Attacks on Health Care

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Insecurity Insight and Dataminr Develop AI Model to Manage Conflict-Related Data

Insecurity Insight, in collaboration with Dataminr, has developed an AI-driven solution to improve the detection and management of data related to violence against health care in conflict. The new AI tool plays a key role in supporting the documentation of damage and destruction to health care in conflict settings. Insecurity Insight uses the AI tool to identify relevant events for further examination and verification, which are then used as the basis for the annual *Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (**SHCC**)* report. These verified incidents are also made available through the ***Global Health Map***. "In 2024, Insecurity Insight documented over **3,600 incidents** of violence against health care in conflict — a 15% increase compared to 2023, and a 62% surge compared to 2022. This sharp rise reflects a troubling erosion in respect for international humanitarian law, as parties to conflict increasingly target health care," said Christina Wille, Insecurity Insight Director. "AI-supported search functions played a critical role in enabling us to keep pace with the scale of this growing damage and devastation." Read the full blog **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

Between 05-11 August 2025: In Nizi village, Djugu territory, Ituri province, three health centres were looted and burned down by an unspecified armed group. **Source: OCHA DRC**

10-11 August 2025: In Ludaha village, Cirunga group, Kabare territory, South Kivu province, the Ludaha Health Centre was looted overnight by armed men, taking medical equipment, including a microscope, a printer, telephones, money, and other valuables. Nurses and other health workers were also attacked while treating patients. **Source: Radio Maendeleo**

11 August 2025: In Katana village, Kabare territory, South Kivu province, a hospital under construction was destroyed by the local population, who also looted the residence of the Vice-President of the Senate. AFC/M23 rebels had reportedly asked residents to attack his properties, because according to them, he was serving his individual interests. **Sources: Radio Maendeleo and RTR**

As reported on 13 August 2025: In Buleusa village, Walikale territory, North Kivu province, the Buleusa Referral Health Centre was looted of equipment during clashes between armed groups, leading to a shortage of supplies, particularly affecting the care of anaemic patients. **Sources: Focus and Le Monde News**

14 August 2025: In Lumumba neighbourhood, Basongora group, Rwenzori sector, Beni territory, North Kivu province, the private Umoja Medical Centre was entered by armed men carrying firearms and bladed weapons at around 3am, threatening the medical staff before stealing their cell phones and money. Police officers and a senior FARDC officer intervened, killing one of the perpetrators, while the others fled. **Source: Les Volcans News**

14 August 2025: In Panzi district, Ibanda commune, Bukavu city and territory, South Kivu province, the water tank at Panzi General Hospital was damaged around 7pm amid heavy gunfire in the area by unidentified gunmen. The consequent leak flooded a large part of the hospital grounds, disrupting medical activities. A fruit vendor was also shot and killed by a stray bullet. **Sources: La Prunelle and Radio Okapi**

As reported on 15 August 2025: In Nizi health zone, Djugu territory, Ituri province, nine of the twelve health facilities were out of service, due to looting, fires, or the flight of medical personnel amid heightened clashes between armed groups. **Source: United Nations**

17 August 2025: In Mbuji-Mayi city, Kasai-Central province, the 'Mbuji-Mayi University Clinics' (formerly Dibumba Hospital) was broken into overnight by two unidentified armed men, stealing bags, phones and a computer. As they fled, they opened fire and injured a trainee doctor in the leg. **Sources: Congo Quotidien and Radio Okapi**

DRC Monitoring Brief: Spotlight on M23
This brief is part of a series examining factors impacting the aid agency access and safety in the Eastern DRC to support aid agency risk mitigation and forward-looking approaches to maintain access to food, health care, education and protection. **This brief focuses on patterns of impact on aid of the March 23 Movement (M23). Available.**

During March 2025, three hospitals and an INGO medical base were damaged by explosives during ongoing fighting between the M23 and the Armed Forces of the DRC in North and South Kivu. A hospital in North Kivu was also raided by an unidentified armed group who kidnapped patients, and in Ituri, a health worker was kidnapped by CODECO militia. Read the full brief in **English** and **French**.

Sudan

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SHCC factsheets (EN): **2023**; **2022**; **2021**. (AR): **2023**; **2022**; **2021**

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Asia

Afghanistan

05 August 2025: In Jabal al-Sarraj district, Parwan province, a doctor was arrested by the Taliban from inside his examination room in Gulbahar market. **Source: National Uprising News**

At least 18 health workers were arrested or detained for questioning in 2024. Most of these arrests or detentions took place in hospitals or health care settings and were justified with reference to a wide range of accusations, including corruption, bribery or theft of medical supplies. The police also conducted arrests using moral policing laws related to dress codes. **Read more.**

12 August 2025: In Alfat Mina area, Seventh district, Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province, a midwife was shot dead by gunmen at 8:00 a.m. while on her way to work. She was employed at Nangarhar Regional Hospital. **Source: Rukhshana**

Myanmar

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

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Europe

Ukraine

06 August 2025: Near Andriivka village and rural hromada, Romny raion, Sumy oblast, a military medic was killed by Russian forces shelling. **Sources: 20minut**, **Ilikenews**, **Na Parisi**, **Vinnytsia News** **and** **UA Varta**

07 August 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a health facility was damaged by Russian forces artillery fire. **Sources: Intent**, **Kherson Region Police**, **Ukrainian South** and **UA Varta**

07 August 2025: In Kostiantynivka city, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital was damaged when Russian forces conducted a KAB strike and shelled the area with artillery. **Source: ACLED**[1] **and** **UA Varta**

07 August 2025: In an undisclosed location, a 39-year-old female junior sergeant and military medic of the 3rd Separate Assault Brigade was killed during fighting along with two of her comrades as a result of a Russian drone attack. **Sources: Bukvy**, **Cntime**, **Inkorr**, **Kyiv Vlada**, **Meta**, **News.LIVE**, **Rubryka** **and** **UA Varta**

09 August 2025: In Zolochiv rural settlement, Bohodukhiv raion, Kharkiv oblast, a medical facility was damaged in Russian forces drone strikes**. Sources: Inkorr**, **NV**, **Sloboda Region**, **Status Quo** and **UA Varta**

10 August 2025: In Zaporizhzhia city, raion and oblast, a university medical clinic was struck by a Russian forces guided aerial bomb in the evening. **Sources: Kyiv Independent** **and** **Washington Examiner**

10 August 2025: In Bilozerka rural settlement and settlement hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, a hospital building was struck by Russian forces artillery. **Source: Ukrainian South**

11 August 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a health facility was damaged by artillery fire by Russian forces. **Source: Ukrainian South**

13 August 2025: In Beryslav raion, Kherson oblast, an ambulance was hit by a Russian drone strike, causing a fire. **Source: Pravda**, **UA Varta I** **and** **UA Varta II**

14 August 2025: In Nikopol raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a pharmacy was damaged when a fire broke out caused by Russian drones and artillery strikes. Four apartment buildings and four private houses were damaged, along with a fire station, and other civilian infastructure. **Source: UA Varta**

14 August 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, three health were injured by Russian shelling. **Sources: Kherson Regional State Administration** **and** **UA Varta**

15 August 2025: In Velyka Pysarivka rural settlement and settlement hromada, Okhtyrka raion, Sumy oblast, an ambulance was damaged in a Russian drone strike. **Source: UA Varta**

19 August 2025: In Kyrykivska community, Okhtyrka raion, Sumy oblast, a health facility was damaged by Russian shelling. **Source:** Tribuna Sumy

19 August 2025: In Kupyansk city, urban hromada and raion, Kharkiv oblast, two male medics were injured when a Russian drone strike hit their ambulance while they were on emergency dispatch. **Sources:** Donbas News I, Donbas News II **and** Kharkiv Regional Prosecutor's Office

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 544 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Ukraine in 2024. 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.

SHCC Factsheets: English: 2024; 2023; 2022. Ukrainian: 2024; 2023.

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

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territory

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The Americas

Colombia

14 August 2025: In Sevilla town and municipality, Valle del Cauca department, a health worker and her two children were abducted by unidentified armed men in two vehicles while she was picking them up from school. The children were released safely shortly afterwards, but the whereabouts of their mother remain unknown. **Source:** ACLED[1]

Haiti

18-19 August 2025: In Kenscoff commune, Port-au-Prince arrondissement, Ouest department, the Sainte Hélène orphanage, run by the Petits Frères et Sœurs organisation, was broken into by armed gang members who forced entry through the main gate while several children and staff were present. An ambulance and food were looted. **Sources:** ACLED[1] **and** LePlacentin

This Bi-Monthly News Brief comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to health care. It is part of the Attacks on Health Care project by Insecurity Insight. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care and have not been independently verified. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations. This document is part of the Attacks on Health Care project by Insecurity Insight. It is funded and supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester and the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the UK government or the Tides Foundation who are not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

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