

# Attacks on Health Care

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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

#### Mali

**Around 12 October 2023:** Between Boni and Dallah, Mopti region, a driver for the Boni Health Centre, the Boni school director, and another individual were kidnapped and later executed by JNIM militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### Nigeria

**04 October 2023:** Along Lamingo Road Junction, Jos city, Jos North LGA, Plateau state, the Plateau State Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria was kidnapped by gunmen while returning home from work in the evening. He was released the following day unconditionally after the perpetrators initially demanded an undisclosed amount of money as ransom. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#) and [Punch NG](#)

**06 October 2023:** In Kaura Namoda town, Zamfara state, a health worker was kidnapped from her family home alongside five other family members by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)

#### Sudan

Insecurity Insight has identified at least 202 attacks on Sudan's health care system between 01 January-27 September 2023. In these incidents, at least 29 health workers have been killed, 51 injured, seven kidnapped and 17 arrested. In addition, health facilities have been damaged on 48 occasions. This data is available on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident reports: [04-17 October 2023](#); [20 September-03 October](#); [06-19 September](#); [All](#)  
2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

### Asia

#### Pakistan

**05 October 2023:** In Sara e Bahlol, Charsadda town, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a polio vaccinator was shot and killed by unidentified perpetrators while she was returning from a vaccination campaign. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>



## Myanmar

Insecurity Insight has identified at least 287 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Myanmar between 01 January-18 September 2023. Access the data on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident reports: [04-17 October](#); [20 September-03 October](#); [06-19 September](#); [All](#)  
Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) Factsheets: [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

## Europe

### Ukraine

At least 1157 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 09 September 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.

### United Kingdom

**16 October 2023:** In North London, the family of British-Palestinian doctor, who is currently working in Gaza, was harassed by the British counter terrorism police in their home. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [The Guardian](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### Occupied Palestinian Territories

Insecurity Insight has identified 150 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07-22 October 2023. Access the data on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident reports: [16-21 October](#); [12 -15 October](#); [07-11 October](#)  
2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

### Syrian Arab Republic

**05 October 2023:** In Kri Fara, Al-Malikiyah countryside, Qamishli district, Al-Hasakah governorate, a COVID-19 hospital was destroyed in a Turkish drone strike. **Sources:** [Airwars](#), [SOHR I](#) and [SOHR II](#)

**05 October 2023:** In the Milsoun neighbourhood east of Al-Qamishli city, Qamishli district, Al-Hasakah governorate, a dispensary was hit by Turkish fighter jets and drones. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**05 October 2023:** In Ariha city and district, Idlib governorate, a Syrian Civil Defense centre was damaged in a Syrian regime missile strike. **Source:** [Syrian Civil Defence](#)

**05 October 2023:** In Ariha city and district, Idlib governorate, an ambulance was damaged in a Syrian regime missile strike. **Source:** [Syrian Civil Defence](#)

**05 October 2023:** In Ariha city and district, Idlib governorate, a vehicle used to transport kidney patients was damaged in a Syrian regime missile strike. **Source:** [Syrian Civil Defence](#)

**05 October 2023:** In Jisr al-Shughur city and district Idlib governorate, a SCD vehicle was hit and damaged in a Syrian regime missile strike. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**As reported on 06 October 2023:** In Al-Hasakah governorate, a doctor was killed in a Turkish drone strike. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**08 October 2023:** In Idlib city and governorate, the National Hospital was hit by Syrian regime artillery. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [SOHR](#)

**08 October 2023:** In Idlib city and governorate, the University Hospital was hit by Syrian regime artillery. **Sources:** [Personal Communication I](#) and [SOHR](#)

**08 October 2023:** In Idlib city and governorate, a dialysis hospital was hit by Syrian regime artillery. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**As reported on 08 October 2023:** In Ain Al-Arab/Kobani, Idlib governorate, a COVID-19 hospital was hit by Turkish airstrikes. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**09 October 2023:** In an unspecified location, a health worker and other civilians were killed by Syrian regime artillery. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**As reported on 09 October 2023:** In Sarmin city, Idlib governorate, the Women and Family Protection Centre was hit by Syrian regime shelling. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**As reported on 09 October 2023:** In Sarmin city, Idlib governorate, a health centre was hit by Syrian regime shelling. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**As reported on 09 October 2023:** In Tarmanin town, Idlib governorate, a health centre was hit by Syrian regime shelling or missiles. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**As reported on 09 October 2023:** In Tarmanin town, Idlib governorate, an Artificial Limbs Centre was hit by Syrian regime shelling or missiles. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**As reported on 09 October 2023:** In Ariha city, Idlib governorate, the General Hospital was hit by Syrian regime shelling or missiles. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**As reported on 09 October 2023:** In Aleppo governorate, the General Hospital was hit by Syrian regime shelling or missiles and put out of service. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**As reported on 12 October 2023:** In Idlib governorate, 19 hospitals suspended services after Syrian regime ground forces fired over 1150 artillery shells and missiles on the area. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

## *Yemen*

**04 October 2023:** In Bart Al Anan district, Al Jawf governorate, a pharmacist was shot and killed by a Houthi fighter inside his pharmacy. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**10 October 2023:** In Naman district, Al Bayda governorate, an unspecified number of health workers standing outside As Saha Rural Hospital were shot at by a Houthi sniper fire. No injuries were reported. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **The Americas**

### *Colombia*

**Around 08 October 2023:** In Villa Campestre, Atlantico department, the body of a Barranquilla Health Department official was found with bruises, five gunshot wounds, and two handwritten notes. One of the notes said 'Because of snitching. The Gulf Clan is not welcome here'. The second note mentioned his work in the Mayor's Office of Barranquilla. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**Around 11 October 2023:** Between Chigorodo and Carepa municipalities, Antioquia department, a finance officer at the Carepa Municipal Public Hospital was shot and killed and her body found. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## Haiti

**10 October 2023:** In Beudet locality, Croix-des-Bouquets commune, Port-au-Prince district, Ouest department, a psychiatric health centre was taken over by armed individuals affiliated with the 400 Mawozo group, who issued death and kidnapping threats to the hospital staff. Doctors, patients and other personnel were compelled to vacate the premises. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 19 October 2023.

