

Attacks on Health Care

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Humanitarian Network and Practice Week 2024

Ensuring access to health care through community support and better security risk management for hospitals in the DRC. The panel will discuss the learning from an operational approach to analysing the risk, and assessing the impact of, an attack against the health system on health service delivery, staff and affected communities. While the discussion focuses on the situation in DRC, the findings can be relevant to other countries facing similar violations of the right to health.

Find out more and [register](#) for the online event to be held on 3 May at 15.00-16.30 CET online. The event will be in French with translation into English.

Semaine 2024 du réseau et des pratiques humanitaires

Garantir l'accès aux soins de santé grâce au soutien de la communauté et à une meilleure gestion des risques sécuritaires pour les hôpitaux en RDC. Le panel discutera des conclusions tirées d'une approche opérationnelle de l'analyse du risque et de l'évaluation de l'impact d'une attaque contre le système de santé sur la prestation des services de santé, le personnel et les communautés touchées. Bien que la discussion se concentre sur la situation en RDC, les conclusions peuvent être pertinentes pour d'autres pays confrontés à des violations similaires du droit à la santé.

Pour en savoir [plus](#) et s'inscrire à l'événement en ligne qui se tiendra le 3 mai de 15h00 à 16h30 CET. L'événement se déroulera en français avec une traduction en anglais.



Past editions: [06-19 February](#); [21 February-05 March](#); [07-20 February](#); [24 January-06 February](#); [10-23 January](#); [All](#)

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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

Burundi

20 March 2024: In Rohero city, Bujumbura Mairie province, a doctor was arrested by the National Intelligence Service (SNR). **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ethiopia

15 March 2024: In Gelana woreda, Oromia region, at least four health stations and 13 health posts were vandalised by the OLF-OLA. Nine municipalities suspended health services due to the damage. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mali

16 March 2024: In Amasrakad village, Gao city and governorate, a communal health centre was struck during FAMA drone strikes targeting a militant base. The technical director of the health centre was killed. **Source:** [Amnesty International](#)

Nigeria

15 March 2024: In Tamsu Kawu village, Kaga district, Borno state, ISWAP fired sporadically and broke into a government health facility, looting drugs, children's vaccines, a power generator and syphoning fuel from another generator. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Sudan

21 March 2024: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, a Ministry of Health staff member was killed and another injured during RSF artillery shelling. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

24 March 2024: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, the Ministry of Health Corpse Processing committee was hit by RSF artillery. The driver of the emergency vehicle belonging to the committee was killed. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Insecurity Insight identified at least 254 attacks on Sudan's health care system in 2023. At least 54 health workers were killed in 41 incidents, compared to thirteen in six incidents in [2022](#). Health worker killings were spread across nine states, with most taking place in Khartoum. Doctors, dentists, gynaecologists, medical students, pharmacists, nurses, ophthalmologists, and a laboratory technician were killed inside their homes, while travelling to and from work and at hospitals' and clinics during working hours. Most of those killed were hit by stray bullets or during indiscriminate, shelling, and on one occasion an armed drone strike. This violence against health workers impacts health providers' ability to maintain staffing levels that can fulfil patient needs and affects staff well-being.

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. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident briefs: [06-19 March](#); [21 February-05 March](#); [07-20 February](#); [24 January-06 February](#); [All](#)

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



Asia

Afghanistan

12 March 2024: In Kalyano village, Khost province, a doctor who served at the provincial hospital in Khost was killed during an altercation between two families. His siblings were also injured. **Source:** [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

24 March 2024: In Herat city and province, four health staff (the hospital's chief physician, a laboratory technician, a doctor, and an administrative staff member) from the Herat Provincial Hospital were arrested by Taliban intelligence operatives. **Source:** [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight has identified at least 50 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-20 February 2024. Health facilities were damaged at least 24 times, often by air-delivered explosive weapons. Incidents were frequently recorded in Rakhine state and neighbouring Magway and Sagaing regions. 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: [06-19 March](#); [21 February-05 March](#); [07-20 February](#); [24 January-06 February](#); [All](#)

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

Europe

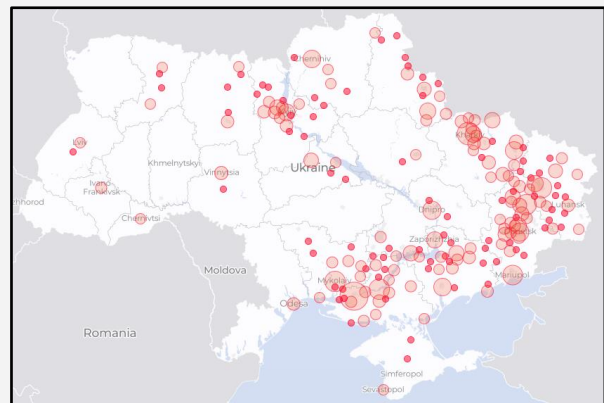
Russian Federation

27 March 2024: In Belgorod city and oblast, windows in clinics No. 7 and No. 8 were reportedly damaged in a drone strike of unidentified origin. A storage facility in the building of the children's regional clinical hospital was damaged. The shell fragments allegedly knocked out windows and cut down the facades of four educational institutions: kindergarten No. 19, kindergarten No. 72, private kindergarten and school No. 40. **Sources:** [RBC](#)

Ukraine

Since the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, there have been [1351 attacks](#) on the country's health care facilities, workers, and medical infrastructure:

- 199 health workers have been killed
- Hospitals and clinics have been damaged or destroyed 708 times
- 58 attacks on services provided for women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period
- 78 attacks on services that provide health care to children
- 83 attacks that impacted a hospital's access to energy or water supply systems
- 32 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 January 2024. **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

Lebanon

26 March 2024: Near Tayr Harfa town, Tyre district, four health workers were injured in an Israeli airstrike that hit a centre for the Civil Defense, causing damage to the centre and equipment. **Source:** [This is Beirut](#)

27 March 2024: In Al-Habariyah town, seven paramedics were killed after an Israeli airstrike hit the Emergency and Relief Services centre. **Sources:** [AA](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Democracy Now](#), [Quds News Network I](#), [Quds News Network II](#) and [Syrian Arab News Agency](#).

27 March 2024: In Naqoura town, Tyre district, four civilians, including a health worker, were killed when an Israeli airstrike hit a cafe. **Source:** [The National News](#).

01 April 2024: In Mais al-Jabal town, a paramedic was injured by Israeli gunfire. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Israel

20 March 2024: Following a petition filed by Physicians for Human Rights – Israel (PHR-I), the Israeli Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction against the return to Gaza of some 25 patients, along with their companions, who have been at hospitals in East Jerusalem and Israel since before 7 October. The patients were scheduled to be bused back to Gaza by the Israeli authorities, reportedly because they no longer require in-patient medical treatment, and include cancer patients and five newborn babies and their mothers. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 144](#)

As reported on 22 March 2024: In an unspecified location, the Israeli government reportedly ordered unspecified Israeli hospitals hosting paediatric oncology patients from Gaza to discontinue their care. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

A Disturbing Trend: Over 1000 Attacks on health Care in the oPt since 07 October 2023

Today marks the grim milestone of over 1000 recorded attacks on health care in the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt), five months into Israel's assault on Gaza following attacks by Hamas-affiliated militant groups from Gaza into southern Israel on 07 October 2023. This equates to approximately five attacks per day with the vast majority of incidents perpetrated by Israeli Defence Forces (IDF). In the last six months the oPt has become the third conflict to report over 1000 attacks on health care. Last August, 18 months after Russia's full-scale invasion on [Ukraine](#) in February 2022, over 1,000 attacks were recorded. A few months later in November, this horrific milestone was reached in [Myanmar](#), 30 months after the military coup in February 2021. Five months into Israel's assault on Gaza, [1014 attacks](#) on health care have been identified by Insecurity Insight. [Read more](#)

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

Past incident reports: [26 March-01 April](#); [19-25 March](#); [12-18 March](#); [05-11 March](#); [27 February-04 March](#); [All](#)

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

Syrian Arab Republic

22 March 2024: In Tell Abyad town, Ar Raqqa governorate, a paediatrician was beaten inside a clinic by National Police Force members for asking the head of the NPF's brother to wait his turn to be seen. The doctor was subsequently detained and taken to an undisclosed location. Protests were held in the streets in solidarity with the doctor. **Sources:** [SOHR I](#) and [SOHR II](#).

Yemen

24 March 2024: In Al Mashannah district, Ibb governorate, the owner of a medical lab and two of his relatives were kidnapped by Houthi security forces for failing to show up to court. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Haiti

12 March 2024: In Fragneau-Ville, Delmas, Ouest department, a doctor died due to lack of medical care resulting from an attack on 04 March by armed bandits while she was in her car. **Source:** [Ayibopost](#)

16 March 2024: In Port-au-Prince, gang members looted a UNICEF container at the Port-au-Prince International Port, carrying medical equipment for mothers and children. **Sources:** [CNN](#), [Reuters](#), [UNICEF](#), and [Voice of America](#)

26 March 2024: In rue Monseigneur Guilloux, Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, several clinics, pharmacies and a few houses located around the State University of Haiti Hospital were looted or burned while the largest hospital centre was left abandoned. **Sources:** [Passion Info+](#) and [VantBèf Enfo](#)

28 March 2024: At the corner of Delmas 18, Delmas, the Jude-Anne Hospital (DASH medical centre) was looted and vandalised by armed bandits. **Source:** [AmeriqueInfo7](#)

01 April 2024: In rue Monseigneur Guilloux, Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, the State University Hospital of Haiti was stormed by armed bandits, turning it into their headquarters to confront the police force. **Sources:** [Haiti24](#) and [Radio Télé Galaxie](#)

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