Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

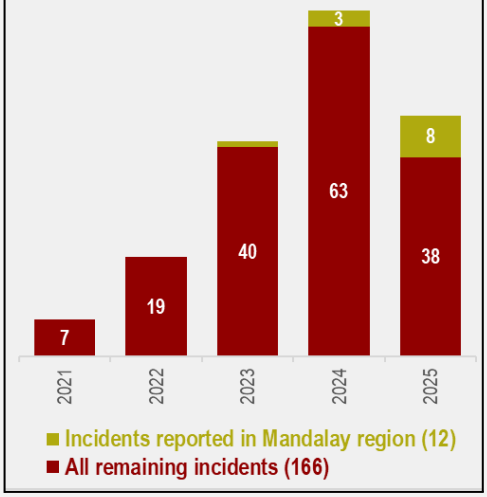
23 July-05 August 2025

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 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).

Since January 2025, incidents reporting MAF aircraft-delivered explosive weapons impacting health care have increased in Mandalay region amid ongoing armed conflict. Mandalay was among the six areas placed under a state of emergency following the quake, along with Bago, Magway, Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, and southern Shan state. Between January and June 2025, health facilities - including children's hospitals and temporary clinics - were damaged eight times in Mandalay region by explosive weapons launched from MAF military jets. In one such incident in late April, a temporary clinic established by a mobile medical team in a monastery - set up to provide urgent care for survivors of the 28 March earthquake - was struck by a military council airstrike, injuring two monks and at least four civilians who were receiving treatment at the time.

Incidents reporting aircraft-delivered explosive weapons impacting health care in Myanmar

01 February 2021 and 30 June 2025



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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Past incident briefs: **09-22 July**; **25 June-08 July**; **11-24 June**; **28 May-10 June**; **14-27 June**; **30 April-13 May**; **16-29 April**; **02-15 April**; **19 March-01 April**; **05-18 March**; **19 February-04 March**; **05-18 February**; **22 January-04 February**; **All**

SHCC Factsheets: Burmese: **2024**; **2023**. English: **2024**; **2023**: **2022**; **2021**; **2020**

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Documented incidents

25 July 2025: In Kyee Pin village and Htone Paw village, Kone Pyin village tract, Ingapu township, Myaaung district, Ayeyarwaddy region, the transport of medicines and food items was banned by the junta authorities starting from 25 July. In Gwet Kyi village and Pein Hne Kwin village, Pein Hne Kwin village tract; Taung Sin village and Pa Dat Kone village, Shan Gaung Bye village tract, Ingapu township, the amount of medicines and food items to be transported was capped for the amount adequate for five days. The ban and restrictions were believed to be aimed at the transport of these items from Ayeyarwaddy region to Rakhine state. **Sources: Democratic Voice of Burma and Development Media Group**

26 July 2025: In Sa Hpe village and village tract, Pauk township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a sub-rural health centre and a home was damaged by two bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet at around 4 pm. One patient attendant was killed and at least eight other civilians injured. The health facility was functioning at the time of the attack. **Sources: Myaelatt Athan, Myanmar Pressphoto Agency, People Media, and People's Spring**

29 July 2025: In Kyauk Lone Gyi village, Ma Lel village tract, Kanbalu township and district, Sagaing region, the inpatient building of a temporary hospital, operated by CDM-affiliated health workers and with the support of the government-in-exile, was destroyed and the buildings used for radiology, an operation theatre, teaching, and staff recreation area were damaged, by two bombs dropped by Myanmar military fighter jets at around 10:30 pm. At least five patients and patient attendants, including a four-year-old child, were killed and at least three were injured. The hospital was functioning at the time of the attack. **Sources: Khit Thit Media, Mandalay Free Press, Ministry of Human Rights, Myaelatt Athan, Myanmar Now, People Media, and Shwe Phee Myay News Agency**

30 July 2025: In Pauk Khaung township, Pyay district, Bago region, a station hospital in Taung Lel village and village tract, and sub-rural health centres and rural health centres in the eastern part of the township, were ordered to shut down and health workers working in the facilities had to leave their duty station within a week from 30 July. The order was issued by the township health department on accusations that the health facilities provided health care to local resistance forces. **Source: Doh Pyay**

02 August 2025: In Chaung Gyi village, Ohn Zone village tract, Thabeikkyin township and district, Mandalay region, a private pharmacy caught fire due to bomb dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet at around 8:15 am, killing at least one civilian and injuring at least 17. In a second airstrike at around 11 am, at least seven civilians were killed and at least 30 injured. **Source: Mandalay Free Press**

04 August 2025: In Kyaukme town, township, and district, Shan state (North), a private paediatrician clinic, a private hospital and at least three homes were damaged by a bomb dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet at around 10:30 am, injuring at least three civilians. There were no casualties at the clinic. **Sources: Shan News, Shwe Phee Myay News Agency, Karenni People's Voice, and Khit Thit Media**

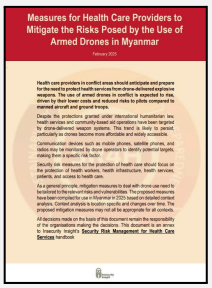
Other resources

"Is This Another Propaganda Campaign?" This briefing analyses social media activity from 28 March to 05 July 2025, assessing observed narratives in Myanmar related to the humanitarian response to the March 28 earthquake. The majority of comments expressed appreciation for aid contributions. However, this sentiment was often accompanied by scepticism over whether assistance would reach affected communities. Direct delivery was consistently emphasised as the only effective method. The most frequently mentioned agencies and donors included: UNICEF, ICRC, WFP, Korean Red Cross, German Red Cross, Christian Aid, OCHA, and contributions from the governments of Vietnam and Australia. While these organisations and donors were positively acknowledged, some were also criticised for perceived collaboration with the military or lack of oversight. Read the **full report**

In 2024, similar to previous years, 35 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care were recorded in northern Shan state, according to the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC). Nearly half of incidents in northern Shan state in 2024 involved damage to health facilities that was attributed to conflict parties using explosive weapons. The MAF primarily damaged health facilities in opposition-held or contested areas using air-dropped explosives, including electroshock rocket missiles and, on one occasion, an armed drone. A joint MNDAA-PDF force was implicated in two incidents in which health facilities were damaged. Read the full factsheet in **Burmese** and **English**. Download the **data**

Health 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 - in **Burmese** and **English** - 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: **Burmese** | **English**
- **Inside** a Building During a Drone Attack: **Burmese** | **English**
- **Response** During a Drone Attack. **Burmese** | **English**



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