Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Ukraine

03-12 March 2022

Russian troops invaded Ukrainian territory on 24 February. **Insecurity Insight** is monitoring reported incidents that affect the delivery of health care. Reported incidents have been included in this list, when careful examination of sources appear to be reliable. However, none of these reported incidents could be independently verified.

This document provides information on reported incidents between 03 and 12 March. A previous edition covered the period **24 February-02 March**. The total count is updated as new information becomes available.

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Total Incidents: 24 February-12 March 2022[1]

Total Incidents	Incidents Where Health Facilities Were Damaged/ Destroyed	Health Workers Injured	Health Workers Killed
47	29	24	8

Source: Dataset available by request on HDX.

Documented incidents: 03-12 March 2022

02 March 2022: In Chernihiv city and oblast, Russian forces shelled a hospital administrative building and a police department, killing one person and injuring five. **Source: ACLED**[1]

03 March 2022: In Lysychansk city, Sievierodonetsk raion, Luhansk oblast, a children's hospital was damaged in shelling by Russian forces, while civilian apartment buildings were also hit. The number of casualties is unknown. **Source: 24 TV**

03 March 2022: In Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, mortar rounds hit the Kharkiv Regional Hospital, killing a Syrian female gynaecologist. Her husband, who was outside the facility at the time, survived the attack. **Source: The New Arab**

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[1] This includes three backdated incidents.

04 March 2022: On the Sumy-Kyiv highway, Russian forces shot at an ambulance during shelling in the Sumy region. The number of casualties is unknown. **Source: [ACLED](#)**[1]

05 March 2022: In Severodonetsk city and raion, Luhansk oblast, Russian forces fired rockets into a civilian area, damaging Lisichansk Children's Regional Hospital, killing two people and injuring 12. **Source: [TSN](#)**

05 March 2022: In Lviv, a female military medic for the 72nd Brigade of the Ukrainian Army was killed by Russian shelling. **Sources: [Mirror UK](#) and [Twitter](#)**

05 March 2022: In Melitopol city, Zaporizhzhia oblast, Russian forces fired at an ambulance carrying medicine. **Source: [Twitter](#)**

05 March 2022: In Popasna city, Luhansk oblast, the Popasna Hospital was damaged in shelling by Russian forces. **Sources: [MENA FN](#) and [TSN](#)**

06 March 2022: In an unspecified location, an ambulance was hit by suspected Russian forces, killing a Polish health worker onboard. **Source: [Twitter](#)**

As the violence has impacted health workers, hospitals, ambulances and patients, a number of medical organisations have released statements of concern: **[American Academy of Nursing Statement](#)**, the **[European Federation of Nurses Associations](#)**, the **[International Council of Nurses](#)**, **[Physicians for Human Rights](#)**, **[UNICEF](#)**, and the **[WHO](#)**

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06 March 2022: In Kyiv**,** a cruise missile was intercepted by Ukrainian air defences, leading part of the missile to land on the Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital which damaged a window and nearly broke a door. Three severely injured children were transferred to another health facility. **Source: [Ukrinform](#)**

08 March 2022: In Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, a female military medic was killed during fighting in the area. **Sources: [Twitter](#) and [Twitter II](#)**

08 March 2022: In Izyum city and raion, Kharkiv oblast, the Central Hospital was destroyed following shelling by Russian forces. Patients were forced to flee the facility. **Source: [Kyiv Independent](#)**

08 March 2022: In Mariupol city, and raion, Donetsk oblast, explosive weapons used by Russian forces damaged a Red Cross Office. **Source: [Twitter](#)**

09 March 2022: In Mariupol city and raion, Donetsk oblast, a Russian direct airstrike severely damaged Mariupol Children's Hospital, injuring at least 17 health workers and an unspecified number of patients, including women in labour and children, some of whom were buried under the wreckage. **Sources: [New Age I](#), [New Age II](#), [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#) and [The New Arab III](#)**

09 March 2022: In Zhytomyr city and oblast, the urology and trauma ophthalmology wards at Zhytomyr City Hospital #1 were damaged in a Russian air strike. **Sources: [Sky News](#) and [Suspilne Media](#)**

09 March 2022: In Zhytomyr city and oblast, a children's hospital was bombed in a Russian air strike. No casualties were reported. **Source: [Sky News](#)**

09 March 2022: In a village outside of Kyiv, a Ukrainian USAID staff member was shot dead by Russian forces while driving in her car to try and find medicine for her ill mother, who was in the car with her at the time of the attack. **Sources: International Business Times and Samatha Powers**

11 March 2022: In Nikolaev city, Mykolaiv oblast, the windows of the Nikolaev Regional Oncological Hospital were damaged in suspected shelling by Russian forces. **Sources: Suspilne Media**, **UA Interfax** and **Portal Lviv**

11 March 2022: In Shevelivka village, Kharkiv oblast, a children's centre for social and psychological rehabilitation was damaged in shelling by Russian forces. Health workers and children were forced to hide in a shelter. **Source: 24 TV**

11 March 2022: In Kharkiv oblast, the Oskil Psycho-Neurological Facility was damaged in shelling by Russian forces. The facility housed 330 patients, mostly people with disabilities and the elderly. 73 people managed to evacuate to a neighbouring building within the complex. **Source: Lviv News**

12 March 2022: In Nikolaev city, Mykolaiv oblast, an emergency medical aid building and an unspecified number of ambulances were damaged in shelling by Russian forces. **Source: 24 TV**

The impact on access to health services

25 February 2022: The drastic operational context resulting from the Russian invasion has forced MSF to halt its activities, and to adapt its response as the conflict situation evolves. In Severodonetsk city and raion, Luhansk oblast, programmes targeting people living with HIV have been terminated. In Zhytomyr city and oblast, services for patients with tuberculosis have also been terminated. In Donetsk city, raion and oblast, the provision of health care to conflict-affected communities, including mental health patients, has also been halted. **Source: MSF**

From 25 February 2022: In Sumy city, Sumy oblast Russian forces encircled the city cutting it off from the rest of the country. Electricity, water and heating services have been cut off in some areas, reportedly due to Russian bombing and sheellig of the city's infrastructure. It remains unclear at this stage to what extent this has affected the functioning of the health services. **Source: Human Rights Watch**

From 01 March 2022: In Mariupol city and raion, Donetsk oblast, Russian forces besieged the town of Mariupol leading to cuts in water and electricity supply and supplies of fuel, food and medicine are stopped from entering the city. It remains unclear at this stage to what extent the cut in utilities and medical supplies affects the functioning of the health services. **Sources: Newsnationnow.com**, **World News**, **The Indian Express** and **The Washington Post**

02 March 2022: In Trostyanets city, Sumy oblast, Russian forces blocked the work of ambulances and paramedics. Trostyanets City Hospital intensive care continues to operate and primary care doctors are now providing online consultations. **Source: Segodnya**

05 March 2022: In Trostyanets, Sumy oblast, doctors were warned by Russian occupation forces in the city that they would be shot if they went outside, following the capturing of Trostyanets by the Russian army. Ambulances from other nearby settlements were also restricted from entering the city. **Source**: **GordonUA**

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[1] Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) **database attribution policy**. Accessed 12 March 2022.

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Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) definition of an attack on health care: Any act of verbal or physical violence, obstruction, or threat of violence that interferes with the availability, access, and delivery of curative and/or preventive health services in countries experiencing conflict if they are perpetrated by an actor in a conflict.