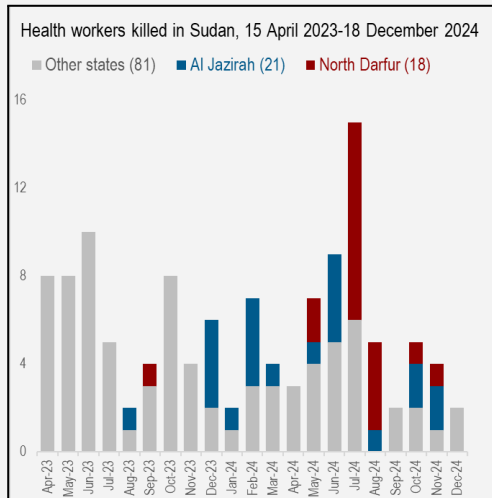


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Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

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 18 December 2024. At least 120 health workers were killed, 97 injured and 67 arrested. Health facilities were damaged 136 times and taken over for non-medical purposes on 51 occasions. 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. During 2024, health worker killings increased in Al Jazirah and North Darfur states.

Explore our [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Access the data on [HDX](#) (the dataset no longer includes event descriptions or geo-coordinates due to [HDX policy](#)). Data is updated every Monday. [Follow us](#) for updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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Please [get in touch](#) if you have made a public statement that you would like us to include in our 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 updates. **Help support the protection of health care by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: bit.ly/22Jan-04Feb2025SDNHealth**

Documented incidents

22 January 2025: In South Khartoum state, Bashair Teaching Hospital was attacked by a member of RSF who opened fire inside the surgery emergency department. In response, the staff went on strike and the hospital suspended some of its activities indefinitely, excluding the dialysis unit and therapeutic nutrition services for children, pregnant women and nursing mothers. **Sources:** [Personal Communication I](#), [Personal Communication II](#) and [Sudan Doctors Network](#)

24 January 2025: In El Fasher city, North Darfur state, the MSF-supported Saudi Obstetrics and Gynaecology Hospital was hit by a suspected RSF drone strike. Around 70 people were killed and 19 were injured amongst patients and companions. **Sources:** [AP News](#), [New Age I](#), [New Age II](#), [OCHA](#), [SAPA](#), [Sudan Violations](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Around 24 January 2025: In Khartoum city and state, a radiologist of Al-Tamiz Hospital was kidnapped and tortured by the RSF. A video reportedly showed him appearing exhausted from torture and beatings. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Sudan Doctors Network](#)



27 January 2025: In an unspecified location, a doctor was killed after RSF militia entered his home and attempted to rape his daughters. **Source:** [Alhamish Voice](#)

30 January 2025: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, a doctor was kidnapped from his home and killed by RSF on claims of alleged military affiliation. **Source:** [Sudan Doctors Network](#)

31 January 2025: In Al Azhari, Jebel Awlia, Khartoum state, an ambulance belonging to Bashair Teaching Hospital was looted and stolen by the RSF, according to volunteers and a statement from the Southern Belt Emergency Room. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

As reported on 04 February 2025: In Kadugli city, South Kordofan, 44 people were killed and 28 other injured including an unspecified number of health workers who were carrying out their humanitarian duty, women and children were injured during shelling on the area by SPLM-N (Al-Hilu) forces. **Source:** [Sudan Doctors Network](#)

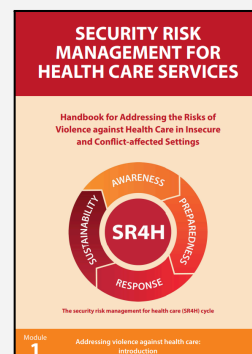
04 February 2025: In Thawra suburb, Karari locality, Omdurman city, Khartoum state, the MSF-supported Al Nou Hospital was shelled by RSF artillery, killing six people and injuring 38 others. **Sources:** [Radio Dabanga](#), [Sudan Doctors Network](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

More resources

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



Insecurity Insight recently published a new handbook on security risk management in the health sector. Christina Wille explains in this [blog](#) why this is so urgently needed. The handbook provides guidance on how to implement a range of actions intended to promote respectful and violence-free environments and prepare individuals or organisations to face and respond appropriately to violent incidents, also dealing with the aftermath of such events. The handbook helps to identify practical activities that local health partners can implement and that NGO partners can include in partnership agreements and budget for. It brings together some of the best practices on security risk management and proposes a framework adapted for health care providers working with limited resources. The objective is to promote an approach that considers the safety and security of health professionals while ensuring patients' access to care. Available in [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#)



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. This document is funded and supported by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document. **Insecurity Insight. 2025. 22 January-04 February 2025. Violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan. Switzerland: Insecurity Insight.** bit.ly/22Jan-04Feb2025SDNHealth

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

