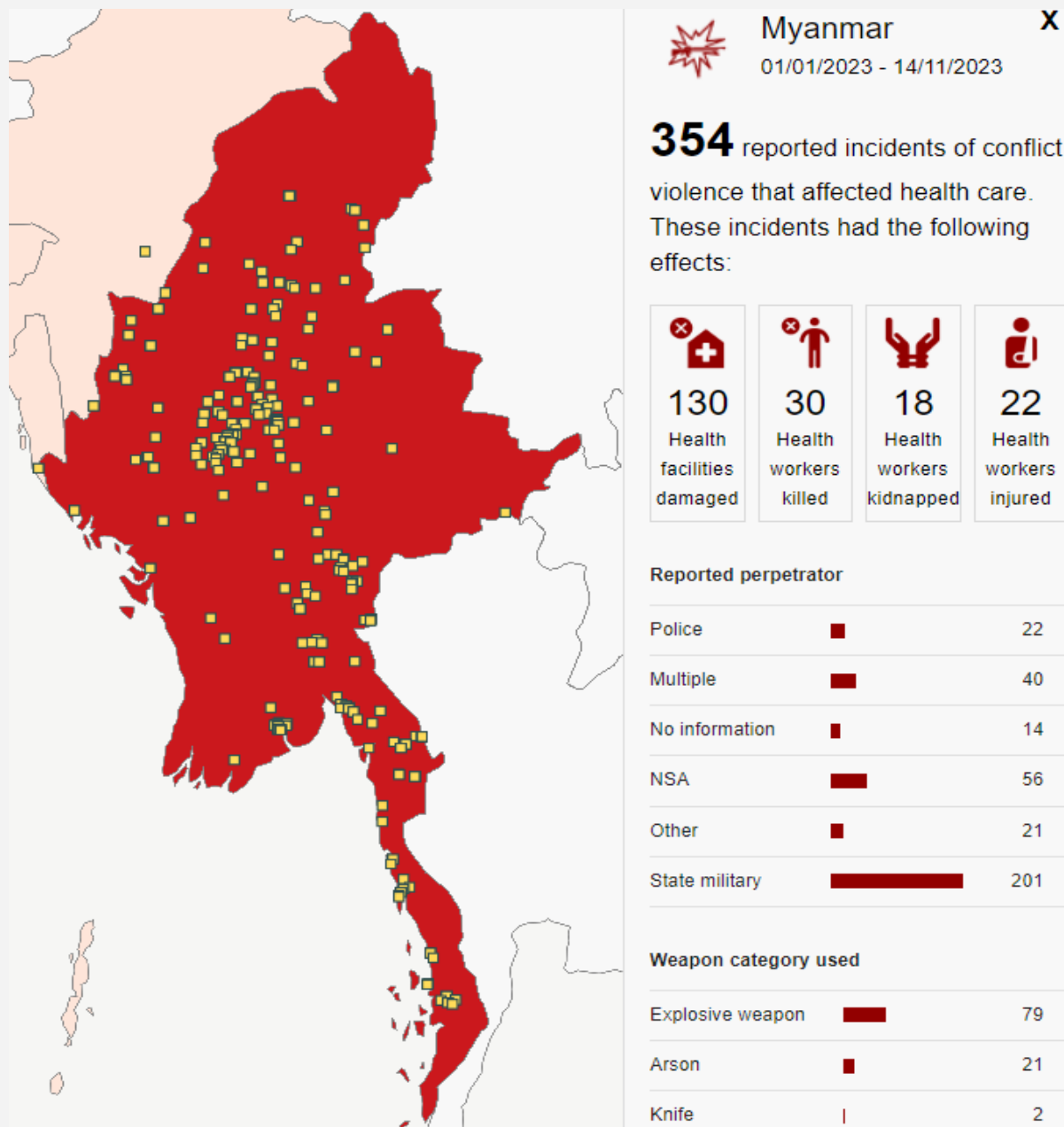


Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

29 November-12 December 2023



Insecurity Insight has identified at least 354 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-14 November 2023. In these incidents, 30 health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged 130 times. 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](#). Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets.



Past incident reports: [15-28 November](#); [01-13 November](#); [18-31 October](#); [04-17 October](#); [All](#)

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

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Documented incidents

29 November 2023: In Taze town and township, Ye-U district, Sagaing region, a township hospital, the hospital staff houses, and a school were taken over by the local resistance forces after the clashes with the Myanmar military in the attempt to take over the town. **Sources:** [Kachin News Group](#) and [Myaelatt Athan](#)

30 November 2023: Near the 105-mile toll gate on the highway connecting Muse town and Mandalay town, Muse township and district, Shan state (North), an LNGO ambulance was shot with small firearms, injuring an LNGO worker and two IDPs in the ambulance, and a civilian on the road. In response to the incident, the rescue operation suspended activities. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#), [Eleven Media Group](#) and [Popular News Journal](#)

30 November 2023: In Maungdaw town, township and district, Rakhine state, the district health department building was occupied by the Myanmar military following intensifying clashes in the area since 13 November. Due to the occupancy, the health workers left the building. **Source:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#)

30 November 2023: In Ywar Shey (North) village and village tract, Taze township, Ye-U district, Sagaing region, a station hospital, a school, and three civilian houses were damaged by bombs dropped from Myanmar military jet fighters. The window glasses of the hospital building were broken and the ceilings fell down. The junta media declared that the attack had targeted the hospital where CDM-affiliated doctors were providing treatment to the injured members of local resistance forces and KIA members. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Irrawaddy Burmese](#), [The 74 Media](#) and [Telegram](#)

30 November 2023: In Mawlamyine town, township, and district, Mon state, around 100 private pharmacies were warned not to sell medicines and consumables to local resistance forces and forced to sign misconduct restraining orders by the junta authorities. Pharmacies which sell medicines to the local resistance forces will be sealed and confiscated and the owners arrested. **Source:** [Delta News Agency](#)

As reported on 30 November 2023: In Nanyun town and township, Hkamti district, Sagaing region, the patients from a township hospital were evacuated due to the anticipated attack on the town by a joint force of PDF and KIA members. Patients were relocated into the public buildings in a football ground as the hospital was located very close to the Myanmar military base camp. **Source:** [Kachin News Group](#)

01 December 2023: In Yankin town and township, Yangon (East) District, Yangon region, a parcel bomb exploded at the compound of Yankin Children Hospital. The two local resistance forces declared that they detonated two remote-control improvised explosive devices targeting the police office located across the street from the hospital. **Sources:** [Eleven Media Group](#), [Myanmar Transparency News](#) and [NP News](#)

02 December 2023: In Myaung town and township, Sagaing district and region, a township hospital was closed down by the Myanmar military after an armed drone attack on a police station in the town by the local resistance forces. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

03 December 2023: In Htee Saung village and village tract, Myinmu township, Sagaing district and region, a health centre occupied by the Myanmar military was attacked with armed drones by the local resistance forces. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

03 December 2023: In Kha Ywea village and village tract, Kyaikto township and district, Mon state, a sub-rural health centre was attacked with armed drones. Windows and an electricity box were damaged. The health centre was functioning at the time of attack and a midwife and an assistant were at the centre. The Myanmar military accused the Karen National Liberation Army of the attack. **Sources:** [Eleven Media Group](#) and [Telegram](#)

03 December 2023: In Kha Ywea Tan village, Gwayt Gyi village tract, Waw township, Bago district and region, a health centre, a monastery, and four civilian houses were damaged by artillery shellings by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Than Lwin Times](#)

04 December 2023: In Muse township, Shan state (North), a Red Cross vehicle was shot with small firearms about 10 times during the rescue operation of IDPs. The casualties were not reported. The perpetrator was unknown. **Source:** [VOA Burmese](#)

04 December 2023: In Hmaw Ni Kone village, Tha Pyay Thar village tract, Madaya township, Kyaukse district, Mandalay region, an LNGO ambulance and the ambulance garage at a monastery and seven civilian houses were torched by the Myanmar military. The military took away five motorbikes owned by civilians. **Source:** [Myanmar Now](#)

05 December 2023: In Sittwe town, township, and district, Rakhine state, a male INGO worker was arrested by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Narinjara](#)

07 December 2023: In Sittwe town, township, and district, Rakhine state, two staff members of a private hospital were arrested by the Myanmar military as they were found on a road during curfew time. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Narinjara](#)

08 December 2023: In Paletwa town, township, and district, Chin state, the staff house in the compound of a township hospital was damaged due to artillery shellings during armed clashes between the Myanmar military and ethnic armed groups. A child was severely injured. **Sources:** [Narinjara](#) and [Radio Free Asia](#)

10 December 2023: At the 105-mile zone, Muse township and district, Shan state (North), a male traditional medicine practitioner was killed and two family members injured by artillery shelling or dropped bomb attacks on their house. **Sources:** [BBC Burmese](#) and [Shwe Phee Myay News Agency](#)

As reported on 11 December 2023: In Rakhine state, there was a medicine shortage in remote areas due to road blockade by the junta authorities and Myanmar military following the intensifying clashes between the Myanmar military and ethnic armed groups since 13 November. There was a shortage of medicines in private pharmacies. No vaccines for mothers or children were available at public health centres. The transport of medicines from other parts of Myanmar to Rakhine state and within Rakhine state was banned by the junta. The report highlights such shortages and bans in Mrauk-U and Toungup townships. **Source:** [Development Media Group](#)

12 December 2023: In Loikaw town, township, and district, Kayah state, the office of an LNGO and seven ambulances were burnt due to artillery shelling by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Kantarawaddy Times](#)

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