

Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

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The **Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC)** **418 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar in 2023, compared to 280 in 2022.** In these incidents, 37 health workers were killed; health facilities were damaged or destroyed, and occupied. In addition, 102 health workers were arrested and 37 were killed. Health worker kidnappings quadrupled, while a similar number of health workers were arrested and killed between 2022 and 2023. Health workers were threatened and harassed by conflict parties, including being warned by resistance fighters that they must join the CDM, while facing the risk of being targeted with violence or arrested by the Myanmar armed forces for doing so. Cases of health facilities being occupied by the Myanmar military, militia, and other allies more than tripled in 2023 compared to 2022. Most involved the Myanmar armed forces using health facilities as bunkers or bases for military operations. These occupations were most frequent in Sagaing region, but were dispersed across 12 other areas. Opposition forces increasingly used drones armed with explosives to attack Myanmar armed forces occupying health facilities. Read [more](#).

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Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

Documented incidents

04-05 May 2024: In Sagaing town, township, and district, Sagaing region, a male LNGO volunteer aid worker was arrested from his home by the Myanmar military on 04 May. On 05 May, the office of the LNGO was raided and four male aid workers were arrested from the office by the Myanmar



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military. On the same day, another male aid worker and one civilian male were arrested from their homes. The aid workers were accused of providing aids to the People's Defence Force and charged with counter-terrorism laws. The LNGO offers ambulance service, blood donation, and other social aid services. **Sources:** [Myanmar Now](#) and [Voice of Myanmar](#)

05 May 2024: In Tha Yet Taw village and village tract, Salin township, Minbu district, Magway region, a station hospital (primary-level, public) was occupied by the PDF after this village had been raided by the said armed group. **Source:** [Telegram](#)

07 May 2024: In Myo Thit village and village tract, Momauk township, Bhamo district, Kachin state, a station hospital (primary-level, public) was severely damaged and a female nurse was killed by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military fighter jet. The hospital was not functioning, but was underway to resume functioning on the day of the attack. Before the attack, the village had been taken over by the joint force of an ethnic armed organisation KIA and PDF who planned to hold an opening ceremony of this hospital on the day of the attack. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Kachin News Group](#), [The 74 Media](#) and [The Voice of Shan-Ni](#)

08 May 2024: In Kan Thit village, Kan Tein village tract, Myaing township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a makeshift clinic attached to a base camp of the PDF was seized by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Mandalay Free Press](#)

08 May 2024: In Ya Nge village and village tract, Thayetchaung township, Dawei district, Tanintharyi region, an non-functioning station hospital (primary-level, public) was damaged by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military fighter jets. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#) and [Democratic Voice of Burma](#)

11 May 2024: In Buthidaung town and township, Maungdaw district, Rakhine state, the staff residential building of a township hospital (secondary-level, public) was damaged by artillery shelling by the Arakan Army. There were casualties of internally displaced persons sheltering at this hospital - three were killed and at least ten injured. **Sources:** [Myanmar Transparency News](#) and [People Media](#)

As reported on 13 May 2024: In Pauk Tone village and village tract, Nattalin township and district, Bago region, a health assistant deserted his duty station and went into hiding after he had been summoned to serve as a combat medic for the Myanmar military at the frontline battle grounds. He left the duty station on 07 May. A 61-year-old male health assistant from Wet Htee Kan village and village tract, Pyay township and district, Bago region was forced to serve as a combat medic for the Myanmar military at the frontline in Shan state. These two health workers were not CDM-affiliated. **Source:** [Myaelatt Athan](#)

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