# WHO Special Situation Report occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza 30th March 2018



15 PEOPLE KILLED





5 MEDICAL CAMPS SET UP





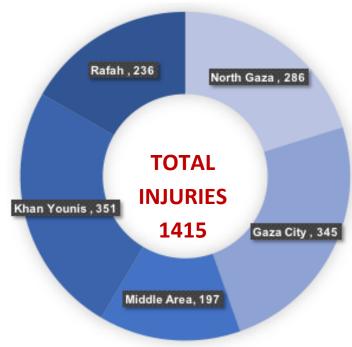
## **Highlights**

- On the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 15 Palestinians were killed and 1,416 were injured by Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip, according to the Ministry of Health (MoH).
- Out of the 1,416 casualties, 1010 were severe injuries and required immediate transfer to the hospitals.
- 973 were male, 37 were female, and 179 were children below the age of 18.



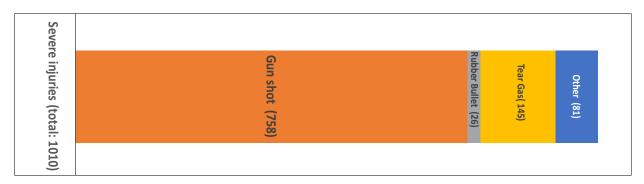
179 children were injured during the demonstrations that took place on the  $30^{th}$  March 2018

- The casualties occurred during the mass demonstrations by Palestinians on the Gaza site of the perimeter fence with Israel. People from all over the Gaza Strip gathered near the fence, where the Israeli army imposes a 'No Go Zone', to mark the Palestinian 'Land Day', the first of a series of a series of mass peaceful protests leading up to the 70th anniversary of what Palestinians refer to as the 1948 'Nakba', on 15 May.
- Mass gatherings took place across Gaza, 500-700 meters away from the perimeter fence, in the following 5 locations;
  - An-Nahda area in the east of Rafah
  - Al-Najar area east of Khuza'a in Khan Younis
  - o Al Bureij camp in the Middle Area
  - Malaka area east of Gaza City
  - Abu Safiya in Jabalia and at the checkpoint in Beit Hanoun, North Gaza



- Ministry of Health (MoH), beside the mass gatherings. They were equipped with emergency supplies to stabilize injuries before referring them to nearby hospitals. The medical camps were staffed with up to 10 doctors and 15 nurses; the healthcare staff were also supported by volunteers, and ambulances were on stand-by. Each camp was equipped with first aid medication, and had 3-4 beds; mattresses were also used to support the increasing number of casualties
- An additional 5 Primary Health Centers opened to provide support. A total of 405 casualties were managed at the medical camps and primary healthcare clinics.









Medical staff from NGO hospitals provided additional support

### **Health Cluster Response**

- WHO released two 'Interagency Emergency Health Kits' (IEHK), which included 36 essential drug items and 50 disposable items, including sutures, syringes and gloves.
- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delivered one 'weapon wounded kit' which included 138 essential items to treat 50 serious cases or 100 moderate wounds; two 'dressing set kits', enough to treat 100-200 patients, 4 adult external fixators for limb injuries, 180 crutches, 40 walking frames and 25 wheel chairs.
- MSF has released 11 prepositioned essential drugs and 23 medical disposable items, enough to treat 100 injured patients.
- MAP-UK has donated limb reconstruction surgical equipment to the MoH and released 14 propositioned drugs and 9 medical disposables to the MoH and an NGO Hospital, Al Awda.



The ICRC donated 245 items of adaptive devices, including crutches, walking frames and wheel chairs

### Immediate health priorities and unmet needs

- 11 essential drugs worth \$95,000 USD, 16 medical disposables worth \$213,000 USD, and 5 essential laboratory reagents worth approximately \$70,000 USD, are urgently required at the MoH hospitals to meet the immediate needs of casualties.
- Health Cluster requires funding to support the MoH in conducting blood donation campaigns to replenish blood bank units across Gaza.
- Health Cluster requires funding in order to immediately preposition;
  - o 5 IEHK to meet the basic needs of 50,000 patients in an emergency
  - o 10 Emergency trauma Kit A + Kit B to treat 1,000 patients in need of surgical care
  - 10 Surgical supply kit (SSK) to cover all requirements for disposables to treat 1000 surgical interventions for 10 days
  - o 'Weapon wounded kit' to treat 50 serious cases or 100 moderate wounds
  - Two 'dressing set kits' to treat 100-200 patients
  - 65 essential drugs and 200 essential disposables to be immediately propositioned across the five governorates in Gaza
- WHO requires funding to enhance emergency information collection through hiring of field data collectors.

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