

SITUATION REPORT occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza 13 - 22 May 2018



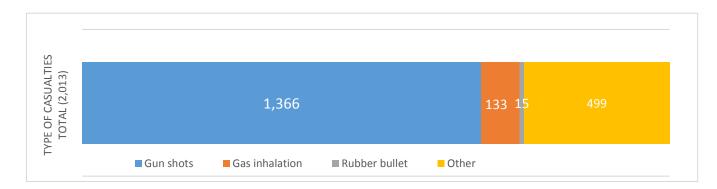


# Highlights

- As of 16:00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, latest figures by the Ministry of Health (MoH) indicate that 63 Palestinians were killed and 3,414 were injured by Israeli forces from 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May.
- Out of the 3,414 injuries, 2,013 required transfer to the MoH hospitals or to NGO clinics, (including 271 children, 127 females and 1,886 males). From the hospitalized injuries, 147 cases were critically life-threatening, 1,113 moderate, 747 mild and the remaining 6 were unspecified cases.
- An additional 1,401 injuries were managed



at primary healthcare centers and 10 trauma stabilization points (TSP) by the MoH, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS), and support of Union Health Workers Committee (UHWC) NGO.



#### Type of casualties treated at the MoH and NGO hospitals<sup>1</sup>

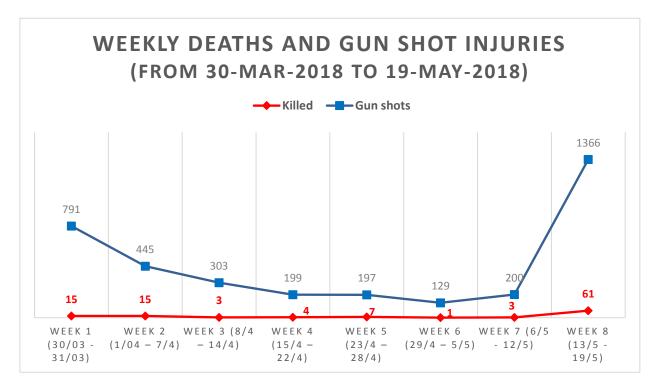
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Ministry of Health

# Casualties disaggregated by injury, gender and age at MoH and NGO hospitals (cases: 2,013)<sup>2</sup>

| Total | By gender |        | By affected body part |                     |                |                |                      |                       |                    | By age   |        |
|-------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|--------|
|       | Male      | Female | Multi-<br>injuries    | Head<br>and<br>neck | Upper<br>limbs | Lower<br>limbs | Chest<br>and<br>back | Abdomen<br>and pelvis | Other <sup>3</sup> | Children | Adults |
| 2,013 | 1886      | 127    | 30                    | 140                 | 215            | 1293           | 90                   | 82                    | 163                | 271      | 1,742  |

# Accumulative caseload

- As of 16:00 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 117 people have been killed since the start of the demonstrations. 112 have been reported by the MoH and an additional 5 whom their bodies have been held by the Israeli Authorities reported by OCHA.
- The figure of people injured amidst ongoing demonstrations stands at 13,190 (1,136 children). From this total, 3,630 are live ammunition gunshot injuries, out of which 332 are critical life threatening injuries. In addition, 5 upper limb amputations and 27 lower limb amputations were done.



The steep increase in the number of injured people treated both in hospitals and at TSPs in the period between May 13 and 19 was predictable. This over-demand has clear implications in the exhaustion of medical drug items, disposables and the response capacity of medical personnel in the field– See graph above.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Ministry of Health

<sup>3</sup> Other refers to the fact that the hospital records did not state the area of injury

### **Health attacks**

According to the Ministry of Health (MoH), Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS), from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May:

- 1 health worker was killed following a bullet wound
- 24 other health workers were injured (8 sustained bullet injuries, 6 were hit by shrapnel, 1 was hit directly by a tear gas canister and 9 suffered from tear gas inhalation)
- 12 ambulances (3 governmental, 8 PRCS and 1 PMRS) were damaged.

From 30<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> May, 238 health workers and 38 ambulances were affected by attacks on health care, according to data provided by the Palestinian Ministry of Health, Palestinian Red Crescent Society, Palestinian Medical Relief Society and the Union of Health Work Committees.

#### **Access through Erez**

- 40 patients injured in the demonstrations since 30th March applied to exit Gaza through Erez Crossing for health care, as of 20th May 2018. A total of 13 applications were approved (acceptance rate of 32.5%, which is significantly lower than the overall rate of 60% for the first quarter of 2018), 21 were denied (denial rate of 52.5%, which is significantly higher than the overall denial rate of 8% for the first quarter of 2018) and 6 patient applications were still pending.
- A further 7 patients were evacuated to Jordan with special coordination.
- 14 patients attempted to cross Rafah terminal to access health care in Egypt: of these, 5 succeeded to cross the terminal and 9 were returned.

#### **Emergency Response**

- The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) provided first aid to 8 tear gas inhalation cases in the field and transferred 1,511 cases to hospitals, including 27 dead bodies and 827 live bullet injuries.
- Doctors Worldwide Turkey (DWWT) continues to respond to the post-operative rehabilitation needs, through their outreach teams, by the provision of drugs, assistive devices, nursing, physiotherapy and psychological support services. Since March 30<sup>th</sup>, a total of 232 casualties have been treated.



- The Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) have mobilized five outreach teams, in all five governorates, to conduct post-operative care, including wound dressing and physiotherapy services. To date, PMRS has provided post-operative care to 283 casualties, out of those, 43 have received assistive devices. PMRS also has provided first aid in the field to a total of 2,247 individuals, since the beginning of the demonstrations.
- Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) spine mission operated on seven cases at the European Gaza Hospital (EGH). Another Italian mental health mission conducted a training for trainers (ToT) for a joint project with the Ministry of Health.
- Union of Health Care Committees (UHCC) teams provided first aid and health services to 50 cases at their medical point and 79 cases at their different clinics.
- Union of Health Work Committees (UHWC) teams provided first aid and hospital services to 387 new cases.
- Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP-UK) released 30 external fixators, 35 disposables and 23 drug items, to MoH and NGO hospitals. Their team of orthopedic and plastics surgeon, which was deployed at Shifa, AI Awdah and Sahabah hospitals, managed to conduct several surgeries. MAP is currently procuring a list of 24 drug items and 15 disposable items worth of USD 418,605. MAP is also procuring 41 external fixators.
- MDM- France established an emergency medical tent inside Al-Aqsa hospital to serve as a triage area and extension of the emergency department. The tent includes 20 emergency patient beds, emergency trolleys, dressing trolleys and the needed drugs and disposables). On Friday, MDM teams were present in the hospital and activated the triage area with two teams consisting of one doctor and one nurse each. During this week, the preparation is ongoing to integrate the psychological first aid (PFA) interventions to the emergency tent in cooperation with the MOH Mental Health department.
- MDM- Spain is currently in the process of procuring 80 equipment items.
- UNICEF has continued the lifesaving assistance for children in health and nutrition, through the provision of home visiting services delivered by the Near East Church Council (NECC) and Ard El Insan (AEI) to high-risk pregnant mothers, newborns and infants. To continue UNICEF's response, a new list of drug items was drafted with a total of US\$150,000 and will be ready to start the procurement processes.
- UNICEF and WHO received the approval for the CERF, for approximately US\$ 1,200,000. WHO and UNICEF have begun urgent procurement for drugs and essential medicines, consumables and kits.
- MSF deployed the following surgical teams:
  - 1 trauma surgeon with 2 operating theatre (OT) nurses
  - o 1 vascular surgeon, 2 orthopedic surgeons, 1 anesthetist, 3 OT nurses to Al Aqsa Hospital
  - $\circ$   $\,$  1 vascular surgeon, 1 orthopedic surgeon, 1 plastic surgeon and 1 OT nurse to Al Awda Hospital
- MSF-France also donated 15 consumable items to European Gaza Hospital, 2 external fixator sets to Nasser Hospital, and 7 consumable items to Al Aqsa Hospital
- ICRC delivered 7 Weapon Wound (WW) Kits, 49 dressing sets, 10 external fixator sets, 200 body tags, 10 fans for the tents, 32 items of medical equipment and 412 assistive devices to the MoH and NGOs.
- UNRWA conducted 1,600 patient consultations offering post-operative care at 22 PHCs, since the 30<sup>th</sup> March
- WHO delivered 10 essential items of disposables on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May to the Central Drugs Store in Gaza., alongside the MoH, chaired the fourth Gaza Trauma Working Group meeting.

### Immediate unmet needs

- \$5.1 million USD are urgently needed to cover the medical supply needs and EMTs specific to the event
- Due to the magnitude of the injuries, the stocks of medical supplies have significantly depleted and access to healthcare for non-trauma patients is being compromised. A further \$19.5 million USD are needed to cover the medium term needs

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