged

* Most of those who have been killed and injured in attacks on health care were persons internally displaced and taking shelter. The attack on Al Ahli Arab Hospital on 17 October resulted in 471 fatalities and 342 injuries, according to reports of the Ministry of Health.

Strutture e il personale sanitario sono protette da:

- **IV Convenzione di Ginevra e Protocolli aggiuntivi**
- **Risoluzione 2286 del Consiglio di Sicurezza delle Nazioni Unite del 2016**
- **Articolo 8 dello Statuto di Roma** (che ha istituito la Corte penale internazionale)

Non possono essere attaccate a meno che vengano utilizzate per commettere un **“atto dannoso per il nemico”**. In caso di dubbio, si presume che **NON** vengano utilizzate a tale scopo.

Se un ospedale perde il suo status protetto, dice il diritto internazionale, qualsiasi operazione militare deve adottare **misure (es. proporzionalità) per proteggere i pazienti, il personale e gli altri civili.**



- A Gaza non è rimasto alcun sistema sanitario efficace. I neonati stanno morendo. Ai bambini vengono amputati gli arti senza anestesia. Migliaia di malati di cancro e di coloro che necessitano di dialisi non ricevono cure.
- L'ultimo ospedale oncologico di Gaza ha smesso di funzionare. Si stima che circa 50.000 donne incinte non abbiano un luogo sicuro dove partorire. Subiscono tagli cesarei senza anestesia. I tassi di aborto spontaneo sono aumentati del 300% dall'inizio dell'assalto israeliano.
- I feriti muoiono dissanguati. Non ci sono servizi igienici né acqua pulita. Gli ospedali sono stati bombardati e mitragliati.

L'ICRC distingue
gli attacchi alle
strutture sanitarie
durante violenza
armata in:

- (a) targeting deliberato per ottenere un vantaggio militare
- (b) attacco deliberato per ragioni politiche, religiose o etniche
- (c) “danno collaterale”, ossia non intenzionale, dovuto a arma puntata su un obiettivo militare
- (d) saccheggio di farmaci e attrezzature mediche (come avvenne nel 2003 a Bagdad)

Perché colpire gli ospedali a Gaza?

- Perché usati da Hamas per nascondere armi e centri di comando, come “scudi umani”
- La vittoria giustifica una violenza letale (“Dottrina Dahiya”)
- Guerra psicologica: far sentire i palestinesi insicuri ovunque
- Parte di una campagna di terra bruciata per rendere Gaza inabitabile: una nuova Nakba, genocidio

Israel raids Gaza's al-Shifa Hospital

Under the cover of heavy gunfire and tank shells, the Israeli military has raided al-Shifa Hospital's main buildings including the emergency department, the specialised surgical department and the maternity ward.



Satellite image taken on November 11
Source: Al Jazeera, Maxar Technologies | November 15, 2023



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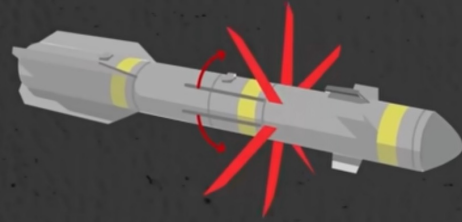


Gaza: Al Shifa Hospital reportedly hit with R9X Hellfire missile

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"ninja" missile



has six rotating blades

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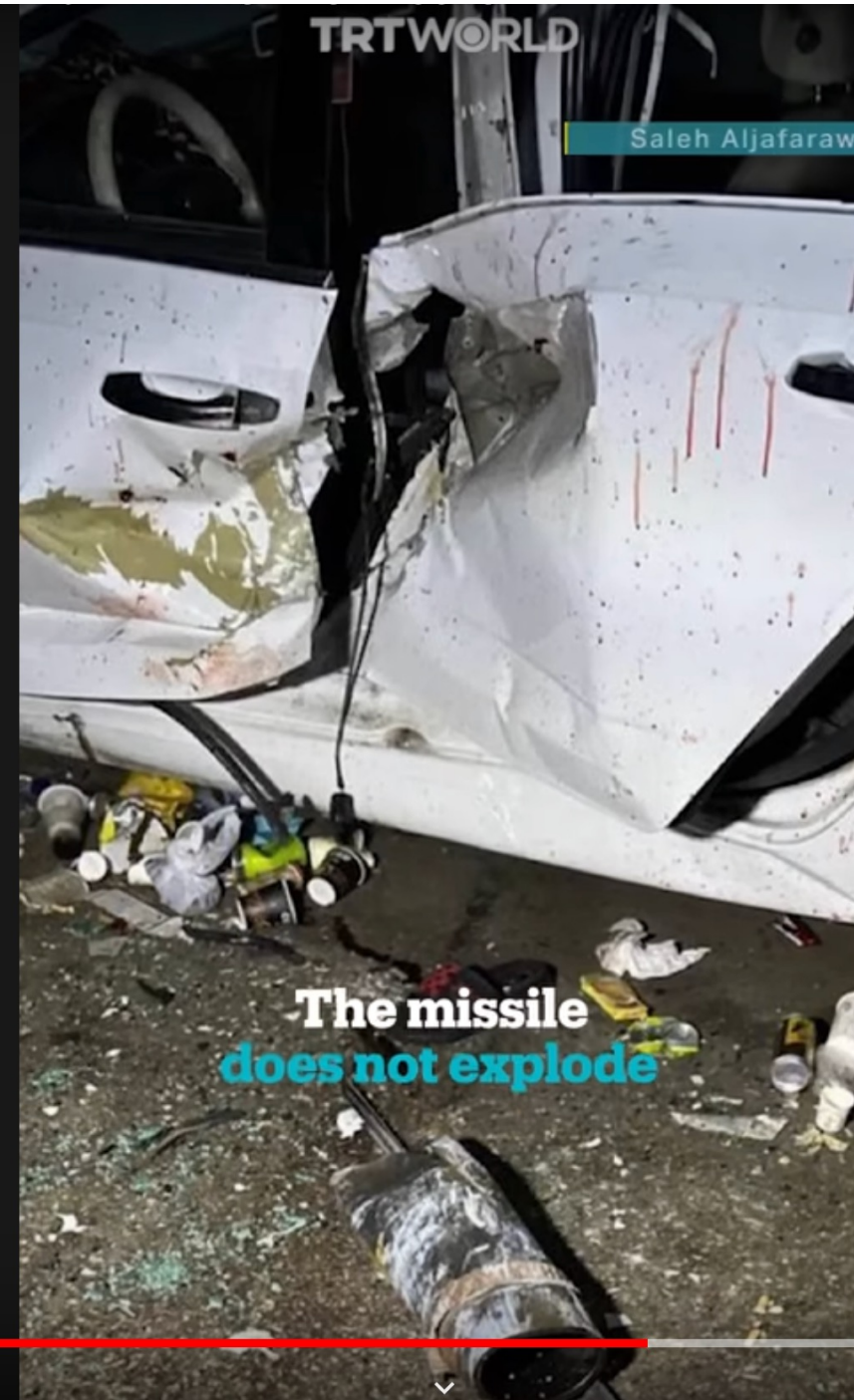
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The missile does not explode

People no longer able to receive regular treatment



1,100 patients in need of kidney dialysis

71,000 patients living with diabetes

225,000 patients with high blood pressure requiring medication

485,000 people have mental health disorders

2,000 people diagnosed with cancer each year, including 122 children

45,000 patients live with cardiovascular disease

100 patients per day need access to specialised healthcare outside of Gaza

Pregnant women in Gaza 'suffer from thirst and malnutrition'

There are an estimated 52,000 pregnant women in Gaza with 183 births a day and 5,500 babies being born in the past month, of whom 130 have been premature and dependent on incubators.



Newborns are placed in bed after being taken off incubators at al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City after a power outage on November 12, 2023 [Reuters]