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PRCS' Operational Update (1/1/2017 - 28/2/2017)

Highlights:

- Since the 3rd of October 2015 till February 2017, Israeli occupation forces have killed 261 Palestinians in the oPt, including 63 children and 17 women according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.
- From January - February 2017, Israeli occupation forces have killed 6 Palestinians in the oPt.
- Israeli occupation authorities still hold the bodies of 8 Palestinians killed; two are from Jerusalem.
- Attacks on the PRCS teams and ambulances continue by the Israeli occupation Forces and Israeli settlers. From the 3rd of October 2015 till February 2017, **(421)** attacks were documented against the PRCS in the oPT. (162) EMTs and volunteers were injured, (108) ambulances sustained various damages, and (151) incidents of denying access.



Humanitarian Response in the oPT:

❖ Israeli occupation forces' attacks

PRCS has increased its readiness to respond to the needs of Palestinians affected by Israeli occupation forces' and Israeli settlers' attacks in various areas in the oPt including Jerusalem.

- PRCS' teams provided emergency medical services to more than 18000 Palestinians injured during Israeli attacks against Palestinians throughout the oPT, including in Jerusalem from October till December 2016. Occupation soldiers fired live and rubber bullets as well as tear gas canisters and severely beat Palestinians during confrontations.
- 157 Palestinians injured during Israeli attacks against Palestinians throughout the West Bank including Jerusalem during the reporting period.

Injuries given first aid by PRCS' teams were distributed as follows:
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Location	Tear Gas	Rubber Bullets	Live ammunition	Severe beatings\burns	Total
West Bank	98	37	16	6	157
Gaza strip	0	0	0	0	0
Total	157				



Israeli violations against PRCS' teams and ambulances in the oPt:

Numerous direct and indirect violations were committed against PRCS' ambulances and teams in the line of duty. These violations put the lives of emergency medical teams (EMTs) in harm's way and caused serious damage to ambulances. 5 attacks on ambulances and teams were documented in the reporting period:

- **Jenin - Tuesday 3/1/2017:** Israeli occupation forces prevented a PRCS ambulance from reaching two Palestinians injured at Al Jalama checkpoint.
- **Jerusalem - Wednesday 1/2/2017:** Israeli security guards at Shaare Zedek hospital in Jerusalem delayed the PRCS EMS team twice while transporting an infant (40days) in critical condition to the hospital's paediatric Intensive Care Unit. The baby's life was in danger. The oxygen cylinder he was using was almost empty and the security guards were indifferent. They were checking and investigating the EMS team.
- **Ramallah & Al Bireh - Monday 27/2/2017:** Israeli occupation forces prevented a PRCS ambulance from reaching a Palestinian woman injured at Qalandia checkpoint.

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