

Attacks on Health Care

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Insecurity Insight has identified 1184 global incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care between 01 January-11 June 2024. Half were recorded in the occupied Palestinian territory with high numbers also reported in Myanmar, Sudan and Ukraine. In these 1088 incidents, health facilities were damaged or destroyed 372 times and 189 health workers killed and 35 kidnapped.

Explore [this](#) interactive map to see where incidents happened. The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief. Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets.



Health care related incidents
reported globally: **1151**

01/01/2024 – 11/06/2024

372 Health facilities damaged

189 Health workers killed

35 Health workers kidnapped

91 Health workers injured

Past editions: [29 May-11 June](#); [15-28 May](#); [01-14 May](#); [17-30 April](#); [03-16 April](#); [20 March-02 April](#); [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

Cameroon

17 June 2024: In Bafut town, Mezam department, North West region, a nurse was shot and killed while on duty by members of the Ambazonia Defense Forces (ADF). **Source:** [MimiMefo](#)

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified **31 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in Cameroon in 2023. More than three-quarters of incidents were documented in the anglophone North West and South West regions, a pattern that reflected the geographical concentration of incidents in the previous two years. Separatists and unidentified attackers kidnapped health workers, while CAF forces raided hospitals, injuring and arresting health workers and patients they suspected of links to opposition groups. Banso Baptist Hospital was stormed twice by CAF forces in search of separatists.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

As reported on 13 June 2024: In Matumbi village, Banyali-Kilo district, North Kivu province, the head nurse and an accountant for the Pasala health centre, along with eight other civilians were killed by the ADF. **Source:** [ReliefWeb](#)

Mozambique

10 June 2024: In Nacoba village, Quissanga district, Cabo Delgado province, a health centre was looted during an attack on the village by Islamic State-back insurgents. **Source:** [Zitamar News](#)



Insecurity Insight – Monitoring incidents around the world affecting aid, health care, education, and protection.

Sudan

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified [257 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan in 2023](#), compared to [54 in 2022](#). In these incidents, 56 health workers were killed; vital medicines were looted; and health facilities were damaged, destroyed, and occupied. Hospitals, clinics, and medical warehouses were bombed, shelled, and taken over, and repurposed as military bases. In addition to patients, health workers, including an anaesthetist, dentist, pharmacist, and ophthalmology consultant, were killed, injured, kidnapped, and arrested. Drugs, medical supplies, and equipment were looted and repeatedly blocked from entering the country. Humanitarian actors were denied visas or faced delays in obtaining them.

Incident reports: [12-25 June](#); [29 May-11 June](#); [15-28 May](#); [01-14 May](#); [All](#)

SHCC factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): 2023 coming soon; [2022](#); [2021](#)



Asia

Afghanistan

10 June 2024: In PD2 jurisdiction, Farah city, district and province, two health workers, a midwife and a nurse at Bakwa Hospital were injured in an attack by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

A total of [188 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of health care were reported in Sagaing, Magway, and Mandalay regions in 2023, an increase from 118 in 2022 according to the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC). Nearly 40% of these incidents reported damage to health facilities. Incidents were most frequent in November, which was consistent with an increase in the overall intensity of conflict between the Myanmar armed forces and resistance groups in Sagaing in that month. From April, local resistance forces increasingly used drones armed with explosive weapons to attack Myanmar armed forces occupying health facilities.

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

Incident reports: [12-25 June](#); [29 May-11 June](#); [15-28 June](#); [01-14 May](#); [All](#)



Europe

Ukraine

Hospitals, including maternity and children's facilities, pharmacies, and warehouses, were damaged or destroyed on [192 occasions](#) in 2023. Most involved explosive weapons used by Russian forces. Cases were spread over 13 oblasts, with most taking place in Donetska and Khersonska. Often civilians were killed or injured, and civilian infrastructure was damaged, including Kherson Regional Children's Hospital, which was damaged when Russian forces attacked Kherson city 36 times with artillery, rockets, mortars, tanks, and drones.

Access the data on [HDX](#). Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 13 April 2024.



Middle East and North Africa

Lebanon

12 June 2024: In Markaba town, Marjayoun municipality, Nabatieh governorate, a paramedic was injured by an Israeli suicide drone strike. **Source:** [El Nashra](#)

As reported on 13 June 2024: In Bint Jbeil and Marjaaouyn districts, Nabatieh governorate, six primary health care centres remained closed due to insecurity, three in each district. **Source:** [OCHA Flash Update 20](#)

14 June 2024: In Jnata town, Southern Lebanon, a paramedic working for Al Risala Association for Health and Ambulance services was killed in an Israeli airstrike on the town. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

17 June 2024: Near Kfar Hamam village, Hasbaya district, Nabatieh governorate, Aarqoub Health Centre, supported by the Amel International Foundation, was hit by artillery shells fired by Israeli forces, damaging windows and equipment. **Source:** [People's Health Movement](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight has identified **1314 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 16 June 2024. At least 47 incidents were reported in Israel including 22 health workers killed in attacks carried out by Hamas militants. In the oPt where 1267 incidents were recorded, 974 took place in the Gaza Strip and 239 in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. At least 215 health workers have been killed,¹ 334 arrested and health facilities damaged 228 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances have frequently been obstructed from reaching patients in need of care. Access the data on [HDX](#). Incident reports: [18 June-01 July](#); [04-17 June](#); [21 May-03 June](#); [07-20 May](#); [23 April-06 May](#); [All](#)

The Americas

Colombia

12 June 2024: In Suarez town, Cauca department, the vicinity of the municipal hospital was hit by a drone strike launched by FARC rebels, injuring three civilians, including a baby. **Source:** [El Colombiano](#)

Mexico

12 June 2024: In Tlacotepec de Porfirio Diaz town, Puebla state, a hospital was broken into by at least six armed individuals who kidnapped a woman and shot and killed her brother who tried to stop the attack. The woman's body was found the next day inside a plastic bag with a threatening message from the perpetrators. **Sources:** [Central](#) and [Milenio](#)

Global Health Insecurity

These events go beyond the definition used by the SHCC to cover a wider range of events that affect the provision of health care including events perpetrated by patients or relatives of patients, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by health care personnel.

Africa

Kenya

25 June 2024: In Nairobi, in the midst of nationwide anti-tax demonstrations, Members of Parliament used ambulances to leave Parliament, which led to some of the vehicles being attacked by protesters. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 26 June 2024

