

HWW update on detained healthcare workers in Palestine since October 7, 2023

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Updated figures for Palestinian healthcare workers detained/missing since October 7, 2023:

- As of April 17, 2026, Healthcare Workers Watch (HWW) has documented a total of 446 cases of detained/missing Palestinian healthcare workers since October 7, 2023.
- 323 of the 446 detained healthcare workers are now confirmed to have been released
- We have not yet received a status update from the families of 29 detained healthcare workers so these are not included in the 'confirmed detained' or 'confirmed released' figures.
- Five healthcare workers are still missing (3 senior physicians, an UNRWA pharmacist, and a senior physiotherapist). Their fate is unknown, with no evidence if they have been killed or detained.
- Six healthcare workers (HCWs) are reportedly killed/died in Israeli detention, their bodies have not been returned to their families (2 senior physicians, 2 senior paramedics, a senior nurse, and an administrative staff, all are Gazans).
- **83 healthcare workers are confirmed as 'currently detained':**
 - 83 Palestinian healthcare workers have been confirmed by HWW to currently be in Israeli detention by contacting their families, lawyers and released detainees.
 - The 'currently detained' healthcare workers have spent a total of 55646 days in Israeli detention. On average, each of them has so far spent 670 days in detention (ranging from 149 days to 887 days)
 - Eight 'currently detained' healthcare workers are from the West Bank (4 physicians, 2 students, a paramedic, and a nutritionist)
 - 75 'currently detained' healthcare workers are from the Gaza Strip, distributed as follows:
 - Gender: 1 female and 74 male
 - Mean age: 39.6 years (range: 21-66 years)
 - Profession category: 17 physicians, 28 nurses, 13 paramedics, 14 hospital management and support staff, 1 pharmacists, 1 technician, and 1 nursing student.
 - Level of seniority: 27 seniors, 41 mid-level, and 7 juniors
 - Work status: 60 full time workers, 11 volunteers, 1 retired, 2 in-training jobs, 1 student
 - Place of usual residence: 33 North Gaza, 17 Gaza City, 1 middle area, 22 Khan Younis, and 2 Rafah
 - Place of detention: 60 were detained from inside healthcare facilities, 1 from in front of a healthcare facility, 6 from organised convoys to transfer patients, 1 from an ambulance during rescue mission, 4 from their homes or place of displacement, and 3 unknown.

Missing Palestinian healthcare workers:

1. **Dr. Talal Akram Ismail Al-Shawwa** (72 years old), Consultant of Paediatrics, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza (retired)
Missing for 818 days
2. **Ms. Salwa Talal Akram Al-Shawwa** (44 years old), Pharmacist, UNRWA Jabalia Health Centre, North Gaza. (Dr Talal's daughter)
Missing for 818 days
3. **Mr. Ehab Khalil Wajeih Badra** (48 years old), Physiotherapist, Military Medical Services, Gaza. (Ms. Salwa's husband)
Missing for 818 days
4. **Dr Mohammed Khaled Mohammed Al-Derdisawi** (57 years old), Paediatrics Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Specialist, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
Missing for 815 days
5. **Mr. Hammouda Salem Moustafa Shaat** (78 years old), Consultant of Paediatrics, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis (retired)
Missing for 312 days

Palestinian healthcare workers killed/died in Israeli detention

1. **Dr Iyad Ahmed Mohammed Al-Rantisi** (age on death: 53 years), Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, and Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department at Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza
2. **Mr. Hamdan Hassan Hamdan Ennaba** (age on death: 45 years), Senior Paramedic, Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis City
3. **Dr Adnan Ahmed Attia Al-Bursh** (age on death: 50 years), Consultant Orthopaedics Surgeon, Head of Orthopaedics Department, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza (and other hospitals)
4. **Dr Ziad Mohammed Saleh Al-Dalou, PhD** (age on death: 65 years), Chief Nurse, Internal Medicine Department, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
5. **Mr Mosaab Hani Ghazi Haniyeh** (age on death: 35 years), administrative staff, Al-Shifa Medical Complex, Gaza.
6. **Mr Hatem Ismail Abdullatif Rayyan** (age on death: 59 years), senior paramedic, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza

Palestinian healthcare workers confirmed to be currently in Israeli detention:

Detained healthcare workers from Gaza Strip:

Physicians

1. **Dr Omar Ahmed Omar Ammar** (66 years old), Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis (Retired)
In detention for 775 days
2. **Dr Akram Hassan Mohammed Abu-Odeh** (62 years old), Consultant of Orthopaedics Surgery, Head of Orthopaedics Surgery Department, The Indonesian Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 877 days
3. **Dr Hassan Khalil Hassan Al-Moqayyed** (54 years old), Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
4. **Dr Raed Yaqoub Salam Mahdi** (53 years old), Consultant Paediatrician, Al Durra Children Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 861 days
5. **Dr Ghassan Ihmaidan Musallam Abu-Zuhri** (53 years old), Chief of Orthopaedics Surgery, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days
6. **Dr Marwan Shafeeq Ali Al-Hams** (53 years old), Consultant of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care. Director of Field Hospitals, Ministry of Health, Gaza Strip. Director of Abu-Youssef Al-Najjar Hospital in Rafah (before its wanton destruction)
In detention for 270 days
7. **Dr Ahmed Mahmoud Mohammed Shehada** (52 years old), Cardiology Specialist, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 806 days
8. **Dr Hussam Idrees Amer Abu Safiya** (52 years old), Consultant Paediatrician, Acting Director of Kamal Adwan Hospital, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 476 days
9. **Dr Nahed Zaki Ismail Abu-Taima** (49 years old), Chief of Surgery, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days

10. **Dr Murad Waleed Murad Al-Qouqa** (47 years old), Orthopaedics Surgery Specialist, Head of Orthopaedics Surgery Department, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 759 days
11. **Dr Medhat Asaad Mahmoud Abu-Tabanja** (46 years old), Consultant Intensivist, Head of Intensive Care Department, The Indonesian Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 876 days
12. **Dr Ahmed Ibrahim Hassan Mousa** (44 years old), General Surgery Specialist, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days
13. **Dr Mohammed Hassan Ali Obaid** (43 years old), Consultant Orthopaedics Surgeon, Head of Orthopaedics Department at Al-Awda Hospital (and other hospitals), Al-Awda Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
14. **Dr. Sulieman Zuhdi Sulieman Abu-Shareea** (37 years old), Volunteering General Practitioner, Jabalia Ambulance Centre, Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), North Gaza.
In detention for 849 days
15. **Dr Mahmoud Ahmed Khalil Al-Hallaq** (37 years old), In-training Intensive Care Physician, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days
16. **Dr Hamza Mohammed Hussien Abu-Sabha** (32 years old), In-training physician, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days
17. **Dr Mosab Fakhry Atia Samaan** (29 years old), In-training physician, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis. Former teaching assistant, IUG Faculty of Medicine, Gaza.
In detention for 791 days

Nurses

18. **Dr Ahmed Mohammed Hassan Al-Kahlout, PhD** (53 years old), Director General, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 857 days
19. **Mr. Anas Abdulkareem Mohammed Al-shaikh** (40 years old), Head of Infection Control Unit, The Indonesian Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 759 days

20. **Mr. Rawhi Fayez Mohammed Al-Labban** (38 years old), Chief Nurse, Orthopaedics Department, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 759 days

21. **Mr Mahmoud Mohammed Awad Al-Shaweesh Lubbad** (44 years old), Chief Nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days

22. **Mr. Moayad Ismail Darwish Al-Ron, MSc** (44 years old), Chief of Infection Control, Palliative Care and Rehabilitation Nurse, The Indonesian Hospital, North Gaza. Masters in Healthcare Management, IUG
In detention for 476 days

23. **Mr. Mohammed Adham Mohammed Matar** (35 years old), Volunteering nurse, Palestinian Ministry of Health (PMoH), Gaza.
In detention for 813 days

24. **Mr. Hamza Mansour Abdulkareem Nayfa** (28 years old), Nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days

25. **Mr. Hossam Waleed Abdulhameed Daher** (28 years old), Volunteering nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days

26. **Mr. Ahmed Ramadan Hassan Abu-Riala** (30 years old), ICU Nurse, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 880 days

27. **Mr. Ahmed Amin Mohammed Abdelhadi** (27 years old), Nurse, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days

28. **Mr. Rami Hasan Abdulqader Al-Kurdi** (34 years old), Volunteering nurse, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 759 days

29. **Mr. Azzam Khalid Motleq Eissa** (35 years old), Volunteering nurse, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 759 days

30. **Mr. Ezz-Elddin Moustafa Hussein Al-Za'anin** (27 years old), Volunteering nurse, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 759 days

31. **Mr. Majed Jamal Roubin Al-Jaish** (27 years old), Volunteering nurse, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 759 days
32. **Mr. Louai Majed Darwish Harara** (36 years old), Volunteering nurse, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 759 days
33. **Mr. Ahmed Abdulrahman Salem Sadeq** (28 years old), Nurse, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days
34. **Mr. Mohammed Abdulrahim Shaaban Al-Arbeed** (34 years old), Nurse, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 805 days
35. **Mr. Ahmed Mousa Ismail Mousa** (34 years old), Nurse, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 812 days
36. **Mr. Hatem Hussien Ibrahim Al-Jamal** (49 years old), Nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
37. **Mr. Moataz Nabeel Nathmi Nassar** (37 years old), Nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
38. **Mr. Al-Hassan Nabeel Nathmi Nassar** (34 years old), Nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
39. **Mr. Anwar Muneer Anwar Al-Shorbaji** (25 years old), Nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
40. **Mr. Hussien Mostafa Hussien Al-Zaaneen** (43 years old), Nurse, Biet Hanoun Clinic, North Gaza.
In detention for 495 days
41. **Mr. Ameer Khalil Mohammed Shehada** (37 years old), Nurse, MSc Community Mental Health, IUG, Ministry of Health, Gaza.
In detention for 536 days

42. **Mr. Ahmed Atef Hassan Shaheen** (30 years old), Nurse, The Indonesian Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 878 days
43. **Mr. Ibrahim Wajeih Ismail Al-Ayoubi** (35 years old), Nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
44. **Mr. Saleh Hashem Hassan Abu-Al-Aish** (33 years old), Nurse, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
45. **Mr. Moayyad Mounir Fahmi Al-Masri** (36 years old), Nurse, Infection Control Unit, Palestinian Ministry of Health, Gaza. Volunteered at Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza
In detention for 538 days

Paramedics

46. **Mr Anees Al-Dunia Abdulhamid Al-Astal** (47 years old), Head of Paramedics Department in Southern Area, Palestinian Ministry of Health, Khan Younis.
In detention for 867 days
47. **Mr. Mohammed Bassam Ahmed Al-Nahhal** (33 years old), Paramedic, Martyr Mohammed Yousef El-Najar Hospital, Rafah.
In detention for 876 days
48. **Mr. Tamer Mahmoud Hussien Abu-Shahin** (48 years old), Paramedic, Al-Amal Hospital, PRCs, Khan Younis.
In detention for 802 days
49. **Mr. Abdulaziz Moustafa Salman Kali** (39 years old), Paramedic, Military Medical Services, North Gaza.
In detention for 476 days
50. **Mr. Mohammed Bassam Ismail Al-Qedra** (35 years old), Paramedic, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days
51. **Mr. Waleed Hammad Saleh Abu-Haddaf** (34 years old), Paramedic, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days
52. **Mr. Wesam Essam Yousuf Abu-Nada** (36 years old), Paramedic, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days

53. **Mr. Abdullah Abdulhafez Abdullah Awkal** (45 years old), Paramedic, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days

54. **Mr. Maher Mohammed Mohsin Al-Ajrani** (52 years old), Paramedic, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 476 days

55. **Mr. Abdallah Khamis Abdallah Abu-Taha** (45 years old), Ambulance Driver, Ministry of Health, Khan Younis.
In detention for 876 days

56. **Mr. Mohammed Mahmoud Mohammed Abu-Saqer** (40 years old), Paramedic, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days

57. **Mr. Ali Hassan Khader Al-Rantisi** (31 years old), Paramedic, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days

58. **Mr. Mukhlis Mohammed Hamad Khafaja** (49 years old), Paramedic, Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, Middle Area
In detention for 149 days

Pharmacists

59. **Dr. Iyad Ibrahim Hussien Shaqoura, PhD** (43 years old), Pharmacist, PhD in Health Administration, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days

Technician

60. **Mr. Mahmoud Ali Younis Al-Nairab** (34 years old), Radiology Technician, The Indonesian Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 878 days

Healthcare Student

61. **Ms. Malak Anwar Mahmoud Abu-Madi** (21 years old), Nursing student, volunteered at Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis
In detention and enforced disappearance for 784 days

Hospital management and support staff

62. **Mr. Samer Mohammed Moeen Shaat** (45 years old), Administrative Staff, International Cooperation Department, Palestinian Ministry of Health, Gaza.
In detention for 887 days

63. **Mr. Yousef Khalil Mohammed Abu-Afesh** (30 years old), Secretary of Director General, Al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza.
In detention for 759 days
64. **Mr. Ahmed Mosaad Mahmoud Abu-Tabanja** (24 years old), Hospital Security, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 791 days
65. **Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Hussien Tabasi** (38 years old), Secretary, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 806 days
66. **Mr. Ali Yousef Mohammed Rostom** (60 years old), Administrative staff, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.
In detention for 812 days
67. **Mr. Nidal Fayez Jibreel Al-Moqayyad** (32 years old), Administrative staff, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
68. **Mr. Mohammed Eid Abdulqader Sabbah** (32 years old), Public Relations Specialist, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 476 days
69. **Mr. Hammouda Riyad Asaad Shamallakh** (34 years old), Web and Software Engineer, General Administration of Computer and Information Systems, Ministry of Health, Gaza.
In detention for 760 days
70. **Mr. Saleh Maher Mahmoud Abu-Ammona** (32 years old), Web and Software Engineer, General Administration of Computer and Information Systems, Ministry of Health, Gaza.
In detention for 760 days
71. **Mr. Jaber Moustafa Ahmed Al-Fairi** (63 years old), Morgue worker, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
72. **Mr. Bahaa-Al-Din Hosni Mahmoud Ashour** (30 years old), Administrative staff, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days
73. **Mr. Omar Mohammed Eid Al-Hawajri** (55 years old), Morgue worker, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.
In detention for 538 days

74. **Mr. Abdullah Omar Ali Abu-Rayya** (43 years old), Administrative staff, Kamal Adwan Hospital, North Gaza.

In detention for 538 days

75. **Mr. Rezeq Essam Rezeq Abu-Azab** (31 years old), Maintenance Technician, Nasser Medical Complex, Khan Younis.

In detention for 806 days

Detained healthcare workers from West Bank:

76. **Dr Rashad Murshid Rashad Al-Zarou** (49 years old), Plastic and reconstructive surgery specialist, Al-Ahli Hospital, Patient Friends Society, Hebron.

In detention for 758 days

77. **Prof. Manal Mahmoud Hassan Badrasawi (Haj Hamad)** (49 years old), Assistant professor of Clinical Nutrition, Al-Najah National University, Nablus

In detention for 165 days

78. **Dr. Ahmed Ramzi Nemer Seder** (33 years old), General Practitioner and Medical Manager at Medicare Medical Centre, Jericho, Private.

In detention for 589 days

79. **Dr. Bassam Ouda Mohammed Awaysa (Al-Shabaa)** (49 years old), General Practitioner, Abu-Al-Hassan Al-Qasem Governmental Hospital, Hebron

In detention for 281 days

80. **Mr. Osaid Waleed Mahmoud Amro** (25 years old), Final Year Medical Student, Faculty of Medicine, Al-Quds University, Abu Dis, Faculty of Medicine, Al-Quds University, Abu Dis.

In detention for 668 days

81. **Mr. Jamal Hikmat Mahmoud Qandil** (28 years old), Paramedic, Jenin Ambulance Centre, Jenin.

In detention for 809 days

82. **Dr Khalil Ibrahim Mohammed Khraisha** (26 years old), Veterinary physician, private clinic, Tulkarm.

In detention for 151 days

83. **Mr. Ahmed Ali Abdulqader Ateeq** (22 years old), Student of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Al-Najah National University, Nablus.

In detention for 771 days

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