Documented incidents

02 March 2022: In Ward 11, East Dagon township, Yangon city and division, State Administration Council (SAC) forces arrested the acting Head of the Nurture AIDS Centre (NAC), charging him with money laundering and terrorism. The bank accounts of the centre have also been frozen. As reported on 08 April, volunteers at NAC face regular harassment from the same forces, and as a result of declining donations, the centre is at risk of closing down. Source: Radio Free Asia

03 March 2022: In Mindat township, Chin state, SAC forces continue to confiscate medication at checkpoints intended for displaced civilians. The blockade of medication into Mindat township has been documented since July 2021. Source: Ayeyarwaddy Times

04 March 2022: In Pyay township, Bago region, SAC forces arrested a nurse. Source: Twitter

05 March 2022: In Chaungma village, Kani township, Yinmabin district, Sagaing region, approximately 70 SAC soldiers set fire to the village, destroying a rural clinic as well as over twenty homes and farm equipment. Source: Khit Thit Media

10 March 2022: In Tharrawaddy township and district, Bago region, a dentist was arrested. Source: Twitter

14 March 2022: In Dawse village, Demoso township, Kayah state, SAC forces shelled the civilian population of the village, damaging a clinic where displaced civilians were sheltering. Source: Mizzima and Facebook

As reported on 18 March 2022: In Demoso township, Loikaw district, Kayah state, a hospital has been forced to close since early March due to persistent nearby airstrikes from SAC forces. Source: DVB

As reported on 18 March 2022: In Pekon township, Taunggyi district, Shan State, a hospital is reported closed for the past week due to persistent nearby airstrikes from SAC forces. Source: DVB

18 March 2022: In Tharrawaddy township and district, Bago region, a nurse affiliated with the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) was arrested from her home. Source: Twitter

19 March 2022: In Ye township, Mawlamyine district, Mon state, SAC forces abducted an 80-year-old freelance doctor, as they raided his clinic. Source: Twitter

21 March 2022: In Kawkareik village and township, Karen state, SAC and Border Guard Forces (BGF) occupied a hospital during fighting with Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) forces. Source: Karen Information Centre
21 March 2022: In Htigyaing township, Katha district, Sagaing region, a military vehicle struck a landmine, killing a military doctor and injuring several other soldiers. The People’s Defence Force (PDF) took responsibility for the attack. Source: DVB

16 March 2022: In Mandalay city and region, 15 doctors had their medical licence revoked by the government reportedly for their support of the CDM. Source: RFA

18 March 2022: In Thekkelkyin village, Bilin township, Mon state, SAC Forces arrested four supporters of the Burmese People’s Liberation Army (BPLA), including a doctor. Source: Twitter

19 March 2022: In Ye town, Mawlamyine district, Mon state, SAC forces raided the charity clinic of a retired doctor and arrested him. Source: HURFOM

Reported on 21 March 2022: In Mandalay city and region, the government is forcing private hospitals and clinics to turn over lists of doctors, nurses and patients in search of medical staff and patients supportive of the CDM. Source: the Irrawaddy

21 March 2022: In Sitpyal village, Launglon township, Tanintharyi region, a nurse affiliated with the CDM was arrested by SAC forces while caring for patients. Sources: DVB and Twitter

Reported on 22 March 2022: In Chin state, SAC forces burnt and destroyed the operation theatre and surgical equipment at a hospital. Source: Twitter

23 March 2022: In Sin Thay village, Hkamti township, Sagaing region, a doctor affiliated with the CDM was arrested by SAC forces. Source: DVB

24 March 2022: In Kawkareik (Dooplaya) district, Karen state, SAC forces shot and killed a medic while he was providing medical aid to injured civilians. Source: FBR

25 March 2022: In Pindaya township, Shan state, SAC forces fired upon an ambulance. No injuries were reported. Source: Twitter

26 March 2022: In Inma village, Chaung-U township, Sagaing region, SAC forces set fire to an ambulance during a two-day occupation of the village. During their occupation, motorcycles and civilian houses were destroyed as well. Source: Khit Thit News

Reported on 30 March 2022: In Mon state, a local NGO reports that HIV patients have difficulty travelling to obtain anti-retroviral therapy (ART) due to SAC checkpoints. They also report that SAC forces have limited their HIV outreach programs. Source: Mon News Agency

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