

# SITUATION REPORT

## PALESTINE-ISRAEL CONFLICT

JUNE 2, 2021

### SITUATION

On May 10, violence erupted in Palestine and Israel after weeks of escalating tension sparked by protests following the eviction of multiple Palestinian families in East Jerusalem and police violence against protesters and worshipers in Jerusalem, including at the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the 11 days of Hamas rockets and Israeli airstrikes, over 240 people were killed (including more than 60 children), most of whom were Palestinians in Gaza. In Gaza, hundreds of buildings, including houses, schools, medical centers and businesses, were destroyed. The closure of border crossings has limited the amount of humanitarian and medical aid allowed to enter Gaza. Although a cease-fire was agreed upon on May 21, the situation is still fragile, and humanitarian aid is much needed.

### Israel and Palestine



### RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem as staff members secure medical supplies and medications to treat cancer patients in Gaza. Augusta Victoria is operated by the Lutheran World Federation and is the leading hospital for cancer patients in Palestine. With the closing of border crossings, these patients are unable to leave Gaza to receive chemotherapy treatment and many medications are unavailable, delaying urgent care. A team of nurses, doctors and surgeons from Augusta Victoria will enter Gaza to treat 400 patients and supply them with much-needed medications.



*Augusta Victoria Hospital  
Photo: Albin Hillert, Life on Earth*

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### Pray

Let us pray for the people who have been affected by the conflict between Palestine and Israel. May God's healing presence give them comfort and hope in their time of need.

#### Give

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