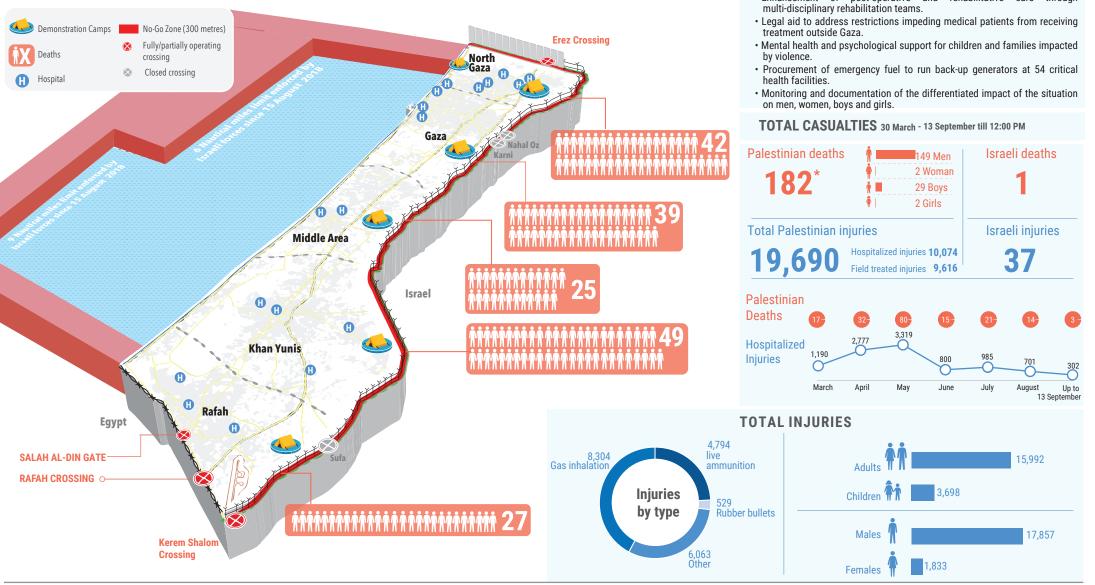
OVERVIEW

Since 30 March 2018, the Gaza Strip has witnessed a significant increase in Palestinian casualties in the context of mass demonstrations taking place along Israel's perimeter fence with Gaza and hostilities. The large number of casualties among unarmed Palestinian demonstrators, including a high percentage of demonstrators hit by live ammunition, has raised concerns about excessive use of force by Israeli troops. Despite significant assistance provided, Gaza's health sector is struggling to cope with the mass influx of casualties, due to years of blockade, the internal divide and a chronic energy crisis, which have left essential services in Gaza barely able to function.



*This figure includes 133 Palestinians killed during the demonstrations and 49 killed in other circumstances; among the latter are eight people whose bodies are reportedly being withheld by the Israeli authorities. Disclaimer: Data and analysis provided in this snapshot is based on preliminary information available. Further assessments are pending.

KEY HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

complex lifesaving surgery.

· Rapid deployment of quality-assured emergency medical teams to conduct

· Enhancement of post-operative and rehabilitative care through

· Procurement of essential drugs, disposables and medical equipment.