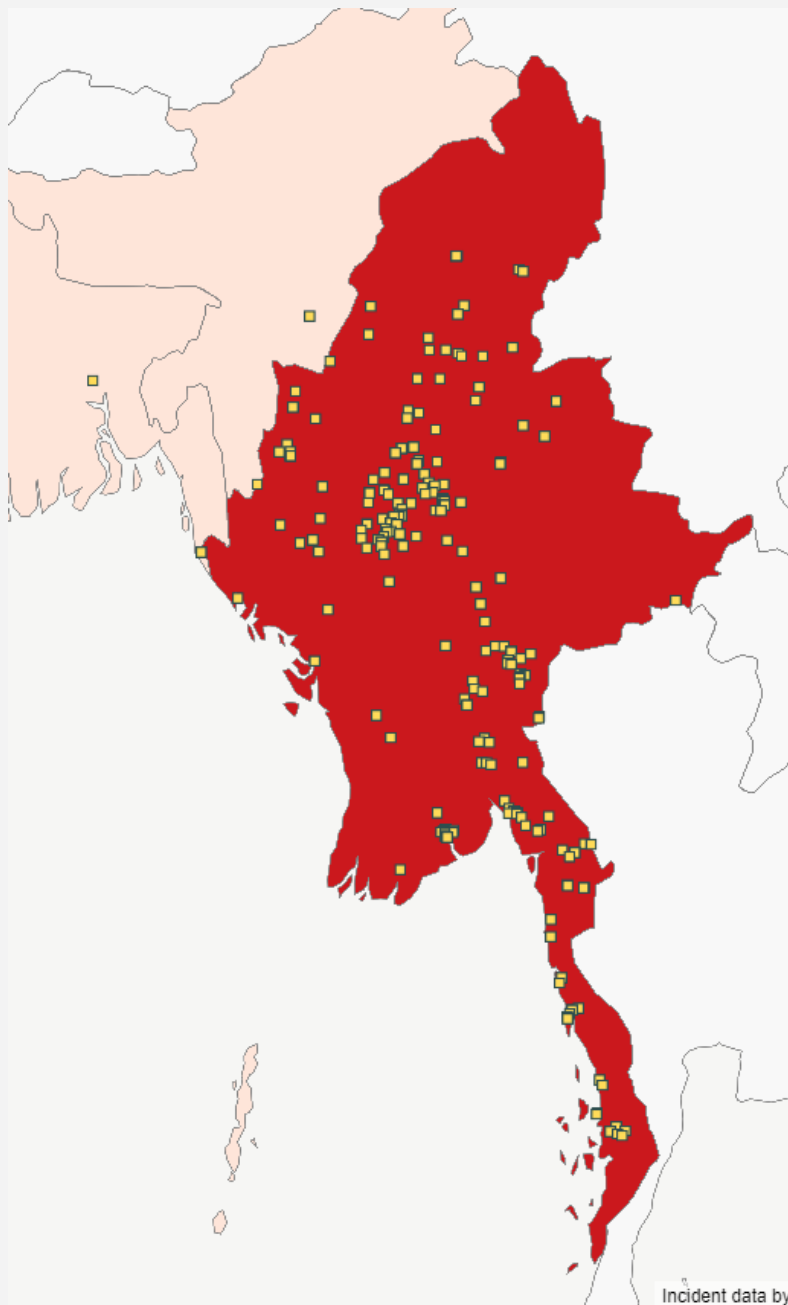


Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

18-31 October 2023



Insecurity Insight has identified at least 305 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-30 September 2023. In these incidents, 27 health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged 90 times. Most incidents have been attributed to the Myanmar military. Explosive weapons including air and drone strikes, IEDs, and mortar shells have been used in over 70 incidents. These attacks undermine health care providers' ability to effectively meet patient needs, maintain safe staffing levels and impact the population's access to health care. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Access the data on [HDX](#).

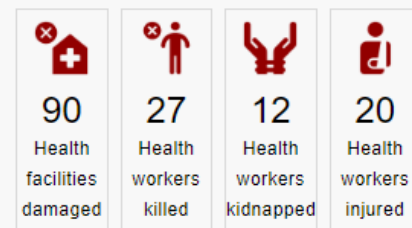


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305 reported incidents of conflict violence that affected health care. These incidents had the following effects:



Reported perpetrator

Police		21
Multiple		34
No information		8
NSA		42
Other		20
State military		180

Weapon category used

Explosive weapon		70
Arson		17
Knife		2
Firearms		203
IEDs		2

Past incident reports: [04-17 October](#); [20 September-03 October 2023](#); [06-19 September](#); [All](#)

Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in [touch](#). Join our [Myanmar](#) mailing list for regular updates. Help support the protection of health care by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/18-31Oct2023MMRHealth

Documented incidents

20 October 2023: In Banmauk town and township, Katha district, Sagaing region, a male INGO worker, who was an officer of community-based malaria prevention and control program, was handed life imprisonment by the junta martial court. He was arrested in early 2023 and accused of providing logistic support to local resistance forces. **Sources:** [Burma News International](#), [The Voice of Shan-Ni](#) and [Telegram](#)

21 October 2023: In Nyaung Kone village, Hpyu Young village tract, Mogoke township, Thabeikkyin district, Mandalay region, a health centre and three houses were destroyed, and a school, a monastery and many houses were damaged in Myanmar military airstrikes. **Sources:** [Shwe Phee Myay News Agency](#) and [Zalen](#)

23 October 2023: In Shwebo town, township, and district, Sagaing region, the district hospital building was damaged in an IED explosion of unidentified origin. The window glasses of the medical superintendent office were broken. A 31-year-old woman accused of bringing in the IED was severely injured. The junta accused the local resistance forces of this attack. The hospital was functioning at the time of the attack. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Myaelatt Athan](#), [Myanmar Now](#) and [Telegram](#)

25 October 2023: In Thea Inn village and village tract, Singu township, Pyin Oo Lwin district, Mandalay region, a health centre and five houses were torched by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

26 October 2023: In Zee Kyun village and village tract, Myaung township, Sagaing district and region, a health centre occupied by the local resistance forces was raided by the Myanmar military. IEDs and materials used to manufacture IEDs were seized. The health facility was not functioning at the time of the attack. **Source:** [Telegram](#)

27 October 2023: In Nyaung Pin Thar village and village tract, Tigyaing township, Katha district, Sagaing region, a hospital was damaged in Myanmar military airstrikes. The hospital was functioning at the time of the attack. **Sources:** [Kachin News Group](#), [Mizzima](#) and [Myaelatt Athan](#)

27 October 2023: In Shwebo town, township, and district, Sagaing region, a private traditional medicine factory occupied by the Myanmar military was attacked by local resistance forces using small firearms, killing a junta soldier. **Source:** [Myaelatt Athan](#)

28 to 30 October 2023: In Kyauk Yit village and village tract, Myaung township, Sagaing district and region, a hospital and a police station occupied by around 80 Myanmar soldiers were attacked with drop bombs from fixed-wing drones attributed to local resistance forces. A total of 11 bombs were dropped in this three-day attack. The hospital was not functioning at the time of the attack. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

28 October 2023: In Yesagyo town and township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a township hospital, a bank, a court, and an administrative office occupied by the Myanmar military and militia

were attacked by local resistance forces. Both parties used small firearms. **Source:** [Delta News Agency](#)

As reported on 29 October 2023: In Htantlang town and township, Hakha district, Chin state, the township hospital building was found to have been used as a bunker by Chinland Defence Force and Chin National Front during the three-month clashes between these groups and the Myanmar military. Photographs in news reports show makeshift bunkers built in the hospital. The hospital was not functioning during the clashes. Schools, religious buildings, government offices, and civilian houses were also used as bunkers. **Sources:** [Eleven Media Group](#) and [Telegram](#)

As reported on 30 October 2023: At an undisclosed location in Shan state (North), two male military health workers and five junta soldiers were arrested by the Mandalay PDF. One was a paediatrician and another a general practice doctor. The date, place, and reason of arrest were not disclosed by the PDF. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#), [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Shan News](#)

As reported on 31 October 2023: In Lalengpi town, Madupi township and district, Chin state, medicines and consumables from private pharmacies were taken by force by the junta soldiers. The attacks occurred repeatedly since the first week of October 2023, resulting in the frequent closure of pharmacies to avoid attacks. **Source:** [Zalen](#)

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