

# 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

#### *Abyei Administrative Area, South Sudan/Sudan*

**22 February 2024:** In Jul Jok, Armed youth of Twic Dinka and SSPDF looted equipment and other valuables from an INGO-managed hospital and the Abyei FM station. The Twic County Commissioner denied the involvement of Twic members in the incident. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**24 February 2024:** In Kirotshe, Bahunde, Masisi, North Kivu province, a hospital was looted of medical supplies by M23 and AFC for use for their wounded fighters. Doors were also destroyed. Nearby houses, shops and churches were also looted. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**26 February 2024:** In Rutshuru territory, North Kivu province, an aid organisation suspended medical care for over 20,000 due to renewed clashes. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

#### *Mali*

**26 February 2024:** In Wabaria, Gao cercle and region, a community health centre was attacked by unidentified armed men who attacked a community health centre and threatened an unspecified number of health workers. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### *South Sudan*

**23 February 2024:** In Zalingei town, Central Darfur state, the MSF headquarters was stormed by a group of ten armed men at around 02:00 who robbed two Toyota Land Cruiser vehicles and phones belonging to MSF international staff. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

#### *Sudan*

Insecurity insight identified at least 284 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 61 health workers have been killed, 30 kidnapped and 63 injured. In addition, health facilities have been damaged at least 62 times. Explore this [map](#) to see where incidents happened. Access the data on [HDX](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets.

Past incident briefs: [21 February-05 March](#); [07-20 February](#); [All](#). 2022 SHCC Factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)



## Asia

### Indonesia

**03 February 2024:** In Omukia district, Puncak regency, Central Papua province, a public health clinic was burned down by TPNPB. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**03 February 2024:** In Erobaga district, Puncak regency, Central Papua province, a public health clinic was burned down by TPNPB. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### Myanmar

Past incident reports: [21 February-05 March](#); [07-20 February](#); [24 January-06 February](#); [10-23 January](#); [All](#)

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

### Pakistan

**27 February 2024:** On Inayat Kallay-Shagoo Road, Mamund tehsil, Bajaur district, KPK province, two pharmaceutical employees were shot and killed by suspected TTP militants on a motorcycle. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**28 February 2024:** In Bettani tehsil, Lakki Marwat district, KPK province, a polio vaccine worker was killed and their body decapitated by suspected TTP militants after returning from work. Their body was recovered on 29 February close to the worker's residence. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## Europe

### Ukraine

#### Coercion and Control: The Misuse of Health Facilities for Nonmedical Purposes

This [case study](#) reveals lesser known aspects of Russia's destruction and weaponization of Ukraine's health care system, specifically that Russian armed forces have limited and conditioned civilians' access to health care in temporarily occupied territories. **These reported practices include requiring forced adoption of Russian nationality as a precondition for gaining access to health care (otherwise known as "passportization").** This not only imposes an external identity on Ukrainians – a forced change of nationality – but also restricts their ability to access health care and other medical support. "Our research sheds new light on the grim realities that patients and providers alike are forced to endure in order to access and provide basic health services," said Christina Wille, the Director of Insecurity Insight.

The study follows a February 2023 [report](#) that documented extensive attacks against Ukraine's hospitals, health workers, and other medical infrastructure since February 2022. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place.

## Middle East and North Africa

### Lebanon

**05 February 2024:** In Jebbayn town, Tyr district, South governorate, an ambulance was damaged by Israeli airstrikes on the area. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**23 February 2024:** in Blida town, Bint Jbeil district, Al Nabatieh governorate, two Lebanese civil defence paramedics were killed by an Israeli airstrike which hit a health centre. The facility was destroyed and an unspecified number of ambulances were damaged. **Source:** **Personal Communication**, [Quds News Network](#), [UN News](#) and [WAFA](#)

**26 February 2024:** In Aita ech Chaab, Bint Jbeil, Al Nabatieh governorate, two medics were injured and their ambulance damaged in Israeli airstrikes on the area. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**28 February 2024:** Along the main road connecting Saddiqine to Kafra, Bint Jbeil district, Al Nabatieh governorate, an Israeli drone fired missiles at ambulances responding to victims of previous Israeli warplanes airstrikes. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**04 March 2024:** In Al-Adisa village, Marjeyoun district, Nabatieh governorate, the Civil Defense Center was hit by an Israeli airstrike, killing three paramedics. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

### **Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**Insecurity Insight has identified 1023 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories between 07 October 2023 and 02 March 2024.** At least 29 incidents were reported in Israel including 14 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 994 incidents were recorded, 766 took place in the Gaza Strip and 174 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> At least 168 health workers have been killed,<sup>3</sup> 311 arrested and health facilities damaged 183 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care. Insecurity Insight calls for independent investigations and for all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected.

Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Access the data on [HDX](#).

Past incident reports: [05-11 March](#); [27 February-04 March](#); [20-26 February](#); [13-19 February](#); [06-12 February](#); [All](#)

2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

**03 March 2024:** In al-Blan area of al-Rastan city, Homs governorate, a pharmacist was shot dead at his pharmacy by an armed gang after he refused to sell them prescription drugs. **Sources:** [SNHR](#) and [SOHR](#)

## **The Americas**

### **Haiti**

**01 March 2024:** In Rue Saint-Honoré, Mgr Guilloux Avenue, Port-au-Prince town, gunfire exchanges were reported between armed individuals and police forces in the vicinity of the State University Hospital of Haiti. Patients and staff fled the facility, leaving behind a few patients who were unable to move. **Source:** [Le Nouvelliste](#)

**04 March 2024:** At Intersection of Rue Chareron and Rue de l'Enterrement, Portail Léogâne, Port-au-Prince town, the premises of Saint-François de Sales Hospital were vandalised and equipment taken by armed bandits. Solar panels, desks, windows, and other materials were also broken. **Sources:** [Le Nouvelliste](#), [MediaLibre Haïti](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 07 March 2024.

