

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

Kenya

15 December 2023: Along Dadaab-Garissa road, near Dadaab, Garissa county, four health officials were killed and two others injured when an Al-Shabaab-planted IED detonated, hitting the four-wheel drive car they were travelling in. The vehicle was also damaged. The health team were conducting the Garissa County TB exercise when the incident happened. **Source:** [The Star](#)

Nigeria

21 December 2023: In Kanbi, Moro, Moro LGA, Kwara state, the medical director of Dafikayo Clinic was killed in a suspected assassination attack at his home in the early evening by an unidentified armed group. The victim's daughter was also kidnapped. **Source:** [Vanguard](#)

South Sudan

25 December 2023: In Warrap state, a nurse was killed in a road ambush by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

Sudan

 Insecurity Insight has identified at least 251 attacks on Sudan's health care system between 01 January-19 December 2023. In these incidents, 52 health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged 56 times. Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Access the data on [HDX](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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Asia

Pakistan

02 January 2024: In Jungle Pir Alizai area, Qilla Abdullah district, Balochistan province, a doctor was shot and killed by unidentified perpetrators riding motorcycles while he was returning home. **Source:** [Dawn](#)



08 January 2024: In Bajaur district, Malakand division, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a roadside IED claimed by Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan militants killed at least five of 25 police officers deployed to protect polio vaccination workers. At least 20 more were injured. **Sources:** [New Age](#)

Myanmar

 Insecurity Insight has identified at least 387 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-08 December 2023. In these incidents, 36 health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged 140 times. Access the data on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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Europe

Ukraine

 At least 1208 attacks on Ukraine's health care system have been documented between 24 February 2022 and 01 October 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.

Middle East and North Africa

Islamic Republic of Iran

03 January 2024: In Kerman city, Central district, Kerman county and province, a bomb claimed later by the Islamic State exploded near Saheb al Zaman Mosque, as a crowd gathered to commemorate slain General Qasem Soleimani. A second bomb took off shortly after. At least 84 people were killed, including three paramedics who were dispatched to the scene of the first explosion. Another 141 people were injured. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [New Age I](#) and [New Age II](#)

Israel

07 October 2023: In Be'eri kibbutz, Southern district, a 34-year-old Peruvian-Israeli doctor was killed by Hamas militants as he was trying to treat the wounded. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Times of Israel](#)

04 January 2024: In Nirim, Beer Sheva, HaDarom district, a health clinic was hit by a Hamas anti-tank missile fired from Gaza that was reportedly targeting an IDF helicopter in Gaza. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territories

 Insecurity Insight has identified 723 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023-15 January 2024. Sixteen incidents were reported in Israel including nine health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 707 incidents were recorded, 518 took place in the Gaza Strip and 137 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Access the data on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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Syrian Arab Republic

25 December 2023: In Kobani city, Ayn al-Arab sub-district and district, Aleppo governorate, Meshtanour Medical Centre, which used to be run by MSF and subsequently handed over to the

local authorities, was destroyed and six ambulances partially damaged by Turkish drone strikes. **Source:** [MSF](#), [Rojava Information Center](#) and [North Press Agency](#)

27 December 2023: In Kobani city, Ayn al-Arab sub-district and district, Aleppo governorate, a Doctors of the World health centre was destroyed in a Turkish forces drone strike. Vaccination, diabetes care and psychological support will be particularly affected. **Source:** [Doctors of the World](#)

Yemen

05 January 2024: In Ad Dali city, Ad Dhale governorate, a doctor was shot and killed by armed men on a motorcycle. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Global Health Insecurity

These events affect the provision of health care but are not directly conflict related. These include events perpetrated by patients, relatives of patients, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by health care personnel.

Europe

Serbia

27 December 2023: In Belgrade, a 27-year-old man beat a doctor at the Zvezdara Clinical Hospital Centre, causing severe head injuries. The perpetrator has been arrested. **Source:** [N1](#)

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 part of the Attacks on Health Care project by Insecurity Insight. It 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, by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the UK government, USAID, the U.S. Government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 10 January 2024

