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SITUATION REPORT
occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza
23 - 29 May 2018

HEALTH CLUSTER
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

0 KILLED

185 INJURED

10 TRAUMA STABILISATION POINTS

257 ESSENTIAL DRUGS IMMEDIATELY NEEDED

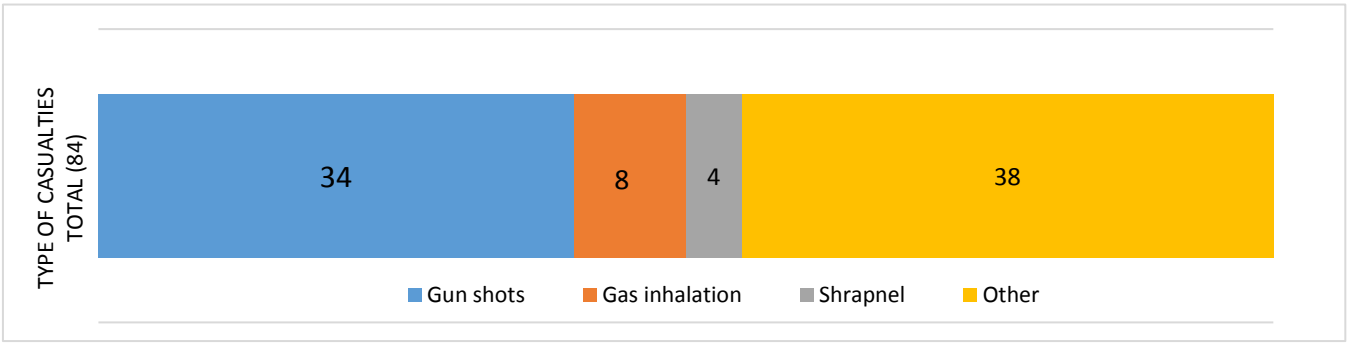
247 ESSENTIAL DISPOSABLES IMMEDIATELY NEEDED

Highlights



- As of 14:00 on the 29th May, the latest figures provided by the Ministry of Health (MoH) indicate that 185 Palestinians were injured by Israeli forces from 23rd – 29th May.
- Out of the 185 injuries, 84 required transfer to the MoH hospitals or to NGO clinics, (including 13 children, 7 females and 77 males). From the hospitalized injuries, 1 case was critically life-threatening, 24 moderate, and the remaining 59 were mild cases.
- An additional 101 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[1]



- A comparative analysis by weeks reflects an evident decrease in the number of gunshot wounds, however lower limb injuries remain the highest incidence of injury each week. This week alone, there 42 cases of lower limb injuries from the total 185 (23% of the total caseload suffered from lower limb injuries). Refer to the table below for a breakdown of casualties disaggregated by injury, gender and age.

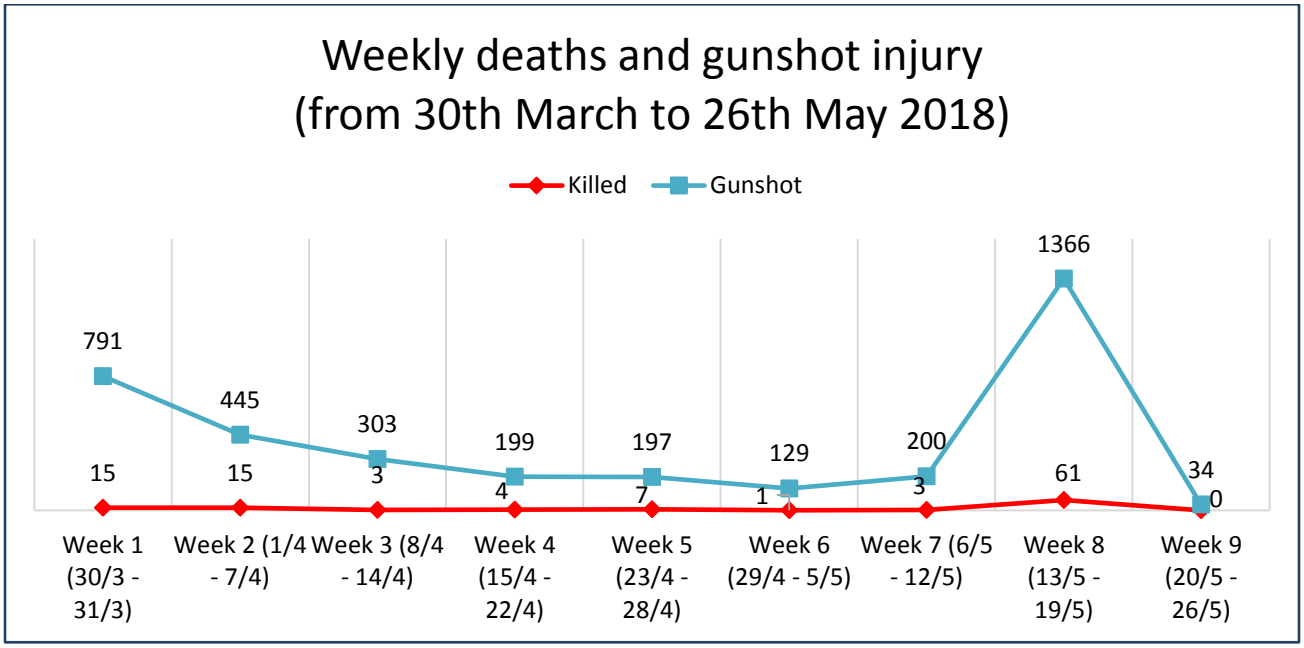
[1] Source: Ministry of Health

Casualties disaggregated by injury, gender and age at MoH and NGO hospitals (cases: 84)[2]

Total	By gender		By affected body part						By age	
	Male	Female	Head and neck	Upper limbs	Lower limbs	Chest and back	Abdomen and pelvis	Other[3]	Children	Adults
84	**77**	**7**	**3**	**18**	**42**	**3**	**3**	**15**	**13**	**71**

Accumulative caseload

- Since the 30th March until 14:00 on the 29th 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 13,375 (1,149 children). From this total, 3,664 are live ammunition gunshot injuries, out of which 333 are critical life threatening injuries. See below graph for deaths and gunshot injuries each week.
- Furthermore, out of the total 13,375 injured, 7,195 people required hospitalization, including MoH hospitals and NGO hospitals in Gaza. A further 6,180 were treated and discharged in the field trauma stabilization points (TSPs).
- Finally, since the 30th March, 5 upper limb amputations and 27 lower limb amputations were done.



[2] Source: Ministry of Health

3 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 23rd to 27th May:
  - 7 health workers suffered tear gas inhalation, including 1 female and 6 male workers (3 PMRS and 4 MoH)
  - 2 MoH ambulances were damaged
- From 30th March to 27th May, 245 health workers and 40 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 the 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.
- Jordan has coordinated the evacuation of 30 injured patients through Erez to receive treatment in the Jordanian hospitals: 7 were evacuated on 20th May and 23 were evacuated on 23rd May.
- Another 19 injured patients tried to cross Rafah terminal for treatment in Egypt: 9 were permitted to cross and 10 were returned to Gaza.

Emergency Response



- UNICEF delivered 196 pallets containing 14 drug items to the MoH. Another 3 drug items will be received within 2 weeks and a new list was prepared with items worth US$150,000, which currently await procurement.
- The Turkish Government donated USD $1.2 million to WHO, which will be used to provide essential drugs and disposables for trauma and emergency non-trauma cases across the Gaza Strip.
- On 25th May, the Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) provided first aid in the field to 80 individuals, including 6 live bullet injuries. Since the start of the demonstrations, PMRS has provided first aid to a total of 2,327 individuals. PMRS has also 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 375 casualties, out of those, 66 have received assistive devices.
- Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP-UK) reinforced the Shifa Hospital blood bank collection, which currently has 1,552 blood units stored. MAP is also purchasing 41 large external fixators (worth USD $190,000) and 22 Taylor Spatial Frame (TSF) sets - circular external fixators (worth USD $270,000).

- Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) has deployed a vascular surgical mission at Al-Shifa and European Gaza Hospitals. PCRF conducted training on psychiatry, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health.
- By means of multi-disciplinary rehabilitation outreach teams, which include nurses, physiotherapists, and psychologists, Doctors Worldwide – Turkey (DWWT) continues to respond to post-operative rehabilitation needs in Gaza. Since 30th March, a total of 300 casualties have been treated.
- ICRC has deployed two war surgeons, two orthopaedic surgeons and one anaesthetist at Al Shifa Hospital. The priority focus of their support remains on surgical emergency and post-operative care response.
- MDM-France continues work through the medical tent in Al-Aqsa Hospital, which serves as a triage area and extension of the emergency department. On the 25th May, MDM– F and MoH medical teams activated the triage tent. Furthermore, MDM-F mental and psychosocial support teams are now supporting the MoH Mental Health Directorate.
- MSF admitted 84 new trauma patients to their four clinics, raising the total number of admitted patients to 1,215, since 30th March. MSF deployed four surgical teams in Al-Aqsa, Al-Shifa, Patient Friends Benevolent Society (PFBS), and Al-Awda hospitals. From the 23rd to 27th May, the teams have conducted 52 operations.
- The National Centre for Community Rehabilitation (NCCR) has sent multidisciplinary rehabilitation teams (MDT) to conduct home visits to newly injured patients in the Gaza and Mid-zone governorates. So far, the teams have provided services to around a hundred cases.
- Humanity and Inclusion (HI), in a partnership with 4 local organizations has deployed 10 multidisciplinary rehabilitation outreach teams -2 in each governorate- to deliver home-based rehabilitation to 1,500 injured people. They also lead community referral networks to ensure provision of holistic services and coordination amongst rehabilitation and other humanitarian actors.
- On 25th May, International Medical Corps (IMC) partners provided immediate care to 41 injured cases in the field, with ambulances transferring 42 patients. IMC partners have treated 10 patients for wound care. Meanwhile, IMC and CARE have procured laboratory reagents, blood bags and medical supplies.
- Central Blood Bank Society (CBBS) collected 46 blood units and distributed another 101.
- UNFPA has scaled up their psychosocial support for women, girls and youth. In addition, UNFPA will procure 8 disposable items for maternity care, and is presently drafting a needs assessment on the impact of the on-going events on women.
- UNRWA conducted 2,018 patient consultations offering post-operative care at 22 PHCs, since the 30th March.



- Islamic Relief (IR) delivered 5 drug items and 12 disposable items to the Central Drug Store of the Ministry of Health. Items meet urgent needs at Emergency departments, ICUs and Operation theatres at Al-Shifa, Indonesian, Al-Aqsa, Gaza European, Nasser and Najjar hospitals.
- Union of Health Care Committees (UHCC) teams provided first aid and health services to 33 cases at their medical points and 60 cases at their different clinics.

- WHO, alongside the MoH, chaired the fifth Gaza Trauma Working Group meeting. Key outcomes of the Trauma Working Group included:
    - Development of a central trauma patient database, categorized by level of severity
    - Training and standardizing protocols on wound management, led by MSF
    - Supporting the local limb reconstruction team and ensuring that they have oversight on all limb reconstruction cases.

Immediate unmet needs

- On Thursday 31st June, the Health Cluster will release an appeal on the health funding needs from 31st May until the 30th September.
- 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. $19.5 million USD are needed to cover the medium term needs.

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