

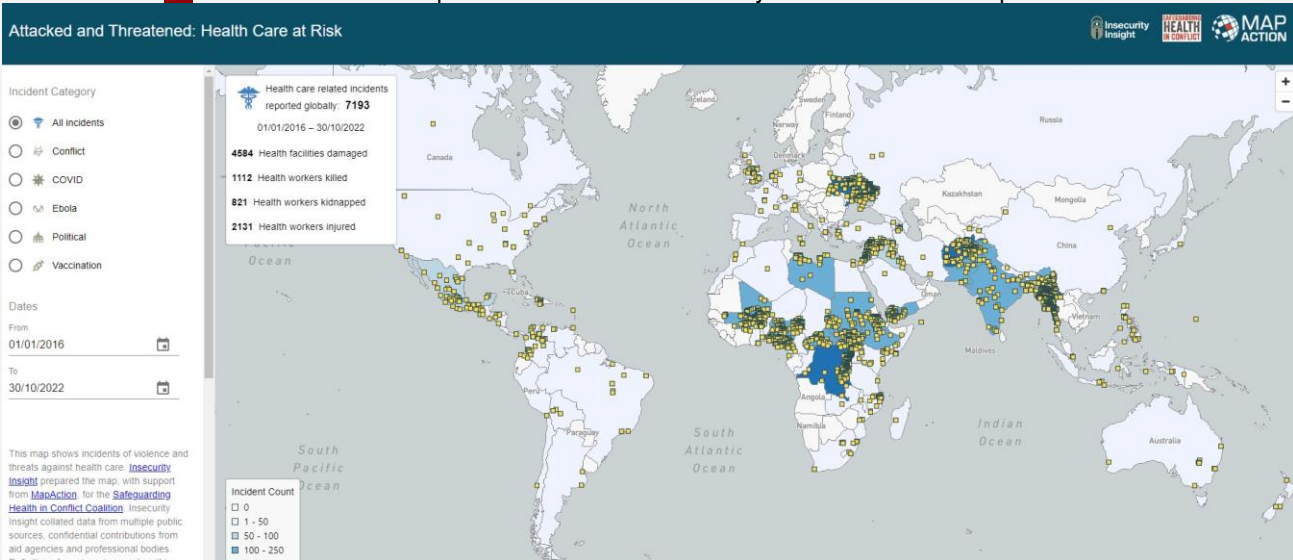
# Attacks on Health Care

## Bi-Monthly News Brief

14-27  
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### Global Map On 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

#### Burkina Faso

**20 December 2022:** In Boussouma village, Bam province, Centre-Nord region, an ambulance and sheds at a marketplace were set on fire, and a shop looted, during an attack by suspected JNIM militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**24 December 2022:** Between Tougouri and Taparko villages, Centre-Nord region, an INGO health truck loaded with medicine was seized by suspected JNIM militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### Democratic Republic of the Congo

**20 December 2022:** In Maboya town, Bashu chieftaincy, Beni territory, North Kivu province, the local health centre managed by Christian nuns recommenced some activities following an attack in

October 2022 by suspected Allied Democratic Forces militia members. **Source:** [Radio Moto](#)

**23-24 December 2022:** In Vwerere village, Halungupa locality, Ruwenzori sector, Beni territory, North Kivu province, suspected Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) militia looted a pharmacy before setting the store on fire. **Source:** [Actualité](#)

**25 December 2022:** In Kirungu area, Bavira chieftaincy, Uvira territory, South Kivu province, suspected Mai-Mai militia members ambushed and attacked a vehicle, killing a male doctor and injuring two other civilians by gunshot. **Source:** [Kivu Times](#), [La Prunelle](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)

**27 December 2022:** In Nyalubwe locality, South Kivu province, the director, an administrator, and a logistics officer of the Nyakirango Hospital were shot dead by gunmen, as they were leaving Uvira for Bijombo. **Source:** [SOS Medias Burundi](#)

### **Mali**

**18 December 2022:** In Susi Koira quarter, Gao city, cercle and region, a Malian male INGO health worker was kidnapped by gunmen from the INGOs base. **Sources:** [Le Figaro](#) and [Maliactu](#)

### **Nigeria**

**27 December 2022:** In an undisclosed location, an unspecified number of medical personnel were picked up by Boko Haram militants, and taken to their Mantari Camp to treat wounded fighters. **Source:** [Zagazola](#)

### **Niger**

**15 December 2022:** In Chatoumane village, Tillabéri region, medicine was looted from a health centre by suspected IS Sahel militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan**

**24 December 2022:** The Taliban Ministry of the Economy decreed that female employees are no longer legally allowed to work for national or international NGOs, claiming that some female staff had not followed the prescribed dress code for women appearing in public in accordance with the Taliban's interpretation of Sharia Law. The Taliban further threatened to revoke the licence of NGOs found not to be compliant with the order. In response, on 25 December, four INGOs (CARE, the International Rescue Committee - which employs more than 3,000 women in Afghanistan - the Norwegian Refugee Council, and Save the Children) providing health, education, child protection, and nutrition services, suspended their operations across the country, explaining that they cannot operate without their female staff. **Source:** [NBC I](#) and [NBC II](#)

### **Myanmar**

#### **Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar**

For details on reported incidents between 14-27 December 2022, please see this [document](#).

## **Middle East North Africa**

### **Islamic Republic of Iran**

**12 December 2022:** In Ektaban town, near Tehran, a 36-year-old Iranian female doctor disappeared after leaving the home of a wounded anti-government protester to retrieve medical items from another neighbourhood. The next morning, the police called her family, announcing that the doctor had died in a car crash. However, at the morgue, a medical examiner told the family that the woman had in fact been killed, as evidenced by signs of torture and severe bruises all over her body and face. **Sources:** [Iran International TV](#), [Iran Wire](#) and [Twitter](#)

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

**As reported on 25 December 2022:** In Al-Busayrah town, Deir ez-Zor district and governorate, the Head of the Al-Busayrah Hospital was shot and severely injured by suspected Islamic State cells on motorcycles near his residence. He was taken to the Jadid Bakara Hospital for treatment. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

## Yemen

**18 December 2022:** In Aden city and governorate, grenades of unidentified origin were dropped on the office of the INGO MedGlobal office, damaging several facilities, including a generator, water pipes, and a fuel tank. **Sources:** [MedGlobal I](#) and [MedGlobal II](#)

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## 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

### Mozambique

**22 December 2022:** In Maputo, the Medical Association of Mozambique announced that doctors' national strike that started 18 days ago will be suspended for a month. The 2000 doctors resumed activities on the following day. **Source:** [Club of Mozambique](#)

### South Africa

**As reported on 26 December 2022:** In Mqanduli town, Eastern Cape province, two armed men walked into the Zithulele Hospital pretending to be looking for a patient, until they identified a nurse, dragged her outside the building, and fatally shot her. **Source:** [SABC](#)

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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. This document is funded and supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester, the European Commission through the 'Ending violence against healthcare in conflict' project and through the project 'Ending violence against healthcare in conflict: documentation, tools, and data-informed advocacy to stop and prevent attacks' funded by the European Union. The contents are the responsibility of Insecurity Insight.

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 11 January 2023

<sup>2</sup> [WHOSSA](#) accessed 11 January 2023

