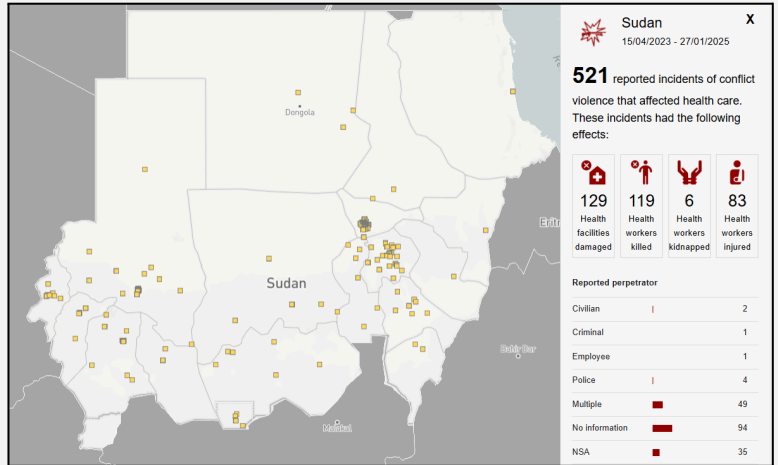


Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

08-21 January 2025



Insecurity Insight identified 521 attacks on Sudan's health care system since fighting started between Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023 and 26 November 2024. Around two thirds of these incidents were attributed to the RSF. SAF forces were also named, but less often. At least 119 health workers, including doctors, nurses and pharmacists were killed while working inside hospitals, clinics, or their homes. Health facilities were damaged 129 times, mostly by RSF-launched explosive weapons. Some health facilities, such as the Saudi Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital and Zalingei Hospital, were damaged on more than one occasion.



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Documented incidents

10 January 2025: In Al Fashir city, North Darfur state, a clearly marked MSF ambulance was fired upon by a gunman whilst transporting a female patient in labour who required emergency care from MSF field hospital in Zamzam IDP camp to the MSF-supported Saudi Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital. The attack resulted in the death of the patient's companion. **Sources:** [MSF](#), [Sudan Tribune](#) and [The New Arab](#)

10 January 2025: In the Mayo area, Khartoum city and state, MSF announced the suspension of all its activities at the Bashair Teaching Hospital. **Sources:** [The New Arab](#) and [Sudan Doctors Network](#)

Around 13 January 2025: In Wad Medani city, Al Jazirah state, a doctor was tortured by the SAF and Sudan Shield Forces on accusations of being an RSF fighter. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹

13 January 2025: In Abu Shouk IDP camp, Al Fashir city, North Darfur state, a children's malnutrition centre was damaged in the evening by RSF shelling. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

15 January 2025: In Kordofan region, a female pharmacist was threatened with being kidnapped and raped by RSF fighters, who then stole money from the pharmacy. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 17 January 2025: In Wad Medani city, Al Jazirah state, the library of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Gezira was vandalised, damaged and looted by the RSF. **Source:** [Sudan News](#)

17 January 2025: In Al-Qalqalah village, Al Kamlin district, Al Jazirah state, Doha Clinic was stormed and a female doctor and another young man kidnapped by the RSF. **Source:** [Sudan News](#)

18 January 2025: At the Girba Dam, Kassala state, an attack on a hydroelectric facility cut off power to hospitals and health facilities. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

As reported on 18 January 2025: In Wad Medani city, Al Jazirah state, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Gezira was damaged by the RSF. **Source:** [Sudan News](#)

21 January 2025: In Al-Fuqara village, Al Hasahisa town, Al Jazirah state, Talbab Health Center, was looted by militia. Solar energy systems for water wells and Starlink satellite internet devices were also looted and damaged in the village. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

According to the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) health facilities were taken over and occupied on at least 41 occasions in Sudan in 2023, often for several weeks. These incidents most frequently involved the RSF in Khartoum, with three attributed to the SAF. Ahmed Qasem Cardiac Surgery and Kidney Transplant Center (Khartoum), El Fasher Children's Specialist Hospital (North Darfur), and Kas Hospital (South Darfur) were among the facilities that were occupied. On six occasions, health facilities were repurposed for non-medical purposes, including as a military base or otherwise to plan military activities. Snipers were often positioned on hospital rooftops and armed personnel stationed inside health buildings. RSF members twice forcefully evicted patients from hospital wards, and the facility was repurposed for the use of wounded RSF personnel.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 23 January 2025.

