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## Ukraine's Health Care System Hit by 2,000 Attacks Since Full-Scale Russian Invasion

GENEVA - Over **2,000** attacks on health care in Ukraine have been documented by [Insecurity Insight](#) since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, making it one of the most dangerous conflicts for patients' accessing health care. At least 285 health workers have been killed and 245 injured. Health facilities have been damaged over 1059 times and turned into military bases on at least 32 occasions. Over 100 incidents affected services that provided health care to [children](#).

*"Whilst global attention has been captured by ongoing crises in the Middle East, Russia's relentless attacks on Ukraine's health system have not stopped and must not be forgotten. International humanitarian law is clear: conflict parties must protect health facilities. This horrific milestone should be used to galvanise action and ensure perpetrators are held to account"*, said **Christina Wille**, Insecurity Insight Director.

A recent report by the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#) (SHCC) revealed that attacks on health care in Ukraine not only persisted in 2024 but escalated in both intensity and impact. Available in [English](#) and [Ukrainian](#), the report details Russia's increasing use of drones armed with explosives, which severely disrupted medical evacuations and the delivery of essential services. The near-constant presence of surveillance and attack drones rendered rapid evacuations nearly impossible during daylight hours, forcing medical teams to operate at dawn and dusk.

*"Russia's assault on Ukraine's health system has been deliberate and unrelenting. Ambulances are increasingly targeted mid-response, first responders are bombarded in growing numbers of 'double-tap' attacks, and hospitals are thrown into darkness as energy systems are targeted"* said **Uliana Poltavets**, Ukraine Emergency Response Coordinator at Physicians for Human Rights (PHR).

Now entering its third year, the conflict continues to devastate eastern, northeastern, and southern Ukraine. Russian attacks on civilian infrastructure have triggered widespread power outages, compounding humanitarian needs. By the end of 2024, an estimated 12.7 million people were projected to require assistance in 2025. The conflict has taken a severe toll on Ukraine's medical system. Despite repairs, relocations, and the deployment of 12,000 generators, many facilities still struggled to deliver essential services. Persistent drone strikes further threaten the safety of health workers and civilians seeking medical care.

**Resources:** Download the [data](#) cited in the 2024 SHCC report. This interactive map - in [English](#) and [Ukrainian](#) - documents attacks on health care in Ukraine since 2022. It allows viewers to explore where incidents took place and what happened; in some cases, this information is accompanied by photos. Incidents can be filtered by categories, including attacks on [child health care](#) and [hospitals' energy systems](#). Methodology: [EN](#); [UK](#). Help support the protection of health care by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: <https://shcc.pub/2024UKRPressRelease>

The [SHCC](#) monitors attacks, strengthens universal norms of respect for the right to health, and demands accountability for perpetrators. The SHCC's new report - [Epidemic of Violence](#) - documents over 3,600 reported incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in conflict in 2024, a 15% rise compared with the previous year and a 62% rise from 2022. The attacks included the killing of over 900 health workers, the arrest of over 470 health workers and repeated bombings against health facilities.