

Attacks on Health Care

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SHCC Attacks on Health Care

The section aligns with the [definition](#) of attacks on health care used by the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#) (SHCC).

Africa

Burkina Faso

21 November 2021: In Foube locality, Barsalogho department, Sanmatenga province, armed perpetrators burned down an MSF-supported health centre. A member of the MSF team as well as an undetermined number of patients were injured. As a result of the damage, the health post was rendered inoperable. Sources: [Humangle](#), [MSF Western & Central Africa](#) and [WHOSSA](#)¹

As reported on 26 November 2021: In Tin-Akoff town and department, Oudalan province, suspected Islamic State's West Africa Province (ISWAP) or Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) militants abducted a male health worker. Unconfirmed reports indicate that he was killed. Source: [ACLED](#)²



SHCC 2021 Factsheets now in French

We are pleased to announce that the 2021 factsheets for [Burkina Faso](#) and the [Central African Republic](#) are now available in French.

Cameroon

14 November 2021: In Kumbo city, Northwest region, defence and security forces armed with sophisticated weapons stormed the Saint Elizabeth Catholic (Shisong) Hospital in search of separatist fighters. As they raided each section of the facility, they threatened to set the facility on fire next time and shoot health staff as well as nuns in the legs if they did not indicate where the Ambazonian fighters were hiding. Sources: [Crux](#), [Mimi Mefo Info I](#), [Mimi Mefo Info II](#) and [Pan African Visions](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

11 November 2021: In Kisunga village, Beni territory, North Kivu province, Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebels attacked a hospital and looted pharmaceutical supplies before setting the building on fire. Five civilians were killed, including a hospital guard, and a patient and two nurses were taken hostage. Sources: [Actualité](#), [Humangle](#) and [WikiRumours](#)



17 November 2021: In Drodro locality, Djugu territory, Ituri province, an attempt by Cooperative for the Development of the Congo militia to attack the local general hospital and the IDP camp in the area was foiled by the FARDC. Some patients, including pregnant women, fled the hospital to save themselves. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

21 November 2021: In Kalonge area, Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, an armed group abducted a male nurse working for the Mukaba Health Centre from their vehicle at the Mukaba-Nindja axis. Other people who were present were also robbed. **Source:** [La Prunelle](#)

30 November 2021: Between Goma city and Sake town, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, two aid volunteers were abducted by unidentified perpetrators as they were travelling with their two-vehicle convoy as part of a WASH project. **Sources:** [La Prunelle](#), [Radio Moto](#), [US News](#) and [WikiRumours](#)

Mozambique

By 27 November 2021: In Naulala village, Mecula district, Niassa province, Islamic State insurgents attacked a police station, looted medicine from a health centre, and burned the homes of two village leaders. **Source:** [Cabo Ligado](#)

Niger

16 November 2021: In Tebaram village and commune, Tahoua department and region, Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) forces burned down a health centre, the town hall, a parastatal electric power generation and transmission utility, and offices of money transfer agencies. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

Nigeria

22 November 2021: Update: In Abuja, a Federal High Court trial judge dismissed a case filed against a 29-year-old pharmacist — for tweeting that he would hire a Russian sniper to kill the Nigerian President and his former Chief of Staff — on the grounds that the issue was not diligently prosecuted. The pharmacist had been detained at the Force Criminal Investigation Department for over 11 months. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#)



At least 27 health workers have been kidnapped in Nigeria between 01 January and 31 October 2021. Download this data on [HDX](#).

21 November 2021: In Bakassi LGA, Cross River state, a doctor of the Irua Specialist Hospital, Edo state, was kidnapped by unidentified perpetrators while returning to his hometown. He was later released unhurt. **Sources:** [Ait](#) and [Nigerian Tribune](#)



Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Sudan: 17-30 November

Marches of the Millions protests have been taking place across Sudan after the military coup on October 25. Over 40 people have been killed and many others injured by live ammunition and tear gas fired by security forces during the protests. The violence has impacted health workers, hospitals and ambulances. Click [here](#) for information on documented incidents between 17-30 November 2021. Download this data on HDX.

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Asia

Afghanistan

17 November 2021: In Kunduz city and province, unidentified perpetrators kidnapped a male dermatologist from his home. **Sources:** [Ava Voice Agency \(AVA\)](#) and [Pajhwok Afghan News](#)

18 November 2021: Update: In Mazar-e-Sharif city, Balkh, Nawabad area, a doctor who was kidnapped by gunmen in September was found dead. **Sources:** [Afghan Islamic Press News Agency I](#) and [Afghan Islamic Press News Agency II](#)

Myanmar

13 November 2021: In Kamma town, Pakokku and district, Magway region, female and male doctors were reportedly detained by State Administration Council (SAC) forces on the charges of joining Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). They were arrested on their trip to Chin state. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

16 November 2021: In Na Gar Bwet village, Kale township and district, Sagaing region, SAC forces reportedly raided the Kale People's Defence Force (PDF) battalion-3 outpost and arrested eight female medics. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

17 November 2021: Near Sagaing township, Sagaing region, the body of a female People's Defence Force (PDF) medic was discovered the day after a SAC raid on a PDF camp. Her body bore signs of torture. **Source:** [Myanmar Now](#)

17 November 2021: In Yangon, SAC forces arrested 47 civilians during home raids, including approximately 20 doctors affiliated with the CDM. **Source:** [Confidential Communication](#)

19 November 2021: In Larkapon village, Twantay township, Yangon region, a nurse was reportedly arrested. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

28 November 2021: In Momauk township, Bhamo district, Kachin state, 437th Light Infantry Battalion forces occupied the Momauk People's Hospital and detained civilians during fighting with the Kachin Independence Army (KIA). **Sources:** [Kachin News](#) and [Twitter](#)

30 November 2021: In Naypyitaw city, additional charges of corruption were filed against two senior health officials formerly in charge of COVID-19 vaccination in the country. Both officials have been detained since June. **Source:** [The Irrawaddy](#)

Pakistan

28 November 2021: In Quetta city, Balochistan province, police arrested 19 doctors for staging a protest sit-in and blocking roads linking the Red Zone with other areas. The doctors are demanding improvements of conditions in public hospitals, medicines for patients, modern medical equipment, and security of doctors and paramedical staff. **Sources:** [Dawn](#) and [Dr Syed Ayaz AliShah](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

As reported on 03 November 2021: In Suluk town and sub-district, Tell Abyad district, Raqqa governorate, Turkish forces on a pickup truck kidnapped three women waiting for their turn in front of a doctor's clinic. **Source:** [Hawar News](#)

Yemen

24 November 2021: In Al Anab neighbourhood, Bani Al Harith district, Amanat al Asimah governorate, an under-construction medical facility was hit by airstrikes, killing two civilians and injuring another two. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

The Americas

Haiti

As reported on 12 November 2021: Update: In Cite Soleil district, Port-au-Prince, as the gang alliance G9 An Fanmi and the local government announced a truce, gangs have eased their blockade of the Terminal Varreux and allowed the first deliveries of fuel in almost a month, greatly needed to keep emergency and health services running. **Source:** [InSight Crime](#)



Flash Analysis and Prediction by Vigil Insight

12 November 2021: As Haitian gangs grow in influence, the humanitarian space for NGOs is shrinking. As larger gangs' influence grows, the risks that NGOs and international personnel are targeted rises.

This [report](#) includes an analysis of the current security situation in Haiti and the implications for aid organisations working there, with predictions and mitigation measures.

Global Health Insecurity

These events go beyond the definition used by the SHCC to cover a wider range of events that affect the provision of health care including events perpetrated by patients or relatives of patients, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by health care personnel.

Africa

South Africa

04 October 2021: In Mabhanoyini area, near Estcourt town, uThukela district, KwaZulu-Natal province, a paramedic was killed and her colleague wounded when unidentified perpetrators fired bullets towards an ambulance while they were preparing to transport injured patients to hospital.

Source: [The South African](#)

16 November 2021: In Pietermaritzburg city, KwaZulu-Natal province, five armed men attempted to kidnap a doctor and owner of the Daymed Hospital from his vehicle at the hospital's car park. He managed to escape by biting one of the perpetrators. **Source:** [News 24](#)

Asia and Pacific

Australia

07 November 2021: In Perth city, Western Australia state, a female nurse was arrested for administering false COVID-19 vaccines. **Source:** [The Sydney Morning Herald](#)

India

10 November 2021: In Silchar District of Assam State at Nightingale Hospital, a doctor was assaulted and the facility was vandalised by relatives of an eight-month pregnant woman following her death. Her relatives alleged that the doctor was negligent and administered the wrong medication leading to her death. They ransacked the hospital, and assaulted the doctor and other staff. **Source:** [Medical Dialogues](#)

New Zealand

Early-November 2021: In Auckland city, North Island, unidentified perpetrators vandalised a COVID-19 vaccination clinic. **Source:** [NBC](#)

Europe

France

As reported on 27 November 2021: In Guadeloupe department and region, rioters erected road barricades preventing patients from accessing medical treatment amid anti-COVID measures protests. **Source:** [AP](#)

Germany

24 November 2021: In Dresden city, Urban district, Saxony state, unidentified perpetrators threw firecrackers into a vaccination room where health staff from the German Red Cross, the Malteser, and the Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians were on duty. No injuries were reported. **Source:** [Rotes Kreuz Sachsen](#)

21 November 2021: In Gronau town, Borken district, Munster region, North Rhine-Westphalia state, unidentified perpetrators set fire to a COVID-19 rapid testing centre, amid protests against COVID-19 measures. **Source:** [Krone](#)

Italy

11 November 2021: In Ravenna city and province, Emilia-Romagna region, an anti-vaccination doctor was arrested for administering false COVID-19 vaccines. **Source:** [The Local](#)

Malta

06 November 2021: In Paola town, Southern Harbour district, South Eastern region, a patient who suffers from a medical condition became aggressive towards his care workers and a medical team at his home. After being admitted to the ER of Mater Dei Hospital, Msida, the patient became aggressive once more and assaulted three nurses. One of the nurses suffered a concussion and blurred vision. **Source:** [Times of Malta](#)

The Netherlands

As reported on 21 November 2021: In The Hague, rioters threw a rock at the window of an ambulance carrying a patient amid protests against COVID-19 measures. **Source:** [BBC](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Israel

27 November 2021: In Haifa city and district, a doctor, three nurses and security guards at the Rambam Medical Centre were assaulted by relatives of a cancer patient. On 28 November, nurses held a strike for several hours in protest. **Source:** [The Times of Israel](#)

Morocco

05 November 2021: In Bab Taghazout neighbourhood, Marrakech city and prefecture, Marrakech-Safi region, a nurse was arrested for administering false COVID-19 vaccines and manipulating COVID-19 vaccination data to register unvaccinated people who refused to be vaccinated, following vaccination becoming mandatory to access public and private spaces in Morocco. **Source:** [Morocco World News](#)

The Americas

Canada

21 November 2021: On Telegram, a Canadian woman instructed the soldiers of her so-called Kingdom of Canada's Military to, amongst others, shoot, kill and arrest health workers who vaccinate persons under 19 against COVID-19. **Source:** [Vice](#)

26 November 2021: The Canadian Government introduced amendments to the Criminal Code that would increase penalties for the perpetration of harassment and intimidation against medical workers and anyone accessing health care services. **Source:** [Government of Canada](#)

Columbia

25 November 2021: In Villa Maria neighbourhood, Arauca city and department, Orinoquia region, two unidentified perpetrators abducted the Coordinator of the Medical Mission of the Special Administrative Unit of Health of Arauca when she was exercising. The whereabouts of the victim remain unknown. **Source:** [El Espectador](#)

Guam

07 November 2021: In Guam territory, a doctor was stabbed to death with an animal bone by an anti-vaccination Russian mixed martial arts fighter after a dispute over COVID-19 vaccines. **Source:** [The Moscow Times](#)

Mexico

22 November 2021: In Ciudad Renacimiento neighbourhood, Acapulco de Juarez city, Acapulco municipality, Guerrero state, a group of people prevented nurses, doctors and assistants from leaving hospitals to administer COVID-19 vaccines. The perpetrators demanded to get vaccinated amid a shortage of such dosages in clinics. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

United States of America

04 November 2021: In Rochester city, Monroe county, New York state, a 26-year-old male patient at the Rochester General Hospital punched a female nurse multiple times. The nurse was treated for a concussion. **Source:** [Rochester First](#)

This Bi-Monthly News Brief comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to health care. It is part of the Attacks on Health Care project by Insecurity Insight. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases.

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¹ [WHOSSA](#) accessed 07 December 2021. Two incidents reported for the period 17-30 November 2021.

² Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 26 November 2021