

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

Democratic Republic of the Congo

17 December 2021: In Ekopise village, Bapere area, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, suspected Mai-Mai militia looted pharmaceutical products during an incursion into the village. **Source:** [Radio Moto](#)

Cameroon

26 December 2021: In South West region, military personnel stopped an MSF ambulance at the Nguti checkpoint as it was transporting a patient suffering from gunshot wounds to Mutengene city and forced it to return to Mamfe city for treatment. **Sources:** [Mimi Mefo Info I](#), [Mimi Mefo Info II](#) and [MSF Western & Central Africa](#)

Ethiopia

16 December 2021: In Alamata town, Southern zone, Tigray region, government armed drones and fighter jets destroyed a hospital that serves over 500,000 people. **Source:** [Globe News Net](#)

Mali

28-29 December 2021: In Ansongo town and commune, Gao region, armed men kidnapped a Nigerien doctor working for a French INGO. He was released on 03 January. **Sources:** [ActuNiger](#) and [RFI](#)

Nigeria

18 December 2021: In Dange Shuni LGA, Sokoto state, police detained four staff members of the LNGO Livingstone Explorer International Initiative during a medical distribution activity. Locals had accused the staff of providing medicine to the community without the knowledge and approval of the Sokoto's Health Ministry, and of trying to convert Muslim residents to Christianity by distributing audio bibles. The four were released the next day following the intervention of the Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#)

South Sudan

15 December 2021: Along the Kapoeta-Narus Highway, near Kapoeta town, Kapoeta South county, Eastern Equatoria state, unidentified perpetrators ambushed an ambulance, stealing medicine, cash and mobile phones. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

18 December 2021: In Mayendit county, Unity state, an MSF health worker was killed and three other people were wounded when armed youth from Koch county raided cattle and attacked the house of the aid worker. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

Sudan



Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Sudan: 01 December 2021-10 January 2022

Marches of the Millions protests have been taking place across Sudan after the military coup on October 25. Over 60 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. This [report](#) includes information on 15 documented incidents between 01 December 2021-10 January 2022.

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Asia

Myanmar



Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Myanmar: 15 December 2021-11 January 2022

On February 1, 2021, the Myanmar armed forces seized control of the country, following a general election that the National League for Democracy party won by a landslide. Since then, hundreds of people have been killed and many injured during nationwide Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) protests and violent crackdowns on those opposing the coup. Doctors and nurses have been served with warrants and arrests for providing medical care to protesters, ambulances have been destroyed, and health facilities have been raided.

This [report](#) includes information on 31 attacks and threats against health workers, facilities, and transports in Myanmar between 15 December 2021 and 11 January 2022.

Middle East and North Africa

Egypt

21 December 2021: In Arish city, North Sinai governorate, the body of an male nurse was found. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Yemen

22 December 2021: In Sabain district, Amanat Al Asimah governorate, As Sabain Maternity Hospital was damaged when airstrikes hit an adjacent military installation. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

23 December 2021: In Sana'a, air raids by the Saudi-led coalition targeting a Houthi military camp reportedly struck a hospital and a prison. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [WHOSSA](#)¹

24 December 2021: In an undisclosed location, the WHO reported violence with heavy weapons impacted a private health facility. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

26 December 2021: At Saqam village, Maqbanah district, Ta'izz governorate, a vehicle belonging to the Taizz local health office was hit by airstrikes. Four civilians were wounded. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

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.

Asia

India

06 December 2021: In Guntur city and district, Andhra Pradesh state, relatives of a patient at the Government Guntur Hospital attacked a doctor at the ER. The next day, junior doctors staged a sit-in in front of the facility to demand action against the perpetrators. **Source:** [The Hans India](#)

13 December 2021: In Gangtok city and district, Sikkim state, a man stabbed a cardiologist inside the New STNM Hospital after he intervened in a personal dispute between the man and a sanitary worker. The perpetrator was arrested. **Sources:** [Hindustan Times](#) and [Medical Dialogues](#)

23 December 2021: In Dombivli city, Thane district, Maharashtra state, a doctor was beaten by the family of a nine-month-old child who died in hospital. **Source:** [Medical Dialogues](#)

New Zealand

As reported on 13 December 2021: In Dunedin city, South Island, a nurse posted a social media video threatening health staff giving COVID vaccinations to children on buses at school. **Source:** [New Zealand Herald](#)

Europe

United Kingdom

12 December 2021: Update: In London, police found the body of a 32-year-old Czech female senior nurse assistant of the Evelina London Children's Hospital, who was reported missing on 03 December, in Brunswick Park. A man who had been arrested in connection with the victim's disappearance was released from custody pending further investigations. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

16 December 2021: In Saint Asaph city, Wales, a male vandal smashed 17 windows of the OptIC Centre that provides COVID booster vaccines. **Source:** [Daily Post](#)

¹ [WHOSSA](#) accessed 10 January 2022.

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