

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

27 January 2022: In an undisclosed location, a health worker was detained. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

30 January 2022: In Kiamou village, Yamba department, Gourma province, the only ambulance in the district was stolen by Jama'at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM) militants. **Source:** [AIB](#)

31 January 2022: In Bisso village, Nouna town, Kossi province, presumed JNIM militants seized an ambulance along with the driver who was released shortly after. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

31 January 2022: In an undisclosed location, two health workers were kidnapped. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

04 February 2022: In Badinogou village, Djibo town, a nurse was attacked and raped in front of her colleagues by JNIM militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²



New Dataset

At least 22 health workers were kidnapped in Burkina Faso in 2021. Download this data on [HDX](#).

Cameroon

As reported on 24 January 2022: In Banso, in the Bui Division, in the Northwest region, patients of the Banso Baptist Hospital were harassed by a group of soldiers while searching for wounded separatist fighters. **Source:** [Mimi Mefo Infos](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

29 January 2022: In Alagi village, Mambasa town, Djugu territory, Ituri province, six people were killed and three others seriously injured with machetes in an attack on the Dhengo Health Centre by Congo Development Cooperative (CODECO) fighters. Medical supplies were stolen and over 60 houses were burnt down. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Mozambique

01 February 2022: On Matemo island, Ibo district, Cabo Delgado province, the local health centre was vandalised and medical supplies stolen in an attack on the area by Islamist militia. At least three men were killed and houses burned. **Sources:** [Carta de Mocambique](#) and [Zitamar](#)

Nigeria

As reported on 28 January 2022: In Marte LGA, Borno state, ISWAP fighters reportedly set up a makeshift hospital and supplied it with medical equipment they had stolen during different attacks across the state. Most of the doctors at the hospital were reported to be Libyans or Somalians, providing treatment to wounded ISWAP fighters while civilians in the area are denied assistance. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

As reported on 01 February 2022: In Sokoto city and state, security forces reportedly killed 23 bandits and arrested 54 more, including a health worker who was arrested for treating the bandits' leader for gunshot injuries. **Source:** [Trust TV](#)

Sudan



Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Sudan: 11-25 January 2022

Marches of the Millions protests have been taking place across Sudan after the military coup on October 25. Over 70 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 eight documented incidents between 11-25 January 2022.

Past editions: [01 December 2021-10 January 2022](#); [17-30 November](#); [All](#). Join our [Sudan mailing list](#).

Asia

Afghanistan

14 January 2022: In Karte Char neighbourhood, Kabul, a professor of the Kabul University of Medical Sciences and Head of the Neurosurgery Department at the Aliabad Hospital was abducted by armed individuals in military uniforms who entered his clinic. **Source:** [Etilaatroz](#)

Myanmar



Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Myanmar: 26 January-8 February 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 eight documented incidents between 26 January - 8 February 2022.

Previous incident reports: [11-25 January](#); [15 December 2021 and 11 January 2022](#); [All](#).

Analysis reports: [One-Year Anniversary Update](#); [December 2021](#); [All](#).

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Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

28 January 2022: In an undisclosed location, obstruction to health care delivery impacting health transportation and personnel was reported. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

28 January 2022: In an undisclosed location, violence with small arms at a health facility was reported. One health worker was reportedly injured. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

Syrian Arab Republic

11 January 2022: In Umm Walad town, Dara governorate, four gunmen kidnapped a doctor while he was returning home from work. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

Yemen

27 January 2022: In Ibb city, district and governorate, the house of a male doctor, deputy for Technical Affairs and Director of Quality Management at Nasser General Hospital was attacked and set on fire by an unidentified perpetrator. **Source:** [Al Masdar](#)

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

Bangladesh

04 February 2022: In Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, a medical officer of the Gynecology and Obstetrics Department, Sadar Hospital, sexually harassed female intern doctors. When the victims reported the behaviour, the authorities took punitive measures against the interns instead of the accused, prompting the interns to strike until 05 February. Following the removal of the doctor from his post, the interns returned to work. During the strike, patients were deprived of health care.

[Dhaka Tribunal](#)

India

02 February 2022: In Bulandshahr city and district, Uttar Pradesh state, the eight-year-old son of a doctor running an unregistered clinic was kidnapped and reportedly killed by two people who had recently been dismissed from their positions at the clinic. **Source:** [Public TV](#)

06 January 2022: In Madurai district, Tamil Nadu state, a doctor and other staff members were threatened and assaulted by two men, one of whom had admitted his son to the emergency ward. According to the police, the two men were intoxicated while verbally abusing health workers at the hospital. **Source:** [Times of India](#)

07 January 2022: In Jamui district, Bihar state, an Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) was verbally abused and assaulted by a hospital staff member for not reporting to work for a day. Following this incident, other workers have threatened to boycott vaccination duty. **Source:** [NDTV](#)

19 January 2022: In Yavatmal district of Maharashtra, a doctor who worked at the Umarkhed Rural Government Hospital was shot dead by five perpetrators. The attack has been reported as a revenge killing for the death of one of the perpetrators brothers in 2019, who died after being brought to the hospital and under the care of the doctor. **Source:** [Medical Dialogues](#)

20 January 2022: In Lamuhi village, Ballia district, Bihar state, a health worker was verbally abused and attacked by a boatman. The health worker was trying to convince the perpetrator to get the COVID-19 vaccine but he refused and verbally abused and attacked the health worker. The perpetrator was later convinced to take the jab but then fled the scene. He was arrested by police on the charges of breaching peace and altercation. **Sources:** [India Today](#) and [Times of India](#)

23 January 2022: In Lucknow district, Madhya Pradesh state, an anaesthesiologist filed a sexual harassment case against her colleague associated with a private hospital in Talkatora. **Source:** [Medical Dialogues](#)

24 January 2022: In Bhayandar area, Thane district, Maharashtra state, a doctor was attacked at her private clinic by a perpetrator with a blood pressure monitoring machine and a sharp object. The perpetrator then proceeded to steal her gold jewellery, mobile phone and 5000 rupees cash. The doctor suffered severe head laceration requiring 30 stitches. The perpetrator posed as a patient and

waited outside her clinic, when all her patients left, he barged in and committed the act. The Bhayandar police have launched a manhunt to find the culprit.

Source: [Medical Dialogues](#)

Japan

27 January 2022: In Fujimino city, Saitama prefecture, Kanto region, a man held three male health workers for 11 hours at his home. A doctor was fatally shot and a nurse sustained chest and stomach wounds, for which he was taken to hospital. The third health worker managed to flee the house to a police station. Police eventually stormed the house and arrested the man. The health workers had visited the man's home at his request out of compassion, as they had been the in-house carers for his mother who recently died. **Source:** [BBC](#)

Tajikistan

28 January 2022: On the Tajik side of the disputed Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan border, violence broke out between Kyrgyz and Tajik communities, causing 10 injuries and two deaths, including that of an ambulance driver. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

The Americas

Canada

31 January 2022: In Ottawa city, Ontario province, in the midst of a protest against mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, an ambulance belonging to the Ottawa Paramedic Service had rocks thrown at it by protesters, prompting paramedics to request police escorts for safety concerns. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

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

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