

# Attacks on Health Care

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Insecurity Insight identified 247 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in 20 countries and territories between 01 January and 17 March. In these incidents, 29 health workers were killed, 59 injured, 10 kidnapped and 19 arrested. Health facilities damaged at least 67 times. High incident numbers continued to be recorded in the occupied Palestinian territory (86), Ukraine (45), Myanmar (40) and Sudan (26). Since late January, reports increased in North Kivu, DRC, as M23 rebels expanded control, attacking ambulances and looting vital medical supplies. During one incident, a baby in an incubator at Virunga General Hospital in Goma city was injured by an M23 fired bullet that pierced the ceiling of the neonatal unit during clashes between M23 and the Congolese army.

Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened.<sup>1</sup> Access the data on [HDX](#). The dataset no longer includes event descriptions due to [HDX policy](#). Data is updated every Monday. [Follow us](#) for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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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

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**09 March 2025:** In Kaziba chiefdom, Walungu territory, South Kivu province, Kaziba General Hospital was struck by shelling, killing five health workers and four patients, including one child.

**Sources:** [OCHA](#) and [OCHA News](#)

**09 March 2025:** In Walungu territory, South Kivu province, Fonds Social du Kivu (FSKI) Hospital was damaged when a suspected M23 shell hit the roof of the paediatric ward. Five patients were killed and an unspecified number of others, including patients and nurses, were seriously injured by shrapnel. The paediatric ward was seriously damaged and windows were broken in the pharmacy.

**Sources:** [CTGN Africa](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)

**14 March 2025:** In Fataki town, Djugu territory, Ituri province, the Fataki General Hospital was closed due to recent clashes and attacks in the area. The closure cut off access to health services for nearly 70,000 displaced people in the area, in addition to some 100,000 people in the host community.

**Source:** [OCHA News](#)

## Ethiopia

**07 March 2025:** In Weynit kebele, West Dembiya woreda, Central Gonder zone, Amhara region, a pharmacist was killed by the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) under the pretext that he was selling medicine to Fano Forces. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

**08 March 2025:** In Genet-Abo town, Quarit woreda, West Gojjam zone, Amhara region, an unspecified number of pharmacies and clinics were looted, and medical equipment was destroyed by ENDF members. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**11 March 2025:** In Thebisa area, Were Babu woreda, Debub Wollo zone, Amhara region, an ambulance commandeered to transport regime officials, was destroyed during an attack by Fano forces. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

## Sudan

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## Asia

### Afghanistan

**As reported on 12 March 2025:** Across the country, 18 health facilities supported by Save the Children and its partner have been forced to close due to the loss of funding. Only 14 Save the Children clinics have enough funding to remain open for one month, and without new financial support, they will be forced to close. This comes after an executive order was signed, suspending US foreign aid for three months. **Sources:** [Save the Children](#) and [TOLO](#)

### Myanmar

#### Rising Drone Threats Put Health Care Providers in Myanmar at Risk

Health care workers in Myanmar face an urgent and growing threat—armed drones targeting hospitals, mobile clinics, and aid operations. These attacks endanger lives and access to critical care.

Our latest report provides practical measures to help health care providers mitigate these risks. From early warning systems to protective strategies for staff, infrastructure, and mobile teams, this guide is essential for anyone working to safeguard medical services in Myanmar. The report is part of a series that highlights the devastating impact of violence on the health care system in Myanmar and proposes approaches to mitigate and prevent further harm.

#### Examples of mitigation measures include

**Early warning systems** – Using human spotters and radio frequency detectors to detect drone activity.

**Safer facility design** – Relocating critical services underground and reinforcing windows with blast-resistant film.

**Mobile team security** – Avoiding predictable travel routes and using unmarked vehicles for discretion.

**Patient protection** – Spacing out health services to prevent mass gatherings that could be targeted.

These are just some steps you can take to help protect health workers, patients, and critical health services from the use of armed drones in Myanmar. [Download the Report](#) (available in Burmese on request).



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# Europe

## Ukraine

**07 March 2025:** In Kostyantynivka city, Pokrovsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital was damaged by Russian forces shelling. **Sources:** [Donbas News](#) and [Kostyantynivka City Military Administration](#)

**10 March 2025:** In Nikopol raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a hospital, a church, businesses, a store, three outbuildings, and a greenhouse were damaged due to Russian forces artillery and drone attacks. A power line and a gas pipeline were also damaged. **Sources:** [056](#), [ArmyInform](#), [D1](#), [Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration](#), [Nikopolnews](#) and [WE-UKRAINE](#)

**11 March 2025:** In Velyka Pysarivka rural settlement and settlement hromada, Okhtyrka raion, Sumy oblast, a hospital and several streets were without electrical supply due to Russian drone attacks on the energy system. **Source:** [Sumy Debates](#)

**16 March 2025:** In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, the territory of a hospital was struck by a Russian forces FPV drone strike. The attack damaged an ambulance vehicle and two civilian vehicles. **Sources:** [Khersontsi](#), [Ukrainian South](#) and [Ukrinform](#)

**18 March 2025:** In Sumy city, raion and oblast, the roof of the Sumy Regional Clinical Hospital was struck by a Russian forces Geran-2 drone at 22:30, causing a fire. The blast wave damaged the building, the roof and many windows were smashed. At the time of the attack, there were about 147 patients and 22 employees in the facility. The State Emergency Service managed to evacuate all patients and medical staff. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [FREEDOM](#), [Kyiv Independent](#), [Misto Sumy](#), [OCHA News](#), [Pravda](#) and [ZN,UA](#)

**18 March 2025:** In Sumy city, raion and oblast, the Regional Children's Clinical Hospital was damaged by the blast wave from the strike on the Regional Clinical Hospital. 101 windows were broken in the children's hospital. 135 patients were moved within the facility to safe premises. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [Dancor](#), [DW](#), [Misto Sumy](#), [Shans](#), [The Sumy Post](#), [Ukrinform](#) and [ZN,UA](#)

**19 March 2025:** In Krasnopillia rural settlement, Sumy raion and oblast, the Krasnopillia Hospital was struck by two Russian forces "HESA Shahed 136" drone strikes. A fire broke out and caused damage. **Sources:** [FREEDOM](#), [Komersant](#), [Kyiv Independent](#), [Misto Sumy](#), [OCHA News](#), [Pravda](#), [The Sumy Post](#), [Tribun](#) and [Ukrinform I](#)

Since the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, there have been **1864 attacks** on the country's health care facilities, workers, and medical infrastructure. Hospitals and clinics have been damaged or destroyed 984 times and 263 health workers have been killed and 226 health workers injured. At least 161 attacks impacted facilities energy or water systems. During one incident, a Russian missile attack severely damaged the water and heating supply of Cherkasy Regional Psychiatric Hospital. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 30 December 2024.

The image displays an interactive map of Ukraine with a bar chart and a callout box. The bar chart, titled 'Hospital Utilities', shows the number of attacks affecting hospital utilities from February 2022 to August 2024. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 250. The chart shows a significant peak in attacks in early 2022, followed by a decline and then a steady increase starting in late 2023. A callout box for the Cherkasy Regional Psychiatric Hospital provides details on an attack on August 15, 2023, where a medical facility was damaged by a Russian missile attack, resulting in significant damage to water and heating supply. The event ID is 40294. A legend indicates that red dots represent single attacks and orange dots represent grouped attacks.





Category	Count
Total attacks on health care facilities, workers, and medical infrastructure	1864
Hospitals and clinics damaged or destroyed	984
Health workers killed	263
Health workers injured	226
Attacks impacting energy or water systems	At least 161

## Middle East and North Africa

### Libya

**06 March 2025:** In Ghadamis town, Nalut district, Tripolitania region, West Libya, the Ghadames General Hospital was stormed by an unidentified armed group and medical staff were assaulted. Open fire was used inside the facility, particularly near the intensive care unit and the maternity and gynecology department. As a result, hospital operations were limited to emergency and life-saving cases, pending the resolution of security issues. **Sources:** [ACLED<sup>2</sup>](#) and [Libya Observer](#)

### Occupied Palestinian Territory

Recorded Violence Against Health Care in Israel and the oPt, 07 October 2023-17 March 2025				
	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Israel	56	23	4	0
Gaza	1813	623*	353	354
West Bank	658	12*	22	139

**Insecurity Insight identified 2531 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 17 March 2025.** In the Gaza Strip, where 1813 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 354 times, at least 623 health workers were killed and 353 arrested. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 685 incidents were recorded, 12 health workers were killed and 139 arrested. Health facilities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem were stormed, raided, or surrounded on at least 30 occasions between 07 October 2023 and 17 March 2025, disrupting health care operations. Most of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces storming medical centres, clinics, and hospitals. In some cases, staff were assaulted, arrested, or prevented from providing care and patients shot or arrested. Many incidents occurred in health facilities in Jenin, Shu'fat, al-Far'a, and Tulkarem Refugee Camps, with some raided more than once, including Ibn Sina Specialist Hospital in Jenin city raided five times.

Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#) and on this [data visualisation](#) by Soha Elghany. Access this 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 the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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### Syrian Arab Republic

**07 March 2025:** Across Latakia and Tartous governorates, 16 health workers, including doctors, pharmacists and medical students were reportedly killed by militants of the Ahmad al-Sharaa regime (HTS) out of fear that they might attempt to save the lives of wounded Alawite or Christian civilians. **Sources:** [Babak Taghvaei - The Crisis Watch](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

**07 March 2025:** In Baniyas city, subdistrict and district, Tartus governorate, two doctors - wife and husband - and their children, who were university students, were reportedly killed by former government forces. A doctor and his two pharmacist sisters were also killed. **Sources:** [Ahmad Alhamile](#), [Hadi](#) and [Report Syrian](#)

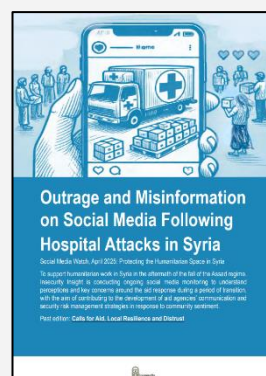


**07 March 2025:** In Latakia city, subdistrict, district and governorate, a female medical student was killed by Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) militants. **Sources:** [Militant Tracker](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

### Social Media Reacts to Hospital Attacks in Syria: Outrage, Misinformation, and Calls for Action

To support humanitarian work in Syria in the aftermath of the fall of the Assad regime, Insecurity Insight is conducting ongoing social media monitoring to understand perceptions and key concerns around the aid response during a period of transition, with the aim of contributing to the development of aid agencies' communication and security risk management strategies in response to community sentiment.

Between March 6-7 March 2025, six hospitals in the rural areas of Latakia and Tartous, including Jableh National Hospital, were attacked by pro-Assad forces during escalating clashes (See below for further details on specific events). These attacks resulted in significant damage to medical facilities and raised concerns about the safety of patients and health workers. Publicly available social media content was analysed between March 6 and 10. Five dominant sentiments emerged from the 46 posts and 176 comments analysed on X and Facebook, including **anger and blame; safety concerns, distrust in official narratives; sectarian and ethnic divisions; Calls for retaliation.** [Read more](#)



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**07 March 2025:** In Latakia city, subdistrict, district and governorate, the National Hospital was attacked by former government forces. As a result, clashes broke out between them and the new government forces. **Sources:** [Anadolu Ajansi](#), [CNN](#), [Hurriyet Daily News](#), [Personal Communication](#), [Saudi Gazette](#), [The Syrian Observatory For Human Rights](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**07 March 2025:** In Latakia city, subdistrict, district and governorate, the Ibn Sina Hospital was attacked by former government forces. As a result, clashes broke out between them and the new government forces. **Sources:** [Anadolu Ajansi](#), [CNN](#), [Hurriyet Daily News](#), [Saudi Gazette](#), [The Syrian Observatory For Human Rights](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**07 March 2025:** In Latakia city, subdistrict, district and governorate, the Al-Othman Hospital was attacked by former government forces. **Sources:** [CNN](#), [Hurriyet Daily News](#), [Levant24](#), [Saudi Gazette](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**07 March 2025:** In Jableh city, subdistrict and district, Latakia governorate, the Al-Nour Specialized Hospital was attacked by former government forces. **Sources:** [CNN](#), [Hurriyet Daily News](#), [Levant24](#), [Saudi Gazette](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**07 March 2025:** In Jableh city, subdistrict and district, Latakia governorate, the National Hospital was attacked by former government forces. **Sources:** [CNN](#), [Hurriyet Daily News](#), [Levant24](#), [Saudi Gazette](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**07 March 2025:** In Tartus city, subdistrict, district and governorate, the Al-Jamia Hospital was attacked by former government forces. **Sources:** [CNN](#), [Hurriyet Daily News](#), [Levant24](#), [Saudi Gazette](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**07 March 2025:** In Baniyas city, subdistrict and district, Tartus governorate, the National Hospital was attacked by former government forces. **Sources:** [CNN](#), [Hurriyet Daily News](#), [Levant24](#), [Saudi Gazette](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**08 March 2025:** In Baniyas city, subdistrict and district, Tartus governorate, the Baniyas Hospital was raided by former government forces. A number of security personnel protecting the facility were arrested, denied medical treatment, and killed. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**As reported on 10 March 2025:** In Latakia governorate, several ambulances were severely impacted by the escalation of violence between former and government forces. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

**As reported on 10 March 2025:** In Tartous governorate, several ambulances were severely impacted by the escalation of violence between former and government forces. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

#### *Yemen*

**16 March 2025:** In Sadah city, Saadah governorate, a medicines storage warehouse belonging to Al Jumhuri Hospital and a medical centre under construction were hit and damaged by airstrikes. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

**17 March 2025:** In Al Hazm city, Al Jawf governorate, a health office building was hit by airstrikes. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

## The Americas

### *Haiti*

**11 March 2025:** In Rue Marien, Delmas 31, Demmas commune, Ouest department, a doctor was killed in his car after resisting a kidnapping attempt by unidentified armed individuals. **Sources:** [Le Nouvelliste](#) and [RFM](#)

**14-15 March 2025:** In Turgeau, Port-au-Prince city, Ouest department, armed groups advanced within metres of the Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) emergency centre, escalating violence and threatening to turn it into a frontline. In response, MSF suspended its services and evacuated its staff. During the evacuation, four MSF vehicles were hit by bullets, resulting in minor injuries among INGO staff. **Source:** [MSF](#)

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## 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.

## The Americas

### *United States of America*

**15 March 2025:** In Rhode Island state, a 34-year-old doctor was detained for 36 hours and deported to Lebanon, despite holding a US visa and a judge issuing an order to block her immediate removal from the country. She is a kidney transplant specialist and was to start work at Brown University as an assistant professor of medicine. **Sources:** [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Zoom in and click on a country/territory to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.

<sup>2</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 20 March 2025.

