

Attacks on Health Care

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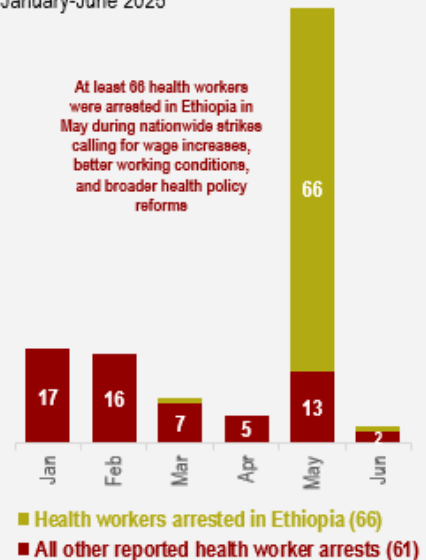
Insecurity Insight identified 1082 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in 34 countries between 01 January and 08 July 2025. In these incidents, 244 health workers were killed, 208 injured, 36 kidnapped and 129 arrested. Health facilities were damaged at least 339 times.

Between January and June 2025, at least 129 health workers were arrested in 66 incidents in 12 countries. Arrests peaked in May, when at least 66 health staff were detained in Ethiopia during nationwide strikes calling for wage increases, better working conditions, and broader health policy reforms. The strike, which began around 13 May, involved doctors, nurses, and other professionals protesting low pay, lack of benefits, and unsafe working environments. Authorities responded with arrests, accusing them of organising “illegal strikes,” inciting unrest, and endangering patients. In June, authorities suspended the Ethiopian Health Professionals Association. Hospitals were ordered to resume operations under threat of legal action.

In 2024, the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified **59 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in Ethiopia. Health worker killings in Amhara and the damaging or destruction of health care facilities in Oromia increased amid the escalating conflict. In the Tigray region, blockades have led to critical shortages of oxygen, antibiotics and other life-saving resources.

Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened.¹ Download the [data](#) on [HDX](#) (updated every **Monday**). [Follow us](#) for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Reported Health Worker Arrests
January-June 2025



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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

Central African Republic

21 July 2025: Between Alindao and Kongbo town, close to Kongbo, Basse-Kotto prefecture, a doctor was ambushed by armed men while he was travelling to work after leave, and taken into the bush and shot dead. The two passengers on his motorcycle were freed. **Source:** [CNC](#)



Democratic Republic of the Congo

15 July 2025: In Mumosho group, Kabare territory, South Kivu province, Nyantende General Referral Hospital was attacked by armed men with rifles, machetes, and axes around 19:20. An unspecified number of doctors, guards and patients were attacked and injured, and money, phones, computers, and other valuables were stolen. **Sources:** [All Africa](#), [La Prunelle](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)

20 July 2025: In Masko commune, Kisangani city, Tshopo province, the Cinquantenaire Hospital was attacked by around fifteen armed men dressed in military uniform, between 1-2 am. The men stole a large sum of Congolese francs and American dollars and four computers. A nurse was beaten, and they entered the on-call doctor's office, physically traumatising him. The receptionist and a security guard were severely beaten and were reportedly expected to undergo X-rays for possible fractures. **Sources:** [Digital Congo](#) and [Forum des As](#)

Mali

12 July 2025: In Ighassane Nelwan village, Gourma-Rharous cercle, Timbuktu region, a health worker was killed when the Malian army and Africa Corps members raided a village, looting and destroying infrastructures. Vehicles were also set on fire. **Source:** [RFI](#)

Mozambique

11 July 2025: Between Chinda village and Diaca village, Mocimboa da Praia town, Cabo Delgado province, health technicians travelling in an ambulance were abducted by Islamic State militants, who took them into a forest, stole their belongings and money, then released them along with the ambulance. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

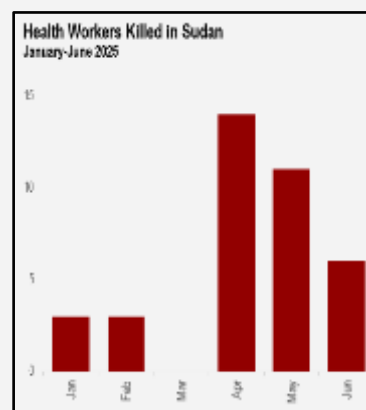
Somalia

As reported on 10 July 2025: In Moqokori city and surrounding areas, Buloburde district, Hiraan region, six health facilities suspended operations due to security concerns and clashes between government forces and non-state armed groups, cutting off access to essential health care and emergency services for thousands of vulnerable people. The facilities include health centres in Yasoman, Moqokori, Muse Gel, and Dib Ugal, as well as primary units in Hawo Gadud and Mora Ari. **Sources:** [OCHA News](#) and [OCHA Somalia](#)

Sudan

Insecurity Insight identified **631 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Sudan since fighting started between the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023 and 28 June 2025. During these incidents health facilities were reportedly damaged 161 times, 160 health workers were killed and 77 arrested. 66% of the incidents were attributed to the RSF.

Between January and June 2025, at least 37 health workers were killed in 16 incidents. The currently reported zero fatalities in March is likely the result of underreporting due to access restrictions and media blackouts—particularly in conflict-affected areas such as Khartoum, Darfur, and El Fasher—not necessarily because violence ceased. Additional reports may emerge in the coming weeks and months. Beginning in April, the number of reported killings of health workers increased sharply.



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Asia

Myanmar

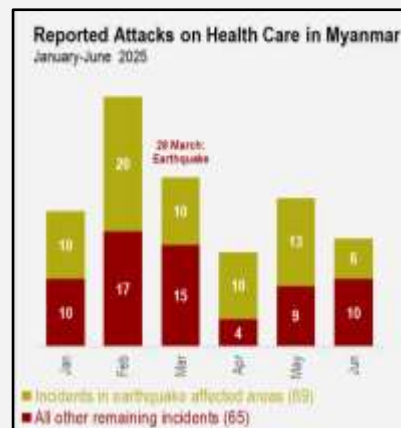
Insecurity Insight identified **1703 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 08 July 2025. During these incidents health facilities were reportedly damaged or destroyed 407 times, 155 health workers were killed and 886 arrested. Almost three-quarters of these incidents were attributed to the Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF).

On 28 March, the same day a powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar, a medicine factory in Magway region was damaged by bombs dropped from two Myanmar military paramotors. Magway was among the six areas placed under a state of emergency following the quake, along with Bago, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, and southern Shan state. Despite the scale of the disaster, attacks on health care in these regions have continued. The earthquake killed at least 3,689 people and injured over 5,000 others, while causing widespread destruction to critical infrastructure—including 63 hospitals, as well as major roads, bridges, and communication networks. The ongoing violence and devastation further overwhelmed an already **fragile health system** and complicated emergency response efforts.

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Europe

Ukraine

10 July 2025: In Kupiansk city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, an ambulance was damaged as a result of the attack by the Russian forces with an FPV drone. **Sources:** [057](#) and [UA Varta](#)

10 July 2025: In Podilskyi district, Kyiv city, an outpatient clinic was damaged when Russian forces conducted airstrikes and Shahed drone attacks on the area. **Sources:** [ACLED²](#) and [OCHA](#)

11 July 2025: In Chuhuiv city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, more than 40 windows were damaged in the maternity hospital, and patients were evacuated to another facility, due to a drone attack by the Russian forces. Women with children and medical workers were not injured. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [Bukvy](#), [Gwaramedia](#), [Interfax](#), [Kharkiv Times](#), [Patriot of Donbas](#), [Rayon Medicin](#), [Sloboda Region](#), [The Page](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#), [UNN](#), [UP](#) and [Volyninfa](#)

11 July 2025: In Chuhuiv city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, the dental clinic was damaged beyond repair when a Russian forces Shahed drone hit the building between the first and second floors. **Sources:** [Bukvy](#), [Gwaramedia](#), [Rayon Medicin](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#), [UNN](#), [UP](#) and [Volyninfa](#)

11 July 2025: In Chuhuiv city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, the Chuhuiv Central Hospital was significantly damaged at 1am and two employees and two patients were injured, due to a drone attack by the Russian forces. The facade, internal and external communications, equipment, and interior decoration of the premises were damaged, and over 200 windows and 100 doors were broken. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [Bukvy](#), [DN Novosti](#), [Gwaramedia](#), [Hromadske](#), [Irta-fax](#), [Kharkiv Times](#), [Personal Communication](#), [Rayon Medicin](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#), [UNN](#), [UP](#), [Volyninfa](#), [WE-UKRAINE](#) and [Word and Deed](#)

11 July 2025: In Bilozerka rural settlement and settlement hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged by Russian forces shelling in the morning, killing a woman and injuring

two health workers and a patient. **Sources:** [Head of Kherson OVA](#), [Glavnoe](#), [Interfax](#), [Stolica](#), [UA.NEWS](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#), [UP](#) and [Word and Deed](#)

11 July 2025: In Hremiach village, Novhorod-Siverskyi raion, Chernihiv oblast, a medical facility was damaged during an attack by Russian forces on the area, using suspected FPV drones, UAVs, and mortars. **Sources:** [0462](#), [Cheline](#), [Mynizhyn](#) and [UA Varta](#)

12-13 July 2025: In Sloviansk city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital and a kindergarten were damaged when Russian forces attacked the city with Geran-2 drones overnight. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

13 July 2025: In Sumy city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, three hospitals, homes and other infrastructure facilities were left without electricity when Russian forces struck the city with drones in the afternoon. **Sources:** [UA Varta I](#) and [UA Varta II](#)

13 July 2025: Near Stetskvivka village, Sumy raion and oblast, two paramedics were injured by Russian forces drone during a follow-up strike on a medical evacuation team. **Sources:** [Sumy OVA](#), [UA Varta](#) and [Zmina](#)

14 July 2025: In Sumy city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a hospital was struck and damaged during Russian forces attack on the city with drones, causing the facility to catch fire. One person was injured. **Sources:** [Chroniclers](#), [RBC](#), [Shans](#), [Sumy City Military Administration](#), [Sumy Debates](#), [The Sumy Post](#) and [UA Varta](#)

14 July 2025: In Kherson oblast, an unspecified number of ambulances, two high-rise buildings, 12 private houses, a farm and agricultural equipment were damaged as the result of the Russian forces shelling. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

15 July 2025: In Svesa village, Shostka raion, Sumy oblast, the Svesky Psychoneurological Dispensary was hit and a fire broke out when Russian forces launched three missile strikes on the city. More than 20 apartment buildings and private houses were also damaged and a 14-year-old girl was injured; she received shrapnel wounds from glass when she ran for cover. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [ArmyInform](#), [Hromadske](#), [Kordon Media](#), [Mind](#), [News Liga](#), [RBC](#), [State Emergency Service of Ukraine](#), [Sumy Regional Military Administration](#), [UA Varta](#), [UNN](#), [WE-UKRAINE](#) and [ZN.UA](#)

15 July 2025: In Bilozerka town, Kherson raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged by Russian forces strikes. Windows, the roof, facade and medical offices were damaged. **Source:** [RBC](#) and [UA Varta](#)

16 July 2025: In Kupiansk raion, Kharkiv oblast, two medics were injured when a Russian forces FPV drone hit an emergency medical vehicle at a crossing. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [RegioNews](#), [Sloboda Region](#) and [UA Varta](#)

18 July 2025: In Zymovnyk village, Kherson urban hromada, raion and oblast, a medical vehicle responding to a call was damaged and two medics were injured when Russian forces drones fired at them. **Source:** [Most](#)

19 July 2025: In Odesa city, raion and oblast, the building of the Primary Medical and Sanitary Assistance in Khadzhibeyskyi district was damaged and a medical laboratory was destroyed during a Russian forces Shahed drone attack at 00:20 am. **Sources:** [Suspilne I](#) and [Suspilne II](#)

19 July 2025: In Vasylykivka rural settlement, Synelnyky raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, an outpatient clinic, an educational facility and power lines were damaged during a missile attack by Russian forces. **Sources:** [Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council](#), [News Shakhtarske](#) and [RBC](#)

20 July 2025: In Kherson city, raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged when Russian forces artillery fire hit a nearby house at 6:45 pm; debris damaged a window and roof in the medical facility.

Source: [Suspilne](#)

22 July 2025: In Urozhayne village, Beryslav raion, Kherson oblast, a medical facility was damaged by Russian forces drones in the afternoon. **Source:** [Vgoru](#)

22 July 2025: In Kovpakiv district, Sumy city, raion and oblast, a medical facility and an educational facility were damaged when Russian forces attacked the city with drones around 1pm. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Suspilne](#)

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified **544 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in Ukraine in 2024, compared to 478 in 2023 and 922 in 2022. In these incidents, health facilities were damaged at least 359 times. Emergency medical services were attacked on at least 74 occasions and 78 health workers were killed.

During 2024, health facilities in Ukraine were damaged or destroyed at least 367 times, an increase of 36% from 2023. Hospital wards, equipment and windows were damaged. Most of this damage and destruction impacted children's and maternity hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies in Khersonska oblast, with the number of incidents in Donetska oblast being second highest. Hospital attacks took place during broader assaults on villages and towns, during which other civilian infrastructure, including energy supplies, was hit. Read the full factsheet in [English](#) and [Ukrainian](#). Download the [data](#)



SHCC factsheets: English: [2024](#); [2023](#); [2022](#). Ukrainian: [2024](#); [2023](#).

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Middle East and North Africa

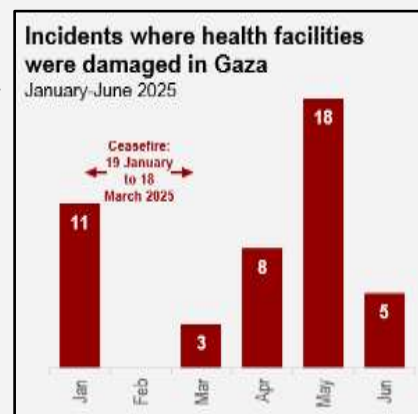
Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified **2757 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 02 July 2025. In Gaza, where 1941 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 387 times, 680 health workers were killed and 355 arrested. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 756 incidents were recorded, 12 health workers were killed, 107 injured and 172 arrested.

Between January and June 2025, health facilities - including children's hospitals, field hospitals, health clinics, hospitals and medical storage facilities - were damaged on 45 occasions by Israeli forces, mostly through the use of explosive weapons. The number of incidents was high in January, prior to the ceasefire from 19 January to 18 March, and rose again in April and May following its end.

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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.

Africa

Benin

18 July 2025: In N'Dali city and commune, Borgou department, a teacher was shot by a security guard in a health centre after he mistook him for a thief while taking his child for treatment. The teacher was taken to the Borgou University Hospital but succumbed to his injuries on 21 July.

Source: [Les 4 Verites](#)

Mozambique

As reported on 07 July 2025: In Manica province, medicines were stolen from the Provincial Medicines Warehouse by at least five individuals. The stolen medicine was found at the home of one of the individuals, from which they were later transported for sale in the main informal markets in Chimoio. Five people were arrested, including two security guards and two employees from the warehouse and one other from the health sector. **Sources:** [Club of Mozambique](#) and [MZ News](#)

Asia

Kyrgyzstan

16 July 2025: Near Oktyabr district, Bishkek city, two medics at the National Hospital were physically assaulted by agents of the State Committee on National Security (UKMK) following a brief argument over the medical examination of detainees transported by UKMK. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

India

17 July 2025: In Patna city, Bihar state, Paras Hospital was entered by five armed men who shot and killed a patient who was undergoing treatment. The men were suspected to be part of a rival gang to the patient. **Source:** [The Economic Times](#)

As reported on 22 July 2025: In Ambikapur city, Surguja district, Chhattisgarh state, a Sanjeevani 108 ambulance was stolen from the premises of the Ambikapur Medical College Hospital by unidentified perpetrators. Despite the presence of 24-hour guards and a network of CCTV cameras, the ambulance was not discovered as stolen until days later. **Source:** [The Statesman](#)

The Americas

Venezuela

13 July 2025: In San Jose parish, Caracas city, Libertador Bolivarian municipality, Capital district, a man and a woman in the emergency room of the Jose Maria Vargas Hospital were killed by two armed men on a motorcycle. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

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

² Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 24 July 2025.

