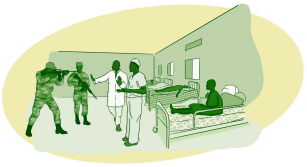
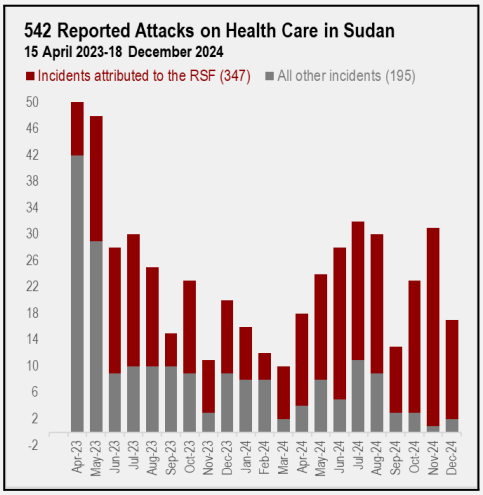
Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

05-18 February 2025





Insecurity Insight identified 542 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.

In these incidents, 122 health workers were killed and 90 arrested. Clinics, hospitals and medical warehouses were damaged 136 times and taken over for non-medical purposes on 51 occasions. Almost two-thirds of incidents were attributed to the RSF.

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.

Past briefs: **22 January-04 February; 08-21 January 25 December-07 January 2025**; **11-24 December**; **27 November-10 December**; **All**

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Documented incidents

As reported on 06 February 2025: In Al-Qatana city, White Nile state, Al-Qatana Teaching Hospital and pharmacy were looted and medical equipment destroyed putting them out of service. **Source: Sudan Doctors Network**

07 February 2025: In Khartoum city and state, the administrative director of Bashair Teaching Hospital, who was also a member of South Khartoum Emergency Room, was detained by the RSF and taken to an unknown location. **Sources: Sudan Tribune and Sudanese Alliance for Rights**

08 February 2025: In Khartoum city and state, the South Belt Emergency Room at Bashair hospital was raided by armed RSF members who detained two volunteers under threat of weapons. **Source: Sudan Tribune**

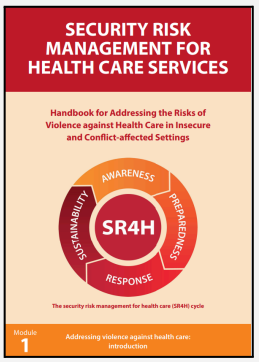
08 February 2025: In Khartoum city and state, a radiologist was killed while working at Khartoum Teaching Hospital by the RSF. He had been previously been arrested and released more than once by the RSF.**Source: Sudan Doctors Network**

14 February 2025: In Khartoum Bahri city, Khartoum state, the main electrical cables at the headquarters of the Circular Medication Fund building were destroyed by the RSF. **Source: Sudan Violations**

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**



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