

Attacks on Health Care

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Global Map On Attacks On Health Care

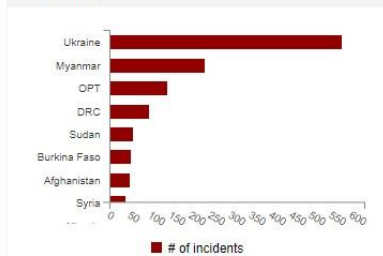
Over 1600 attacks on health care have been documented so far this year. At least 274 health workers have been killed, 391 injured, 216 kidnapped and 242 arrested. Download the 2022 Attacks on Health Care Incident Data on [HDX](#) or explore the incidents on our [Attacked and Threatened: Health Care at Risk](#) interactive global map to see incidents where health workers were killed, kidnapped or injured and incidents where health facilities were damaged or destroyed since 2016. Includes details on who the perpetrators were and the weapons used.

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Reported incidents in 2022 to date, by country



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Reported incidents to date

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Reported health workers killed in 2022 to date

At least
274
health workers killed

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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

Around 18 November 2022: In Liptougou town, Gnagna province, Est region, a midwife was gang raped by suspected Jama'a Nusrat ul-Islam wa al-Muslimin' (JNIM) militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹



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27 November 2022: Near Youba village, Yatenga province, Nord region, an IDP camp was attacked by suspected JNIM militants. One IDP was shot and wounded, and a vehicle, an ambulance, tents, and sheds burned, and motorcycles seized by the militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo

01 December 2022: In Fulu, Butembo city, North Kivu province, a 4x4 vehicle belonging to the NGO IMA World Health with five staff onboard was hijacked by Mayi Mayi militia. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Ethiopia

15 November 2022: Update: In Tigray region, following the 02 November ceasefire agreement between the The Ethiopian Government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), an ICRC convoy arrived with 40 tons of medical aid via the Gondar corridor for the first time since last August, followed by a 15-truck convoy of WFP the next day. **Sources:** [AP](#) and [RFI](#)

Kenya

Around 08 December 2022: In Kotulo between Elram and Falama areas, Mandera county, a driver and a vehicle transporting measles vaccine and food supplements to Falama health centre and rented by Action Against Hunger were hijacked by four suspected Al Shabaab militants in the early morning. The driver was released unharmed in the evening together with the vehicle. **Source:** [The Star](#)

Mali

06 December 2022: In Kita village, Tenenkou commune, Mopti region, a health worker and two other civilians were injured and five civilians from the Tuareg and Fulani communities were killed in air-ground operations using helicopters reportedly by Malian Armed Forces (FAMA) and Wagner forces during the weekly market day. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

08 December 2022: Along the Aparo link road, Obio LGA, Rivers state, a female pharmacist and a customer were kidnapped from a pharmacy and dragged into a waiting car by two armed individuals. **Source:** [Punch Nigeria](#)

Somalia

07 December 2022: In Buur Xakaba town, Bay region, an NGO health coordinator at the district hospital was shot and killed by al Shabaab. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Sudan

06 December 2022: In El Nehoud locality, West Kordofan state, a group of masked men linked to ex-President Omar Al Bashir, armed with Kalashnikovs and sticks, stormed the El Nehoud Hospital, and severely beat a doctor in the Emergency Department. They also robbed staff and patients in wards. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

Uganda

As reported on 01 December 2022: In Moroto town and district, Karamoja subregion, Northern region, 10 community health workers who had come to town for a training session with an INGO, were among 300 men detained at a sports field by soldiers amid an aggressive disarmament campaign by the armed forces targeting cattle raiders. Detainees also included construction workers and hotel employees who were rounded up indiscriminately on the mere basis of being adult males, and thus, potential cattle raiders. **Source:** [The New Humanitarian](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

29 November 2022: In Nangarhar province, the head of Pharmacists Associations was arrested and severely tortured by Taliban forces over a legal dispute that he had with the owner of the marketplace. His pharmacy was seized and given to Taliban members' friends. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Attacks on Health Care in the Islamic Republic of Iran

26 October 2022: In Tehran, amidst an anti-government protest attended by hundreds of medics in front of the Medical Council of the Islamic Republic of Iran, security forces shot protesters with pellet guns. At least five medics were seriously wounded as they had been shot in their backs and legs at close range. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

Late-November 2022: In Shiraz city and county, Fars province, a government security guard was stationed for the first time outside a hospital's emergency ophthalmology department to control whoever was entering and exiting the facility. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

On 03 November 2022: In Karaj city, Alborz province, in footage that went viral on social media, motorcycles carrying government forces in special unit uniforms are seen turning around a victim's body. Then they put the body in the back of a small truck and cover it with an advertising banner. **Sources:** [Instagram](#), [Iranwire](#) and [Twitter](#)

As reported on 07 November 2022: In Siahkal city, Gilan province, wounded protestors were taken to an Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) base instead of hospital. **Source:** [Instagram](#)

As reported on 17 November 2022: In Evin prison, Tehran city, and province, medication is reportedly being denied to a well-known political prisoner. **Sources:** [Instagram](#) and [Instagram](#)

As reported on 19 November 2022: In Bukan city, Azerbaijan province, Ghalipur Hospital was raided by over 50 IRGC forces who opened fire inside the hospital, injuring at least three people. A citizen's body was reportedly removed and buried secretly. **Source:** [Instagram](#)

As reported on 20 November 2022: In Sanandaj city and province, the body of a 22-year-old man who was killed by a direct gunshot was reportedly removed from Kowsar Hospital by security forces. **Source:** [Instagram](#)

As reported on 21 November 2022: In Sanandaj city and province, a wounded citizen was transferred from Kowsar hospital to an unknown destination by security forces. **Source:** [Instagram](#)

24 November 2022: In Javanrud city, Kermanshah province, local community members and hospital staff formed human circles around a hospital to prevent security forces from attacking the hospital and removing bodies and wounded people. **Source:** [Instagram](#)

As reported on 24 November 2022: In Baharestan city, Tehran province, an ambulance was reportedly used by security forces and taken to a security forces base called "Abuolfazl". **Sources:** [Instagram I](#) and [Instagram II](#)

As reported on 08 December 2022: In Kurdistan province, government blockades have prompted civilian volunteers to smuggle in bandages and medicine on foot, and treat wounded protestors, who refuse to go to hospital for fear of getting arrested, in secret. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

As reported on 10 December 2022: In an undisclosed location, security forces detained and tortured a male radiologist for his involvement in anti-government protests. His wife, who has been sentenced to 25 years in prison, was coerced into giving evidence against him. He was eventually given the death sentence whilst he was in hospital to undergo surgery. **Sources:** [Iran Wire](#) and [New Age](#)

Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

For details on reported incidents between 30 November-13 December 2022, please see [here](#). Past editions: [16-29 November](#); [02-15 November](#). Analysis reports: [May 2022 Update](#); [SHCC 2021 Myanmar Factsheet](#)

Explore our [Attacked and Threatened: Health Care at Risk](#) interactive global map to see documented incidents in Myanmar since 2016. Includes details on who the perpetrators were and the weapons used. Access the dataset on [HDX](#). The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this report.

Pakistan

19 November 2022: In Jamrud tehsil, Khyber district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a polio worker's home was fired at by armed men, damaging the gate of the house. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

30 November 2022: Near Quetta city, Balochistan province, a Tahreek-e-Taliban Pakistan suicide bomber rammed his vehicle into a police truck escorting a polio vaccination team, detonating explosives, and forcing police officers on board to plunge into a ravine. A policeman, a woman, and a child were killed instantly. More than 30 people, including 15 police officers, got injured, some critically. A wounded man died after he was hospitalised. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

06 December 2022: In Khoi Behara neighbourhood, Dera Ismail Khan city and district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, militants opened fire at a police convoy that was checking security arrangements for a polio vaccination campaign. Squad vehicles were damaged as a result of gunfire, and a police officer inside one of the vehicles got injured. After the perpetrators escaped, police and military officials launched a search operation. The vaccination campaign took place despite this attack. **Source:** [The Express Tribune](#)

As reported on 08 December 2022: In Kot Palk area, Darazaida neighbourhood, Dera Ismail Khan city and district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, four Tahreek-e-Taliban Pakistan militants seized two policemen guarding a polio vaccination campaign, and stole their official Kalashnikovs, prompting police to start a door-to-door search operation. **Sources:** [The Express Tribune](#) and [TRAC](#)

Europe

Attacks on Health Data in Ukraine

The 01 January 2016-x 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](#). 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

Libya

20 November 2022: In Az Zawiyah city and district, Tripolitania region, a nurse from the Az Zawiyah Medical Centre was shot dead in the head by an armed militant. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territories

As reported on 29 November 2022: In Beit Ummar town, near Hebron city and governorate, an Israeli soldier fired a gas bomb towards an ambulance belonging to the Palestinian Red Crescent, injuring a 32-year-old male paramedic. **Source:** [Shebab News Agency](#)

As reported on 07 December 2022: In Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, an Israeli military vehicle temporarily blocked four ambulances from reaching the old city to evacuate Palestinians wounded during a raid by Israeli troops. **Source:** [Palestine Online](#)

08 December 2022: In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, an ambulance transporting a wounded person came under fire amidst fierce clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinian Islamic Jihad fighters following a raid at the Jenin Camp by Israeli troops. **Sources:** [New Age](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

01 December 2022: In Jomleh town, Dara'a governorate, a pharmacist was shot and killed in front of his house by gunmen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Yemen

27 November 2022: In Ibb city and governorate, the head of medical supplies in Al Manar Hospital was kidnapped by unidentified armed men. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Colombia

05 December 2022: In Patia municipality, Cauca department, a nurse was shot and injured when armed individuals opened fire at an ambulance carrying a patient. **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

Australia

25 November 2022: In Western Australia state, thousands of nurses and midwives led by the Australian Nursing Federation took part in a strike after rejecting a pay and conditions offer by the state government. As a result, hundreds of surgeries, including procedures for cancer patients, were cancelled. In response, on 29 November, the Industrial Relations Commission threatened to suspend the registration of the Australian Nursing Federation. **Sources:** [ABC I](#) and [ABC II](#)

Bangladesh

04 December 2022: In Nabinagar Panaitapara area, Sherpur town and district, Mymensingh division, a and her 11-year-old son went missing. Their bodies were found by police inside a septic tank of a rented house. Police have detained three persons for alleged involvement in the murder. **Source:** [New Age](#)

India

09 December 2022: In Adibatla area, Hyderabad city, Ranga Reddy district, Telangana state, at least 50 people invaded a private residence and kidnapped a doctor, vandalised their home and attacked the victim's father and other family members. **Source:** [Mirror Now](#)

Europe

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

As first reported on 29 November 2022: A string of trade unions — including the Royal College of Nursing, GMB, Unite, and Unison — have called for industrial action every day in December, with 100,000 nurses scheduled to take part in a strike on 15 and 20 December, and 10,000 paramedics from nine of England's 10 ambulance services and those of Wales on 21 and 28 December. **Sources:** [Daily Mail I](#), [Daily Mail II](#), [Daily Mail III](#) and [The Telegraph](#)

Middle East North Africa

Egypt

01 December 2022: In Quesna city, Monufia governorate, family members, including the husband, of a pregnant woman suffering from minor bleeding insulted and threatened medical staff at the Emergency Room of the central hospital, after they were told that the gynaecologist in charge was not immediately available. Shortly afterwards, the perpetrators attacked six nurses and three female workers, injuring them. A nurse, who was pregnant, suffered a miscarriage as a result. It must be noted that the husband of the pregnant woman has been identified as an air force officer. **Source:** [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

As reported on 07 December 2022: In Beheira governorate, a patient's relative slapped a nurse in the face at an undisclosed hospital. As medical staff intervened to defend the nurse, other relatives assaulted a doctor, five nurses, and a security guard, and damaged medical equipment. On 07 December, the Egyptian Public Prosecution ordered the detention of six suspects for four days pending further investigations. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Israel

As reported on 28 November 2022: In Jerusalem, during a celebration inside the Hadassah Hospital, staff offered leftover refreshments to patients, including a 16-year-old Palestinian in police custody. Police complained with hospital management about a Palestinian male cardiothoracic surgeon who offered candy to the 16-year-old, after which the hospital issued a press release describing the physician as a terrorist sympathiser. The physician was later sacked. **Source:** [Physicians for Human Rights Israel](#)

The Americas

United States of America

01 December 2022: In Spokane city and county, Washington state, a man shot and killed a male Providence Home Health nurse who was treating his grandmother in their home. He was arrested on 02 December, and charged with second-degree murder. **Sources:** [Nurse](#) and [Spokesman](#)

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

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