



The Palestinian Red Crescent condemns the targeting of Al-Amal Hospital by the occupation forces and calls on the international community to provide urgent protection for the hospital

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The Palestine Red Crescent Society condemns the Israeli shelling today near Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Yunis, which led to the martyrdom of ten people and the injury of at least 21 others. This attack comes after the Occupation army's shelling in front of Al-Amal Hospital yesterday, which led to the martyrdom of 31 people and the injury of 25 others. Among the casualties are individuals present in front of the hospital and displaced persons seeking shelter at the PRCS premises. The headquarters of the Society and the hospital, which house about 14,000 displaced people, were sought by displaced persons for refuge as a safe haven, after being forced to leave their homes due to the ongoing Israeli bombardment that threatens their lives.

The PRCS expresses its deep concern for the safety of its staff working in the hospital and the headquarters of the Society, especially since the latest targeting; today is the fifth targeting of the hospital and its surroundings in less than a week. The Occupation had also targeted the upper floors of the Society's headquarters yesterday with artillery shelling, which led to a number of injuries among the displaced and the destruction of the VHF air communication network. The damage of this network, which is the only means of communication in light of the interruption of communications, poses a great challenge for ambulance and emergency crews in reaching the wounded and sick. It is noteworthy that only a few days ago, a drone shot a 13-year-old displaced child while he was inside the Society's building, leading to his martyr.

The Occupation's intensification in targeting the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital during the past few days may be considered a prelude to targeting it directly, and we fear that what happened to the Al-Quds Hospital of the Society in Gaza City, which was out of service due to the targeting, siege and prevention of humanitarian and medical supplies will take place again.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society calls on the international community and partners in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to intervene immediately and urgently to protect Al-Amal Hospital and to protect its medical staff, the wounded, the sick and about 14,000 displaced people in accordance with international humanitarian law, the Geneva Conventions, and their Additional Protocols.