

Attacks on Health Care

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Protecting Health in Conflict in Sudan: A Call for Health Worker Solidarity

This new [BMJ article](#) by Khidir Dalouk and Rohini J Haar, discusses how attacks on health care facilities and staff have exacerbated the suffering caused by the conflict in Sudan. The global health community must respond with solidarity and support.

Toolkit: Evidence That Protects Health Care

In 2022, almost [2000](#) violent incidents affecting health care in conflict were recorded. Violence against health care not only inflicts death and injury on health workers and patients, it also destroys the capacity of health systems to provide services, depriving people of their right to health. This [toolkit](#) brings together useful tools from data collection forms, analysis frameworks, templates, case studies and more.

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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

Central African Republic

15 June 2023: In Zemio town, Haut-Mbomou prefecture, a WHO consultant for a vaccination campaign was robbed by unidentified armed perpetrators. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

Ethiopia

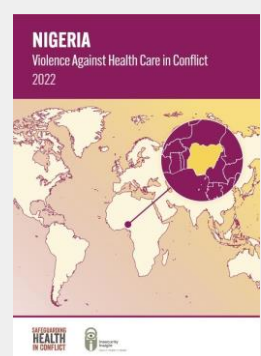
Around 21 June 2023: In Agemsa town, Oromia region, a doctor was shot and killed by Ethiopian security forces after being accused of travelling to the location to treat Fano militia members. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

2022 Nigeria Factsheet

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified **43 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in Nigeria in 2022. At least 37 health workers were kidnapped, seven others were killed, and health supplies were looted from pharmacies and health centres. This undermined health care providers' ability to maintain safe staffing levels to effectively meet patient needs and stock health facilities with the necessary supplies.

This factsheet is based on the dataset 2022 SHCC Health Care Nigeria Data, which is available for [download](#) on HDX.



Sudan

Attacks on Health Data in Sudan Since 15 April 2023

Incident reports: [17 May and 13 June](#); [27 April-16 May](#); [19-26 April](#); [15-19 April](#)

Asia

Myanmar

Attacks on Health Data in Myanmar

Incident reports: [14-27 June](#); [31 May-13 June](#); [17-30 May](#); [03-16 May](#); [19 April-02 May](#); [05-18 April](#); [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 973 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 10 June 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.

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq

18 June 2023: On the road between Shatra-Daoaya district, Thi Qar governorate, an employee at Shatrah General Hospital was killed by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territories

2022 OPT Factsheet

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) 171 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in the oPt in 2022. At least 136 health workers were injured, and patients' access to health care was obstructed at least 60 times. Violence resulted in the temporary closure of health facilities, and health care was interrupted during hospital raids. Palestinians seeking health care continued to be delayed or denied access to care by Israel's permit system. Closures of crossings and roads further reduced access to health care. Factsheet available in [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

This factsheet is based on the dataset [2022 SHCC Health Care oPt Data](#), which is available for download on HDX.



22 May 2023: In the Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, an Israeli army jeep obstructed a moving Palestinian ambulance during a military raid. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Wafa](#)

19 June 2023: In the Jenin Refugee Camp, Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, two ambulances of the PRCS were hit by live ammunition and sniper fire amid an incursion throughout the city. One of the vehicles was rendered inoperable due to extensive damages. PRCS medical teams were prevented by Israeli soldiers from reaching and treating the wounded, whilst paramedics were attacked. Seven Palestinians, including two children aged 14 and 15, were killed. More than 90 got injured. Seven Israeli soldiers got wounded. **Sources:** [MAP](#), [PRCS](#), [Personal Communication I](#), [Personal Communication II](#) and [Personal Communication III](#)

21 June 2023: In Hawara town, Nablus governorate, West Bank, in the midst of wider attack by Israeli settlers, teargas canisters of unidentified origin directly hit a PRCS ambulance, causing the front of the vehicle to burn. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [The New Arab](#)

24 June 2023: In Umm Safa village, Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate, West Bank, Israeli settlers attacked an ambulance as they shot at homes and other vehicles. A paramedic was shot and mildly wounded while transporting a patient to a hospital. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Yemen

16 June 2023: In Dhamar village and governorate, a Sudanese doctor was severely assaulted by a Houthi gunman after he refused to pay Houthi taxes. The Houthi gunman also killed his brother after he criticised him for assaulting the doctor. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

18 June 2023: On the Western Ring Road, near Al Udayn Roundabout, Ibb city, the director of Al Badr International Hospital was kidnapped by Houthi forces as he was leaving the hospital. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

17 June 2023: At Al Hirsh Junction, Mudiyah village, Abyan governorate, an ambulance belonging to UAE mercenaries was targeted along with two military vehicles by AQAP-planted IEDs. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

22 June 2023: In Imbaqirah (Mudiyah, Abyan governorate, two military ambulances belonging to the STC Support and Reinforcement brigades were targeted by AQAP-planted IEDs.. One ambulance was destroyed and the other damaged. **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.

Europe

Serbia

21 June 2023: In Belgrade, anonymous sources informed the Zvezdara Clinical Hospital Center, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Law and Philosophy, the Military Medical Academy, and the Nikola Tesla Airport about planted bombs. **Sources:** [N1](#) and [Serbia Live](#)

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

14 June 2023: In London, NHS doctors began a 72-hour strike for higher wages, prompting warnings from health officials of huge disruption to patients and services. **Source:** [New Age](#)

21 June 2023: In London, two people got stabbed at the Central Middlesex Hospital. One sustained life-threatening injuries. Police arrested a male suspect outside the facility, who also required treatment for life-threatening injuries, which were believed to be self-inflicted. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [The New Arab](#)

The Americas

United States of America

12 June 2023: In Gardner city, Worcester county, Massasuchettes state, a 76-year-old male terminal patient stabbed a female nurse in the neck at the Heywood Hospital's Emergency Room, as the latter made an adjustment to his oxygen tube. Police have arrested and charged the patient. **Sources:** [Boston Globe](#) and [Daily Caller](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 03 July 2023.

