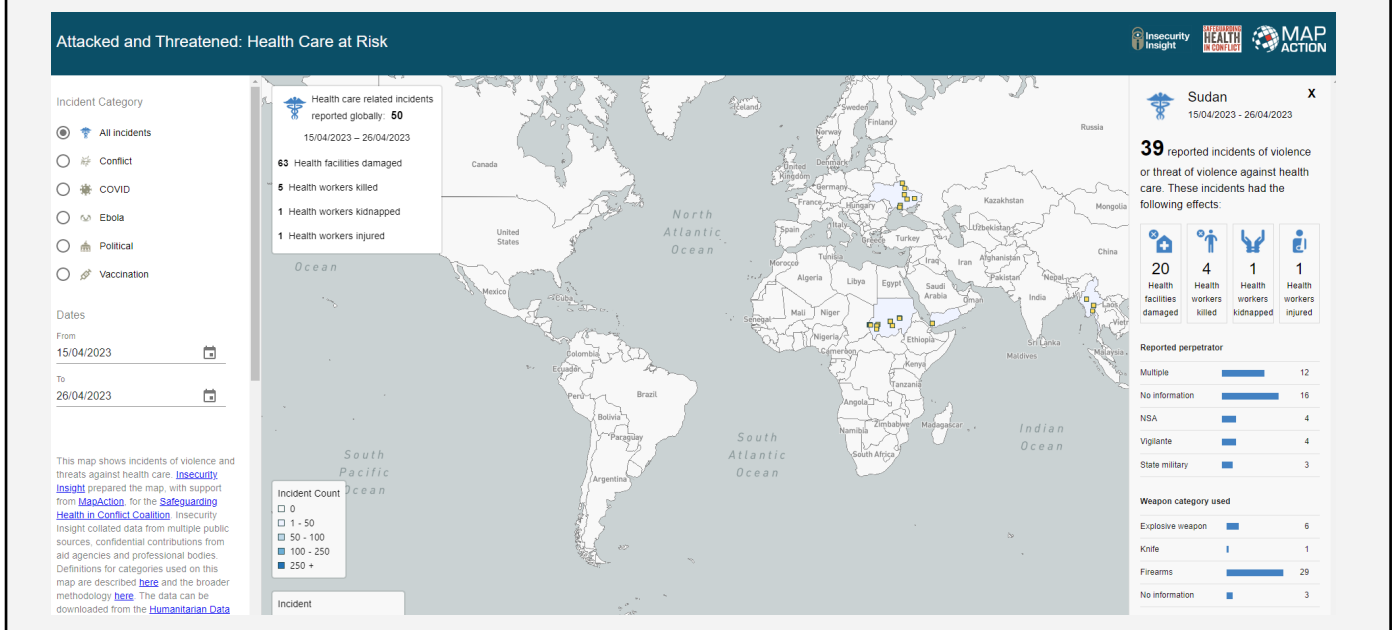


Attacks on health care in Sudan

19-26 April 2023



Since fighting started between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF), hundreds of civilians have been killed and many others injured. The violence has impacted health workers, hospitals, ambulances and patients. At least 39 attacks on Sudan's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 15-26 April. Health facilities have been damaged in shelling and arson attacks, vital medical supplies looted, health workers killed, injured and arrested, and patients deliberately obstructed from accessing health care. Explore the incidents including details on perpetrators and the weapons used on this [interactive map](#). Access the [dataset](#) on HDX.



Below are the incidents Insecurity Insight has identified between 19-26 April, including armed conflict related incidents as well as political violence related incidents. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all incidents that affected the provision of health care and have not been independently verified. Data collection is ongoing and data may change as more information is made available. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please do not hesitate to [get in touch](#). Visit our [website](#), join our [mailing list](#), follow us on [Twitter](#). Help support our work by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/19-26Apr2023SDNHealth. Previous editions: [15-19 April 2023](#)

Documented incidents

19 April 2023: In Al Fashir city, North Darfur state, unidentified perpetrators looted the Specialised Children's Hospital, and stole two ambulances. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

20 April 2023: In West Darfur state, Rapid Support Forces (RSF) members looted the Ministry of Health. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

22-23 April 2023: In Kreinik locality, West Darfur state, an MSF-supported hospital was attacked by unidentified perpetrators. Three people, including two medical workers, were killed. The

hospital's pharmacy was also looted. MSF staff were not present at the time of the incident. **Source:** [MSF](#)

24 April 2023: In El Geneina city, West Darfur state, unidentified perpetrators violently invaded the MSF-supported El Geneina Teaching Hospital, and fired shots inside the facility, including the emergency room. Health workers, including those from MSF, were evacuated. **Source:** [MSF](#)

25 April 2023: In Khartoum, a Sudanese-American medic was attacked and stabbed in front of his house by unidentified perpetrators, and later died in hospital. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#), [The Star](#) and [The World](#)

25 April 2023: In Khartoum, RSF seized the National Public Health Laboratory, which contains samples of diseases, such as polio, measles and cholera, and other biological material. Medical technicians were no longer able to access the facility. In response to the occupation of the said laboratory, the World Health Organisation warned of a huge biological risk. **Source:** [CNN](#)

25 April 2023: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, the Al-Roumi Medical Centre was hit and damaged and 13 people injured in an airstrike. The hospital closed. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Firstpost](#)

25 April 2023: In El Geneina city, West Darfur state, a volunteer office was damaged and set on fire as a result of armed clashes. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

Related resources

The SHCC identified 52 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan in 2021. 34 health workers were injured and/or assaulted and 22 health workers were arrested. Security forces raided hospitals at least 25 times. Factsheet available in [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

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