

Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

20 September-03 October 2023



At least 275 attacks on Myanmar's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-05 September 2023. Access the data on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#).

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Documented incidents

As reported on 21 September 2023: In Maungdaw, Buthidaung, and Rathedaung townships, Rakhine state, the restrictions of transport of medicine, rice, cement, and nails were reinforced by the junta government. **Source:** [VOA Burmese](#)

21 September 2023: In Seik Mu village and village tract, Hpakant township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, a private general practitioner clinic was used as the site for planned shooting. On the arrival of the junta security force in a civilian vehicle at the clinic for seeking treatment, a joint force of local resistance forces and Kachin Independence Army opened fire at the vehicle, killing two policemen and injuring the remaining three. There is no report about damage to the clinic or casualties of the people at the clinic. The clinic was open at the time of the attack. **Sources:** [Myanmar Now](#), [Shwe Phee Myay News Agency](#) and [The Voice of Shan-Ni](#)

23-24 September 2023: Near Yangon city and region, a male prisoner at the Insein Prison died of a heart attack after being denied medical treatment for his condition whilst incarcerated. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

23 September 2023: In Kyangin town and township, Myanaung district, Ayeyarwady region, two CDM-affiliated health workers were abducted from their home by the junta security forces in a nighttime raid at their house with an alleged reason of illegal provision of health care. The two victims were a couple - the wife was a 25-year-old midwife and the husband a 26-year-old public health supervisor Grade II. Both were charged under Counter-Terrorism Laws and detained at a local police station for interrogation. **Sources:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#) and [Network Media Group](#)

24 September 2023: In Shwebo town, township, and district, Sagaing region, a male president of an LNGO who was a retired combat medic, was abducted and an ambulance was seized by local resistance forces. He was known to have provided medical care to junta security forces, in his role as the LNGO president. **Sources:** [Myaelatt Athan](#) and [Telegram](#)

25 September 2023: In Hpakant town and township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, local resistance forces entered a functioning hospital and shot three patients dead. The victims were the Military Security Affairs major and two policemen. After the attack, health workers at the hospital were inquired by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [Kachin News Group](#), [Myanmar Now](#), [Radio Free Asia](#) and [Telegram](#)

30 September 2023: At the military checkpoint near Za Wea village and village tract, Tanintharyi township, Myeik district, Tanintharyi region, a LINGO volunteer ambulance driver was abducted and the ambulance was seized by the Myanmar military. The driver was on his way back to Thar Ra Bwin village after dropping off a patient in Myeik town. He had previously been allowed to pass the military checkpoint on 29 September on his way to Myeik town with the patient onboard. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Tanintharyi Times](#)

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