



**The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) is shocked and saddened with the killing of their 4 medical team members and 2 transported injuries in Gaza Strip by the Israeli Occupation forces and calls on the international community to immediately act to protect PRCS medical missions**

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The Palestine Red Crescent Society is shocked by the Israeli Occupation's direct targeting of a PRCS ambulance vehicle which has resulted in 6 killed , including 4 EMS crew members: Yusuf Abu Ma,mar, [Fadi Fuad Al-Maani](#), [Islam Abu Riyala](#), and [Fuad Abu Khamash](#). 2 of the resulting killings were casualties being transported for urgent medical attention and This took place in spite of the fact that the medical mission was following the Safer Access Protocol with a visible PRCS emblem.

The systematic and continuous targeting of medical facilities, ambulance vehicles , personnel, the wounded and the sick in the Gaza Strip by the Israeli Occupation forces constitutes abhorrent breaches of international humanitarian law. Article 24 of the First Geneva Convention provides that medical personnel exclusively engaged in the search for, or the collection, transport or treatment of the wounded or sick shall be respected and protected in all circumstances. In addition, Article 11(1) of the Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions also provides that medical transports shall be respected and protected at all times and that they shall not be subject of attack.

As the Occupying Power, the Israeli Occupation has the responsibility to ensure the safe access of medical transportation and the immediate medical attention with the least possible delay for the wounded and the sick in accordance with international humanitarian law. The Occupation's continuous disregard for its legal responsibilities and deliberate violations against Protected Persons also constitute war crimes in accordance with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society calls on the international community and partners in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to immediately act to protect PRCS medical missions and to stop the Occupation forces' targeting and murder of Protected Persons including medical missions. The PRCS continues to carry out its humanitarian missions despite deadly circumstances; the PRCS refuses to enable the Occupation forces to render humanitarian responses impossible.

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