

Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

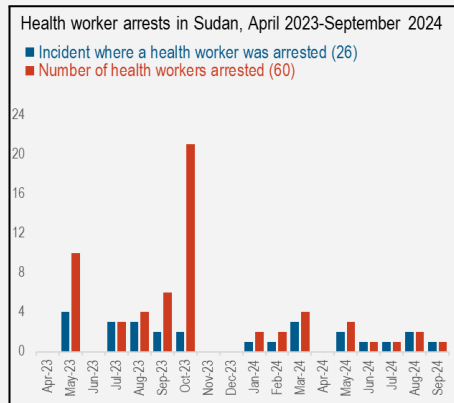
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Insecurity Insight identified 465 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan since fighting started between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023 and 30 September 2024. At least 60 health workers were arrested or detained in 26 incidents. Health workers were arrested at checkpoints, health facilities, inside their homes or while travelling to provide medical care to remote areas. The RSF were most commonly identified as the perpetrators with five incidents attributed to the SAF. In some cases, health workers were arrested on accusations of having affiliations with or providing medication to opposing forces. Some detained health workers reported being beaten while detained and on one occasion, two male medical volunteers had their heads shaved while detained by the SAF. Twelve of the 60 arrested health workers were reportedly released. One detained doctor was executed by the RSF, allegedly due to suspicions of his affiliation with the SAF. The fates of the remaining staff were not recorded

Most health worker arrests in 2023 were recorded in Khartoum state. The exceptions were two incidents in Nyala city in South Darfur, including one where at least 20 doctors were arrested by RSF forces and allied militias on accusations of treating SAF forces. Since January 2024, health worker arrests have been recorded in Al Jazirah, Blue Nile, North Kordofan, Northern and Sennar states.

Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. The data with details on location, reported conflict party and weapon used is available [here](#) for download. Due to [HDX policy](#), our data no longer includes a brief event description. Data is updated on [HDX](#) every Monday. Registered HDX user? [Follow us](#) for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Please [get in touch](#) if you're interested in curated datasets.



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Documented incidents

17 October 2024: East of Dindar city, Sennar state, the Rimala Health Centre was stormed by the RSF who stole medicines and medical equipment. **Source:** [Sudan Doctors Network](#)

Between 20-21 October 2024: In Rufaa city, Al Jazirah state, a dialysis machine engineer at Rufaa Hospital was killed during an RSF attack on the area. **Sources:** [Sudan Doctors Network](#), [Sudan Violations I](#) and [Sudan Violations II](#)

24 October 2024: In El Fasher city, North Darfur state, a female doctor was killed by RSF shelling while performing medical duties. **Source:** [Sudan Doctors Network](#)

As reported on 25 October 2024: In Tamboul city, Al Jazirah state, Tamboul Hospital and an unspecified number of pharmacies were looted by the RSF. They assaulted medical staff, including forcing a nurse at gunpoint to treat wounded RSF members. **Source:** [Sudan Doctors Network](#)

As reported on 26 October 2024: In Al Jazirah state, three female health workers at Rufaa Hospital were raped by the RSF. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

As reported on 27 October 2024: In Khartoum city and state, the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Bashayer Hospital was out of service due to the lack of blood stock. **Source:** [Sudan War Monitor](#)

As reported on 29 October 2024: In the Wad El Fadl area, Al Jazirah state, an unspecified number of health facilities were looted, doctors beaten and patients at Wad El Fadl Hospital expelled in an attack on the area by the RSF. Four people were killed and dozens injured. **Source:** [Sudan Doctors Network](#)

As reported on 29 October 2024: In Singa city, Sennar state, a Senior Consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist at Singa Hospital was violently attacked by RSF. He was severely beaten and his belongings were looted, including his diabetes medication. He later died from his wounds in Omdurman. **Source:** [Sudan Violations](#)

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. Health worker killings sharply increased in 2023, particularly in Khartoum. Damage to health facilities mainly occurred during fighting between the RSF and SAF in Khartoum, and often involved explosive weapons use. The looting of vital medicines and supplies was more rife in Darfur and often occurred during wider attacks on health facilities that were stormed by conflict parties. Hospital takeovers mostly involved the RSF and were common in Khartoum.

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