

Attacks on health care in Sudan

17 May and 13 June 2023



At least 93 attacks on Sudan's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-13 June. 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](#). The map and the dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief.

Below are the incidents Insecurity Insight has identified between 27 April-16 May, 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](#).

Previous incident reports: [27 April-16 May](#); [19-26 April](#); [15-19 April](#). Help support our work by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/17May-13Jun2023SDNHealth

Documented incidents

18 May 2023: In Khartoum, a Deputy Psychiatry Specialist at the Al Tijani Al Mahi Hospital went missing. **Source:** [Preliminary Committee of Sudan Doctors Syndicate](#)

26 May 2023: In El Obeid city, North Kordofan state, members of the Sudan Armed Forces entered the Teaching Hospital, and threatened to close the facility if medics receive or treat members of the Rapid Support Forces. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

As reported on 02 June 2023: In El Geneina city, West Darfur state, ongoing clashes have completely paralysed health institutions, leaving the injured without essential medical care. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

As reported on 02 June 2023: In Zalingei city, Central Darfur state, a lack of essential medicines and fuel shortages have put the dialysis centre at risk of closure. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

03 June 2023: In Al Hijrah area, Omdurman city, Khartoum state, members of the RSF broke down the doors of the Abdelmoniem Mohamed Health Centre, and occupied it. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Radio Dabanga](#)

03-04 June 2023: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, gunmen plundered and destroyed with heavy weapons a bank, pharmacies, warehouses, shops, and houses. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

06 June 2023: In an undisclosed location, members of the RSF stopped and checked an MSF convoy upon its departure from an MSF warehouse. Before allowing the convoy to continue its journey to Gezira state, they requested MSF personnel to make a positive statement on camera regarding the RSFs' procedures relating to the delivery of humanitarian aid via safe corridors, and their treatment of INGO personnel. **Sources:** [MSF Sudan](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 07 June 2023: In South Darfur state, fighting has left the state's health care system with a severe shortage of essential medicines, and available supplies only sufficient for two weeks. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

As reported on 07 June 2023: Update: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, the Nyala Teaching Hospital, the Specialists Hospital, the Turkish Hospital, and the El Wehda Hospital, in addition to six health centres, were able to resume operations, following their recent forced closure. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

As reported on 07 June 2023: In Kutum town, North Darfur state, wounded patients have been prevented from being transferred to Al Fashir city for medical treatment amid a blockade by the RSF. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

08 June 2023: In Alsafia neighbourhood, North Khartoum city, Khartoum state, a projectile hit the pharmacy of the Haj Elsafi Teaching Hospital, whilst another struck the Altaqwa Mosque. Five people were killed. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

10 June 2023: In Khartoum, members of the RSF moved a number of vehicles they had looted, including an ambulance and a fuel truck, from one location to another. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

10 June 2023: In El Obeid city, North Kordofan state, a lack of electricity for 10 days and fuel to power generators have caused the Emergency Hospital and the Al Daman Hospital to shut. Labs and other units in a number of hospitals were also forcibly closed. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 11 June 2023: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, members of the RSF occupying the Shifa Al Alil Hospital have harassed and denied entry or treatment to civilian patients, giving priority to Rapid Support Forces patients. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 13 June 2023: In El Mansoura neighbourhood, Ombadda district, Omdurman city, Khartoum state, more than 100 diabetic patients are facing life-threatening risks as they have been unable to get insulin for one week. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

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