

Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Myanmar

12-25 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, health workers have been injured while providing care to protesters, ambulances have been destroyed, and health facilities have been raided.** Below are 22 incidents identified between 12-25 January 2022.

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12-25 January 2022: 22 documented incidents

12 January 2022: In Ler Htoo Poe village, Hpapun district, Kayin state, an airstrike by State Administration Council (SAC) forces hit and damaged a clinic. **Sources:** [Karen Information Center](#), [Karen National Union](#) and [People's Spring](#)

12 January 2022: In Wah-Kha-Dae village, Hpapun district, Kayin state, a SAC airstrike hit and damaged a clinic. **Sources:** [Karen Information Center](#), [Karen National Union](#) and [People's Spring](#)

12 January 2022: Near Mt. Victoria, between Madupi and Mindat townships, Chin state, indiscriminate SAC artillery fire hit and damaged a clinic and civilian homes. **Sources:** [Mekong News](#) and [Mindat Post](#)

14 January 2022: In Tha-Si village, Taungtha township, Mandalay region, SAC forces arrested a health worker. **Source:** [Taungtha Today](#)

14 January 2022: In Twantay town, Yangon region, SAC forces arrested a nurse, her husband, and two People's Defence Force (PDF) militants who had reportedly been injured and sought care with the nurse. **Source:** [Twantay Daily News](#)

15 January 2022: In Maw Lu Town, Indaw Township, Sagaing region, SAC forces raided a local charity clinic and arrested two health workers. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Mandalay Free Press](#)

15 January 2022: In Pon-Lin village, Taungtha township, Mandalay region, SAC forces arrested a health worker. **Source:** [Taungtha Today](#)

15 January 2022: In Loikaw town, Kayin state, SAC airstrikes and clashes between the SAC and PDF forced the local hospital to close. Health workers and patients were evacuated to public hospitals in Taunggyi, Shan state. **Source:** [Kantarawaddy Times](#)



16 January 2022: In Aungmyaythazan township, Mandalay city and region, two SAC soldiers guarding the Mandalay Traditional Medicine Hospital were killed in an attack involving grenades and gunfire by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [Khit Thit News](#)

16 January 2022: In Sin Thay village, Taungtha township, Mandalay region, a midwife was arrested by SAC forces. **Source:** [Taungtha Today](#)

Reported on 16 January 2022: In Mindat township, Chin state, SAC forces continue to block the import of medicine. **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

16 January 2022: In Nan Mae Khon village, Demoso township, Kayah state, SAC airstrikes killed three volunteer health workers. **Sources:** [Kantarawaddy Times](#), [Facebook](#) and [Tha Din](#)

17 January 2022: In Chaung-U township, Sagaing region, an ambulance and two health workers went missing while en route to pick up a patient. **Source:** [People Media](#)

18 January 2022: Near Kyi-Ba-Don village, Budalin township, Sagaing region, an ambulance was hit and damaged by a landmine. No injuries were reported. **Source:** [The River News](#)

18 January 2022: In Pinlebu town, Sagaing region, SAC forces looted pharmacies and seized medication. **Sources:** [Facebook I](#) and [Facebook II](#)

Reported on 18 January 2022: In Mandalay city and region, SAC forced sixteen local charity/aid organisations to close, including organisations providing emergency medical services, ambulance transport, oxygen supplies, renal dialysis and medical imaging. **Sources:** [BBC Burmese](#) and [the Irrawaddy](#)

21 January 2022: In Kan village, Mingin township, Sagaing region, SAC forces raided a clinic and seized medications and medical supplies. Health workers and patients had fled the clinic in anticipation of the attack. **Source:** [Myanmar Now](#)

22 January 2022: In Tamwe township, Yangon city and region, SAC forces reportedly raided the Ar Yu International Hospital in search of health workers supporting the Civil Disobedience Movement (CBD). **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Nurse Now](#)

As reported on 22 January 2022: In Tamwe township, Yangon city and region, the license of Shwe Baho Hospital was suspended for employing health workers participating in the CDM. **Source:** [Nurse Now](#)

As reported on 22 January 2022: In Lanmadaw township, Yangon city and region, SAC forced the dismissal of junior nurses and suspended senior nurses supporting the CDM. **Source:** [Nurse Now](#)

22 January 2022: In Mei Ma Thaw village, Myaung township, Sagaing region, SAC forces damaged a clinic in an indiscriminate attack on the village. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

24 January 2022: In Dawei township and district, Tanintharyi region, an ambulance was confiscated and seven young local charity workers were detained by SAC forces. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

This document 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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