

# 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

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**10 March 2022:** In Fizi territory, South Kivu province, Maï-Maï militia members raided a health care centre, and kidnapped four male nurses as well as a driver, and took them to the Kakungu forest. One of the nurses and the driver escaped from their kidnappers. Nurses in the Fizi health zone went on strike to demand the release of their kidnapped colleagues, impacting health services in the area. **Sources:** [Actualité](#), [La Prunelle](#), [Radio Okapi](#) and [HumAngle](#)

**As reported on 22 March 2022:** In Ituri province, MSF announced the closure of all projects in some parts of the province as a result of failure on the part of warring parties to reach a truce and establish security. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)

#### *Nigeria*

**15/16/17 March 2022:** In Gubio LGA, Borno state, the only serving health worker and Principal Medical Officer of the General Hospital Gubio was kidnapped from his home by ISWAP fighters amid a wider attack in the area. ISWAP fighters also looted medicine. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#), [Metro Times](#), [Sahara Reporters I](#), [Sahara Reporters II](#) and [Twitter](#)

#### *South Sudan*

**20 March 2022:** In Twic East county, Jonglei state, a lab technician was shot and killed in an apparent revenge attack. The gunman entered the Paliou Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) and asked everyone to leave before opening fire on the victim. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

#### *Sudan*

**10 March 2022:** In Abu Kershola locality, South Kordofan state, suspected SPLM-N gunmen kidnapped five health workers of the state Health Ministry — three males and two females — while they were vaccinating children against measles. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)



### Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Sudan

Incident reports: [26 January-28 February 2022](#); [11-25 January](#); [All](#). Join our [Sudan mailing list](#).



## **South Sudan-Sudan, Abyei Special Administrative Area**

**As reported on 09 March 2022:** In Abyei special administrative area, intercommunal violence has forced the closure of an INGO-run hospital and many of the 10 primary health care facilities in the southern part of the region. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

## **Asia**

### **Myanmar**



#### **Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Myanmar**

Read this new [The Geopolitics \(TGP\) article](#) by Insecurity Insight's Myanmar analyst Brian Elmore.

Incident reports: [23 February-31 March](#); [09-22 February](#); [All](#).

Analysis reports: [One-Year Anniversary Update](#); [December 2021](#); [All](#). Join our [Myanmar mailing list](#).

## **Europe**



#### **Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Ukraine**

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began on 24 February, Insecurity Insight has [documented 83 incidents](#) of violence against health care, including 51 against health facilities and the deaths of 12 health workers.

Previous editions: [03-12 March](#); [All](#). Join our [Ukraine mailing list](#).

## **Middle East North Africa**

### **Yemen**

**As reported on 19 March 2022:** As Yemeni infrastructure continues to crumble as a result of the civil war, just half of the nation's health facilities remain fully functional and 80 percent of the population has unimpeded access to food, drinking water and health care services. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**21 March 2022:** At Ash Shamasi neighbourhood, Salh locality, Taizz governorate, the gate of the health institute was hit by artillery shells resulting in the killing of one civilian and the injury of three others. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

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## **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**

### **China**

**As reported on 17 March 2022:** In Hong Kong, a 46-year-old male doctor has issued hundreds of false COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificates at patients' requests, charging HKD800 each. Police have issued an arrest warrant against him and in connection with him have arrested a 28-year-old female nurse and a 69-year-old woman on suspicion of conspiracy to forge documents. **Source:** [Dimsum Daily](#)

### **India**

**As reported on 21 March 2022: Update:** In Chennai city and district, Coromandel region, Tamil Nadu state, the Chennai High Court has granted bail to a male doctor of the Kilpauk Government Hospital, who, in 2020, was caught on CCTV urinating on the doorstep of a private residence and throwing away a used mask at the same location. **Source:** [One India](#)

# The Americas

## Haiti

**14 March 2022:** In Port-au-Prince, thousands of doctors, nurses and other health professionals went on a three day strike to protest a spike in gang-related kidnappings. **Source:** [AP](#)

## United States of America

**As reported on 18 March 2022:** In Michigan state, a man accused of plotting the abduction of the state governor expressed his intention to blow up COVID vaccine plants, shoot doctors who advocate for mandatory vaccines, and decapitate lawyers who support vaccines. **Source:** [Detroit Free Press](#)

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