

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

Sudan

Attacks on Health Data in Sudan

At least 65 attacks on Sudan's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-30 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 on this [interactive map](#). Access the data on [HDX](#).

This [document](#) includes incidents between 27 April and 16 May. Previous incident reports: [19-26 April](#); [15-19 April](#).

Asia

Myanmar

Attacks on Health Data in Myanmar

At least 122 attacks on Myanmar's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between January-April 2023. Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents were reported, who the perpetrators were and the weapons used. This [document](#) includes incidents Insecurity Insight has identified between 03-19 May 2023.

Past incident reports: [19 April-02 May](#); [05-18 April](#); [22 March-04 April](#); [08-21 March](#); [All](#).

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

Europe

Ukraine

Attacks on Health Data in Ukraine

At least 889 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 07 April 2023. Explore the incidents on this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian).

Middle East North Africa

Egypt

13 May 2023: In Badr city, Cairo governorate, a male political detainee died at the Badr Prison Hospital after being subjected to medical negligence whilst incarcerated. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)



14 May 2023: In Asyut city and governorate, a male political detainee died at the Assuit Hospital after being subjected to medical negligence whilst incarcerated. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Israel

09-11 May 2023: Near Erez kibbutz, Sha'ar HaNegev council, Southern district, Israeli forces closed the Erez Crossing leading to the Gaza Strip, Palestine, thereby preventing the entry of 147 mostly Palestinian cancer patients, including five with urgent medical needs, and their companions, for treatment in hospitals in Israel, Jerusalem, and the West Bank. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

09 May 2023: In Gaza, Gaza Strip, a 52-year-old Palestinian-Russian dentist and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Al Wafa Rehabilitation Hospital was killed alongside his 44-year-old wife and 19 or 21-year-old son, when Israeli missiles targeting neighbouring apartments struck their home. **Sources:** [Al-Haq](#), [Personal Communication I](#), [Personal Communication II](#), [Personal Communication III](#), [Personal Communication IV](#) and [PHRI](#)

As reported on 13 May 2023: In Deir al-Balah town and governorate, Gaza Strip, the destruction of a house has caused damages to the nearby Al-Aqsa Hospital. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 13 May 2023: In Beit Hanoun town, Gaza Strip, the Pediatric Department of the Beit Hanoun Hospital was moved to a safer area within the facility due to Israeli shells impacting its adjacent area. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

25 April 2023: In Damascus, a male engineering student at the al-Mwasat Hospital was arrested by Syrian security forces. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

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

Senegal

10 May 2023: In Ngor commune, Dakar, unidentified perpetrators threw stones at a Red Cross vehicle, and set it on fire, amid clashes between security forces and demonstrators. **Source:** [Croix-Rouge Sénégalaise](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

05 May 2023: In Chharaitkandi village, Sonagazi upazila, Feni district, Chittagong division, a male homoeopathy practitioner was hacked to death by a fellow villager over a longstanding land dispute. The victim's brothers were also injured. **Source:** [New Age](#)

India

10 May 2023: In Kollam city, Kerala state, a female doctor was stabbed at a hospital by a man who was brought there by police, after being involved in a fight with his family members. The doctor succumbed to her injuries a few hours later. **Source:** [The Hills Times](#)

The Americas

United States of America

03 May 2023: In Atlanta city, Georgia state, a man opened fire in the lobby of the Northside Hospital Medical Midtown, where his mother had taken him for an appointment, after staff refused to supply him with his preferred medication for anxiety and depression. A 39-year-old female patient and employee of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention was killed. Four other women were injured. The perpetrator fled the scene with a stolen pickup truck, but was captured by police hours later elsewhere. **Sources:** [Boing Boing](#), [Boston Herald](#), [Daily Mail](#) and [Mirror](#)

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