

Attacks on Health Care

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Insecurity Insight identified 1699 of violence against or obstruction of health care in 48 countries and territories between 01 January and 02 September 2024. In these incidents, at least 364 health workers were killed, 170 injured, 94 kidnapped and 175 arrested. Health facilities were damaged over 400 times. Download this [data](#) (includes the reported perpetrator, the weapons used and a brief event description). Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Data is updated on [HDX](#) every Monday. Follow [us](#) on HDX for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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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

Chad

Between 07 and 08 September 2024: In Fende 2 locality, Province du Lac, Fouli (Liwa) department, six INGO health workers and along with an unspecified number of other people were kidnapped during a raid by a non-state armed group. Among the six staff, one was allegedly killed, three managed to escape and the remaining two still captive. **Sources:** [ALIMA](#) and [ReliefWeb](#)

Nigeria

05 September 2024: In Ilshan-Remo town, Ikenne LGA, Ogun state, an Assistant Chief Nursing Officer working at the Babcock University Teaching Hospital was kidnapped on her way to church by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [Premium Times](#)

09 September 2024: In Layin Dan Auta village, Kuyello ward, Birnin Gwari area, Kaduna state, two nurses were kidnapped from a primary health care centre by a Kaduna militia. The original target of the attack was the local primary school but the militants were unable to find any pupils. **Source:** [Daily Trust](#)

11 September 2024: In Kurfi town and LGA, Katsina state, four women were kidnapped by a Katsina militia who attacked the Kurfi General Hospital. One of the women was the wife of the anaesthetist on duty who was reportedly the target of the attack but who escaped. A watchman was also shot and wounded. **Source:** [Nairaland](#)

South Sudan

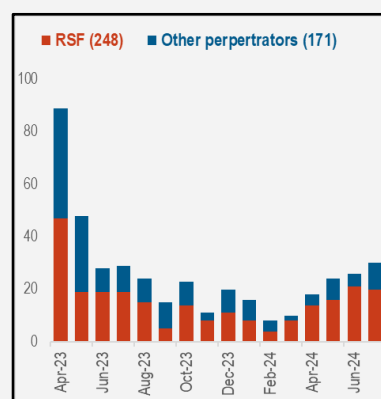
As reported on 13 September 2024: In Qorom Refugee Camp, 45km from Juba, 113 cases of miscarriage among Sudanese refugee women were reported, due to lack of follow-up with doctors and lack of adequate food and salty water inside the camp. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)



Sudan

Insecurity Insight identified 433 attacks on Sudan's health care system since fighting started between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023 and 20 August 2024. Over 40 health workers were killed and health facilities damaged 41 times. Nearly two-thirds of incidents were attributed to the RSF. Since May 2024, incidents increased in North Darfur state where health facilities were damaged by RSF shelling at least 29 times.

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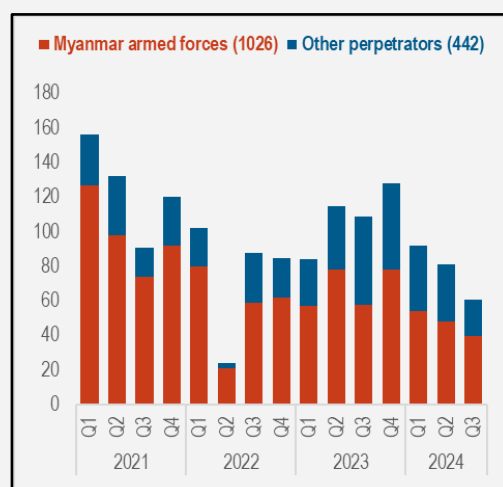
SHCC factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#)

Asia

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight identified 1468 attacks on Myanmar's health care system since the coup by the Myanmar armed forces on 01 February 2021 and 19 August 2024. Nearly three-quarters of incidents were attributed to the Myanmar armed forces. Since January 2024, incidents have increased in Rakhine state where health facilities were damaged by explosive weapons or used for non-medical purposes and health workers killed and injured. Shortages of medicine supply due to the blockade of importing medical supplies by the junta authorities further hindered patients' access to health care.

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Pakistan

As reported on 05 September 2024: In Hayatab suburb, Peshawar city and district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a 28-year-old doctor at Shaukat Khanum Hospital was kidnapped by unidentified perpetrators after he left home for work. **Sources:** [Dawn TV](#) and [The News](#)

09 September 2024: On the outskirts of Wana town, South Waziristan district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a police vehicle escorting an anti-polio team was targeted in a roadside bomb, wounding between nine and 13 people, including three police officers. It is not clear whether anti-polio vaccinators were hurt or not. **Sources:** [Arab News](#) and [Times of India](#)

Europe

Russian Federation

16 September 2024: Across the country, MSF-Netherlands suspended their operation in the country after the Russian Ministry of Justice withdrew the affiliate office of the INGO from the register of affiliate and representative offices of foreign NGOs. **Source:** [MSF](#)

Ukraine

As reported on 04 September 2024: In Sumy city, raion and oblast, a children's rehabilitation centre was damaged by bombing of unidentified origin. **Source:** [Croix Rouge](#)

As reported on 06 September 2024: In Pokrovsk city, Donetsk region, the last civilian hospital was forced to redeploy its staff and relocate medical equipment and supplies due to the advancing frontline. This facility was previously providing urgent and specialised care to the war-wounded. **Source:** [MSF](#)

12 September 2024: In Viroliubivka village, Kostiantynivka urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, shelling of unidentified origin hit a humanitarian aid distribution centre, killing three ICRC staffers, and wounding two more. The ICRC team was preparing to distribute wood and coal briquettes to vulnerable households. **Sources:** [ICRC](#), [New Age](#) and [OCHA](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Lebanon

07 September 2024: In Froun village, Bint Jbeil district, Nabatieh governorate, an Israeli airstrike hit a Lebanese Civil Defense fire truck, killing three paramedics, and injuring two others. **Source:** [AA](#)

11 September 2024: In an undisclosed location in southern Lebanon, a paramedic was killed by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-02 September 2024

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	48	23	4	0
oPt	1614	490 ¹	246	341

Insecurity Insight identified 1662 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 02 September 2024. In the Gaza Strip, where 1256 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 231 times and 471 health workers killed. At least 294 incidents were reported in the West Bank and East Jerusalem², including 73 health workers who were arrested or detained by Israeli forces.

Download the [data](#) (includes a brief incident description, details on the reported perpetrator and the weapons used). For all our incidents taking place in the oPt, no geo-coordinates are available due to HDX policy. [Contact](#) us for curated datasets. Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#)³ and on this [data visualisation](#) by Soha Elghany. Data is updated on [HDX](#) every Monday. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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Syrian Arab Republic

12 September 2024: In al Salameh village, Azaz district, Aleppo governorate, health workers at Mohamad Wasim Maaz Hospital were physically assaulted by 50th Division members, seriously injuring one of the nurses with the back of a gun. They perpetrators also destroyed the contents of the hospital's emergency room. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

The Americas

Mexico

05 September 2024: In Villas del Campo fraccionamiento, Tijuana city, Baja California state, Roma Pharmacy was entered by armed men who opened fire, killing a man and injuring a female doctor and another employee. A man and a woman were also abducted. Shortly after, in a neighbouring street, a man and a woman were shot and killed. Sources state that these victims were likely the abductees from the pharmacy. **Source:** [La Jornada](#)

13 September 2024: In Lindavista neighbourhood, Gustavo A. Madero borough, Mexico city, a doctor was shot and killed by an armed man, reportedly in connection with extortion. **Source:** [Reformer](#)

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.

Asia

Bangladesh

07 September 2024: In Shariatpur town, Shariatpur Sadar upazila, Shariatpur district, Dhaka division, relatives of a patient at the Shariatpur Sadar Hospital, joined by outsiders, attacked hospital staff, including a pharmacist, an office assistant, a cook, and a cleaner. To protest the incident, hospital staff suspended the emergency service pending the arrest of the perpetrators. The emergency service, nonetheless, resumed one hour later. **Source:** [New Age](#)

07 September 2024: In Rajshahi city, district and division, a former leader of the Chhatra League at the Rajshahi University was severely beaten by local people inside a pharmacy, Binodpur Bazar City Market, before being handed over to the police. He was pronounced dead after being taken to hospital. **Source:** [New Age](#)

10-11 September 2024: In Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila, Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, following the death of a patient at the Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, relatives of the deceased accused staff of negligence, and attacked doctors and ward boys. To protest the incident, physicians went on a strike, halting all medical activities, including emergency, outpatient, and ward services. **Source:** [New Age](#)

Europe

Italy

06 September 2024: In Foggia city, commune and province, Apulia region, doctors and nurses at the Policlinico facility were forced to barricade themselves inside a room, after about 50 relatives and friends of a 23-year-old woman, who died after an emergency operation, turned on medical staff. Some medics got injured. **Sources:** [ANSA](#) and [The Guardian](#)

08 September 2024: In Foggia city, commune and province, Apulia region, a patient at the Policlinico facility kicked and punched three emergency room nurses. **Sources:** [ANSA](#) and [The Guardian](#)

10 September 2024: In Casarano town and commune, Lecce province, Apulia region, a patient attacked a doctor at the Francesco Ferrari Hospital. **Sources:** [ANSA](#) and [The Guardian](#)

11 September 2024: Update: In Salerno city and commune, Salerno province, the Italian Civil Court of Salerno ordered the suspension of the 60-day administrative detention of the MSF search and rescue ship, *Geo Barents*. The detention order had been originally issued on 23 August 2024. **Source:** [MSF](#)

Oceania

Papua New Guinea

06 September 2024: In Port Moresby city, National Capital District division, health workers at Gerehu Hospital were beaten, one critically, by drunken police officers. The hospital temporarily closed as a result. **Source:** [Post Courier](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 18 September 2024

