

# Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

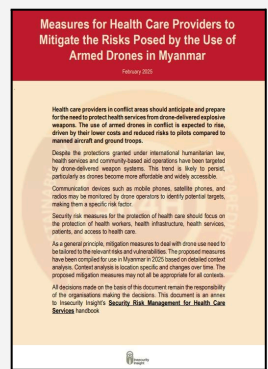
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## Rising Drone Threats Put Health Care Providers in Myanmar at Risk

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. This [guidance document](#) 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.

Available as individual guidance on: [Outside](#) When a Drone is Spotted; [Inside](#) a Building During a Drone Attack and [Response](#) During a Drone Attack. In Burmese on request.



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## Documented incidents

**17 April 2025:** In Gyone Gyone Kya village and village tract, Indaw township, Katha district, Sagaing region, a rural health centre and nearby houses were damaged by bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet. There were no casualties at the health facility as it was not functioning at the time of the attack. This health facility was operated as a makeshift hospital by the health workers affiliated with the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) after the 2021 military coup. One civilian in the neighbourhood was injured. **Source:** [Mandalay Free Press](#)

**21 April 2025:** In Aint Daing village and village tract, Madaya township, Aungmyaythazan district, Mandalay region, a temporary clinic established by a mobile medical team in a monastery to assist the survivors of the earthquake was struck by a military council airstrike. The attack injured two monks and at least four civilians who were receiving medical treatment at the time. **Sources:** [BNI](#) and [Mizzima](#)

**22 April 2025:** In Ton Pay village, Kone Ma Na village tract, Mohnyin township and district, Kachin state, a makeshift hospital was damaged by two bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet at around 11 pm. The clinic was located in the area controlled by the Kachin Independence Army, and was functioning at the time of the attack. A child who was staying near the hospital was injured. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Myanmar Now](#)

**23 April 2024:** In Sin Ma Ye village and village tract, Yesagyo township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a rural health centre was damaged by bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet at around 9:30 pm. There was no detailed report about the damage or casualties. A 68-year-old female in the neighbourhood was killed in this attack. **Source:** [Myingyan News](#)



**23 April 2023:** In Let Hloke (South) village, Let Hloke village tract, Tabayin township, Ye-U district, Sagaing region, a sub-rural health centre and three civilian houses were damaged by rockets launched by a Myanmar military fighter jet. According to the pro-democratic media, five civilians were killed. According to the junta media, at least 20 people were killed and at least 60 were injured; three doctors and five nurses were amongst those killed; the health facility was in use as a makeshift hospital by the health workers affiliated with CDM; at the time of the attack, people injured at another airstrike in a nearby village on 20 April were receiving health care at this facility. **Sources:** [BBC Burmese](#), [Facebook](#), [Luhtu Khit](#), [Myaelatt Athan](#) and [Voice of Myanmar](#)

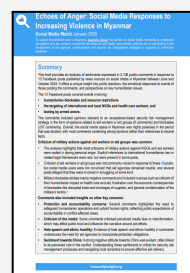
**As reported on 26 April 2025:** In War Bo village and village tract, Sittwe township and district, Rakhine state, a station hospital and around 200 civilian houses were burned down during multiple attacks by the Myanmar military using artillery and armed drones between late 2024 and April, 2025. The hospital was not functioning at the time of the attack. **Source:** [Development Media Group](#)

**26 April 2025:** In Lay Thar Kone village and village tract, Tigyaying township, Katha district, Sagaing region, a makeshift hospital was destroyed by bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet. An adult patient and a child patient were injured; the adult later died from the injuries sustained from the airstrike. Since the plane flew around the target before conducting the airstrike, health workers and some patients were able to escape. The makeshift hospital was operated by the health workers affiliated with CDM. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Kachin News Group](#), [Karenni People's Voice](#), [Khit Thit Media](#) and [People's Spring](#)

## Other resources

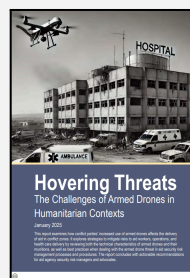
### Echoes of Anger: Social Media Responses to Increasing Violence in Myanmar

This [brief](#) provides an analysis of sentiments expressed in 2,106 public comments in response to 13 Facebook posts published by news sources on social media in Myanmar between June and October 2024. It offers a unique insight into public reactions, the emotional responses to events of those posting the comments, and perspectives on key humanitarian issues. Overall, the social media space in Myanmar was highly polarised in the period that was studied, with most comments containing strong opinions rather than references to neutral facts.



### Hovering Threats The Challenges of Armed Drones in Humanitarian Contexts

Armed drones are an increasing threat to the safety of aid and health care workers, necessitating adaptations in security risk management practices. This [report](#) examines how conflict parties' increased use of armed drones affects the delivery of aid in conflict zones. It explores strategies to mitigate risks to aid workers, operations, and health care delivery by reviewing both the technical characteristics of armed drones and their munitions, as well as best practices when dealing with the armed drone threat in aid security risk management processes and procedures. The report concludes with actionable recommendations for aid agency security risk managers and advocates.



### Dramatic Surge in Violence Against Health Care in Myanmar in 2023

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified [418 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar in 2023. In these incidents, 37 health workers were killed; health facilities were damaged or destroyed, and occupied. In addition, 102 health workers were arrested and 37 were killed.



Factsheets: Burmese: [2023](#). English: [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#).

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