

Attacks on Health Care

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355 Reported Attacks and Threats to Health Care During First Ten Months of Myanmar Military's Crackdown

Military arrested more health workers in November than in any month since the coup; Clinics increasingly subjected to artillery and arson attacks.

At least 355 attacks and threats against health workers, facilities, and transports in Myanmar were perpetrated during the first ten months of the country's coup and crackdown (February 1 to November 30, 2021), according to a new analysis based on open-source reports compiled by Insecurity Insight, Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), and the Johns Hopkins University Center for Public Health and Human Rights (CPHHR).

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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

04 December 2021: In Tin-Akoff department, Oudalan province, Sahel region, a health worker was kidnapped and killed by suspected Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) militants. **Source:** [Infowakat](#)

05 December 2021: In Tanwalbougou town and commune, Fada N'Gourma department, Gourma province, Est region, a health worker was kidnapped by suspected Jama'at Nusratul Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM) militants. They were released two days later. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

06 December 2021: In Tindangou village, Pama department, Kompienga province, Est region, suspected JNIM militants seized a vehicle from a health worker at a checkpoint. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo

08 December 2021: In Bungulu commune, near Beni city, North Kivu province, armed men broke into Kitsa Health Centre and kidnapped a doctor. A ransom of 5000 USD was made for his release. **Sources:** [Radio Moto](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)

09 December 2021: In Lweba village, Fizi territory, South Kivu province, armed men attacked an ambulance carrying two senior Congolese military officials to hospital. One official was taken out of the ambulance, tortured and killed. **Source:** [La Prunelle](#)

11 December 2021: In North Kivu province, two Red Cross aid workers were released, 11 days after they were kidnapped. They were kidnapped on 30 November 2021. **Sources:** [Humangle](#), [La Prunelle](#) and [Radio Moto](#)

Ethiopia

01 December 2021: In Shewa Robit town, Semien Shewa zone, Amhara region, Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) fighters reportedly burned down hospitals, power stations, schools, and telecommunication towers. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

03 December 2021: In Debre Sina town and district, Semien Wollo zone, Amhara region, TPLF fighters reportedly raided and damaged the primary hospital, health care centres and other related institutions, as they looted medical equipment and drugs. They also burned down large amounts of medical supplies they were unable to transport. **Source:** [Fana Broadcasting Corporate](#)

Mozambique

As reported 03 December 2021: In Mecula town and district, Niassa province, an unspecified number of health sector workers along with other civil servants have been reported missing, as insurgent violence in the region raged on. **Source:** [Cabo Ligado](#)

Nigeria

13 December 2021: In Ngurore town, Adamawa state, a doctor and owner of the Aisha Private Hospital was kidnapped by four gunmen who stormed his hospital in the early evening. He was released on 17 December. The gunmen had reportedly contacted his family asking for an ransom payment for his release. **Sources:** [Sahara Reporters I](#) and [Sahara Reporters II](#)

South Sudan

As of 01 December 2021: In Gandor, Guat, Luol and Padeah areas, Leer town and county, Unity state, health and nutrition facilities were looted amid clashes between armed Mayendit and Leer youth and men. Numerous civilians have been killed and property destroyed. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

14 December 2021: Along the Kapoeta-Narus highway, Eastern Equatoria state, an ambulance was ambushed, the driver beaten and the occupants robbed of medicines and money. **Source:** [Radio Tamazu](#)

Sudan

30 November 2021: In Burri neighbourhood, Khartoum, police forces stormed the Rabat University Hospital and arrested an injured patient. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

05 December 2021: Along roads leading to Kereinek village, West Darfur state, gunmen attempted to steal medicines from a convoy that was en route to treat victims of an earlier attack in Kereinek. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)



Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Sudan: [17-30 November 2021; 26 October-16 November](#). Download this data on [HDX](#).

Asia

China

As reported on 03 December 2021: In Hong Kong, a large number of health professionals, including the former President of the Hong Kong Public Doctors' Association, have left Hong Kong as the Chinese government continues its crackdown on public dissent and political opposition under the National Security Law. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

Myanmar

03 December 2021: Near Chaung-U township, Sagaing region, a military patient was shot and killed by People's Defence Force (PDF) fighters inside an ambulance. **Sources:** [Khit Thit News](#) and [Mizzima Daily](#)

As reported on 05 December 2021: Approximately 60 doctors received dismissal letters from the State Administrative Council (SAC) government for their support of the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). Dismissed doctors were ordered to return money, equivalent to two-months salary, given by the prior civilian government for hardship during the pandemic. **Source:** [BBC Burmese](#)

05 December 2021: In Yangon city and region, a military truck drove into civilians protesting peacefully the 01 February military coup, killing at least five, and injuring dozens. The condition and whereabouts of a 20-year-old Red Cross nurse and student of the Insein Government Technical Institute, who was arrested alongside 10 fellow protesters by security forces, remain unknown. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

05 December 2021: In Mawlamyine township, Mon state, a physician was arrested by SAC forces while working at a private hospital, accused of supporting the National Unity Government (NUG). In addition, he also worked at a free clinic that had to be closed after his arrest due to lack of healthcare personnel. **Source:** [Mon News Agency](#)

06 December 2021: Near Kyee-Pin-Chaung village, Monywa district, Sagaing region, an ambulance was struck and damaged by a landmine, injuring four health workers. The government accused the PDF of planting the device. **Sources:** [GNLM](#) and [Voice of Myanmar](#)

06 December 2021: In Chanmyathazi township, Mandalay region, the leader of a local NGO offering ambulance services and COVID-19 relief was shot and injured by unidentified perpetrators at a tea shop. **Sources:** [Aunqlan Media](#), [People Media](#), and [River News](#)

06 December 2021: In an undisclosed location, violence with heavy weapons was reported. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)²

07 December 2021: In South Okkalapa township, Yangon region, SAC forces raided the Min Clinic and arrested an unspecified number of nurses. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

07 December 2021: Near Tigyaing township, Sagaing division, an ambulance was struck and damaged by a landmine. The driver suffered shrapnel injuries. **Source:** [The River News](#)

07 December 2021: In Bago town, Bago region, SAC soldiers and police seized and sealed the house of a physician serving as the Deputy Minister of Health for the National Unity Government (NUG). **Source:** [Mizzima TV](#)

08 December 2021: In Ye-U township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, about 30 military personnel raided the Aryu Pharmacy and arrested the owner's daughter - a doctor - for participating in the CDM, along with her husband. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

10 December 2021: In Myaing township, Magway region, SAC soldiers beat six health workers, including a doctor, two dentists, a health assistant, and two female health workers at their housing compound of Myaing Township Hospital. Personal property, including cell phones, were seized. **Source:** [DVB](#)

12 December 2021: In Chanmythazi township, Mandalay city and region, a pregnant nurse was shot and killed while travelling to hospital on her motorbike. Media reports indicate she was killed by SAC forces at a checkpoint, while state-owned media reports she was killed by unidentified gunmen. **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#) and [People Media](#)

13 December 2021: Near Man Yin Village, Taze township, Sagaing division, a convoy of SAC vehicles, including one taking an injured civilian to hospital, was attacked by PDF-aligned militia. **Sources:** [BBC Burmese](#) and [People Media](#)

13 December 2021: In Ye-U town, Sagaing region, mortar shelling hit and damaged a COVID-19 vaccination centre. The SAC accused the PDF of being responsible for the incident. **Source:** [the River News](#)

13 December 2021: In Nyaungdon town, Ayeyarwady region, SAC soldiers raided the office of an LNGO, arrested four aid workers and seized an ambulance. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#) and [Facebook](#)

14 December 2021: In Thanlyin township, Yangon region, a bomb detonated outside Thanlyin General Hospital. No damage was reported. **Source:** [the River News](#)

14 December 2021: In Lay Kay Kaw town, Myawaddy township, Kayin state, at least 100 SAC soldiers raided the town, arresting dozens of civilians including a pro-democracy Member of Parliament. During the raid, soldiers entered a clinic and arrested at least two CDM-affiliated doctors. Some reports indicate as many as 11 were arrested. **Sources:** [BBC Burmese](#), [Burma VJ Media](#), and [DVB](#)

14 December 2021: Near Lwe-Kan village, Kutkai township, Shan state, the township's Chief Medical Officer was stopped by an unidentified perpetrator while travelling in her vehicle and shot and killed. She was reportedly not affiliated with the CDM. **Source:** [Shan News](#)

14 December 2021: In an undisclosed location, violence with heavy weapons was reported. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)²

Pakistan

11 December 2021: In Chaddarah area, Tank district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, two motorcycle-borne Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan militants opened fire on police officials escorting a polio vaccination team. One officer was killed, and another wounded. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq

10 December 2021: In Amara city, Maysan governorate, unidentified militants on a motorcycle opened fire at a pharmacy, causing damage to the building. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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.

Europe

Italy

05 December 2021: In Villorba comune, Treviso province, Veneto region, the Ex Maber COVID-19 vaccination centre was damaged in what was reported as an anti-vaccine attack. Two bathrooms and part of the ceiling were destroyed. **Source:** [Treviso Today](#)

As reported on 08 December 2021: In Villaggio Mose village, Agrigento province, Sicily region, unidentified perpetrators damaged several signs inside and outside the COVID-19 vaccination centre of the Congress Hall in what is believed to be an anti-vaccine attack. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

03 December 2021: In Westminster district, London, a 32-year-old female senior nurse assistant of the Evelina London Children's Hospital was reported missing. A man has been arrested in connection with her disappearance and remains in custody. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

As reported on 12 December 2021: Fraudsters continue to sell fake COVID-19 vaccine certificates and change patient records to show that people have received two vaccine doses. **Source:** [Daily Mail](#)

The Americas

Haiti

04 December 2021: In the Bois Verna neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince, gang members shot and seriously injured a professor and dental surgeon, alongside his wife, while attempting to abduct them at Avenue Lamartiniere. The doctor was taken to hospital and the woman suffered facial injuries.

Source: [Haiti Press Network](#)

United States of America

As reported on 08 December 2021: In Walnut Creek city, Contra Costa county, California state, the Head of the California Medical Boards was stalked by four men from an anti-COVID vaccine group, who confronted her with cameras and recording equipment in a dark parking garage, asking her for an interview. **Sources:** [The New York Times](#) and [The Sacramento Bee](#)

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¹Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 10 December 2021

² [WHOSSA](#) accessed 18 December 2021. Two incidents reported for the period 01-14 December 2021.