

Attacks on Health Care

Bi-Monthly News Brief

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Webinar: Casualty Recording and Health Care in Sudan

Join Insecurity Insight director in this webinar discussing how casualty reporting is an essential tool to strengthen the delivery of health care and general civilian protection in Sudan. The webinar is open to all, advance [registration](#) is required.

Monday 20 May 2024 at 09:00 New York; 14:00 London; 15:00 Geneva and Khartoum.



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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

Central African Republic

14 April 2024: In Kologota village, Bakouma district, Mbomou prefecture, the head of a health post and eight other civilians were killed and six houses burned when suspected UPC militants attacked the village. **Source:** [Corbeau News](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

The impact of violence against health care on the health of children and mothers in the Eastern DRC

This new study looks at the impact of violence against health care on maternal and children's health care in Eastern DRC. The findings revealed that these violent events led to decreased operation or complete shutdowns of health facilities for up to four weeks due to resource depletion and heightened safety fears, causing a significant drop in health care access. The attacks specifically resulted in a drastic reduction in women attending maternal health services, with childbirth services suffering greatly because they often occur at night. Many women opted to either travel long distances for safer facilities or undertake risky home births to avoid the danger at local centres.

This situation highlights a critical need for increased protection and support for health care services in conflict-affected regions to ensure vulnerable populations, particularly women and children, can access the essential medical care they need. Available in [English](#) and [French](#).

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Ethiopia

22 April 2024: In Debre Markos city, East Gojjam zone, Amhara region, a doctor was killed when a stray bullet hit her during a stop-and-search by Kebele Communal militia members. The bullet was aimed at a motorcyclist who refused to stop when instructed. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mali

24 April 2024: In Kidal town, cercle and region, two pharmacy managers were arrested by members of FAMA and Wagner. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Sudan

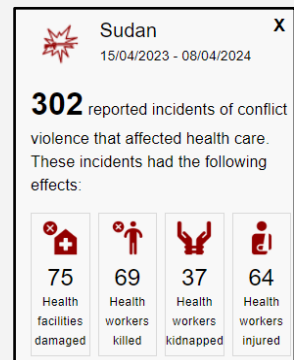
Insecurity Insight identified 302 attacks on Sudan's health care system between 15 April 2023-16 April 2024.

Hospitals, clinics, and medical warehouses were bombed, shelled, and taken over, and repurposed as military bases. In addition to patients, 69 health workers were killed, 64 injured and 37 kidnapped. Drugs, medical supplies, and equipment were looted and repeatedly blocked from entering the country.

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.

Incident reports: [03-16 April](#); [20 March-02 April](#); [06-19 March](#); [All](#)

2022 SHCC Factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)



Asia

Myanmar

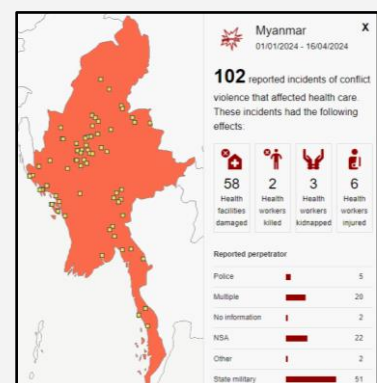
Insecurity Insight identified 102 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-16 April 2024.

Over three-quarters of incidents took place at health facilities and often involved airstrikes, artillery strikes, missiles and rockets damaging facilities. In one incident on 14 April, a rural health centre, a school, and a house were damaged by bombs dropped from Myanmar military aircrafts in Magway region. In other cases, health facilities were used for military operations.

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Incident reports: [17-30 April](#); [03-16 April](#); [20 March-02 April](#); [06-19 March](#); [All](#)

SHCC factsheets: [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)



Europe

Ukraine

Since the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, there have been [1403 attacks](#) on health care

At least 199 health workers have been killed and hospitals and clinics have been damaged or destroyed 731 times. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 21 March 2024.



Middle East and North Africa

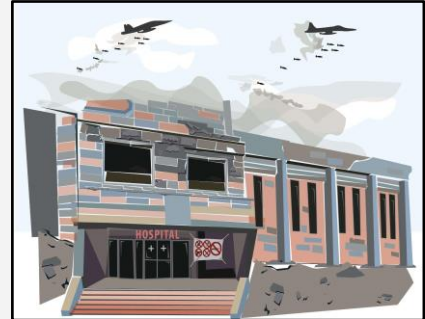
Iraq

13 April 2024: In Zummar town, Ninawa governorate, a nurse who worked in the Ninewa Health Department was killed by unidentified gunmen due to tribal revenge. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Insecurity Insight identified 1166 attacks on health care in Israel and the oPt between 07 October 2023-06 May 2024.

At least 45 incidents were reported in Israel including 22 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 1121 incidents were recorded, 862 took place in the Gaza Strip and 189 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.³ At least 191 health workers have been killed,¹ 319 arrested and health facilities damaged 203 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care. 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.



Incident reports: [23 April-06 May](#); [09-22 April](#); [02-08 April](#); [26 March-01 April](#); [19-25 March](#); [All](#)

2022 SHCC factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

The Americas

Columbia

19 April 2024: In Villanueva, in La Guajira department, a doctor was shot multiple times and killed by an armed individual while arriving at a hospital. The perpetrator was detained by police. **Source:** [Social Bites](#)

Ecuador

24 April 2024: In Manta city, Manabi province, the owner of LAMS health centre was shot and killed by an unidentified armed individual who entered the health centre. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mexico

18 April 2024: In Tijuana city, Baja California state, the director of Hospital Arcángelos was shot and killed as he was leaving the hospital by two armed individuals. A security guard was also injured. **Sources:** [Fox 5](#) and [Yahoo](#)

22 April 2024: In Celaya city, Guanajuato state, two paramedics were killed when armed individuals opened fire at an ambulance. The perpetrators also set fire to two other ambulances. **Sources:** [Borderland Beat](#), [La Opinion](#) and [Small Wars Journal](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 07 May 2024.

