

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

Cameroon

15 May 2022: In Manyu division, Southwest region, an armed group abducted two health workers administering infant vaccinations, and took them to an undisclosed location. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

08-09 June 2022: In Mamfe city, Manyu division, Southwest region, suspected English-speaking separatists opened fire with automatic weapons, before setting fire to the Mamfe District Hospital, where MSF staffers were posted, completely destroying almost all of its structures, except for the pharmacy. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#), [MSF](#) and [News Central](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

01 June 2022: In Kabalwa locality, near Mutwanga town, Ruwenzori sector, Beni territory, North Kivu province, members of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) pillaged and razed a community health care facility, as part of a wider attack in the area, targeting also a military facility and private homes. Three civilians were killed inside their houses, and five others were taken hostage. **Source:** [Actualité](#), [HumAngle](#), and [Radio Moto](#)

As reported on 01 June 2022: In Lolwa village, Ituri province, an assault by ADF militia on a general hospital to obtain medical supplies was reportedly foiled by the Congolese armed forces. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

10 June 2022: In Kayna village, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, a nurse was kidnapped from the local health centre by unidentified perpetrators who demanded a ransom in exchange for his release. **Source:** [La Prunelle](#). According to the SHCC, at least 35 health workers were kidnapped in the DRC in 2021. Read the full SHCC Factsheet [here](#).



Mali

01 June 2022: Between Koussane town and Kayes city, cercle and region, armed men on motorcycles opened fire on a moving Malian Red Cross vehicle, killing the driver, from Mali, and a Senegalese employee of the Netherlands Red Cross, as they were on their way back from a humanitarian mission. The perpetrators took the vehicle and equipment, before later abandoning the vehicle. **Sources:** [IFRC](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Nigeria

06 June 2022: In Umuajameze Umuopara, Umuahia South LGA, Abia state, armed perpetrators kidnapped a 74-year-old doctor outside of his house. **Sources:** [Daily Post](#) and [Peoples Gazette](#)



Violence against or obstruction of health care in Nigeria in 2021

According to the SHCC, at least 30 health workers were kidnapped in 2021. The kidnappings were widely dispersed, reported in 13 of 36 states, although a quarter of kidnapping incidents took place in Kaduna state. This was a change from 2020, when most of the kidnappings were reported in Katsina state. Health workers were kidnapped on their own or in small groups, either from health facilities, when travelling to or from work, or when working in the field. Four of the 30 kidnapped health workers were killed by their captors. Read the full SHCC Factsheet [here](#).

Sudan

As reported on 21 May 2022: In Khartoum, security forces continued to block ambulances from reaching those injured during anti-coup demonstrations. **Source:** [Darfur 24](#).

Between 06 and 12 June 2022: In Abbasiya village, South Kordofan state, three gunmen reportedly stormed a health clinic and raped a nurse at gunpoint. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

As reported on 09 June 2022: In Rosi village and other rural areas, Kereneik locality, West Darfur state, people no longer have access to health services due to continued insecurity by armed groups. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

Uganda

03 June 2022: In Kokorok village, Kotido district, suspected Karamajong pastoralists shot dead a Village Health Team member on suspicion he was a security informer. **Source:** [Uganda Radio Network](#)

Asia

Myanmar

03 June 2022: In an undisclosed location, a health worker was kidnapped from a Primary Health Care Centre. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

08 June 2022: In Mawlamyine city, Mon state, a World Health Organisation driver was shot dead near the General Aung San statue, whilst driving his motorcycle after work. Subsequently, the People's Defence Organisation Mawlamyine announced that it was behind the shooting, claiming, amongst other things, that the man had threatened members of the Civil Disobedience Movement and their families. **Sources:** [New Age](#), [Radio Free Asia](#) and [WHOSSA](#)¹

Europe

Ukraine

As reported on 10 June 2022: In Mariupol city and raion, Donetsk oblast, residents have been forced to drink water from wells contaminated by corpses of people killed during the Russian invasion, as the city does not have running water or a functioning sewage system, leading to an outbreak of cholera and dysentery that could kill thousands. Meanwhile, the collection of such corpses by Russian occupiers have been proceeding slowly, whilst medical services are near collapse, contributing further to the outbreak. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

↓ Latest Data Release: Ukraine

The 24 February-18 June 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 194 incidents of violence against health care, including 136 against health facilities and the deaths of 15 health workers. **Our data includes available information on who the perpetrators were and what weapons were used.**



Middle East North Africa

Libya

01 June 2022: In Benghazi, Cyrenaica region, a Palestinian girl was shot and injured by a stray bullet fired by an armed group in the parking lot of the Children's Hospital. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

09 June 2022: In Sabha town, Fezzan region, an armed group fired a shell at the Sabha Medical Centre. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

Syrian Arab Republic

01 June 2022: In Tel Rifat town, Aleppo governorate, a Turkish drone strike damaged a doctor's clinic, causing material damage. **Source:** [Liveuamap](#)

02 June 2022: In Zarkan district, Hasakah governorate, alleged Turkish shelling hit a local hospital and residential buildings. **Source:** [Airwars](#)

As reported on 06 June 2022: A male doctor detained on 04 May by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) has been released. **Source:** [Deir Ezzor 24](#)

As reported on 10 June 2022: In northwestern Syria, a UNSC mandate to deliver aid to rebel-held areas through the Bab al-Hawa Crossing Point, without authorisation from the Syrian Government, is set to expire on 10 July. Fears loom as Russia may veto its renewal, putting at risk access to food assistance, medical supplies and other assistance for millions of Syrians in need. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Yemen

03 June 2022: In Al Qatn village Hadramaut governorate, pro-internationally-recognised government security forces stormed the Shabibi Medical Centre and beat a radiology doctor before transferring him to a police station where they tortured him until he died. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

04 June 2022: In Ad Dhalee, Ad Dali governorate, a bomb of of unidentified origin exploded inside a STC-affiliated Security Belt forces vehicle outside An Nasr Hospital leading to clashes between gunmen wearing military clothes and SBF. **Source:** [ACLED²](#)

07 June 2022: In Harib, Marob governorate, a suspected Houthi-planted landmine detonated in the near Al Utayyir Hospital injuring a MASAM demining project engineer. **Source:** [ACLED²](#)

08 June 2022: In Salh city, Taiz governorate, Houthi forces shelled Al Hamd Hospital. **Source:** [ACLED²](#)

The Americas

Brazil

01 June 2022: In Rio de Janeiro city, suspected drug traffickers shot and injured a nurse entering Morro do Adeus community to attend to a patient. **Source:** [ACLED²](#)

09 June 2022: In Joselandia municipality, Maranhao state, an ambulance driver was taken hostage after a group of individuals blew up a bank. They were later released. **Source:** [ACLED²](#)

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.

Africa

South Africa

As reported on 05 June 2022: In Soweto township, Johannesburg city, Gauteng province, around 120 doctors fear that they would be targeted by armed robbers who killed one of their colleagues on 26 March. **Source:** [Mail & Guardian](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

07 June 2022: In Chittagong city, district and division, a faction of intern doctors at the Chattogram Medical College Hospital attacked nurses following an altercation with a nurse. After the attack, all the nurses of the hospital went into abstention from work, affecting 1,500 patients who were undergoing treatment at the time. **Source:** [New Age](#)

Pakistan

As reported on 07 June 2022: In North Waziristan district, Bannu division, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a new polio outbreak is believed to be the result of parents falsely marking themselves and their children as vaccinated, with polio staff conspiring with parents to miss the vaccination. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

Middle East North Africa

Bahrain

As reported on 11 June 2022: Near Jaww village, the Lebanese Government has failed to provide swift treatment to inmates of the Jaww Prison after contracting tuberculosis, accusations that it has denied. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Egypt

09 June 2022: Update: A 50-year old male scholar, who, in March 2013, made a four-day trip to Syria as part of a humanitarian campaign delivering food and medicine to Syrians in need, has been sentenced to a 15-year prison term by an Egyptian court over accusations of joining the Syrian opposition Free Syrian Army. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Israel

14 June 2022: In Be'er Yaakov city, Central district, a man in his 30s attacked and wounded a female doctor at a community clinic, after hitting her with a crowbar in the head when she asked him to leave for behaving wildly. **Source:** [Times of Israel](#)

The Americas

United States of America

01 June 2022: In Tulsa city and county, Oklahoma state, a 45-year-old male patient armed with a rifle and a handgun entered the orthopaedic office of the Warren Clinic, Natalie Medical Building, Saint Francis Hospital campus, where he gunned down a male surgeon, blaming him for ongoing pain following a recent back surgery. He subsequently shot dead a female doctor, a female receptionist, and a male patient, before fatally shooting himself. An unspecified number of people were also injured. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [CNN I](#), [CNN II](#), [New Age](#), [Shropshire Star](#) and [The Washington Post](#)

01 June 2022: In Dayton city, Montgomery county, Ohio state, a 30-year-old male prisoner receiving treatment at the Miami Valley Hospital managed to take the gun of a 78-year-old male armed security officer, shooting him. Then, he ran out of the emergency department and fatally shot himself. The guard later died of his wounds. **Sources:** [International Business Times](#), [Spectrum](#) and [Twitter](#)

03 June 2022: In San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles county, California state, a 35-year-old man pretending to be a patient stabbed two nurses and a female doctor near the emergency department of the Encino Hospital Medical Centre, before barricading himself inside the facility. The hospital halted admitting new patients or allowing visitors to enter. The perpetrator was eventually taken into custody. **Sources:** [CNN](#), [Daily Mail I](#) and [Daily Mail II](#)

03 June 2022: In Capitol Hill neighbourhood, Washington DC, the facade of the anti-abortion Capitol Hill Crisis Pregnancy Centre got covered with red paint, egged, and graffitied by unidentified vandals. **Source:** [Washington Examiner](#)

¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 15 June 2022.

² WHOSSA accessed 15 June 2022.

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