

Attacks on Health Care

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Insecurity Insight has identified at least 354 attacks on health care in ten countries and territories between 01 January and 18 February 2024.

In these incidents, health facilities have been damaged 87 times and 39 health workers. Nearly 80% of the reported 354 incidents were recorded in the occupied Palestinian territories (281).

See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Download this data on [HDX](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. The map and the dataset does not yet include incidents reported below.



Health care related incidents
reported globally: **354**

01/01/2024 – 18/02/2024

87 Health facilities damaged

39 Health workers killed

10 Health workers kidnapped

33 Health workers injured

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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

Abyei Administrative Area, South Sudan/Sudan

As reported on 09 February 2024: Nutrition supplies for children were looted from Rumamer health facility during community clashes. **Source:** [Save the Children](#)

Cameroon

07 February 2024: In Walade neighbourhood, Mora town, Mora, Mayo-Sava department, Far north region, an unidentified armed group looted personal items and documents from a doctor. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Chad

09 February 2024: Near Dono Manga town, Tandjile region, a Polish female doctor volunteering at the Caritas-run Saint Michel Hospital was kidnapped by armed men accompanying a fake patient. A second doctor, of Mexican origin, was also abducted, but escaped during an altercation between the perpetrators and Chad's security forces. The first doctor was subsequently held hostage for five days in a dense forest, before she was rescued by Chadian and French forces. **Sources:** [AP](#) and [BBC](#)

Kenya

Around 12 February 2024: In Kinna ward, Isiolo county, a community health promoter was reportedly tortured and killed by police officers. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹



Mali

14 February 2024: In Eghacher-Sediden village, Kidal circle and region, a nurse was arrested by FAMA forces and Wagner mercenaries. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mozambique

03 February 2024: At the Magaia community, Chiure district, northern Cabo Delgado province, a health centre was set on fire during an attack in the village by an armed group. Mazeze administrative post was also attacked, a Catholic chapel ransacked and the secretariat of the administrative post and home of the head of the post burned. **Source:** [Club of Mozambique](#)

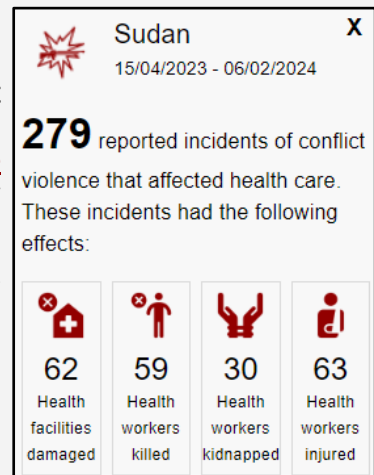
Sudan

Insecurity insight identified at least 279 attacks on Sudan's health care system since fighting started between the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) on 15 April 2023 and 06 February 2024. At least 56 health workers have been killed, 30 kidnapped and 63 injured. In addition, health facilities have been damaged at least 62 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.

The number of recorded incidents during the reporting period 07 to 20 February 2024 is lower than in previous periods. This is likely due to the ongoing country-wide telecommunications and internet blackouts disrupting information flow. Areas in Darfur and Kordofan have been experiencing months-long blackouts, forcing people to use the Starlink satellite communication network at high prices. New reports may emerge in the coming months.

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Asia

Myanmar

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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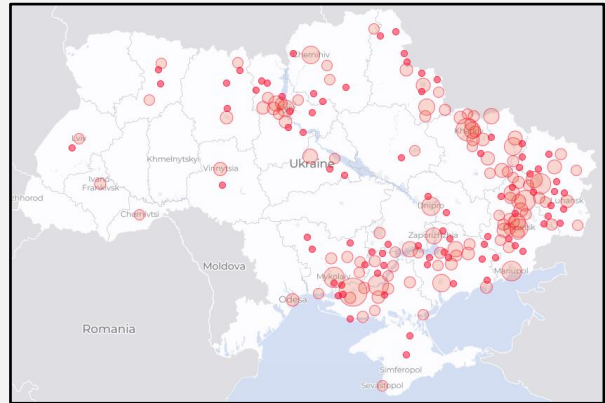


Europe

Ukraine

Since the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, there have been **1336 attacks** on the country's health care facilities, workers, and medical infrastructure:

- 198 health workers have been killed
- Hospitals and clinics have been damaged or destroyed 699 times
- 54 attacks on services provided for women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period
- 75 attacks on services that provide health care to children
- 60 attacks that impacted a hospital's access to energy or water supply systems
- 17 occasions where a health facility was repurposed for nonmedical use, such as military bases and weapons storage facilities



Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 31 December 2023. **Now updated with four new categories including attacks on maternal and child care services, military use of health facilities and attacks impacting energy and water supplies.**

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq

07 February 2024: On Magreb Street, Adhamiya district, Baghdad city and governorate, a paediatrician at the children's hospital was shot and killed by gunmen. Police arrested one of the perpetrators. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

07 February 2024: In Rusafa district, Baghdad city and governorate, a doctor was shot and injured in a car by three unidentified tribal militants. He later died in hospital and police arrested the three perpetrators. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Israel

08 February 2024: In Ein Karem village, Jerusalem district, a 21-year-old Palestinian detainee died in Hadassah Medical Center, following complications related to a congenital intestinal condition after Israeli authorities reportedly denied him access to specific medication. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

14 February 2024: In Safed city, HaZafon district, a Hezbollah fired rocket from Lebanon landed at the entrance to Ziv Hospital during a barrage of about 11 Grad rockets on the area. This comes as cross-border exchanges continue between Hezbollah and Israel. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Lebanon

13 February 2024: In Mays el Jabal town, Marjayoun governorate, an unspecified number of medical centres and ambulances were damaged in an Israeli airstrike on the area. This comes as cross-border exchanges continue between Hezbollah and Israel. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Insecurity Insight has identified 959 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 18 February 2024. Seventeen incidents were reported in Israel including 11 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 942 incidents were recorded, 722 took place in the Gaza Strip and 171 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. At least 161 health workers have been killed, 236 arrested and health facilities damaged 163 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

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Syrian Arab Republic

11 February 2024: In Al-Arabiya neighbourhood, Al-Qamishli city, sub-district and district, Al-Hasakah governorate, a physiotherapy centre was hit by a Turkish forces drone, damaging it and killing at least two soldiers and injuring an unspecified number. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

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

Romania

11-12 February 2024: The Hipocrate Information System of 25 health care facilities, including regional hospitals and cancer centres, was affected by a ransomware attack from cyber extortionists who demanded BTC3.5 to unlock files which they had encrypted. 79 other facilities went offline as a precaution. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [HiTech Expert](#) and [Security Affairs](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 21 February 2024.

