

# Attacks on Health Care

## Bi-Monthly News Brief

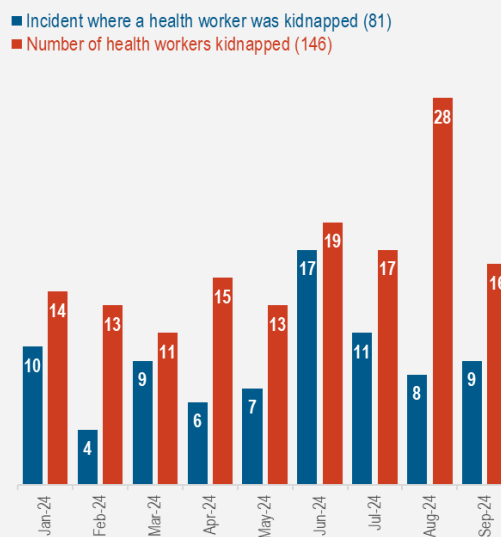
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Insecurity Insight identified 2109 of violence against or obstruction of health care in 53 countries and territories between 01 January and 30 September 2024. At least 146 health workers were kidnapped in 81 incidents.

The number of health workers kidnapped increased in August when a doctor and 19 medical and dental students from the University of Maiduguri and the University of Jos, were kidnapped by gunmen from a convoy of two buses while on their way to a medical convention in Enugu city in Benue state. A 50 million naira ransom was demanded from their families for their release. All were freed a week later without a ransom being paid.

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Health workers kidnapped, January-September 2024



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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

#### *Abyei Administrative Area, South Sudan/Sudan*

**09 October 2024:** Between Gumpeth and Aawayicin villages, Rumamer county, Abyei Administrative Area, a doctor was shot and killed by suspected Twic Dinka armed individuals who ambushed him while he was on his way to collect salaries for his staff at Agok airstrip. Two women who were with the doctor are missing. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**09 October 2024:** In Mugalie village, Ango territory, Bas Uele province, a nurse in charge of the local health centre was kidnapped by armed Ex-Seleka men. Two FARDC members intervened and secured their release shortly after. **Source:** [7sur7](#)

## Ethiopia

**07 October 2024:** In Dagi kebele, West Gojjam zone, Amhara state, a health worker and three patients were injured when the Dagi health station was hit by an ENDF drone strike. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## Nigeria

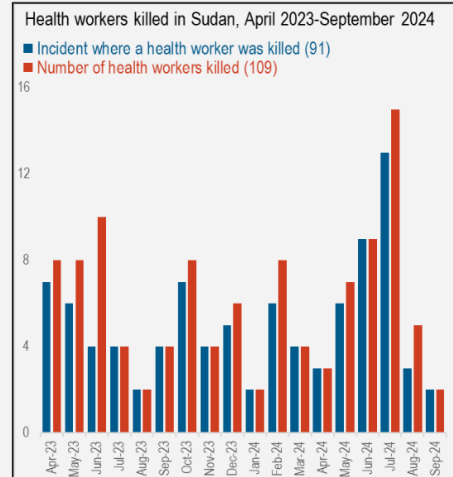
**07 October 2024:** In the Mareri area, Gusau city, Zamfara state, a consultant gynaecologist of the Federal Medical Centre was kidnapped from his home by a Zamfara militia. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#)

## Sudan

**Insecurity Insight identified 470 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan since fighting started between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023 and 30 September 2024.** At least 109 health workers were killed in 91 incidents. Most health worker killings involved perpetrators shooting and killing health workers working inside hospitals, clinics, or their homes. The RSF forces were most commonly identified as the perpetrators.

In 2023, health worker killings were often recorded in Khartoum. Since January 2024, health worker killings have increased in Al Jazirah, North Darfur and Sennar states. High incident numbers were recorded in July 2024 in El Fasher city, North Darfur state where an MSF-supported obstetrics and gynaecology hospital was hit and damaged by shells fired by the RSF and nine health workers were killed in seven incidents.

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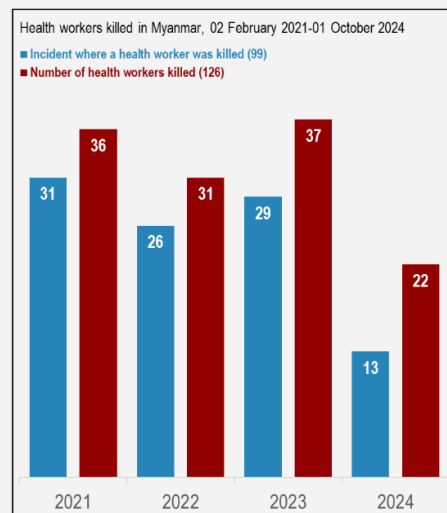
## Asia

### Myanmar

**Insecurity Insight identified 1501 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 01 October 2024.** At least 126 health workers were killed in 99 incidents. Some health workers were shot and killed while they travelled to provide medical care to remote areas or at home, others were killed in Myanmar military airstrikes. Eight health workers were tortured and killed. The Myanmar armed forces were most commonly identified as the perpetrators. Health worker killings were documented in 13 of Myanmar's 21 administrative divisions with high numbers recorded in Mandalay region, followed by Sagaing region.

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## Europe

### Ukraine

**As reported on 14 October 2024:** In Kupiansk city, urban hromada, raion, Kharkiv oblast, the work of medical institutions, pharmacies, post offices, and public utilities faced challenges due to constant shelling causing interruptions in water, electricity, and gas supplies. **Sources:** [Andriy Besedin | Head of Kupyanska MBA](#) and [Status Quo](#)

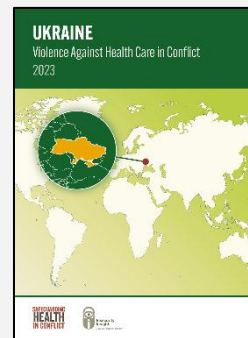
**14 October 2024:** In Kherson oblast, a Red Cross office was damaged during suspected Russian shelling at 4 am. Windows were shattered and shrapnel damaged three vehicles. **Source:** [Ukrainian Red Cross](#)

**15 October 2024:** In Kherson oblast, educational and medical institutions, a store, and residential areas were hit by Russian forces, killing four people, and injuring six more. **Sources:** [Armyinform](#) and [Prokudin Oleksandr - Official pa](#)

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

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) report (available in [English](#) and [Ukrainian](#)) documents 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.

SHCC factsheets: 2023: [English](#) and [Ukrainian](#); 2022: [English](#)



## Middle East and North Africa

### Lebanon

**Insecurity Insight identified 156 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Lebanon between 08 October 2023 and 15 October 2024.** At least 111 health workers were killed in 60 incidents. All of the reported 60 incidents involved the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) using explosive weapons, including drone and plane strikes, artillery and remote-controlled IEDs, killing health workers. Most were killed while working inside hospitals, clinics, their homes or while they provided care to people in need.

Health worker killings were documented in six of Lebanon's nine governorates with high numbers recorded in Lebanon's southern Nabatieh governorate, followed by South governorate. Over half of the reported health worker killings took place during Israel's large-scale airstrikes on southern Lebanon and the Bekaa region, which began in September.

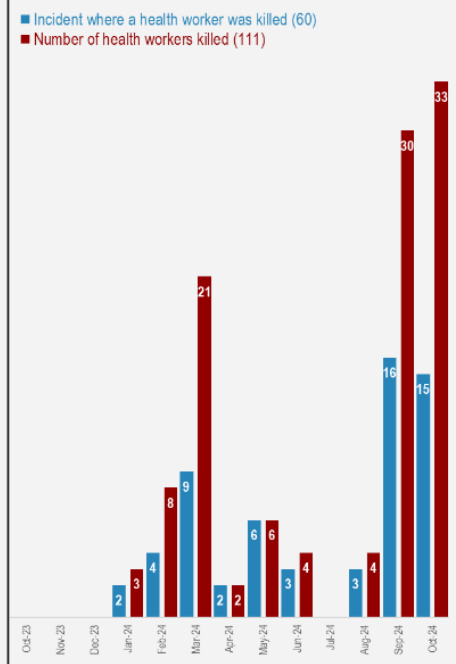
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Press Release: [Explosions and Airstrikes Devastate Lebanon's Health System.](#)

Analysis report: [Attacks on Health Care in Lebanon 7 October 2023-30 June 2024](#)

Health workers killed in Lebanon, 08 October-15 October 2024

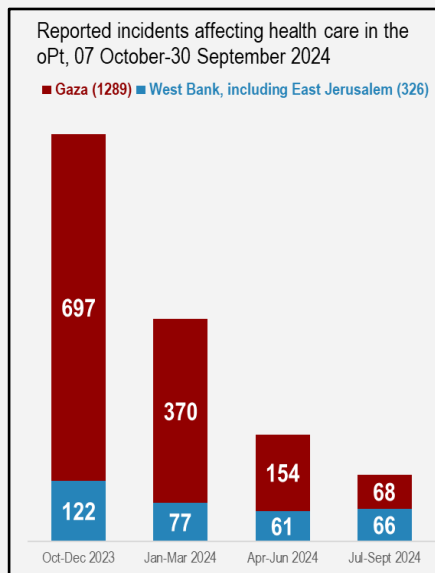


## Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified 1736 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 30 September 2024. Almost all of the 1,680 incidents in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) were attributed to the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), with incidents in Gaza frequently occurring at health facilities, and those in the West Bank and East Jerusalem often taking place in refugee camps. In these 1,680 incidents, at least 518 health workers were killed, 357 arrested and health facilities damaged 251 times. Emergency medical teams and ambulances were frequently obstructed from reaching patients in need of care.

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## Syrian Arab Republic

**10 October 2024:** The Jdeidet Yabous Lebanese-Syria border crossing remains impassable for vehicles following an Israeli airstrike on 4 October, causing delays in the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the area. **Source:** [UN News](#)

## 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

### India

**04 October 2024:** In Kolkata city and district, two junior doctors were assaulted by police as they were setting up a stage for protest ahead of the protest march over the Kolkata doctor who was raped and murdered on 09 August 2024 and the subsequent demand for the health secretary to resign. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 17 October 2024.

