SITUATION REPORT
occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza
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World Health Organization

HEALTH CLUSTER
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

4 KILLED

701 INJURED

10 TRAUMA STABILISATION POINTS

253 ESSENTIAL DRUGS IMMEDIATELY NEEDED

243 ESSENTIAL DISPOSABLES IMMEDIATELY NEEDED

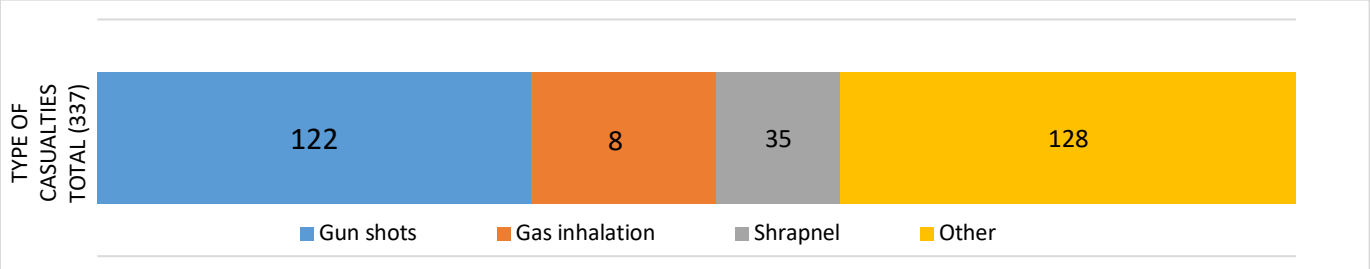
Highlights

- As of the 11th June 14:00, the latest figures provided by the Ministry of Health (MoH) indicate that 4 Palestinians were killed (including a 14-year old child) and 701 were injured by Israeli forces from 4th to the 11th June as a result of the mass demonstrations.
- Out of the 701 injuries, 337 required transfer to the MoH hospitals or to NGO clinics (62 children, 36 females and 301 males). From the hospitalized injuries, 10 cases were critically life-threatening, 132 moderate, and the remaining 195 were mild cases[1].



- An additional 364 injuries were managed at primary healthcare centers and 10 trauma stabilization points (TSP) and discharged. These TSPs and primary healthcare facilities offering frontline care are led by the MoH, and supported by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS), and receive support of the Union Health Workers Committee (UHWC) NGO.

Type of casualties treated at the Ministry of Health and NGO hospitals[2]



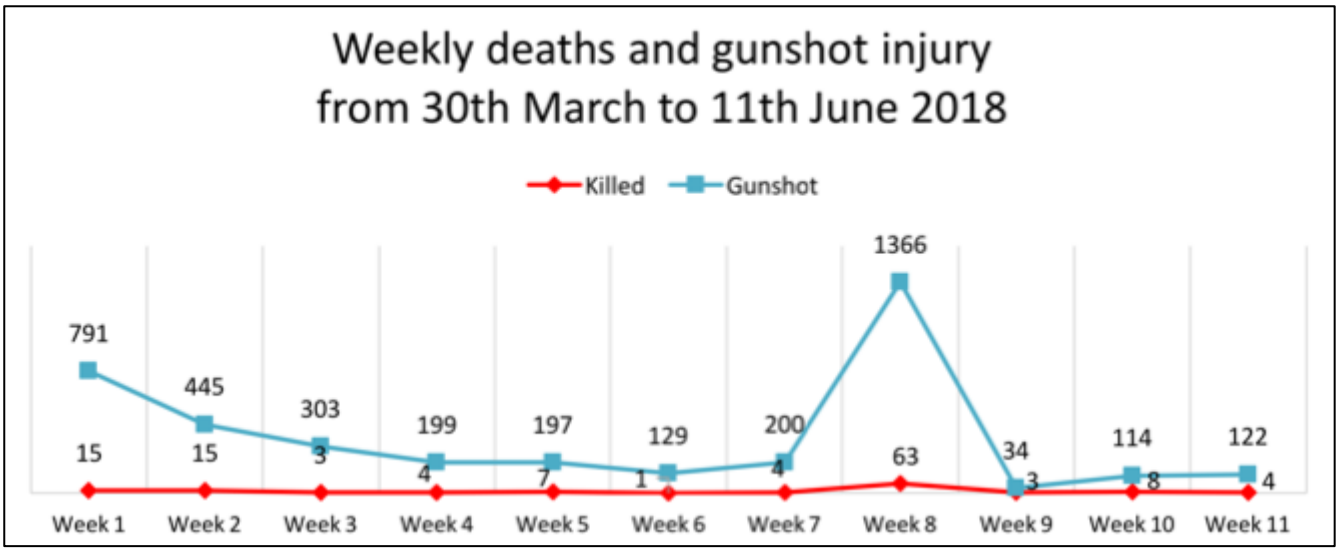
Casualties disaggregated by injury, gender and age at MoH and NGO hospitals (cases: 337)[3]

Total	By gender		By affected body part								By age	
	Male	Female	Head and neck	Upper limbs	Lower limbs	Chest and back	Abdomen and pelvis	Multi-injuries	Gas inhalation	Other[4]	Children	Adults
337	**301**	**36**	**22**	**59**	**158**	**17**	**15**	**5**	**52**	**9**	**62**	**275**

[1] Source: Ministry of Health
[2] Source : Ministry of Heath. 'Other' refers to the fact that the hospital records did not state the type of injury

Accumulative caseload

- Since the start of the demonstrations until the 11th June, 132 people have been killed[5]. The figure of people injured amidst ongoing demonstrations stands at 14,601. Out of a total of 14,601 injuries, 7,885 people (54%) required hospitalization.
- **Hospitalization:** Out of the total 7,885 people that required hospitalization:
  - 50% were live ammunition gunshot injuries, at a total of 3,900 cases. See below graph for deaths and gunshot injuries each week.
  - 1,253 were children (16%), 507 (6%) were female and 7,378 (94%) were male.
  - 359 (5%) cases were critical, 3,702 (47%) were moderate, 3,691 (46%) were mild and 133 cases were unspecified.



- **Trauma Stabilisation Points (TSPs):** A further 6,716 were treated and discharged in the field trauma stabilization points (TSPs) and at primary healthcare clinics.
- **Incidence of limb injuries:**
  - A total of 2,762 lower limb injuries have been registered since the beginning of demonstrations. Out of the total hospitalized cases, this represents the highest type of injury at 35% of the caseload.
  - 347 cases of injured people have been identified as in need of limb reconstruction, and will require up to 7 surgeries and extensive rehabilitation and treatment for up to 2 years[6].
- **Amputations:** Since the 30th March, the total number of amputations was 43 including 4 children. Out of this total, 6 were upper limb amputations and 37 were lower limb amputations.

[5] 127 have been reported by the MoH and an additional 5 have been held by the Israeli Authorities reported by OCHA
[6] According to Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP-UK)

Impact on the Health Sector



- Patients are being discharged early every week to make room for the new wave of expected casualties. **A total of 450 patients have been discharged early since the 30th March**. These patients are being requested to receive follow-up care at the MSF clinic, PMRS, UHWC and primary healthcare centers.
- Since the 30th March, approximately **6,000 elective surgeries** have been postponed.
- According to Gaza's Central Drug Store, in May, 253 essential medicines out of the total 815 essential medicines list (49%) were at less than one month's supply. In addition, 243 essential disposables out of the total 853 essential disposables list (29%) were at less than one month's supply.

Health attacks

- According to the MoH and PRCS from 4th to 10th June:
  - 6 health workers were injured (1 with live ammunition, 5 with gas inhalation)
  - 4 ambulances were damaged (2 governmental and 2 PRCS)

- **Cumulative figures:** From 30th March to 10th June, 328 health workers and 45 ambulances were affected by attacks on health care[7]. These numbers include additional data provided for the Palestinian Civil Defense medical teams and Palestinian medical services. Of the health workers affected, 25 suffered injuries from live ammunition, of whom two were killed, 18 were hit directly with tear gas canisters and 11 were hit by shrapnel.

Access through Erez

- As of 10th June, 93 patients (including 17 children) injured in the demonstrations have applied to exit Gaza through Erez Crossing for health care. The status of their permits are as follows:
  - A total of 24 applications (including 5 children) were approved (acceptance rate of 26%, which is significantly lower than the overall rate of 60% for the first quarter of 2018)
  - 49 (including 9 children) were denied (denial rate of 53%, which is significantly higher than the overall denial rate of 8% for the first quarter of 2018)
  - 20 patient applications (including 3 children) are 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 22 injured patients tried to cross Rafah terminal for treatment in Egypt: 12 were permitted to cross and 10 were returned to Gaza.

[7] According to data provided by the Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) and the Union of Health Work Committees

Emergency Response

Providing medical supplies:



- Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP-UK) procured 5 types of drugs for the MoH worth USD 31,000, and 3 disposables with a total value of USD 7,500. MAP also prepositioned 3 disposables worth the same amount.
- UNICEF is delivering a shipment of 3 drug items to the MoH. So far, 76 pallets have been received.
- Islamic Relief (IR) pledged USD 600,000 to provide for top urgent needs of medical drugs, disposables and spare parts.
- Hayat Center distributed 100 Basic First Aid Kits and 150 "Stop Bleeding Tourniquet" to the first responders and emergency service providers.
- Welfare Association (Taawon) has supported the Central Blood Bank with disposables. The Association has also supported Palestinian Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) to procure wheel chairs and assistive devices for persons with disabilities (PWD).

Trauma Management & Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs):

- The ICRC is in the process of establishing a 50-bed temporary hospital capacity. The focus will be to support the increasing caseload of patients with limb injuries at Shifa hospital.
- A temporary field hospital will be established in the Middle Area of Gaza as of 12th June, supported by the Moroccan government.
- The Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) provided first aid to 134 individuals, including 18 live bullet injuries. Since the start of demonstrations, PMRS has provided first aid to a total of 2,548 patients. PMRS has also mobilized five outreach teams in all five governorates, to conduct post-operative care, including wound dressing and physiotherapy services. During this reporting period, PMRS has provided post-operative care to 33 new cases, raising the total of beneficiaries to 447 casualties. Out of those, 94 have received assistive devices.
- The Union of Health Work Committees (UHWC) teams provided first aid and health services to 71 cases, including 36 gunshot injuries at Al-Awda hospital and their medical points in Rafah and the Middle area.
- Doctors Worldwide – Turkey (DWWT), through their outreach program, has provided 300 cases with 572 post-operative rehabilitation sessions, including nursing, physiotherapy and psychological support, as well as, drugs and assistive devices.
- This week MdM- France's EMT team continued to support Al-Aqsa hospital. The teams were able to manage 37 cases, including 21 gunshot injuries.
- MSF admitted an additional 62 trauma patients into their five post-operative clinics, 46 of them will need further surgical interventions. Furthermore, MSF teams operated on 24 patients in Al-Shifa, Al-Aqsa and PFBH Hospitals, some of them received multiple interventions.

- MSF surgical teams were deployed to Al-Aqsa hospital and Nasser hospital. On the 8th June, two additional emergency medical teams were deployed to Al-Aqsa hospital and worked side by side with MoH and MdM in the triage tent.
- MSF-Belgium has a surgical team in Al Awda Hospital for follow-up surgeries for trauma patients and emergency response. On 8th June, the team stayed overnight at the hospital to deal with incoming casualties.
- UNRWA provided 185 post-operative consultations offering treatment and wound dressing, including care for 151 gunshot injuries and 21 severe cases. Since the 30th March, UNRWA has provided a total of 2530 post-operative consultations at their 22 primary healthcare clinics.



- International Medical Corps (Health Matters) partners provided immediate care to 89 injured cases in the field with ambulances transferring 53 patients via 6 ambulances, and provided medical care for 78 including one acute general surgery procedure.

Mental Health:

- Six mental health teams supported by WHO have been mobilized through an EU-funded project, which provides mental health and psychosocial support to the injured and their caregivers. Working with the MoH, the teams have:
    - Provided psychological first aid (PFA) to 1,914 casualties and psychosocial support to 870 casualties
    - Provided psychosocial support to 472 families
    - Conducted 154 home visits to people injured during the mass demonstrations
    - Referred 86 patients to community mental health centers
- Furthermore, under the EU funded WHO project, two mental health teams have been assigned at each emergency department to provide mental health and psychological services to healthcare providers through the “help the helpers” initiative.
- MdM- France also allocated a mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) team to provide services to injured patients and their families.
- The Gaza Community Mental Health Program (GCMHP) continues to provide specialized services at its 3 community centers. Funded by the oPt Humanitarian Fund, GCMHP is currently initiating a project to enhance protection mechanisms by means of MHPSS interventions. Five mobile teams will provide urgent psychological first aid and home visits. A hotline and six decentralized mobile stations will also be established to provide psychoeducation and counselling services to marginalized communities.

Coordination and Information:



- A diplomat field visit organized by OCHA took place on the 11th of June. The delegation visited key facilities of the health sector, including the MSF Gaza Clinic.
- Health Cluster has updated the EMTs calendar, which can be accessed from here: http://healthclusteropt.org/pages/12/emt-calender
- Health Cluster has updated the procurement activities conducted by partners, full information can be accessed here: http://healthclusteropt.org/pages/13/procurement-activities
- Health Cluster HeRAMS dashboard which reflects the health services availability and functionality for April is now available: http://healthclusteropt.org/pages/9/herams-hospitals
- As the cluster lead agency, WHO met with multiple partners to consult and coordinate the Health Cluster emergency response.

Funding needs

- From the 30th March until the 30th September the Health Cluster requires **$ 19,160,662**; from this total, to date **$ 6,314,019** has been mobilized, leaving a gap of **$ 12,846,643**. The funding required is necessary to support the following activities:
    - Continued deployment and coordination of quality-assured emergency medical teams (EMTs)
    - Strengthening the pre-hospital care by enhancing the trauma stabilisation points
    - Enhancing post-operative and multi-disciplinary rehabilitative care
    - Provision of essential medical supplies for the treatment of injured patients
    - Enhancing coordination, technical guidance and information sharing of trauma management standards across the trauma pathway
    - Provision of essential medical supplies for the treatment of non-trauma emergency patients
    - Strengthening the reporting and monitoring of attacks on healthcare

- From the total Health Cluster funding needs, WHO requires **$ 2,500,000** in order to respond to the emergency up until September 2018.

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