

Rafah Paramedic Massacre

Rafah, Gaza Strip, State of Palestine

31° 13' 00" N, 34° 15' 00" E

Incident Date: 23 March 2025	Aggressor(s): Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)
Fatalities: 15	Published: July 26, 2025
Injured: 2	Updated: September 30, 2025
Victim Profile: Paramedics, rescue workers, civil defense personnel	

Incident Overview

On 23 March 2025, an ambulance and rescue convoy composed of marked humanitarian vehicles entered the Al-Hashashin / Tel al-Sultan area of Rafah in response to earlier strikes. Despite clear markings and emergency lights, the convoy came under sustained gunfire. Fifteen aid workers were killed, their bodies later found in a shallow, improvised mass grave eight days later. Two survivors were captured and reported assault, restraint, and interrogation.

Narrative & Evidence

Video footage shows ambulances with flashing lights under fire. Forensic reports indicate execution-style killings. Some victims had signs of restraint. The IDF later acknowledged "professional failures" but no criminal charges were announced.

Sources: Guardian, Al Jazeera, Amnesty

Case Location Evidence

Approximate coordinates: 31° 13' 00" N, 34° 15' 00" E
Geospatial context: road network hub in Rafah.
Satellite imagery shows wreckage of ambulances and disturbed ground at burial site.