Sajed Mazher. Photo credit: Palestinian Medical Relief Society  The World Health Organization (WHO) strongly condemns the killing of Sajed Mazher, a first responder working with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society in the West Bank, occupied Palestinian territory.

On 27 March 2019, Sajed Mezher, an 17-year* old health worker, was shot while providing care to people injured during clashes in Dheisha refugee camp in Bethlehem. Sajed was injured in his abdomen and succumbed to his injuries after he was taken to hospital.

“We are saddened by this tragic loss. Health workers provide critical care and save lives. Their protection must be ensured,” said Dr Gerald Rockenschaub, head of WHO office for the West Bank and Gaza. “Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with Sajed’s family and our colleagues at the Palestinian Medical Relief Society.”

WHO reiterates that the protection of health workers, patients and health facilities must be respected at all times. Health care is not a target.

**correction to the initially reported age of 18*

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