

Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

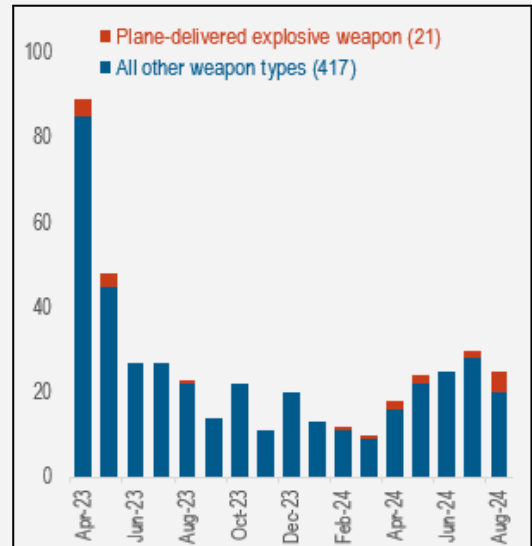
18 September-01 October 2024



Insecurity Insight identified 440 attacks on Sudan's health care system since fighting started between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023 and 03 September 2024. At least 105 health workers have been killed and health facilities damaged 118 times.

The use of plane-delivered explosive weapons by the SAF damaging health facilities has nearly doubled so far in 2024, compared to 2023 (from 8 to 13). All eight recorded incidents in 2023 were recorded in Khartoum. In contrast, all but one incident in 2024 occurred in the Darfur states.

The data with details on location, reported conflict party, weapon used and brief description is available [here](#) for download. Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Data is updated on [HDX](#) every Monday. Registered HDX user? [Follow us](#) for the latest dataset updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Please [get in touch](#) if you're interested in curated datasets.



Past incident briefs: [04-17 September](#); [21 August-03 September](#); [07-20 August](#); [24 July-06 August](#); [10-23 July](#); [All](#)

Please [get in touch](#) if you have made a public statement that you would like us to include in our Bi Monthly News Brief, to report an incident or if you have additional information on an incident we have reported on. Join our [Sudan](#) mailing list for regular updates. Help support the protection of health care by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/18Sept-01Oct2024SDNHealth

Documented incidents

As reported on 18 September 2024: In Al Mijlad city, West Kordofan state, the head of the Medical Engineering Department at the Kidney Dialysis Center at Al Mijlad Reference Hospital reported that eight kidney dialysis machines out of a total of ten were out of service due to repeated malfunctions and the centre's inability to maintain them. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

19 September 2024: In Khartoum city and state, Bashaer Hospital, one of the few operating hospitals in the city, was forced to close some departments due to the spread of dengue fever among staff members, and rising medicine prices. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 20 September 2024: In Khartoum city and state, the Popular Congress Party confirmed in a statement that the RSF assassinated the party's health sector leader, after arresting him from his home in Khartoum a year ago. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Sudan War Monitor](#)

20 September 2024: In Yei county, Central Equatoria state, two clearly-marked MSF vehicles were stopped on their way back to Yei town by armed men, suspected of being National Salvation Front (NAS), who forced the four staff members to disembark from their vehicles at gunpoint, while looting MSF and the staff's personal belongings. They then abducted a MSF staff member and another aid worker belonging to a partner organisation while letting the two drivers proceed

onwards with the vehicles. The abductees were released after 24 hours. Following the incident, MSF suspended their activities in Yei and Morobo counties over security concerns. **Sources:** [MSF](#) and [Radio Tamazuji](#)

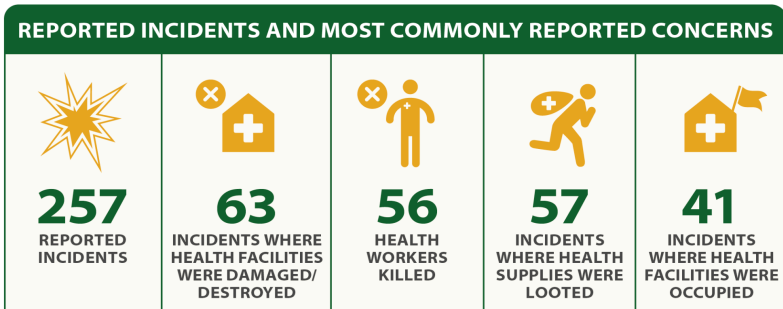
23 September 2024: In Hiyala payam, Torit county, Eastern Equatoria state, an INGO-contracted security guard was killed by an unidentified armed individual at the entrance of a health facility. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

30 September 2024: In Kalakla, Khartoum state, MSF suspended its activities in the area due to increased insecurity and incidents. **Source:** [MSF](#)

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.

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



This document comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to health care. It is part of the [Attacks on Health Care](#) project by [Insecurity Insight](#). It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care and have not been independently verified. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations. This report is funded and supported by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the U.S. Government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

Insecurity Insight. 2024. 18 September-01 October 2024 Violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan. Switzerland: Insecurity Insight. bit.ly/18Sept-01Oct2024SDNHealth

¹ The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWSD) does not include the names of individual victims or the agencies affected by an incident. This is done in consideration of the victims and their families who may not wish to have the names published in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed on 03 October 2024.

