

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

Ethiopia

31 December 2021: In Tigray region, security forces reportedly stopped Red Cross ambulances from leaving a hospital. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

Nigeria

05 January 2022: In Gujba LGA, Yobe state, suspected ISWAP militants set an ambulance on fire and looted medical supplies from a government-owned health care facility, in the process also completely destroying a fertiliser factory. **Source:** [Vanguard](#)

South Sudan

07 January 2022: In Malakal town, Upper Nile state, the Director of Administration and Finance at the state's Health Ministry was detained for hours at the police headquarters for rejecting a ministry's newly appointed director-general. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

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.

Europe

Poland

As reported on 06 January 2022: Polish authorities have, since October, repeatedly blocked MSF from accessing the Poland-Belarus border, where groups of peoples remain exposed to harsh winter conditions, forcing the INGO to withdraw from the region. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

30 December 2021: In Jabal Al-Mukaber neighbourhood, East Jerusalem, Israeli forces bulldozers demolished the Abdallah Al-Shaikh Health Centre without prior notice, whilst security forces cordoned off the area around it limiting patient access to care. **Source:** [Middle East Eye](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

11 January 2022: In Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah district and governorate, ISIS members with silenced weapons shot dead a Kurdish Red Crescent paramedic after entering the service checkpoint with fake IDs. **Sources:** [SOHR](#) and [Twitter](#)

Yemen

02 January 2022: Off the coast of Socotra island and governorate, Houthi militia hijacked a UAE-flagged ship carrying medical field equipment that were used to operate the Saudi field hospital on the island. **Source:** [Xinhua](#)

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

03 January 2022: At the Gwalior Junction railway station, Gwalior city and district, Gird region, Madhya Pradesh state, a female doctor was beaten by a man after she asked him to wear a mask in accordance with COVID-19 regulations. **Source:** [Track](#)

Europe

Italy

03 January 2021: On the axis of Via Lago di Bracciano-Viale Magna Grecia, Salinella district, Taranto city and province, Apulia region, shots were fired towards the windows of two Italian Red Cross ambulances parked in front of the NGO headquarters. **Sources:** [Il Tempo](#) and [Twitter](#)

06 January 2021: One of Italy's premier immunology experts on COVID-19 received a bullet inside a letter threatening her and her family, prompting police to provide her with protection. **Source:** [BBC](#)

United Kingdom

29 December 2021: In Milton Keynes town, England, dozens of anti-vax activists stormed a COVID-19 Test and Trace Centre, verbally abused staff, tore down signs, threw traffic cones, and stole medical supplies. **Sources:** [Daily Mail](#) and [iNews](#)

01 January 2021: On Risk Street, Dumbarton town, Scotland, the canopy of a COVID-19 Test and Trace Centre caught fire, when an object was thrown at the facility by an unidentified source, causing damage to it. **Sources:** [BBC](#) and [Daily Record](#)

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