

Attacks on Health Care

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Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

Since fighting started between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF), 174 civilians have been killed and hundreds others injured. The violence has impacted health workers, hospitals, ambulances and patients. At least 13 hospitals in Khartoum have stopped functioning and those that are operating are running low on supplies and struggling with power or water cuts. This [document](#) includes incidents Insecurity Insight has identified between 15-19 April, including armed conflict related incidents as well as political violence related incidents.

Medical Apartheid in Palestine

Public health scholars Joe Amon and Yazid Barhoush's [new report](#) discusses how Israeli health policies and attacks on health facilities constitute a system of medical apartheid and violate the right to health of Arab residents of the Palestinian territories.

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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

Democratic Republic of the Congo

As reported on 07 April 2023: In Birambizo locality, Bukombo grouping, Rutshuru territory, North Kivu province, March 23 Movement militants pillaged a local health centre and a hospital of health supplies and equipment before withdrawing from the area. **Source:** [Radio Moto](#)

11 April 2023: In Ali Yana village, Mahagi territory, Ituri province, doors, windows, documents and medical equipment at a health centre were destroyed in an nighttime attack by CODECO fighters. Seven classrooms at a school being used as a voter registration centre were also set on fire and educational materials looted. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

14 April 2023: In Kilo village, Djugu territory, Ituri province, a health centre was set on fire and destroyed in an attack on the area by CODECO fighters. At least 28 to 36 civilians were killed, and houses and shops were set on fire and goods looted. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ethiopia

09 April 2023: In Abscia, East Belesa woreda, Central Gondar, Amhara region, an unidentified armed group opened gunfire at an ambulance taking a pregnant woman to a health facility, wounding an ambulance driver and a midwife and damaging the ambulance. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹



Mali

31 March 2023: In Sama village, Bankass, Mopti region, medicine at the village health centre was seized by FAMA and Wagner during a combined air-and-ground operation in the village where they searched houses and seized property. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Somalia

08 April 2023: In Daynile district, Banadir region, a female vaccination worker was shot and killed by suspected Al Shabaab militants during a vaccination campaign. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Asia

Afghanistan

09 April 2023: In Dashtak village, Argo district, Badakhshan province, a doctor was shot and killed by armed men inside the clinic where he was living with his wife and child. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

13 April 2023: In the Chashma Sher area, Taluqan city, Takhar province, a female doctor was shot dead and her husband injured by gunmen. The motive for the incident is unclear with unconfirmed reports accusing Taliban forces of her killing. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

Attacks on Health Data in Myanmar

For details on reported incidents between 05-18 April 2023, please see this [document](#).

Past incident reports [22 March-04 April](#); [08-21 March](#); [22 February-07 March](#); [08-21 February](#); [All](#).

Analysis reports: [April-September 2022](#); [1 February 2021-10 January 2022](#); [1 January- 31 March 2022](#).

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Europe

Ukraine

Attacks on Health Data in Ukraine

At least 822 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 21 March 2023. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see incidents where health facilities were damaged or destroyed in Ukraine since February 2022. Report the [report](#).

Middle East North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

05 April 2023: In East Jerusalem, West Bank, a clinic inside the Al Aqsa Mosque compound was severely damaged in a violent invasion by Israeli military forces, putting it out of service. Four ambulances and five mini ambulances carrying Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRSC) medical teams were prevented from entering the compound to reach the wounded, including a PRCS paramedic, who was assaulted. Two ambulances were also targeted, one with a rubber-coated steel bullet, and the other with a sound bomb. **Sources:** [Medical Aid for Palestinians](#), [Middle East Eye](#), [Personal Communication I](#), [Personal Communication II](#), and [The New Arab](#)

07 April 2023: East of Gaza city, Gaza Strip, 12 Israeli missiles targeting Hamas positions damaged the Al-Durra Children's Hospital and surrounding housing. **Sources:** [Al-Aqsa Radio](#), [New Age](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

11 April 2023: In Deir-ez-Zor city and governorate, five people including two male NGO nurses working in a military hospital were arrested by Syrian regime military intelligence patrol members for unknown reasons. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Yemen

18 April 2023: In Hays city, Al Hudaydah province, a 12-year-old IDP boy collecting plastic bottles near a medical unit was killed when drone strikes hit the facility. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

The Americas

Colombia

08 April 2023: Along the Suarez - Cali Road, Suarez, Cauca department, unidentified armed individuals opened fire on an ambulance transporting an injured patient. No injuries were reported.

Source: [ACLED](#)¹

Haiti

05 April 2023: In Port-au-Prince - Petionville, Ouest department, a doctor and head of the National Laboratory of Public Health was kidnapped from his vehicle by gang members. The doctor sustained injuries and was taken to hospital where he was released. **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 and the Pacific

Australia

14 April 2023: On Queen Street, Campbelltown suburb, Sydney city, New South Wales state, a 21-year-old man repeatedly stabbed a 29-year-old male paramedic at a restaurant carpark, killing him. The perpetrator was arrested on the scene, after a colleague of the victim called the police. **Source:**

[Daily Mail](#)

Bangladesh

08 April 2023: In Chittagong city, district and division, a temporary employee at Ward 13, Chattogram Medical College Hospital, stole government medicine worth BDT5,000 from the hospital, prompting police to arrest him. **Source:** [New Age](#)

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.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 20 April 2023.

