

ATTACKS ON MEDICAL FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

MEDICAL SAFE SPACES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW



HOSPITALS AND CLINICS



AMBULANCES



MEDICAL WORKERS



The 4th Geneva Convention requires that hospitals, clinics, ambulances and their staff must be protected at all times so the wounded and sick can be freely treated.

Attacks against medical staff and facilities are violations of international law and can constitute war crimes.

HEALTH SECTOR UNDER ATTACK



During Israel's military offensives on Gaza and recent periods of heightened violence in the West Bank, medical facilities have repeatedly suffered severe damage, destruction and raids, while medical teams have risked death or injury when assisting the wounded or sick.

GAZA *

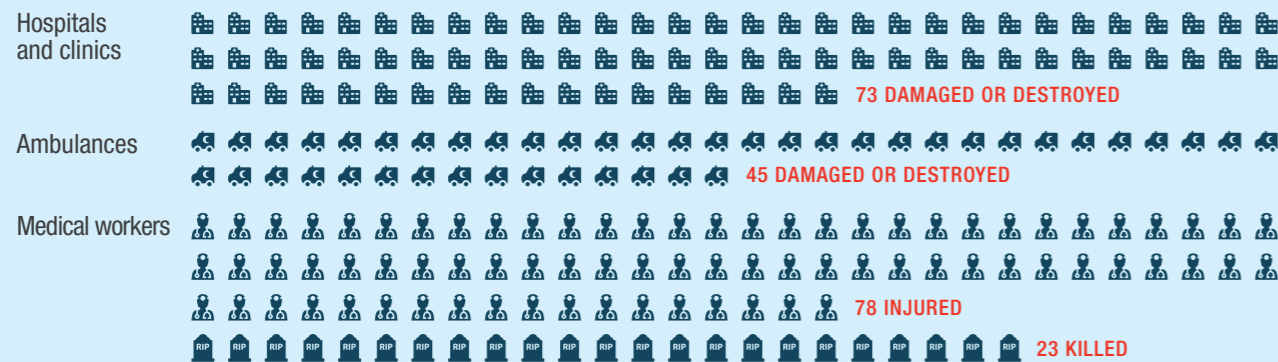
2008/9 offensive



2012 offensive



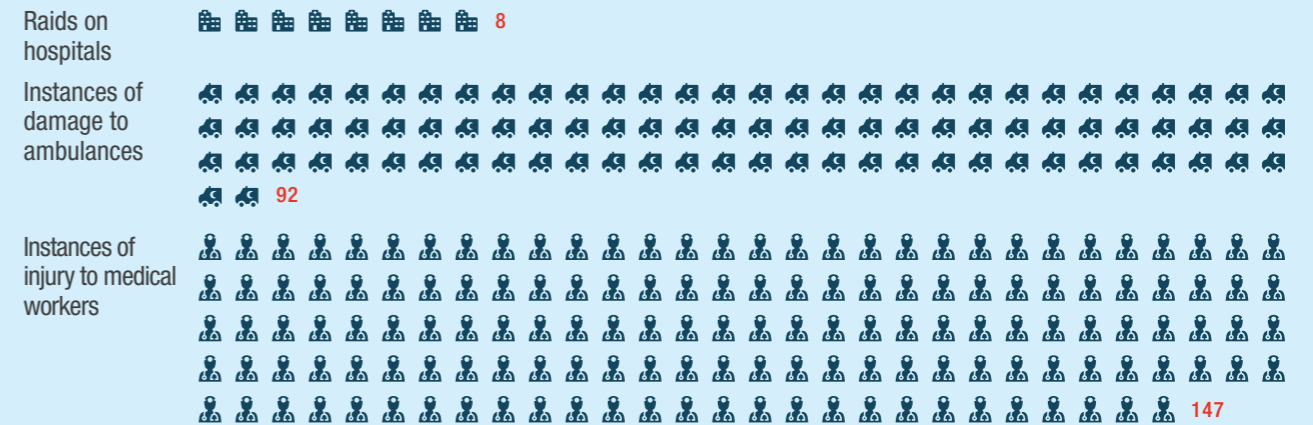
2014 offensive



THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOUND THAT GAZA AND THE WEST BANK HAD THE SECOND HIGHEST NUMBER OF ATTACKS ON HEALTHCARE AMONG EMERGENCY COUNTRIES IN 2014-2015.

WEST BANK **

October – December 2015



UN Security Council Resolution 2286 reaffirmed that parties involved in a conflict must take all precautions to ensure medical staff and facilities are not attacked. It was co-sponsored by more than 80 Members States, including Israel and the UK.

THE EROSION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Impunity for attacks against medical facilities and personnel makes repeated attacks more likely



NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS: **0**



Israel must break with its recent lamentable track record in holding wrongdoers accountable, not only as a means to secure justice for victims but also to ensure the necessary guarantees for non-repetition.



The United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict



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