

Attacks on Health Care

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Executive summary and selected factsheets are now available in Arabic, English and French



The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) has recently published the executive summary and factsheets from this year's 'Unrelenting Violence' report on CAR, DRC and Haiti in French, and oPt, Sudan, Syria and Yemen in Arabic. The factsheets are seven of the 49 conflict-affected countries where health facilities and health workers were subjected to devastating and widespread violence and obstruction of care in 2021. The executive summary details the 1,335 documented incidents of violence or obstruction against health care perpetrated globally in 2021. The report sets out several recommendations to the UN Security Council, the World Health Organization, Ministries of Health and Defense, legislators, and medical, nursing, and public health organisations.

- CAR Factsheet: [English](#) | [French](#)
- DRC Factsheet: [English](#) | [French](#)
- Haiti Factsheet: [English](#) | [French](#)
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- Sudan: [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | 1-min [video](#) (Arabic)
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- Methodology: [Arabic](#) | [English](#) | [French](#)

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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

Burkina Faso

10 September 2022: In Solenzo city, Banwa province, Boucle du Mouhoun region, a medical centre equipped with a surgical unit shut down due to insecurity. **Source:** [Agence d'information du Burkina](#) and [Minute.bf](#)

12 September 2022: In Padema village, Hauts-Bassins region, two vehicles, including an ambulance, were set on fire by suspected JNIM militants. The Mayor's office was also set on fire. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 September 2022: In Solenzo city, Banwa province, Boucle du Mouhoun region, armed men used an ambulance to transport themselves into the city, where they burnt down a youth home where the municipal authorities were storing equipment. **Source:** [Minute.bf](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

01 September 2022: In Drodro village, Djugu territory, Ituri province, a nurse was killed by unidentified armed men. **Source:** [Kivu Security](#)

08 September 2022: In Mekima village, Babila-Bakwanza groupement, Mambasa territory, Ituri province, Allied Democratic Forces rebels decapitated a male Red Cross first aider during an attack on the village. **Source:** [Actualité](#)

19 September 2022: In Kyondo health zone, Beni territory, North Kivu province, unidentified armed men abducted a male doctor. The victim works at the Museya Hospital Centre. **Source:** [Radio Moto](#)

Cameroon

08 September 2022: In Fonfukka town, Northwest region, the District Hospital and houses were looted and a pastor and civilians kidnapped by suspected Ambazonian separatists. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ethiopia

14 September 2022: In Mekelle city, Tigray region, a health worker was injured in an Ethiopian air force drone strike while providing medical care to victims of a previous drone strike which killed 10 people and wounded 13 others. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mali

Around 07 September 2022: In Talataye village, Gao region, a health centre, houses, the market, shops, water points, granaries, fuel depots, and the Wi-Fi network were destroyed and burned by IS Sahel militants in an attack on civilians from Dawsahak, Tuareg, Djerma, and Songhai communities. At least thirty civilians were killed. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mozambique

02 September 2022: In Kutua village, Erati district, Nampula province, a local health centre, homes and tents were set on fire by an insurgent group of around 20 armed men. **Source:** [Zitamar](#)

06 September 2022: In Chipene village, Memba district, Nampula province, a Catholic mission was attacked by Islamist militia who set fire to health unit, a primary and secondary school, residential quarters of priests and nuns, and two vehicles. One Italian catholic nun was killed and three people were kidnapped. The Islamic State claimed the attack on a 'Christian' village and the killing of four people. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

08 September 2022: In Jos South LGA, Plateau state, the owner of the MarySol Hospital was kidnapped from the Zion High School by gunmen. **Source:** [Eons Intelligence](#)

South Sudan

09 September 2022: In Otalla village, Pochalla county, Pibor administrative area, a senior doctor at the Otallo Primary Health Care Clinic was fatally shot and robbed by unidentified perpetrators while en route to Pochalla town to deliver a report. Local youths who heard the gunshots rushed to the scene and pursued the perpetrators, intercepting them an hour later. Only a few of the looted items were recovered. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

19 September 2022: In Bieh IDP camp, Bentiu city, Unity state, a male polio field surveillance officer was shot dead by an unidentified attacker at a health facility inside the camp. **Source:** [WHO](#)

2021 SHCC Factsheet

29 incidents of violence or obstruction against health care were perpetrated in South Sudan in 2021. This was an increase from 2020, when 19 such incidents were documented, although killings of health workers in 2021 decreased from the previous year.

In these incidents vital medical supplies were looted, while 12 health workers were arrested, and 12 others were injured.

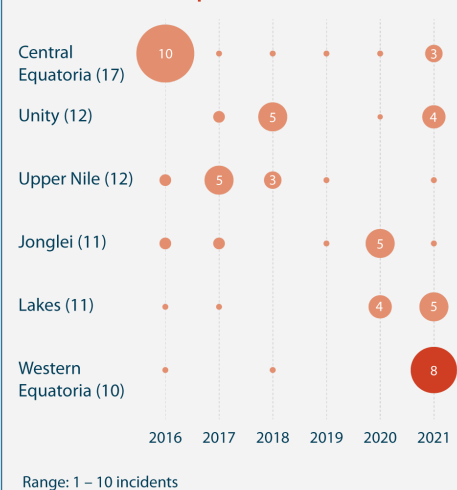
Incidents were recorded in nearly all of South Sudan's states and administrative areas and were most frequent in Western Equatoria due to increased conflict as various militias vied to gain control of the state. This was a change from 2020, when high numbers of incidents were reported in Jonglei state.

This factsheet is based on the dataset 2021 SHCC South Sudan Health Data, which is available for [download](#) on HDX.

Read the [full factsheet](#).

Known locations of reported incidents affecting health care in South Sudan, 2016–2021, by state

For the first time, incidents were most frequent in Western Equatoria state in 2021



Asia

Afghanistan

Around 13 September 2022: In Herat province, Taliban forces reportedly removed the Farsi text of a hospital sign board and replaced it with Pashtu. This action led to criticism from the local community over concerns about the Taliban's hostility toward the Persian language. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

10 September 2022: In Logar province, a doctor was beaten up by Taliban forces and taken to an unknown location in Puli Alam city because he had examined a woman, a practice forbidden under Taliban rules. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Armenia

13 September 2022: In Syunik province, a doctor was reportedly killed while providing medical care to soldiers wounded during clashes between the Armenian and Azerbaijani forces. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [WHOSSA](#)¹

13 September 2022: In Syunik province, an ambulance was reportedly damaged during shelling by Azerbaijani forces. The Azerbaijani forces refuted this. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

14 September 2022: In Syunik province, an ambulance was hit by a missile reportedly fired by Azerbaijani forces during clashes between the Armenian and Azerbaijani forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 September 2022: In Syunik province, an ambulance driver, two Armenian servicemen, and an employee of the Ministry of Emergence were reported as missing. It later emerged all four were taken by Azerbaijani forces and were returned to the Armenian side after the Armenian side exchanged an Azerbaijani POW for the four of them. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

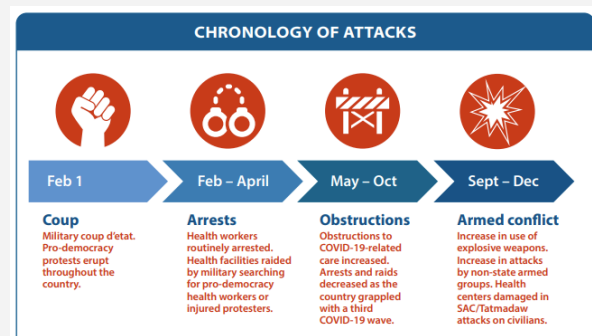
Myanmar

Latest Attacks on Health Data

The 01 January 2016-31 August 2022 data on incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar is now available for download on [HDX](#) or to explore on our [Health Care at Risk](#) interactive global map where you can see incidents, information on who the perpetrators were and what weapons were used. During this period, over 690 health workers have been arrested, 48 killed and hospitals have been raided over 130 times.

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](#).



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02 September 2022: In Dawei town, township and district, Tanintharyi region, a six-month pregnant pharmacy owner was arrested by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Than Lwin Times](#)

05 September 2022: In Let Pan village and village tract, Gangaw township and district, Magway region, the LNGO-ran Tipitaka Metta Hospital was raided by armed members of the Myanmar military. Health workers were forced to sign a document stating that they would not offer medical care to the local defence forces. Staff mobile phones and valuables were taken. The affected health facility was a not-for-profit hospital founded by a monk, and has been operating since 2014. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

07 September 2022: In Pauk town and township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM)-affiliated health worker was arrested by the Myanmar military for allegedly providing health care to local defence forces. **Sources:** [DVB](#) and [Telegram](#)

09 September 2022: Near Pein Hne Taw village, Kyaung Ywar village tract, Thanbyuzayat township, Mawlamyine district, Mon state, two ambulances belonging to the LNGO Aung Mingalar were attacked with small firearms. A landmine detonated, damaging one of the two ambulances and critically injuring two volunteer aid workers. The ambulances were on the way back to Ye town from Mawlamyine town after dropping off patients. The local defence forces issued a statement denying responsibility. **Sources:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#), [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Radio Free Asia](#)

12 September 2022: In Dawei town, township, and district, Tanintharyi region, a student nurse and four other civilians were arrested by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Burma Human Rights Network](#)

Reported on 12 September 2022: In Magway and Sagaing regions, the Myanmar military restricted purchase and transport of medicines. Bulk cargoes of medicines were seized at checkpoints for allegedly being intended to support local defence forces. **Source:** [VOA Burmese](#)

13 September 2022: In Ye-U town and township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, the local defence forces attacked the Myanmar military who have been occupying a traditional hospital (public hospital) for the past six months. The hospital was not functioning at the time of the attack. **Sources:** [Myaelatt Athan](#) and [Myanmar Now](#)

13 September 2022: Between Ka Htaung Ni village and Lay Thon Khan village, Launglon township, Dawei district, Tanintharyi region, a male volunteer ambulance driver was shot dead by two men. The local defence forces issued a statement denying responsibility. **Source:** [Network Media Group](#)

14 September 2022: Near Na Bar village and village tract, Katha township and district, Sagaing region, the bodies of four volunteer aid workers from the LNGO Phyu-sin-mettha were found. The victims were reported missing on 22 August 2022. A local defence force claimed that they killed the victims on 21 August for allegedly being military informants. **Sources:** [Eleven Media](#), [Myanmar Now](#) and [Voice of Myanmar](#)

16 September 2022: In Mindat town, township and district, Chin state, the local defence forces and administrative bodies of the local area blacklisted the Myanmar junta staff of 19 departments in Mindat town, including the district hospital and district health department, for not being affiliated with the CDM. Among the 73 health workers blacklisted were three doctors, 12 nurses, four lady health visitors, seven midwives, two nurse-aids, one health assistant, three public health supervisors, three medical social workers, 18 medical dressers, one compounder, and 19 support staff. They were warned to leave and not return to the area. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

18 September 2022: In an undisclosed location in Demoso township, Loikaw district, Kayah state, a medic of the local defence forces was killed in landmine detonation on her way back after delivering medical care. **Sources:** [Kantarawaddy Times](#), [Myaelatt Athan](#) and [The 74 Media](#)

Reported on 19 September 2022: In Long Sha Yang village and village tract, Puta-O township and district, Kachin state, the full-functioning Station Hospital (primary-level) was closed following heightened clashes between the Myanmar military and the Kachin Independence Army. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

Reported on 20 September 2022: In Moe Bye town, Pekon township, Taunggyi district, Shan state (South), the fully-functioning Station Hospital was closed following heightened clashes in Moe Bye between the Myanmar military and the local defence forces of Karenni state, Shan state and Nay Pyi Taw region during September 2022. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)[Pakistan](#)

Tajikistan

18 September 2022: In an undisclosed location, near the Tajik-Kyrgyz border, an ambulance came under fire by Kyrgyz soldiers, injuring seven people. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Europe

Ukraine

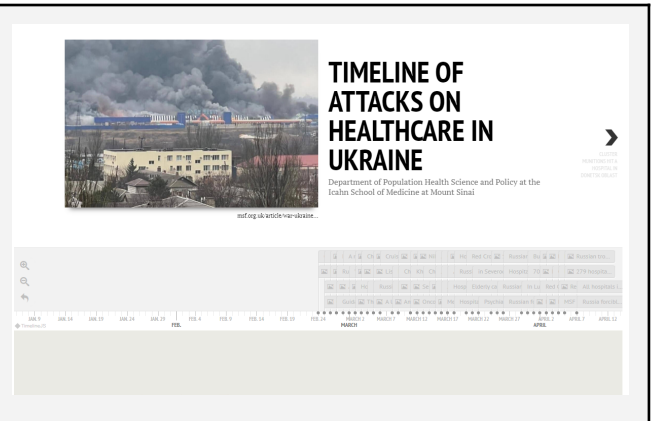
Around 21 September 2022: In Verkhni Sirohozy, Kherson oblast, a school nurse was reportedly kidnapped by Russian forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Latest Attacks on Health Data

The 24 February-21 September 2022 data on incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Ukraine is now available to explore on our [timeline](#) and [global map](#) and to download on [HDX](#).

Our data includes available information on who the perpetrators were and what weapons were used.

We are currently carrying out a verification process against other sources.



Middle East North Africa

Israel

As reported on 10 September 2022: Since 1967, at least 73 Palestinian prisoners have died due to medical negligence during detentions in Israeli prisons. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

07 September 2022: In an undisclosed location, an incident of obstruction to health care delivery was reported. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

12 September 2022: In an undisclosed location, two health workers and a patient were detained. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

16 September 2022: In an undisclosed location, an incident of violence with weapons was reported affecting health workers and transport. **Source:** [WHOSSA](#)¹

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Syrian Arab Republic

15 September 2022: In Hatla village, Deir-ez-Zor governorate, a nurse was detained by Syrian government forces from his parents' house. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Yemen

14 September 2022: In Ar Rubayi city, Taiz's governorate, an ambulance belonging to Al Thawra Hospital was looted by gunmen. One source suggested that the gunmen belonged to the Taiz's military axis and that they had returned the ambulance hours after looting it. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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.

Asia

Bangladesh

11 September 2022: In Taraganj upazila, Rangpur city, district and division, a passenger bus collided with an ambulance coming from the opposite direction on the Rangpur-Dinajpur Regional Highway, leaving five people injured. Three of those injured, including a newborn baby, were declared dead in hospital. **Source:** [New Age](#)

Russian Federation

10-11 June 2022: In Khakassia republic, East Siberian economic region, Siberian federal district, an employee of the Ministry of Internal Affairs severely beat a doctor in front of his friends and family members. Subsequently, a federal judge related to the ministry employee began to intimidate the doctor, forcing him to refrain from testifying and making statements for the Investigative Committee of Russia. **Source:** [Gulagu](#)

¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 22 September 2022.

² WHOSSA accessed 22 September 2022.

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