Attacks on Health Care

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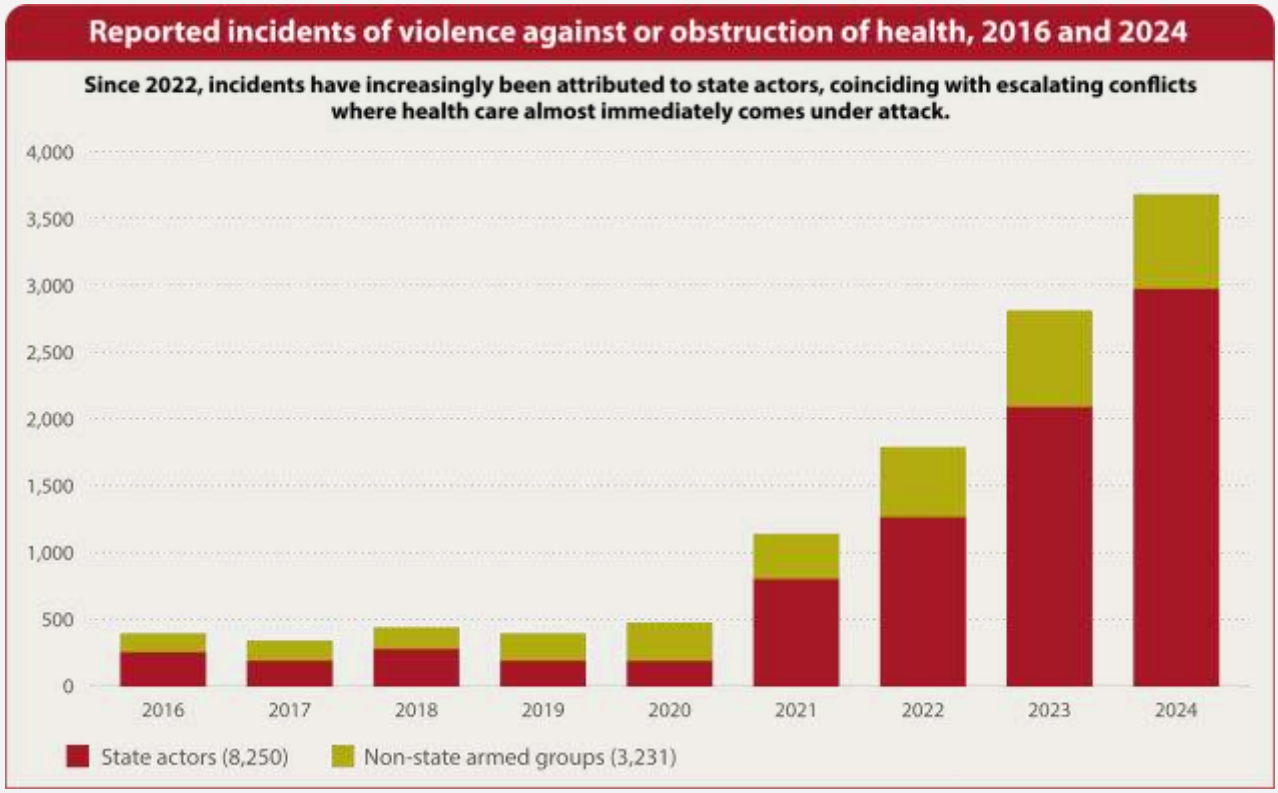
The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC). documented over **3,600 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in conflict in 2024, approximately **81% were attributed to state actors, a percentage that has risen over time together** with the more widespread use of explosive weapons systems in urban areas. Since 2016, state actors have more frequently committed acts of violence against health care than non-state armed groups, except in 2019 and 2020, when non-state armed groups were implicated in more attacks on health care after Syrian government and Russian air strikes were reduced in Syria following a ceasefire in March 2020. Since the 2021 Myanmar military coup, the number of reported health care attacks attributed to state actors has increased, doubling in 2022 amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The pattern escalated further to 65% in 2023 and 42% in 2024 during Israel's military operations in Gaza and Lebanon and conflict between the RSF and SAF in Sudan. Over 80% of incidents involving state actors were attributed to them attacking health care in other countries or territories. Read the **full report**

The report includes detailed profiles of 23 countries and territories where many acts of violence against health care took place. These include **Afghanistan**, **Burkina Faso**, **Cameroon**, **CAR**, **Colombia**, **DRC**, **Ethiopia**, **Haiti**, **India (Manipur state)**, **Lebanon**, **Mali**, **Mexico**, **Mozambique**, **Myanmar**, **Niger**, **Nigeria**, **oPt**, **Pakistan**, **South Sudan**, **Sudan**, **Syria**, **Ukraine**, and **Yemen**.



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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

As reported on 25 July 2025: In Wanianga sector, Walikale territory, North Kivu province, three health facilities were looted of all medical supplies and equipment and burned down by AFC/M23 rebels during armed clashes. **Source: Actualite**

28 July 2025: In Kamituga town, Mwenga territory, South Kivu province, a residential building at the Kamituga General Referral Hospital was entered by many police officers who forcibly evicted the belongings of the medical director. **Source: La Prunelle Verte**

02-03 August 2025: In Mudzi-Pela district, Bunia city, Ituri province, the Alti Hospital, which specialises in the treatment of tuberculosis, was attacked after midnight by around ten men armed with machetes, iron bars, and hammers. The on-call laboratory technician had his phone stolen, was beaten on the head and arms with iron bars, shot in the chest, and demanded to hand over the money from the hospital's cash register, under threat. **Source: Actu-Service, Bunia Actualite and Radio Okapi**

South Sudan

25 July 2025: In Morobo county, Central Equatoria state, a Ministry of Health staff member was abducted from an MSF ambulance around 10am by armed individuals while accompanying patients who had been referred for advanced medical care in Yei and were returning to Morobo after their discharge. The staff member was released unharmed the next day. The MSF driver, other staff, and patients were allowed to continue. **Source: MSF**

29 July 2025: Between Morobo and Yei River county, Central Equatoria state, a four-vehicle convoy evacuating MSF staff from Morobo to Yei amid deteriorating security conditions was intercepted by armed men. They ordered the MSF staff member to exit the vehicle and pull it into the bushes, while allowing other vehicles and staff to proceed toward Yei. On 5th August, MSF suspended their activities across the two counties for at least six weeks. **Source: MSF**

Sudan

Insecurity Insight identified 622 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Sudan since fighting started between the SAF and RSF in April 2023 and 16 July 2025. Health facilities were reportedly damaged 154 times, 159 health workers were killed and 77 arrested. 66% of the incidents were attributed to the RSF. Since May 2025, attacks on health care attributed to the RSF have increased in West Kordofan state, where conflict intensified as the RSF seized the strategic towns of El Nahud and Al Khuwayyi.

Explore our **interactive map** to see where incidents happened. Download the **data** (updated every **Monday**). **Follow us** for updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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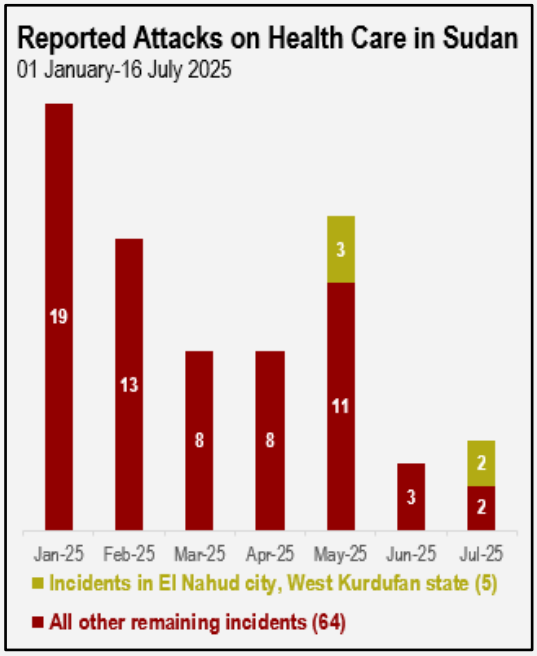

Asia

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight identified 1730 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 08 July 2025. Health facilities were damaged or destroyed 407 times, 155 health workers were killed and 886 arrested. Almost three-quarters of the incidents were attributed to the Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF). Since January 2025, incidents reporting MAF aircraft-delivered explosive weapons impacting health care increased in Mandalay region one of the six areas placed under a state of emergency following the March quake, along with Bago, Magway, Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, and southern Shan state.

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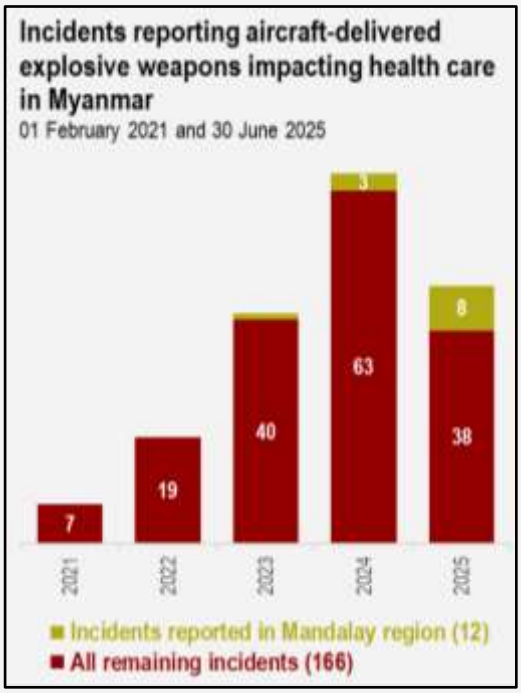

Europe

Ukraine

23 July 2025: In Synelnykove raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, an outpatient clinic and an educational facility were damaged by Russian forces shelling. **Source:** **UA Varta**

23 July 2025: In Kherson raion and oblast, two medical workers and seven others were injured by Russian forces shelling. **Sources:** **Kherson Region Police** **and** **UA Varta**

23 July 2025: In Kherson raion and oblast, a medical facility and a secondary school were damaged during Russian forces strikes. **Sources:** **Kherson Region Police**

23 July 2025: In Velykyi Burluk city, Kupiansk raion, Kharkiv oblast, an emergency medical base, a bus station, a post office building, market stalls, and two vehicles were damaged due to a Russian forces aerial attack on the oblast, including drones. **Source:** **UA Varta**

23 July 2025: In Nikopol raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, two educational facilities, a medical facility, a high-rise building, a shopping centre, and a cafe were damaged because of nearly 15 attacks by Russian forces with drones and artillery. **Source:** **UA Varta**

24 July 2025: In Kherson city, raion and oblast, two medical facilities and an educational facility were damaged when Russian forces conducted four KAB strikes, injuring two people. **Sources:** **Kherson City Military Administration - Kherson City Council** **and** **UA Varta**

24 July 2025: In Cherkasy city, raion and oblast, a hospital and school were damaged when Russian forces conducted drone strikes on the area. **Sources:** **UA Varta** **and** **Unian**

25 July 2025: In Dniprovskyi district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, paramedics providing medical assistance were wounded by a double-tap drone attack by Russian forces. **Sources:** **Kherson Regional State Administration** **and** **UA Varta**

25 July 2025: In the Industrial district, Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged by a Russian forces KAB bomb at 11:54, killing one person and injuring six others. **Source: Interfax**

26 July 2025: In Zmiiv city and urban hromada, Chuhuiv raion, Kharkiv oblast, a male ambulance driver was wounded when an ambulance came under Russian forces' fire with drone and artillery at night. Despite being wounded, the driver managed to evacuate people who needed medical help after the strike, as well as his colleagues, to a safe distance. **Sources: GX and UA Varta**

26 July 2025: In Prykolotne rural settlement, Kupyansk raion, Kharkiv oblast, a medical outpatient clinic was damaged due to a Russian forces' attack. **Sources: Ukrinform and UA Varta**

29 July 2025: In Kamianske city and raion, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, two buildings of the city's hospital, including a maternity ward, along with cars, educational institutions, and nearly 50 other buildings, were damaged, killing three people, including a 23-year-old pregnant woman, and injuring 22 others, including 10 health workers. **Sources: Personal Communication and Yahoo!**

31 July 2025: In Sviatoshynskyi district, Kyiv city, a neurologist who worked at the Dobrobut Medical Centre was killed overnight when a Russian forces missile strike hit his home. **Source: Medical Network Dobrobut**

01 August 2025: In Raihorodka village, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a medical facility was destroyed by a Russian forces drone strike. **Source: UA Varta**

05 August 2025: In Dobropillia city, Pokrovskii raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital was damaged when Russian forces dropped two KAB-250 aerial bombs on the area. **Source: UA Varta**

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. At least 285 health workers have been killed and 245 injured. Health facilities have been damaged over 1059 times. At least 105 attacks affected services that provide **health care for children**. In one case, the paediatric ward of the Boriv Central medical facility was **taken over** by Russian forces to treat wounded Russian soldiers. Explore this **map** (in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 15 April 2025.

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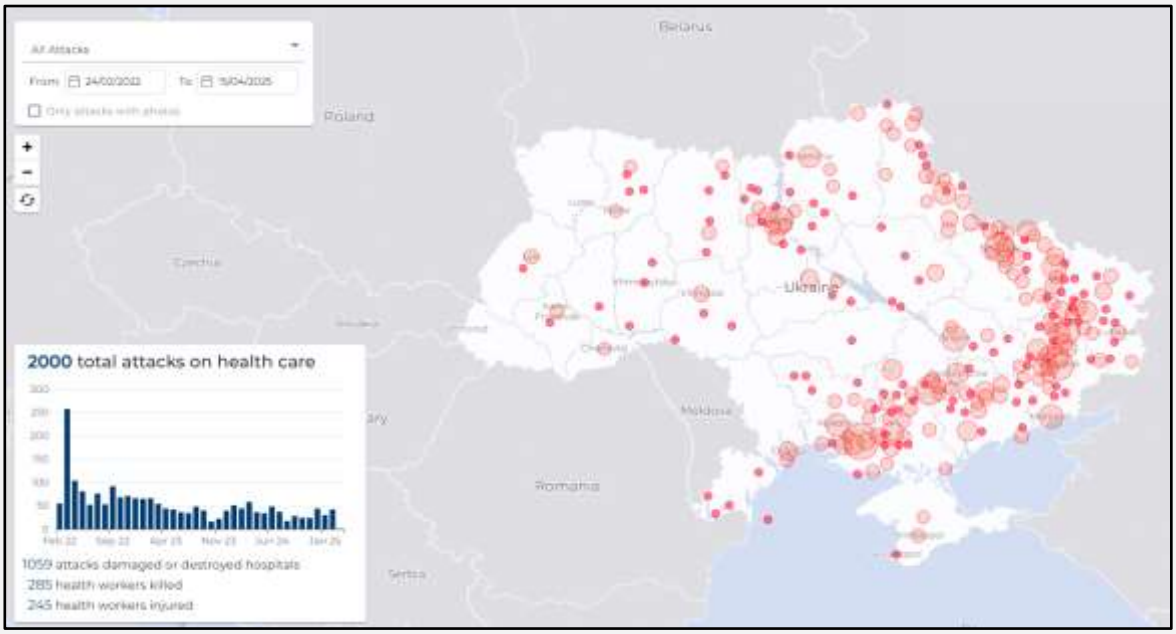
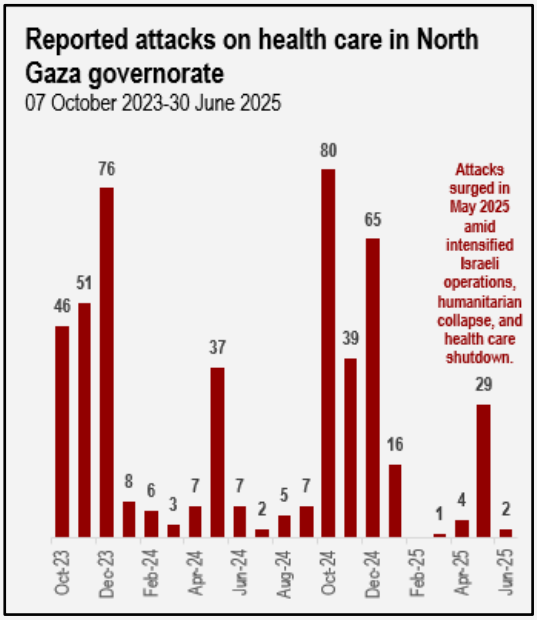


Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified 2777 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 10 July 2025. In Gaza, where 1957 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 390 times, 686 health workers were killed and 355 arrested. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 760 incidents were recorded, 12 health workers were killed, 100 injured and 161 arrested.

At least 491 incidents were reported in North Gaza governorate between 07 October 2023 and 30 June 2025. Attacks increased during May 2025, amid intensified Israeli military operations, a deepening humanitarian collapse, and the complete shutdown of health care services. On 14–15 May, the Israeli military issued evacuation orders for large areas of North Gaza, displacing an estimated 100,000 people. By 30 May, Al-Awda Hospital—the last functioning hospital in the governorate—was forcibly evacuated following an Israeli military order, leaving the region without any operational medical facilities. Other hospitals, including Kamal Adwan and the Indonesian Hospital, had already been severely damaged or rendered inoperable by sustained strikes, siege conditions, fuel shortages, and the denial of humanitarian access.



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Yemen

28 July 2025: In Mawiya district, Taiz governorate, an unspecified number of doctors were abducted by Houthi forces, allegedly because they had been recruited by IRG forces. **Source: ACLED**[1]

29 July 2025: In Zakhim town, Sabah district, Al Bayda governorate, seven people, including two doctors, were abducted by Houthi forces. **Source: ACLED**[1]

29 July 2025: In the Al-Ahtoub area, Hazm Al-Udayn district, Ibb Governorate, a medical assistant was beaten and injured with sharp tools in front of his home by Houthi members, resulting in double fractures in his hand and deep wounds to his head. **Sources: ACLED**[1] **and Al Montasaf**

The Americas

Guatemala

28 July 2025: In Guatemala city and department, a doctor was shot and killed by two armed men on a motorcycle while driving along Colonia Tikal 1, Zone 7. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Haiti

30 July 2025: In Boulevard 15 Octobre, Tabarre commune, Port-au-Prince arrondissement, Ouest department, seven employees of the GHESKIO health centre were reportedly intercepted and kidnapped near the US embassy while trying to avoid traffic by an armed group affiliated with Vithelomme Innocent. **Source: HaitiMania**

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

Democratic Republic of the Congo

04 August 2025: In Kisangani city, Tshopo province, the Tshopo General Hospital was attacked by students following a dispute at their football match which turned violent, during which a police officer shot a student. The students broke the locks and doors of the operating room in the hospital, where the injured student was being treated, and stole medical equipment, putting the facility out of service. Patients fled during the attack. **Source: Kis24**

Nigeria

23 July 2025: In Abuja city, Federal Capital territory, a nurse and a 14-month-old kindergarten pupil from Clear Hope School were kidnapped and killed by the school security guard and his friend. Despite having already killed the victims, the perpetrators still demanded ₦3 million from the family under the pretense that the victims were alive. Both were arrested on 01 August. **Source: The Nation**

Asia

India

28 July 2025: In Pathanapuram town, Pathanapuram Taluk Kollam district, Kerala state, a 43-year-old dentist was sexually assaulted by a 24-year-old man outside of her clinic. During the assault, he forcibly gagged her with a piece of cloth. Locals intervened after she cried for help and the man was arrested by the police and charged. **Source: Times of India**

03 August 2025: In Tripura state, two doctors from the state-run Govind Ballabh Pant (GBP) Hospital, a premier healthcare facility, were verbally abused and attacked by the relatives of a patient while providing treatment at around 03:45, injuring one of the doctors. **Source: Nagaland Post**

Pakistan

As reported on 02 August 2025: In Sahiwal city, Punjab province, the emergency ward of the Sahiwal Teaching Hospital was attacked by a patient's relative after the patient died. Blaming the non-availability of senior doctors, the assailants exchanged harsh words with the doctors and staff, allegedly manhandling three doctors, including two female doctors and paramedical staff. They also reportedly broke a windowpane, an FCG, and a nebuliser machine, causing damages estimated at Rs 0.7 million. **Source: Dawn**

The Americas

Brazil

04 August 2025: In Juripiranga municipality, Paraiba state, a health unit was attacked by around four unidentified armed men, who shot and killed a man awaiting treatment for motorcycle accident injuries, firing over 15 rounds. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Mexico

29 July 2025: In Tuxpan city and municipality, Veracruz state, a patient's father was killed and the patient was injured inside a hospital after a hitman, pretending to be a relative, gained access to the hospital's emergency room. **Source: ACLED**[1] **and El Pais**

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