

More than 1,000 Israeli attacks on healthcare recorded in Gaza and West Bank



n injured child walks after receiving treatment at Al-Ahli Arab hospital, also known as the Baptist hospital in Gaza City following Israeli bombardment on the Hassan Salameh and Al-Nassr schools housing displaced Palestinians on August 4, 2024,

New York, August 5 (RHC)-- There have been more than 1,000 attacks by Israeli forces on healthcare workers and facilities in Gaza and the West Bank. The NGO Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) said the number of attacks amounts to the most reported attacks on healthcare in “any other conflict over a 10-month period on record.”

“More than 1,000 attacks on doctors, patients, clinics, and health infrastructure have fuelled a public health catastrophe in the OPT [Occupied Palestinian Territory]. This grim milestone has few if any precedents for the scale and magnitude of attacks on health in the OPT,” said Houssam al-Nahhas,

PHR's Middle East and North Africa researcher.

“These are not only attacks on brick-and-mortar buildings, but acts that take away hospital beds, essential medications, surgeries, and life-saving care from women, men, boys, and girls,” he said.

The New York-based group called for independent investigations into the attacks on healthcare and warned Israel that the moves could constitute a violation of international humanitarian law.

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