

Attacks on Health Care

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The second edition in our Attacks on Vaccination Campaigns blog series is out now. This edition looks at when vaccine hesitancy turns violent. Read on the [RIAH website](#) or download a [PDF](#) copy.

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

Cameroon

05 April 2022: In Southwest region, MSF announced the suspension of its operations in protest over the Cameroonian Government's failure to release four of its staff members currently held in detention over accusations of aiding secessionists. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#) and [The Guardian](#)

06 April 2022: Near the Airport in Douala, a doctor was kidnapped for ransom by four men. **Source:** [mimimefo](#)

Central African Republic

06 April 2022: Near Kpanaga village, Basse-Kotto prefecture, suspected members of the CPC attacked a convoy of vehicles belonging to the INGO Action Against Hunger along the Mingala Highway. After searching staff members, the perpetrators seized their satellite phones, mobile phones, computers and printers, as well as other belongings. Four NGO staff and a member of the health district were injured. One NGO employee was shot and had to be evacuated to Bangui for treatment. In response, the INGO suspended its mobile clinic services and activities pertaining to access to safe drinking water in remote areas. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)

09 April 2022: In Bangui, Russian mercenaries of the Wagner Security Group forcefully entered the gendarmerie infirmary of the Henri Izamo Military Camp and raped women in the maternity ward, including some who had just given birth. Soldiers were stationed inside the camp at the time but they failed to protect the victims. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)

10 April 2022: In Bangui, Russian mercenaries of the Wagner Security Group, armed with pistols and under the influence of alcohol, forcefully entered the gendarmerie infirmary of the Henri Izamo Military Camp, where they sexually abused two women who had just given birth, in the presence of a nurse and a nurse aide. The group then attempted to rape the nurse, who managed to escape and requested help from the Chief of the Centre, also a gendarme. The group pretended to leave the facility, only to return by breaking through a window and raping the nurse aide. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)

11-12 April 2022: In Gordile locality, Russian mercenaries of the Wagner Security Group, supported by Central African troops, stole 37 motorcycles, four of which belonged to the ICRC, as part of a wider assault in the area during which at least 20 civilians were killed. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)



Democratic Republic of the Congo

09 April 2022: In Busanza, a health centre was looted by M23 rebels. **Source:** [WikiRumours](#)

Nigeria

06 April 2022: In Damboa LGA, Borno state, ISWAP fighters trying to invade the town burned down the General Hospital, before looting the facility. **Sources:** [Zagazola I](#) and [Zagazola II](#)

South Sudan

10 April 2022: In Leer county, Unity state, a Nursing Care Provider at an MSF Community Based Health Care Facility was shot and killed while off-duty. Due to his mobile disability, he was unable to flee from the armed perpetrators when they reached the area where he lived. **Sources:** [Radio Tamazuj](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

19 April 2022: In Dasht-e-Barchi neighbourhood, Kabul, an IED of unidentified origin detonated inside the Abdul Rahim Shaheed High School, as students were coming out of their morning classes. A second blast took place as rescuers arrived to ferry victims from the first explosion to hospitals. At least six people were killed, and 17 others wounded. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

Sri Lanka

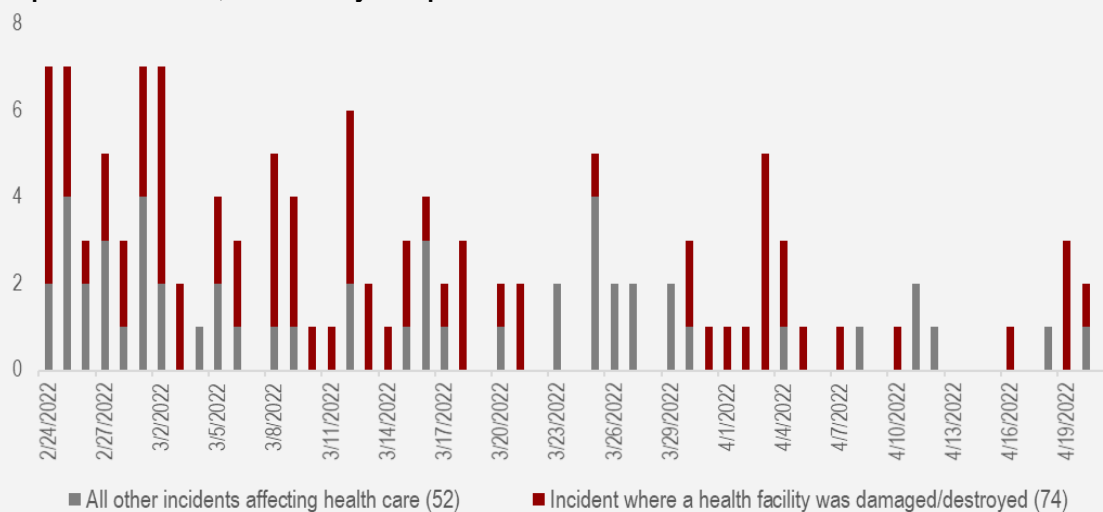
As reported on 11 April 2022: In the midst of a financial crisis and a lack of effective response by the Sri Lankan Government, shortages of life-saving medications may result in a catastrophic number of deaths. The shortages include drugs to treat heart attacks and tubes to aid newborn babies to breathe. Several hospitals have suspended routine surgeries and greatly reduced the number of laboratory tests, prompting doctors, nurses and other health workers to take to the streets. At the same time, persistent power cuts have forced doctors in rural areas to stitch wounds and treat snakebites in the dark. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

Europe

↓ Ukraine

The 24 February-21 April 2022 data on incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Ukraine is now available for download on [HDX](#) or to explore on our [interactive map](#). During this period, Insecurity Insight has documented 126 incidents of violence against health care, including 74 against health facilities and the deaths of 14 health workers and injury to 30 more.

Reported incidents, 24 February-21 April 2022



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Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

01-14 April 2022: In the West Bank, there were at least five cases of injured Palestinian protesters being denied access to treatment, three events where Red Crescent teams were assaulted, and one incident where an ambulance got attacked. **Sources:** [Medical Aid for Palestinians](#) and [Palestine Red Crescent Society](#)

14 April 2022: In east Jerusalem, Israeli forces stormed al Aqsa Mosque and injured 153 Palestinian worshippers. Ambulances were prevented from entering the area, forcing paramedics to carry those injured from the mosque to ambulances on stretchers. **Sources:** [Medical Aid for Palestinians](#) and [Twitter](#)

15 April 2022: Near Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces fired live ammunition at a Red Crescent ambulance amid a solidarity protest related to the al Aqsa Mosque attack. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

09 April 2022: In Daraa city, district and governorate, two perpetrators on a motorcycle opened fire on an UNRWA health care centre under rehabilitation at the Daraa Refugee Camp, and threw an explosive device inside, causing minor material damage. **Source:** [Palestinian Return Centre](#)

The Americas

Haiti

02 April 2022: In Petion-Ville commune and suburb, Port-au-Prince, a doctor was killed when he resisted an abduction attempt by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

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

10 April 2022: In Khulna city, district and division, a heated argument between the two sons of a patient who had just died and intern doctors led to a scuffle at the Khulna Medical College Hospital. The aggressors accused the doctors of negligence, allegedly causing the death of their mother. Police arrived at the scene and detained the two aggressors. **Source:** [New Age](#)

13 April 2022: In Barguna town and district, Barisal division, a male patient with a respiratory disease at the Betagi Upazila Health Complex was seriously injured when chunks of ceiling plaster fell on him. The building was subsequently condemned, prompting the evacuation of all patients to another building of the health complex. **Source:** [New Age](#)

The Philippines

25 March 2022: Update: In Bayugan city, Agusan del Sur province, Caraga region, a female doctor — who had faced accusations of links to communist rebels by the police and military — was released from detention upon the decision of a regional trial court, who dismissed the case. **Source:** [GMA](#)

Europe

Switzerland

31 March 2022: In Zurich city, district and canton, the President of the Vaccination Committee was kidnapped for one hour by a man, who demanded from him a large sum of money under the threat of violence, before releasing him. On 06 April, police investigating the case shot dead a 38-year-old German suspect, believed to be the same perpetrator, while trying to apprehend him. **Source:** [Reuters](#) and [WSCA](#)

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