Since the Armed Forces of Myanmar (Tatmadaw) seized control of the country on 1 February 2021 following a general election that the National League for Democracy party won by a landslide, Insecurity Insight has documented how violence has devastated the health-care system. Starting in late 2022, armed violence has escalated, with the Myanmar military increasingly using aircraft-delivered explosive weapons against communities that strongly resisted the military’s rule. Kayah state has been particularly affected. Read more

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Past incident reports: 24 January-06 February; 10-23 January; 27 December -09 January; 13-26 December; All

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

Documented incidents

05 February 2024: In See Mi So Dar village, Mya Le village tract, Demoso township and district, a makeshift clinic was damaged by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military aircrafts. Two community-funded schools in nearby villages were also damaged, killing four children. Sources: Independent Mon News Agency and Irrawaddy

09 February 2024: In Koke Ko Kone village and village tract, Kawlin township and district, Sagaing region, a station hospital was damaged by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military aircrafts. Sources: Myaelatt Athan and Myanmar Pressphoto Agency

09 February 2024: In Kawlin town, township and district, Sagaing region, a township hospital, a school, and a general administrative office were used as battle grounds during armed clashes between the Myanmar military and local resistance forces. Source: Myaelatt Athan

09 February 2024: In Kawlin town, township and district, Sagaing region, a township hospital was damaged by bombs dropped by Myanmar military aircrafts. The hospital was not functioning due to the heightened armed clashes in the area since November 2023. Sources: Facebook, Mandalay Free Press and VOA Burmese

As reported on 09 February 2024: In Myauk Khin Yan village and village tract, Gangaw township and district, Magway region, a station hospital was used as an interrogation centre by the junta militia. Source: Myanmar Pressphoto Agency

As reported on 10 February 2024: In Aung Zay Ya village, Hpai Lin village tract, Tamu township and district, Sagaing region, a sub-rural health centre and a school were damaged reportedly by air
bombardment by the Myanmar military. Hundreds of houses were also torched. There were armed clashes between the Myanmar military and local resistance forces in this village in December 2023 and there were a few airstrikes in that month. The damages were observed only in February 2024 after the local resistance forces had overrun the town. **Source:** Zalen

10 February 2024: In Maungdaw town, township and district, Rakhine state, 16 UN and INGOs, of which many used to offer health services, left the town due to heightened armed clashes between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army in the area. At the time of the report, only three INGOs remained in the town. **Source:** Narinjara

11 February 2024: In Salinjali town and township, Yinmabin district, Sagaing region, a non-functioning township hospital occupied by the junta soldiers and their family members was attacked with armed drones and small firearms by local resistance forces, reportedly killing at least three junta soldiers and injuring at least seven. **Sources:** Mizzima and Myanmar Pressphoto Agency

As reported on 11 February 2024: In Ramree town and township, Kyaukpyu district, Rakhine state, a township hospital was no longer attended by doctors and nurses due to armed clashes in the town and surrounding area for two months. **Source:** Democratic Voice of Burma

15 February 2024: In Si Au village and village tract, Mansi township, Bhamo district, Kachin state, a sub-rural health centre and a house were damaged by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military aircrafts. **Sources:** Facebook and Mekong News

16 February 2024: In San Myo village, Lel Gyi village tract, Gangaw township and district, Magway region, a sub-rural health centre and a school were torched by the Myanmar military. **Source:** Khit Thit Media

20 February 2024: In Ramree town and township, Kyaukpyu district, Rakhine state, a township hospital was severely damaged due to the bombs dropped by the Myanmar military aircrafts. A market, a nun-monastery and civilian houses were also damaged. **Sources:** Democratic Voice of Burma, Narinjara and People’s Spring

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