

Attacks on Health Care

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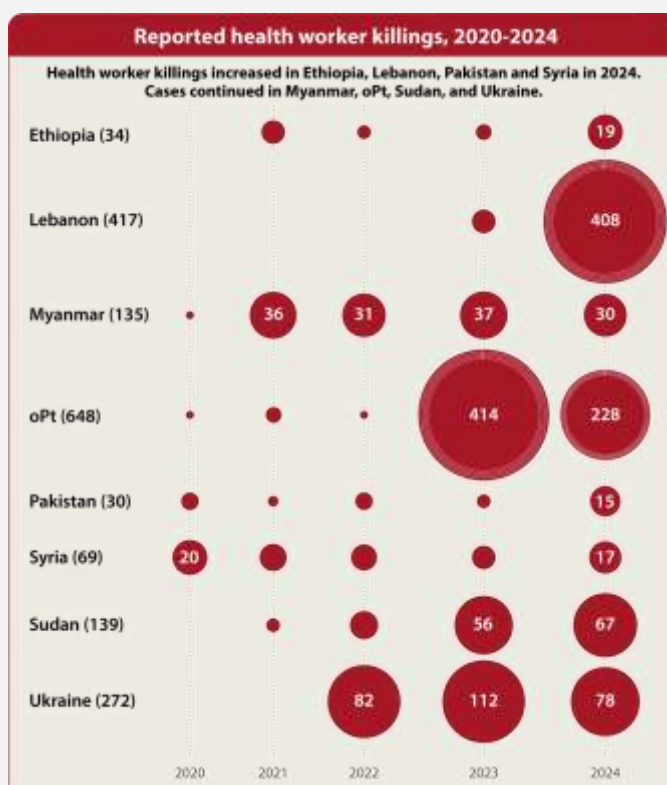
More than 900 health workers were killed in 27 countries and territories in 2024, according to the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#) annual report - [Epidemic of Violence](#). Most of those killed were from conflict-affected communities, killed while treating patients in hospitals, traveling to remote areas to provide vital medical care, during intercommunal violence, in their homes, and while caring for sick or injured people. Health workers were killed by aircraft and drone strikes, shelling, during hospital raids, and in shootings. Others were killed during recovery and rescue efforts or in “double tap” strikes, while some were tortured and killed in detention or killed after being kidnapped.

The highest number of health workers killed were reported from [Lebanon](#) – at least 408, accounting for nearly 50% of all reported health worker killings in 2024. Most were emergency medical responders killed while engaged in recovery and rescue efforts. Health worker killings in the [oPt](#) continued to be attributed to the IDF. The majority were killed at home; many others were killed on duty inside health facilities targeted by Israeli snipers, during hospital raids, and in aircraft and drone strikes or tank shelling.

Health worker killings increased in [Ethiopia](#) and often involved health workers being shot and killed by gunmen while transporting patients in the Amhara region. In [Pakistan](#), where health worker killings increased fivefold in 2024 compared to 2023, polio vaccinators and other health professionals were killed in targeted shootings. In [Syria](#), health worker killings nearly doubled in 2024 compared to 2023, with six staff killed just before the Assad regime's fall.

Health worker killings attributed to Russian forces persisted across multiple oblasts on [Ukraine's](#) front lines, as well as in urban centers. In [Myanmar](#), health workers continued to be killed in MAF bombings and during armed clashes between the MAF and conflict parties. In [Sudan](#), health workers were shot and killed in their homes, during wider attacks on civilians or in hospital bombings by conflict parties.

Did you miss the recent Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) webinar on [Epidemic of Violence](#)? The full recording is now available to watch [here](#).



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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

26 May 2025: In Virunga neighbourhood, Karisimbi commune, Goma city, North Kivu province, a doctor, who was the chief of the Karisimbi health zone, was shot and injured by an unidentified armed group at his home in the evening. He was transferred to hospital for urgent care. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

Mali

27 May 2025: In Touara locality, Machina commune and cercle, Segou region, a 30-year-old health worker from the Touara Community Health Centre (CSCOM), who was in charge of the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), was kidnapped and killed by unidentified armed men while he was in his rice fields. **Sources:** [Malijet](#) and [Studio Tamani](#)

South Sudan

09 May 2025: In Tambura county, Western Equatoria state, Tambura Hospital was stormed between 9 and 10 a.m. by two unidentified gunmen wearing police uniforms, firing shots in the air, and forcing the facility to close temporarily. No deaths or injuries were reported. **Source:** [Radio Tamazui](#)

As reported on 26 May 2025: Across the country, medical teams of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have conducted more than 1,000 surgeries on weapon-wounded patients arriving in Akobo County Hospital and Juba Military Hospital in less than three months, including patients from attacks on health facilities and services. **Source:** [Relief Web](#)

Sudan

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified [244 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan in 2024. At least 66 health workers were killed in 58 incidents in 2024, a similar death toll as in 2023. Ambulance drivers, doctors, gynecologists, medical students, nurses, pharmacists, vaccinators, and other health care staff were shot and killed in their homes, during wider attacks on civilians, or in hospital bombings. Health worker killings were predominantly reported in Gezira, Khartoum, and North Darfur states, with the RSF forces most often identified as the perpetrators. In one incident, a doctor was shot and killed by RSF forces in his home in Khartoum city after they attempted to rape his daughters.

Read the full factsheet in [Arabic](#) and [English](#). Download the report [data](#).

Explore our [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Download the [data](#) (updated every Monday). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available

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SHCC factsheets (EN): 2024; [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): 2024; [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#)



Asia

Myanmar

Mitigating Damage to Health Facilities in Myanmar: Protecting Health Facilities from Airstrikes and Shelling

Health facilities across [Kayin](#) State have been repeatedly damaged by airstrikes, artillery fire, and direct clashes since the February 2021 military coup. These attacks undermine care, displace communities, and threaten staff safety.



What We Know

- Health facilities have been damaged or destroyed by the Myanmar Armed Forces, Arakan Army and the PDF using plane and drone delivered explosive weapons.
- Some health facilities were also damaged in arson attacks.
- Health workers, including doctors, nurses, and ambulance drivers, are at risk of harm, either from direct attacks on health infrastructure or from being caught in the crossfire.

Practical Tips

- Relocate vital supplies and equipment to safer areas when conflict escalates
- Reinforce facilities structurally and create underground or secure storage for medicine
- Establish early warning and evacuation plans
- Prepare mobile units or alternative service sites to maintain care continuity
- Comprehensive guidance on how to protect health care from drone attacks is available in [English](#) and [Burmese](#).

Action to Take

- Use this guidance to train health staff, inform coordination calls, and display posters in clinics and field offices.
- Adapt protocols to fit your specific operating environment.

These are just a few steps to help protect Mandalay's health workers and sustain health services amid worsening insecurity. Explore complementary strategies from [Mandalay](#), [Rakhine](#), [Sagaing](#) and [Shan](#) in their respective reports to strengthen coordinated action. For broader insights, consult the [Security Risk Management for Health Care Services \(SR4H\) Handbook](#).

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

Europe

Ukraine

28 May 2025: In Bilozerka rural settlement and settlement hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged during a Russian forces artillery strike. **Sources:** [Kherson City Council](#) and [WE-UKRAINE](#)

28 May 2025: In Kostiantynivka city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital was damaged by Russian forces using tube artillery and two rockets. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

29 May 2025: In Kostiantynivka city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, an ambulance station, an educational facility, and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by Russian forces using MLRS, drone and artillery shelling. **Sources:** [UA Varta](#)

31 May 2025: In Kherson city, raion and oblast, a health facility, an educational facility and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by Russian forces shelling. **Sources:** [Kherson City Council I](#), [Kherson City Council II](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#) and [Vgoru](#)

02 June 2025: In Khotin rural settlement and settlement hromada, Sumy raion and oblast, a health facility, an educational facility and other civilian infrastructure were struck by three guided aerial bombs by Russian forces in the morning. **Sources:** [Dankor Online](#), [Misto Sumy](#) and [Sumy OVA](#)

02 June 2025: In Izium raion, Kharkiv oblast, a hospital and an educational facility were damaged by Russian forces. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

02 June 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, an ambulance was destroyed by a Russian forces FPV drone at 5pm, killing a male ambulance driver and injuring two health workers. **Sources:** [Kherson City Clinical Hospital](#), [Most](#), [Most II](#) and [Vgoru](#)

03 June 2025: In Sumy city, raion and oblast, a hospital was damaged by a Russian forces' attack using cluster MLRS around 9:20am. The windows and facade of the facility were broken and ambulances parked next to the hospital were damaged. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [Sumy Debaty](#), [OCHA News](#), [UA Varta I](#) and [UA Varta II](#)

03 June 2025: In Stanislav village and rural hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, the base of an emergency medical service brigade burned down completely after being hit by Russian forces artillery shells in the morning. **Sources:** [The Information Resistance](#), [UA Varta I](#) and [UA Varta II](#)

03 June 2025: In Nikopol raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a health facility and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by a Russian forces drone and artillery. **Sources:** [PKRV](#) and [UA Varta](#)

03-04 June 2025: In Tomakivska village community, Nikopol raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a social and medical facility was struck by Russian forces at night, causing a fire to break out. **Sources:** [1kr](#) and [PKRV](#)

04 June 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, the vicinity of the Kherson Regional Children's Clinical Hospital was hit by explosive devices from a drone by Russian. **Source:** [Most](#)

05 June 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a hospital, three educational facilities, , and other civilian infrastructure were damaged when Russian forces launched air, artillery and drone strikes on the city. **Sources:** [OCHA News](#), [Informator](#), [Most](#) and [UA Varta](#)

05 June 2025: In Marhanets city and urban hromada, Nikopol raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, an outpatient clinic caught fire and a car was damaged by Russian drone strikes. **Sources:** [Dnepr Info](#), [Dnipro Media](#), [Dnipropetrovsk Regional State Administration](#) and [UA Varta](#)

06 June 2025: In Chernihiv city, raion and oblast, a health facility, five educational facilities, homes and other civilian infrastructure were damaged during a nighttime attack by Russian forces using drones and missiles. **Sources:** [Chernihiv City Council](#), [RBC](#) and [Suspilne](#)

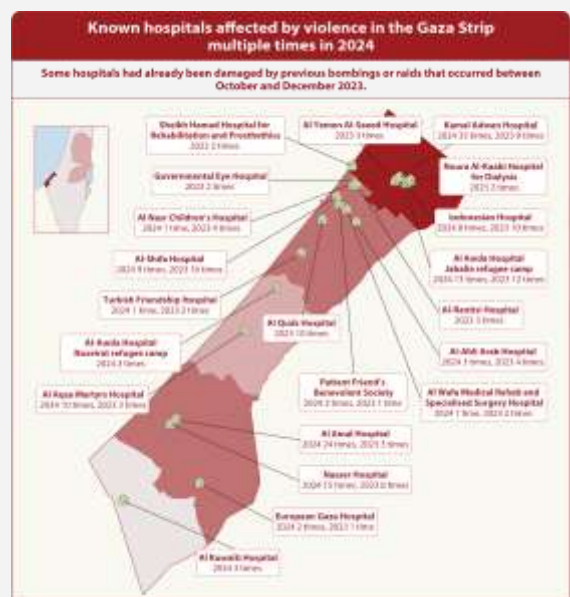
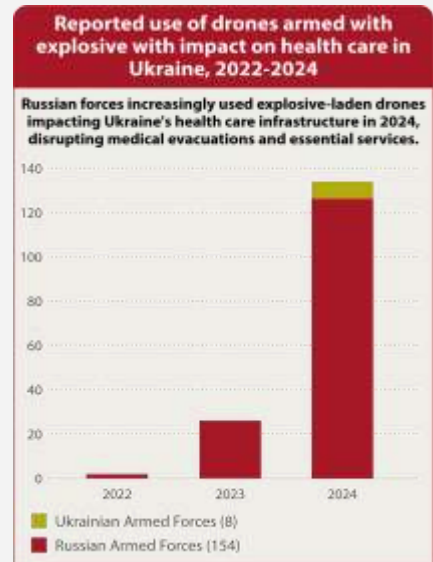
06 June 2025: In Kherson city, raion and oblast, a clearly marked Ukrainian Red Cross vehicle was destroyed in a Russian forces drone strike at 17:30. No personnel were injured as the driver took shelter upon noticing the drone. **Sources:** [OCHA News](#) and [Red Cross](#)

08 June 2025: In Kherson city, raion and oblast, the administrative building of a health facility caught fire due to Russian forces shelling. **Source:** [State Emergency Service of Ukraine](#)

10 June 2025: In Odesa city, raion and oblast, an emergency medical services station was burned down, and a maternity hospital and a private blood centre were damaged, following drone attacks by Russian forces overnight. **Sources:** [OCHA News](#), [Pravda](#) and [WHO Ukraine](#)

Russian forces regularly launched attacks on Ukraine's energy system, affecting health services. The use of drones armed with explosives that impacted health care surged in 2024. Quick hospital repairs, temporary service relocations, and 12,000 generators kept some health facilities operational despite damage and power outages. Read the full factsheet in **English** and **Ukrainian**. Download the **data**.

Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022-15 February 2025.



Syrian Arab Republic

29 May 2025: On Ariqa-Najran road, Al-Ariqa subdistrict, Shahba district, As Sweida governorate, an ambulance carrying patients was hit by an IED planted by unknown gunmen, injuring six people, including the driver and a nurse. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Mexico

30 May 2025: On Prolongacion Alvaro Obregon Avenue, Culiacan Rosales city, Culiacán municipality, Sinaloa state, a clinic was entered by unidentified men who shot and killed a man undergoing surgery for previously sustained gunshot wounds. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 12 June 2025.

