

# Attacks on Health Care

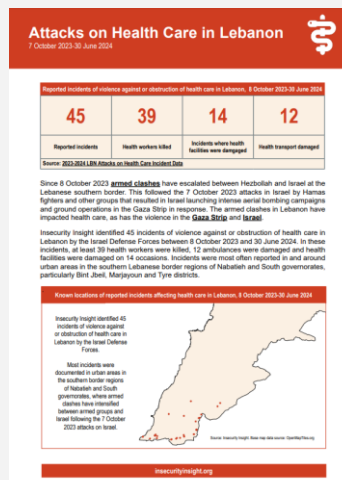
## Bi-Monthly News Brief

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### Attacks on Health Care in Lebanon

Since 8 October 2023 **armed clashes** have escalated between Hezbollah and Israel at the Lebanese southern border. This followed the 7 October 2023 attacks in Israel by Hamas fighters and other groups that resulted in Israel launching intense aerial bombing campaigns and ground operations in the Gaza Strip in response. The armed clashes in Lebanon have impacted health care, as has the violence in the **Gaza Strip** and **Israel**.

Insecurity Insight identified **45 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in Lebanon by the Israel Defense Forces between 8 October 2023 and 30 June 2024. In these incidents, at least 39 health workers were killed, 12 ambulances were damaged and health facilities were damaged on 14 occasions. Incidents were most often reported in and around urban areas in the southern Lebanese border regions of Nabatieh and South governorates, particularly Bint Jbeil, Marjayoun and Tyre districts. Download this data on **HDX**.



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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

#### Burkina Faso

**01 July 2024:** In Felleol village, Gorom-Gorom department, Oudalan province, a female nurse was kidnapped by ISSP militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### Democratic Republic of the Congo

**04 July 2024:** In Kanyabayonga town, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, the General Reference Hospital was looted by armed men, dressed in uniforms that resembled M23 rebels. Items, including laboratory equipment were stolen. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**04 July 2024:** In Masinzi village, Baswaga district, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, a health centre was set on fire by suspected ADF militants. The village had been abandoned by residents a week earlier due to repeated ADF attacks. **Source:** [Nyota](#)

#### Nigeria

**29 June 2024:** In Gwoza LGA, Borno state, a suspected Boko Haram female suicide bomber equipped with explosives targeted mourners near the General Hospital, killing two members of the Civilian Joint Task Force. **Sources:** [AP](#) and [HumanAngle](#)

## South Sudan

**16 June 2024:** In Losite Payam, Ikotos County, an UN national aid worker en route to polio vaccination staff salaries was attacked and injured with a knife and robbed of money by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [AWSD<sup>2</sup>](#)

## Sudan

Insecurity Insight identified two incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Sudan's Sennar state since [fighting](#) was reported between the RSF and SAF in Jebel Moya on 26 June and spread to the state capital Sinja on 29 June. Both incidents were attributed to the RSF and took place in Sinja town: health workers and patients at Sinja Teaching Hospital were detained, used as human shields and prevented from leaving by the RSF who repurposed the facility into a military centre, and an anaesthesia specialist was killed by the RSF.

Between 15 April and 10 June 2024, Insecurity Insight identified 370 of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Sudan. At least 83 health workers have been killed, 37 kidnapped and 76 injured. In addition, health facilities have been damaged at least 87 times. Nearly half of recorded incidents took place in the highly urbanised Khartoum. Incidents increased in North Darfur state from May onwards. Explore this [interactive 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: [26 June-09 July](#); [12-25 June](#); [29 May-11 June](#); [15-28 May](#); [01-14 May](#); [17-30 April](#); [All SHCC factsheets \(EN\): 2023; 2022; 2021](#). (AR): 2023 coming soon; [2022](#); [2021](#)

## Asia

### Afghanistan

**29 June 2024:** In Kabul, female employees at Sihat-e-Tafal, Stomatology, Sheikh Zayed, and Wazir Akbar Khan hospitals launched a strike against the Taliban's decision to reduce their salaries. **Source:** [Khaama Press](#)

### India

**04 July 2024:** In Imphal city, Manipur state, at 17:18, two shots were fired at the reception area of Angel Children's Hospital by two gunmen. The incident sparked protests from staff and community members. **Source:** [Imphal Times](#)

### Myanmar

Insecurity Insight identified 143 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-11 June 2024. In these incidents, five health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged 77 times. High numbers [continue](#) to be recorded in Sagaing region. Most incidents were attributed to the Myanmar military. Explosive weapons including air and drone strikes, and mortar shells have been used in 60 incidents. These attacks undermine health care providers' ability to effectively meet patient needs, maintain safe staffing levels and impact the population's access to health care.

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### Pakistan

**28 June 2024:** In North Waziristan tribal district, an anti-polio vaccination team member and two policemen were killed by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [The Indian Express](#)

**04 July 2024:** In the Shah Alam Village, Tank and Dera Ismail Khan districts, two Pakistan police officers were injured after a fire was started at anti-polio vaccination teams by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** [The Indian Express](#)

## Europe

### Ukraine

#### Russian Forces Continued its Attack on Ukraine's Health System in 2023

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) has released a report (now available in [English](#) and [Ukrainian](#)) documenting 394 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Ukraine in 2023. The ongoing conflict, initiated by Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, has left nearly a [fifth of Ukraine's territory](#) under occupation and has caused extensive damage to civilian and energy infrastructure. Over 12 million Ukrainians have faced [energy disruptions](#), and severe flooding in June 2023 further exacerbated the humanitarian crisis, affecting over sixty thousand people. About 40% of the Ukrainian population is [estimated](#) to require humanitarian assistance in 2024.

## Middle East and North Africa

### Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified [1346 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 02 July 2024. Israeli forces have arrested or detained at least 265 health workers in the Gaza Strip. At least 206 are reportedly still held captive and the ICRC has been [denied access](#) to them, including Dr Khaled Alser who was forcefully taken by Israeli forces from Nasser Hospital on 24 March while on duty working as the only surgeon at the facility and taken to an [unknown location](#). Since then, he has been detained in conditions tantamount to [enforced disappearance](#). His fate and whereabouts has been concealed by Israeli authorities.

Incident reports: [02-15 July](#); [18 June-01 July](#); [04-17 June](#); [21 May-03 June](#); [07-20 May](#); [23 April-06 May](#); [All 2022 SHCC factsheets](#): [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

### Syrian Arab Republic

**As reported on 27 June 2024:** In Hemar Al-Ali village, west Deir ez-Zor governorate, a health centre was attacked by IS gunmen using light weapons and grenades. Three staff were injured. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**03 July 2024:** In As-Sanamayn city, Daraa governorate, a male doctor was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**04 July 2024:** In Inkhil town, Daraa governorate, a pharmacist was shot and injured by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

### Yemen

**03 July 2024:** In Ataq city, Shabwah governorate, a nurse at the Shabwah General Hospital was shot and killed by STC Shabwani Defense Forces at a checkpoint near Ataq New Hospital as he was on his way home from a shift. **Source:** [Barran Press](#)

**05 July 2024:** In Bayt al Faqih city, Al Hudaydah governorate, a health centre was stormed and a Russian doctor kidnapped by Houthi forces. The doctor was taken to an undisclosed location and accused of killing a Houthi leader's wife while she was in charge of her medical treatment. **Source:** [Al Mashhad](#)

## The Americas

### Haiti

**Between 25 and 26 June 2024:** In L'Estere, Artibonite department, the only ambulance serving the population of the locality was seized by Kokorat San Ras gang members. **Source:** [AmeriqueInfo7](#)

**06 July 2024:** In Lizon locality, Plaine de Cul-de-Sac, Croix-des-Bouquets commune, a gynaecologist-obstetrician was kidnapped by armed bandits. An undisclosed ransom amount was demanded for his release. **Source:** [Radio Télé Galaxie](#)

## **Mexico**

**01 July 2024:** In Los Mayos village, Sinaloa state, an ambulance from Integral Hospital of Tamazula was intercepted by armed men around 16:30 who opened the ambulance door and repeatedly shot at an injured patient inside. The patient died and an ambulance driver was injured. **Source:** [El Sol de Sinaloa](#)

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## **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**

**23 June 2024:** In Ngara neighbourhood, Starehe constituency, Nairobi city, a doctor at the Sikh Union was arrested by suspected police officers while conducting a blood donation drive to help injured protestors. The doctor was released the same day at 20:00. **Sources:** [Jurist](#) and [Star](#)

### **South Africa**

**03 July 2024:** In Nelson Mandela Bay, Kwazakhele, a doctor was kidnapped by an unidentified person. **Source:** [Herald Live](#)

## **Asia**

### **India**

**30 June 2024:** In Nagpur, Maharashtra state, a female doctor was kidnapped by two people impersonating intelligence officials. **Source:** [The News](#)

## **Europe**

### **Croatia**

**02 July 2024:** In Zagreb, a suspected Russian hacker group stole critical data from the University Hospital Center in Zagreb (KBC Zagreb) and demanded a ransom. **Sources:** [Eurointegration](#), [Internetua](#), [Sprotyv](#), [UANews](#) and [Volyn](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 11 July 2024.

