

Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

23 August-05 September 2023



Past incident reports: [09-22 August](#); [26 July-08 August](#); [28 June-11 July](#); [28 June-11 July](#); [14-27 June](#); [All](#)

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Documented incidents

As reported on 14 August 2023: In Khartoum, the SAF bombed the Doctors Hospital, destroying the building, and its medical equipment. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

14 August 2023: In El Khoui locality, West Darfur state, the RSF seized an ambulance of the El Khiwei Rural Hospital, alongside two other vehicles belonging to police and civilians. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

As reported on 17 August 2023: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, the RSF has prevented the entry of medicine and food items into the sieged quarters of Abbasia, Abu Kadok, Al Doha and Al Fitahab, alleging that such supplies were headed for the SAF Engineers Corps. Such a strategy is reportedly used by the RSF to force people out of the town. **Source:** [Al Taghyeer](#)

As reported on 22 August 2023: Since the onset of the SAF-RSF conflict, Save the Children has been forced to close 57 of its nutrition facilities across Sudan, with 31,000 children missing out on treatment for malnutrition and related illnesses. In 108 facilities that it still operates, therapeutic food stocks are running critically low, with buffer stock, or emergency supplies, now being used in the most extreme cases. **Source:** [Save the Children](#)

22 August 2023: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, a rocket landed in the garden of the NGO Emergency's Paediatric Centre. No injuries were reported. **Source:** [Emergency NGO](#)

As reported on 25 August 2023: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, MSF staff, along with tens of thousands of civilians, got trapped as battles erupted in markets and residential neighbourhoods, cutting off all roads leading to and beyond Nyala. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

26 August 2023: In Al Fitahab, Khartoum state, RSF fired mortar shells which fell on the Abu Said Emergency hospital and civilian houses. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

27 August 2023: In Port Sudan city, Red Sea state, doctors and nurses have launched an indefinite strike for not getting paid for four months by the Sudanese Government. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

As reported on 05 September 2023: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, an MSF-supported hospital was reportedly taken over by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

Conflict Parties in the Current Crisis

International attempts to broker a ceasefire to end the Sudan conflict will continue to see only temporary success at best, with both sides likely to keep fighting for the next six months, while further collaboration between tribal entities and the two main conflict parties could see cross-border tribal conflicts ignite. This [document](#) provides background information on the conflict parties involved in the Sudan fighting and violence attributed to them.

2022 SHCC Sudan Factsheet

The SHCC identified 53 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan in 2022. In these incidents, 11 health workers were killed and 22 others injured, and hospitals were raided or forcibly entered at least 22 times, impacting health care providers' ability to maintain safe staffing levels and patient care. Factsheet available in [Arabic](#) and [English](#).

Sudan's Doctors Falsely Accused of Siding with the RSF

This [brief](#) discusses widely viewed social media posts shared in Sudan between 15 April-21 May 2023 which show that dominant social media account holders supporting the SAF attacked the Sudanese Doctors Syndicate for its neutral position in the armed conflict and accused the organisation of being partial towards the RSF and collaborating with the so-called "Janjaweed" militia.

The Sudan Crisis, Conflict and Food Insecurity

This [briefing](#) is part of a [series](#) exploring the ways in which conflict events undermine food security, with the aim of contributing to efforts to improve our understanding of the connections between conflict and hunger. This document focuses on reported conflict events affecting food insecurity in Sudan following the severe escalation of violence in the country since 15 April 2023.

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. This document is funded and supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester, the European Commission through the 'Ending violence against healthcare in conflict' project and through the project 'Ending violence against healthcare in conflict: documentation, tools, and data-informed advocacy to stop and prevent attacks' funded by the European Union and by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 05 September 2023.

