

Attacks on Health Care

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A Horrific Milestone: More Than 1,000 Attacks on Health Care in Ukraine

More than 1,000 attacks on health workers and infrastructure have been documented since Russia's full-scale invasion began 17 months ago, according to documentation and monitoring by human rights and humanitarian organisations. This equates to approximately two attacks per day on health care facilities, workers, and other medical infrastructure since the first day of the full-scale invasion on February 24, 2022. These staggering statistics illustrate the devastating and far-reaching impact of both deliberate and indiscriminate attacks on Ukraine's health care system. Insecurity Insight and partners continue to call for an end to these illegal attacks on Ukraine's health care system and for the Russian Federation to be held accountable for its violations of international law. Insecurity Insight also continues to call for enforcement of UN Security Council Resolution 2286, which protects health care in conflict. Access the [data](#) on HDX. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see incidents where health facilities were damaged or destroyed in Ukraine since February 2022.

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The section aligns with the [definition](#) of attacks on health care used by the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#) (SHCC).

Africa

Burkina Faso

28 July 2023: In Sikorla village, Kenedougou province, Hauts-Bassins region, the head nurse at the Niamberla Health Centre was reportedly killed by suspected JNIM militants. The victim was returning from a meeting in Ndorola when the perpetrators militants ambushed and killed him. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo

05 August 2023: In Kabunambo grouping, Uvira territory, unidentified armed men killed a female nurse at Nazareno Sange hospital. **Source:** [La Prunelle](#)

Nigeria

23 July 2023: In Ugbaam ward, Ukum LGA, Benue state, a doctor in-charge of the General Hospital and a female health worker were kidnapped by an unidentified armed group while they were on their way to supervise a State Malaria Control (SMC) Programme at the Family Support Programme (FSP) Clinic Uyoo. **Source:** [Vanguard](#)



Sudan

Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

At least 159 attacks on Sudan's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-26 July. 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](#). Incident reports: [26 July-08 August](#); [12-25 July](#); [28 Jun-11 Jul](#); [14-27 Jun](#); [17 May-13 Jun](#); [All](#) SHCC Sudan Factsheet. Available in [Arabic](#) and [English](#). Access the data on [HDX](#).

Asia

Myanmar

Attacks on Health Data in Myanmar

At least 219 attacks on Myanmar's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-01 January-26 July 2023. Health facilities have been damaged in drone strikes, health workers arrested and vital medicine blockaded. Access the dataset on [HDX](#). Incident reports: [26 July-08 August](#); [12-25 July](#); [28 Jun-11 Jul](#); [14-27 Jun](#); [31 May-13 Jun](#); [All](#) Safeguarding Health in Conflict Myanmar Factsheet: [2022](#); [2021](#). Access the dataset on [HDX](#).

Nagorno-Karabakh

August 2023: According to the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, for over seven months Azerbaijani authorities have blockaded the Lachin corridor, the sole road connecting Nagorno-Karabakh with Armenia, precipitating a humanitarian crisis. The blockade has deprived over 120,000 ethnic Armenians living in Nagorno-Karabakh, including 30,000 children, of life-saving resources such as food, medicine, electricity and fuel. On 28 July, Armenian authorities accused Azerbaijan of denying transport of over 400 tons of humanitarian aid into Nagorno-Karabakh. In a statement issued on 25 July the ICRC reported that despite persistent efforts, "the last time the ICRC was allowed to bring medical items and essential food items into the area was several weeks ago." **Source:** [Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq

31 July 2023: In Shatra district, Thi Qar governorate, a health centre was reportedly targeted by unidentified tribal militants with small arms fire in a suspected tribal dispute. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Lebanon

31 July 2023: Near the Ain Al-Hilweh Refugee Camp, Sidon city and district, South governorate, a shell landed outside the walls of the Ain Al-Hilweh Refugee Camp. A nearby hospital evacuated patients fearing further escalation. **Sources:** [New Age](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

01 August 2023: In Bethlehem, West Bank, a PRCS ambulance was obstructed by an Israeli military vehicle. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

06 August 2023: In Jenin city and governorate, West Bank, the Ibn Sina Hospital was forcefully entered by Palestinian Authority (PA) security forces to arrest a wounded Palestinian resistance fighter. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

Yemen

16 July 2023: In Al Barh village Taiz's governorate, the Maqbanah Rural Hospital and an unspecified number of ambulances were damaged when anti-Houthi forces used an armed drone to drop shells on the building. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Syrian Arab Republic

As reported on 07 August 2023: In Sarmin town and subdistrict, Idlib district and governorate, a male pharmacist was fatally struck by a stray bullet after an armed dispute erupted between several men outside his pharmacy. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

The Americas

Haiti

27 July 2023: In Port-au-Prince - Delmas, Ouest department, a doctor who is the Head of the Epidemiology, Laboratory and Research Department of the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MSPP) was kidnapped by unidentified armed men while on his way home from work. **Source:** [Centre Infos](#)

Around 01 August 2023: In Port au Prince, unidentified perpetrators kidnapped an American nurse from the Christian LINGO El Roi Haiti, alongside her young daughter. The said NGO provides medical care, education, and other basic services. Both were released on 09 August. **Sources:** [AP](#), [New Age](#), [NPR](#) and [The Guardian](#)

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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

Bangladesh

03 August 2023: In Dhaka, the President of the Gono Odhikar Parishad opposition faction was forcibly released from the Universal Medical College and Hospital, where he was receiving treatment for head injuries, and transferred to the Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital. **Source:** [New Age](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 10 August 2023.

² [WHOSSA](#) accessed 10 August 2023.

