

Attacks on Health Care

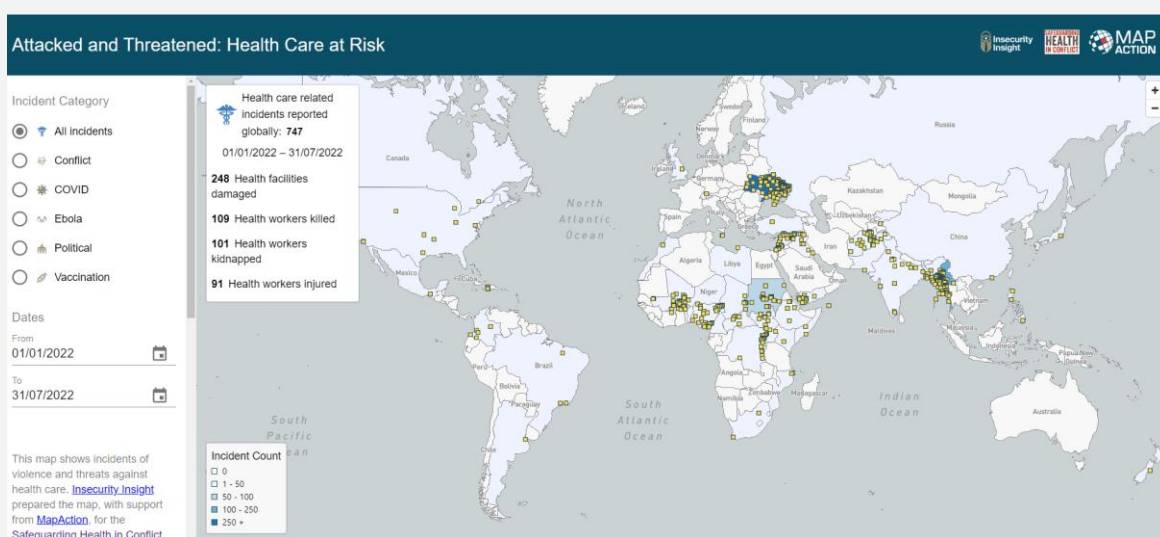
Bi-Monthly News Brief

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Attacked and Threatened: Health Care at Risk

Since the start of the year and until 31 July, at least 109 health workers have been killed, 101 kidnapped and 91 injured. In addition, health facilities have been attacked over 240 times. Explore our [interactive global map](#) to see where incidents were reported, who the perpetrators were and the weapons used:

- Click on a country to show key statistics on perpetrators, weapons use, the number of health workers killed, injured and kidnapped, and health facilities damaged or destroyed.
- Zoom in on a country to show yellow squares. Click on these to display the incident description.



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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

15 August 2022: In Bulengera commune, Butembo city, North Kivu province, alleged local civilians attacked Kyaghala hospital, breaking windows and trying to break down several doors. The perpetrators reportedly sought to enter the complex to verify whether there were rebel Allied Democratic Forces elements in the hospital. **Source:** [Radio Moto](#)

19 August 2022: In Masiakwa village, Kwamouth territory, Mai-Ndombe province, pharmacies were looted during ethnic conflict between the Teke and Yaka groups. It is not clear which of these groups is directly responsible for the looting. At least 15 people were killed during fighting. **Source:** [Actualité](#)

23 August 2022: In Lolwa area, Mambasa territory, Ituri province, the general hospital suspended its activities and its staff and patients were evacuated from the area following increasing attacks in the area by Allied Democratic Forces rebels. **Source:** [Actualité](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)

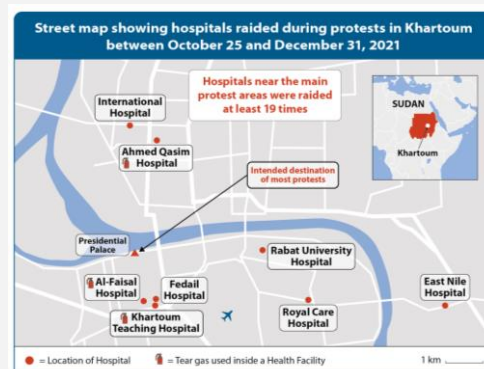
Sudan

Latest Attacks on Health Data

The 01 January 2016-31 July 2022 data on incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan is now available for download on [HDX](#) or to explore our [Health Care at Risk](#) interactive global map to see incidents, information on who the perpetrators were and what weapons were used. During this time period, over 50 health workers have been arrested, 20 killed and hospitals have been raided over 50 times.

2021 SHCC Factsheet

52 incidents of violence or obstruction against health care were perpetrated in Sudan in 2021. Prior to the October 25, 2021 coup most attacks on health care in Sudan in 2021 were perpetrated by non-state actors or militia. After the coup violence against health care escalated sharply in the context of anti-coup protests. Factsheet now available in [Arabic](#) and [English](#). Watch 1-minute [video](#)



Asia

Myanmar

03 August 2022: In Ye town, township, and district, Mon State, the Myanmar military arrested a paediatrician and detained him for two days at an interrogation centre. **Source:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#)

06 August 2022: In Shwepyithar town and township, Yangon North district, Yangon region, the Myanmar military arrested a male doctor and four civilians accusing them of being involved in the Moe Kaung Treasure Private Hospital attack on 21 July 2022. **Sources:** [Chindwin News Agency](#), [Eleven Media](#), [Mizzima](#) and [People Media](#)

09 August 2022: In Sezin village, Hawng Par village tract, Hpakan township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, a CDM-affiliated doctor and her doctor husband were among 30 civilians killed in a Myanmar military airstrike. The woman's body was later found but the husband is missing. **Source:** [Voice of Myanmar](#)

09 August 2022: In Sezin village, Hawng Par village tract, Hpakan township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, a Myanmar military airstrike damaged 400 houses including staff housing of an NGO which offered health care in the area. **Source:** [Voice of Myanmar](#)

11 August 2022: In Ye town, township, and district, Mon State, the Myanmar military arrested a CDM-affiliated midwife accusing her of having connections with local defence forces. **Source:** [DVB](#)
Reported on 12 August 2022: In Ye town, township, and district, Mon state, an armed group broke into the house of a paediatrician and an obstetrician (a couple) and took away 5,000,000 Myanmar

kyats (2400 USD). On 05 August, the paediatrician had been released from an interrogation centre by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [DVB](#) and [Mizzima](#)

14 August 2022: In Kan Hpyu (East) village, Kan Hpyu village tract, Ayadaw township, Monywa district, Sagaing region, a local defence force attacked the Myanmar military security force stationed at the security post of a makeshift COVID-19 vaccination centre (formerly a school building) using a drone armed with explosives. **Source:** [Mandalay Free Press](#)

14 August 2022: In Pu Htoe Thar village, Pale township, Yinmabin district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military torched houses and a NGO Western Chindwin Association building. Six medicine boxes (10,600,000 Myanmar kyats/ 5100 USD) were damaged along with an ambulance belonging to another LNGO. **Sources:** [Facebook](#), [Facebook II](#), [Facebook III](#), and [Myanmar Now](#)

15 August 2022: In Kyauk Htone Gyi village and village tract, Katha township and district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military raided the village and occupied a hospital, school, and monastery. **Source:** [Myanmar Now](#)

16 August 2022: Near Tha Yae Kone Baung village, Manungdaw township, Rakhine state, the Myanmar military refused an ambulance belonging to the LNGO Karina-kun-yet with a patient onboard, to pass a checkpoint despite having travel approval from local authorities. The roads linking Maungdaw and Sittwe towns have had checkpoints erected following recent clashes between the Myanmar military and Arakan Army. **Source:** [Narinjara](#)

18 August 2022: In Nga Ta Yaw village, Yesagyo township, Pakokku district, Magway region, the Myanmar military torched a health centre and over 500 homes. **Source:** [Ayevarwaddy Times](#)

20 August 2022: In Indaw town and township, Katha district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military abducted one patient and two companions from Indaw Township Hospital, accusing them of being part of, or supporting local defence forces. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Facebook II](#)

21 August 2022: In Hnan Khar village and village tract, Gangaw township and district, Magway region, the Myanmar military torched civilian properties including an ambulance, a makeshift clinic, and an IDP camp. **Source:** [DVB](#)

22 August 2022: On Myawaddy–Kawkareik highway, Kawkareik township and district, Kayin state, an armed group opened fire at an ambulance belonging to the LNGO Myawaddy, with a patient onboard. No casualties to the patient or driver, damaging the vehicle. **Source:** [Than Lwin Times](#)

23 August 2022: In Mayangone town and township, Yangon West district, Yangon region, the Myanmar military sealed and seized the property of the president of an LNGO which offered free funeral service, ambulance service, and ran charity clinics. **Sources:** [Eleven Media](#), [DVB](#), [Mizzima](#) and [Myanmar Now](#)

Reported on 23 August 2022: In Ye-U town, township, and district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military occupied the traditional medicine hospital. **Sources:** [DVB](#) and [Facebook](#)

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2021 SHCC Factsheet

411 incidents of violence or obstruction against health care were perpetrated in Myanmar in 2021. Incidents occurred in three distinct phases, marked by different patterns of violence against or obstruction of health care. During the initial post-coup period from February to April 2021 health workers were often arrested while attending protests or providing aid to protesters. Hospitals and clinics were raided by state security forces, often in search of pro-democracy health workers or injured protesters. Read the full [factsheet](#).

Pakistan

16 August 2022: In Kacha Gara area, Kot Azam locality, Tank district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, two unidentified gunmen shot from a close range and killed two police officers guarding a team of two vaccinators during a door-to-door polio vaccination campaign. The perpetrators fled the scene on a motorbike. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [The Hills Times](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Violence Against Vaccinators and Vaccination Campaigns

This Attacks on Vaccination Campaigns blog series analyses Insecurity Insight's data on attacks to health care to explore where they took place, who was affected, who was responsible, how these attacks may have changed in recent years, and how they relate to public health and politics. Read the blog on the [RIAH website](#) or as [PDF](#) here.

Europe

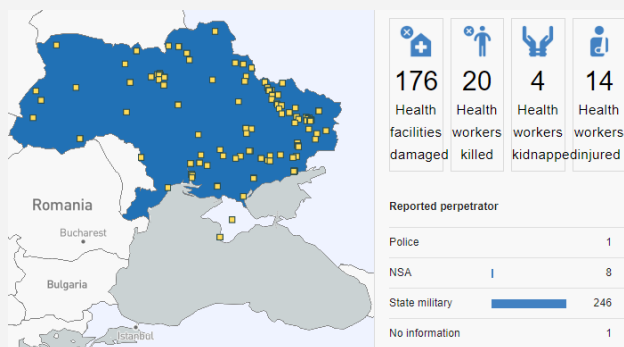
Ukraine

Latest Attacks on Health Data

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Middle East North Africa

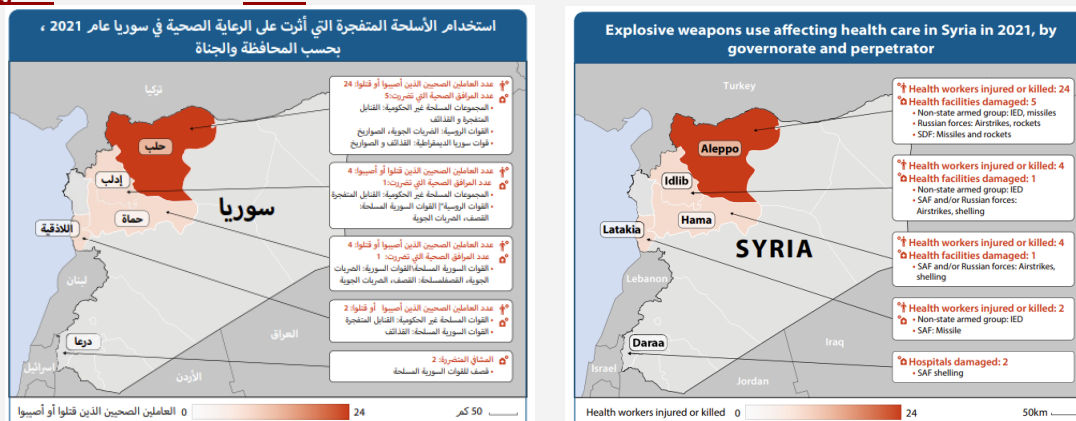
Occupied Palestinian Territories

18 August 2022: In Ramallah city and governorate, and other undisclosed locations, West Bank, Israeli forces raided and sealed the offices of seven Palestinian civil society groups, confiscating computers and equipment, before sealing off their entrances. Six of such organisations were designated by Israel as terrorist groups in October 2021, and accordingly outlawed over accusations of ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The seventh raided was the Union of Health Work Committees, which runs hospitals and clinics. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera I](#), [Al Jazeera II](#), [All Africa](#), [Middle East Eye I](#), [Middle East Eye II](#), [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#), [The New Arab III](#), [The New Arab IV](#), [The New Arab V](#), [The New Arab VI](#) and [The New Arab VII](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

2021 SHCC Factsheet:

57 incidents of violence or obstruction against health care were perpetrated in Syria in 2021. Health workers were injured and killed during attacks on health facilities or pharmacies. Health supplies and medical equipment was looted from pharmacies and health facilities and ambulances damaged by missiles and rockets. Factsheet now available in [Arabic](#) and [English](#). Watch 1-minute [video](#)



20 August 2022: In al Ma'amel area, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, Syrian Democratic Forces detained a pharmacist, allegedly for criticising the state of the health system in the area, and took him to an undisclosed location. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

23 August 2022: South of Deir Ez-Zour city, Deir Ez-Zour city governorate, Syrian government forces detained a doctor at a checkpoint and took him to an undisclosed location. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

Global Health Insecurity

These events affect the provision of health care but are not directly conflict related. These include events perpetrated by patients, relatives of patients, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by health care personnel.

Africa

South Africa

21 August 2022: In Uitenhage town, Eastern Cape province, three men arrived at the Uitenhage Provincial Hospital with a friend who got shot, and demanded that the nurses fetch him from their car. The men assaulted one of the nurses when the latter requested their help, and threatened to kill everyone if their friend died. Their friend was declared dead upon arrival. Following this incident, the Eastern Cape Department of Health arranged for armed response to be on guard at the facility. **Source:** [SABC](#)

South Sudan

13 August 2022: In Imehejek locality, Lafon county, Eastern Equatoria state, an armed man fired at the Imehejek Hospital, causing no reported deaths or injuries. This attack prompted the humanitarian and development organisation Health Link to evacuate its staff from the facility. The hospital remained functional as other health workers were not evacuated. **Sources:** [Radio Tamazuj I](#) and [Radio Tamazuj II](#)

Asia

Nepal

21 August 2022: In Jumla town and district, Karnali province, a doctor of the Karnali Institute of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital was assaulted inside the Emergency Room by an employee of the facility's administration for not cutting his son's stitches. **Sources:** [Nep Wave](#) and [Nepal Monitor](#)

Europe

Turkey

13 August 2022: In Gaziantep city and province, Southeastern Anatolia region, security forces detained a female doctor from her home in a perceived attempt to force her son surrender to the Turkish Government and face allegations made by Turkish opposition parties about alleged criticism of Turkey that have circulated across local media. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

20 August 2022: In Gaziantep city and province, Southeastern Anatolia region, a moving passenger bus crashed into an ambulance, a firefighting truck, and a vehicle carrying journalists responding to an earlier crash along the Gaziantep-Nizip route, killing 15 people, including three paramedics, three firefighters, and two journalists, and injuring 31 more. **Sources:** [Hurriyet Daily News](#), [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

20 August 2022: In Derik town and district, Mardin province, a moving truck crashed into a team of first responders and a crowd of people following an earlier road accident, killing 20 people, including a police officer, and injuring 26 more. **Sources:** [Hurriyet Daily News](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Middle East North Africa

Kuwait

11 August 2022: In an undisclosed location, an Egyptian doctor inside a maternity hospital suffered a head injury and internal bleeding from an attack by an unidentified citizen. **Sources:** [The Council](#) and [The New Arab](#)

WHOSSA accessed 31 August 2022. No incidents reported.

This Bi-Monthly News Brief comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to health care. It is part of the Attacks on Health Care project by Insecurity Insight. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care and have not been independently verified. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations.

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