

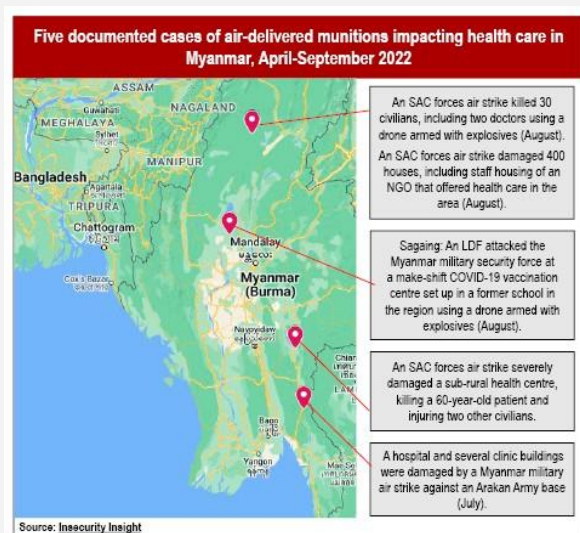
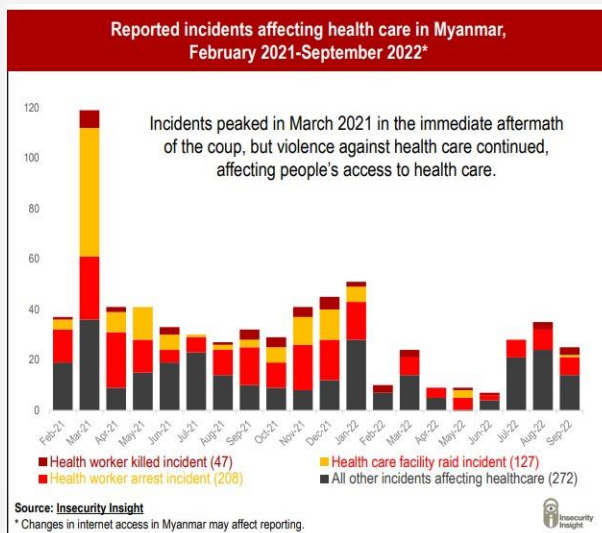
Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

11-24 January 2023



In the period from the coup on 1 February 2021 to 30 September 2022, 671 incidents of violence against health care were reported in Myanmar. During this time at least 750 health workers were arrested, hospitals were raided on 140 occasions, and at least 56 health workers were killed.

Between April and September 2022, 111 incidents affecting health care were reported, highlighting the extent to which the Myanmar health system remains under attack despite a small overall decrease of reported incidents. This [report](#) focuses on these 111 incidents (previous reports covered [1 February 2021 to 10 January 2022](#) and [1 January to 31 March 2022](#)). Access the data on [HDX](#).



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Documented incidents

11 January 2023: At the Chin National Federation/ Chin National Army Camp Victoria Base Camp, Htantlang township, Chin state, a clinic was damaged by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military. Leaked military documents in November 2022 listed two clinics along with 23 other infrastructures at this base camp as the targets of airstrikes. The clinic was operated by five doctors and six nurses and provided health care to the people living in the area. **Sources:** [Burma Associated Press](#), [Chin Human Rights Organization](#), [Facebook](#) and [Mizoram News](#)

11 January 2023: In Kyaukme town, township and district, Shan state, a CDM-affiliated specialist doctor was arrested and her house sealed and confiscated by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Radio Free Asia](#)

11 January 2023: In Kyaukme town, township and district, Shan state, a nurse and a male dentist were arrested by the Myanmar military. Both were CDM-affiliated. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Radio Free Asia](#)

Reported on 12 January 2023: At a military checkpoint near Thone Daing village, Kyar Inn Shwe Doe village tract, Kyain Seikgyi township and district, Kayin state, a male civilian transporting medicine was beaten and the medicine seized by Myanmar military forces who alleged the medicine were for local defence forces. **Source:** [Karen Information Centre](#)

12 January 2023: In Nga Nan village and village tract, Si Mee Khon town, Myingyan township and district, Mandalay region, a Public Health Supervisor was shot dead while he was on duty at the sub-rural public health centre where he worked with his midwife. Four gunmen entered the facility, asked for medicine, and then shot him. He was CDM-affiliated and was an alleged military informant. The Myanmar military accused the local defence forces for the attack. **Sources:** [Mandalay Free Press](#), [Telegram](#) and [Voice of Myanmar](#)

13 January 2023: In Kawlin town, township and district, Sagaing region, a male pharmacy owner and his wife were arrested by the Myanmar military after an attack on a junta office by the local defence forces. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

13 January 2022: In Pyigyitagon township, Mandalay district and region, the Myanmar military inspected two private hospitals London Hospital and Mingalar Myo Set Hospital, took duty rosters and the surgical operations register, and warned the hospitals to close down before 20 January 2023 with the reason of not having valid hospital licence. **Source:** [Tha Bye Nyo News](#)

14 January 2023: In Ma Gyi Koe Pin village, Chauk Kan village tract, Pakokku township and district, Magway region, a midwife was fatally stabbed by armed men who entered her house, threatened her husband with guns, and attacked her. She was a known military informant. The Myanmar military accused the local defence forces of the attack. **Sources:** [Myae Latt Athan](#) and [Telegram](#)

Reported on 19 January 2023: Update: In Mandalay city, district, and region, on 19 December 2022, the junta court handed a 21-year prison term to a doctor who owned three private clinics offering outpatient treatment and laboratory services. He was arrested on 26 April 2022 along with his father and elder sister. His father was released after 18 days while his sister was handed 20-year imprisonment on 14 December 2022. The three clinics were closed, sealed, and confiscated. The family property worth 20 million Myanmar kyats (~ 9500 USD) and 1.45 visses of gold (2.367 kg) were confiscated. They were arrested for employing CDM-afflicted health workers and charged with participating in a terrorist group and financing terrorism under Counterterrorism Laws. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

21 January 2023: In Ba Hin village and village tract, Myaing township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a hospital was damaged by artillery fire by Myanmar military air forces. Health workers and around 50 patients were evacuated. No staff or patient injuries were reported. An X-ray room, staff housing, and an ambulance were damaged requiring temporary closure. The facility was a 16-bed primary-level hospital operating under the Ministry of Health. After the coup, it stopped functioning until the area fell under the control of the local defence forces. At the time of the attack, the hospital was operated by the CDM-affiliated health workers, under the Myanmar exile government. **Sources:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#), [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Facebook](#), [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Mizzima](#)

22 January 2023: In Monywa town, township, and district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military raided a hospital ran by the LNGO Shwe Taung Metta, destroyed the building and surrounding shops, confiscated medicines and equipment, furniture, and ambulances, and arrested the head monk of the LNGO. No staff were injured after having fled early due to the anticipated raid. The hospital offered outpatient service to around 200 patients per day and admitted up to 100 patients. After the attack, the military reportedly dug trenches around the hospital. **Sources:** [BBC Burmese](#), [Burma Human Rights Network](#), [Delta News Agency](#), [Facebook](#), [Mandalay Free Press](#), [Mandalay Free Press II](#) and [The 74 Media](#)

22 January 2023: In Monywa town, township, and district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military raided the Shwe Taw Win Private Hospital and inspected whether any CDM-affiliated health workers were employed. A male doctor, a nurse, and a surgical worker were arrested. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#) and [The 74 Media](#)

23 January 2023: In Mindat town, township and district, Chin state, the Myanmar military launched artillery fire at the compound of a public hospital. **Source:** [Myanmar Now](#)

23 January 2023: In Hpakan town and township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, the Myanmar military kidnapped a doctor during armed clashes between the Myanmar military and a joint force of local defence forces and the Kachin Independence Army. Some reports suggest the doctor was kidnapped to treat wounded soldiers. **Source:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#)

Reported on 24 January 2023: A leaked junta document states that as per the meeting decision on 18 January 2023, private clinics, hospitals and schools in Thingangyun township, Yangon region would be inspected for employment of any health or education workers affiliated with the CDM, and if such employment was found, the clinics, hospitals and schools would be sealed. The inspections are to be executed within a month. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

As reported on 24 January 2023: In Aung Chan Thar village and village tract, Pyinoolwin township and district, Mandalay region, a doctor was kidnapped by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [BBC Burmese](#)

24 January 2023: In Chanayethazan township, Mandalay district and region, a private clinic and laboratory was listed by the Myanmar military lobbyist to be inspected accusing the two doctor owners of employing CDM-affiliated health workers. **Sources:** [Chindwin News Agency](#) and [VKontakte](#)

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