

# Attacks on Health Care

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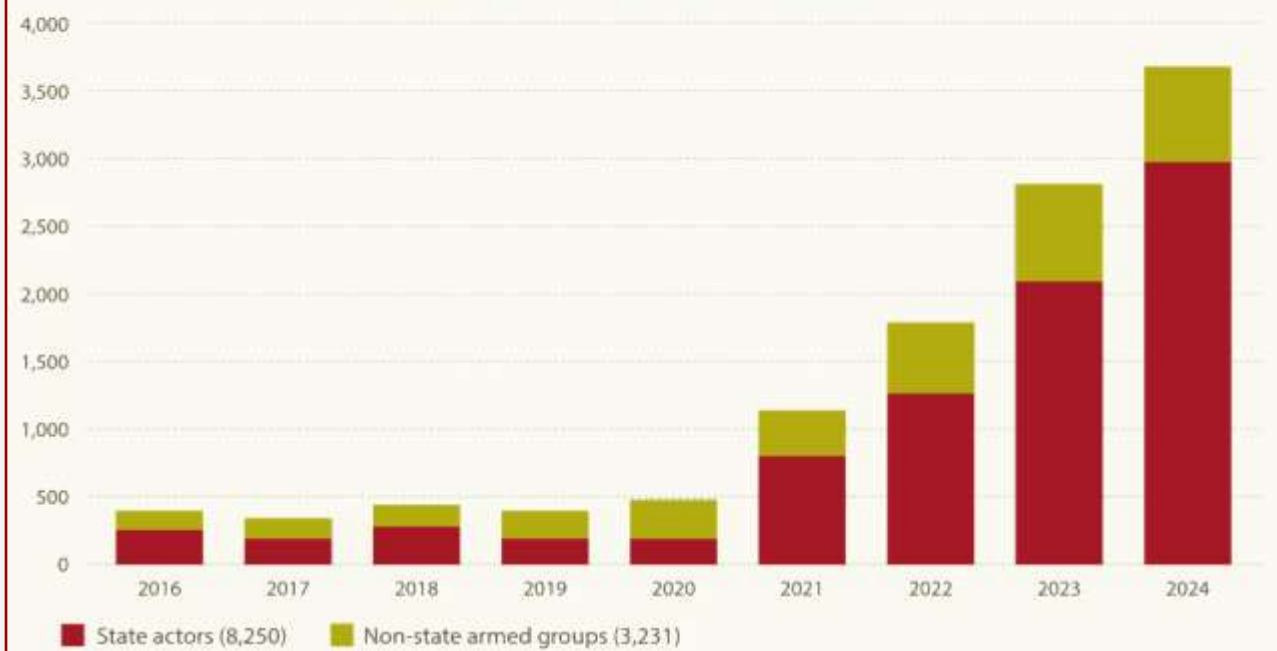
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According to the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition's, approximately **81% of incidents of violence against health care** in 2024 were attributed to state actors, a percentage that has risen over time together with the more widespread use of 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.

The report includes detailed profiles of 23 countries and territories where many acts of violence against health care took place, including: **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**.

## Reported incidents of violence against or obstruction of health, 2016 and 2024

Since 2022, incidents have increasingly been attributed to state actors, coinciding with escalating conflicts where health care almost immediately comes under attack.



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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*

**22 August 2025:** In Lubero city and territory, North Kivu province, medical and paramedical staff of the Lubero General Reference Hospital (HGR) warned of an imminent strike if the medical director and managing administrator do not leave their positions within 72 hours. Staff at the hospital accuse management of embezzlement, dictatorship, and mismanagement. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

**28 August 2025:** In Ciranga town, Irambi Katana groupement, Kabare territory, South Kivu province, several houses in the FOMULAC Katana General Hospital workers' camp were looted by unidentified armed men, who stole televisions, freezers, refrigerators, clothing, money and phones. Medicines were also looted from the hospital, and its doors and windows damaged. **Sources:** [Exacte Info](#) and [Pepele News](#)

### *Ethiopia*

**Between 18 and 20 August:** In Abesken area and kebele, Sekela woreda, Amhara region, the Gule health station was looted and destroyed by ENDF soldiers claiming that Fano fighters had taken over the facility. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**26 August 2025:** In Dimbik locality, North Mecha woreda, North Gojjam Zone, Amhara region, a health station and two private clinics were looted and burned by regime forces. **Sources:** [Amhara Association of America](#) and [Amhara War Updates](#)

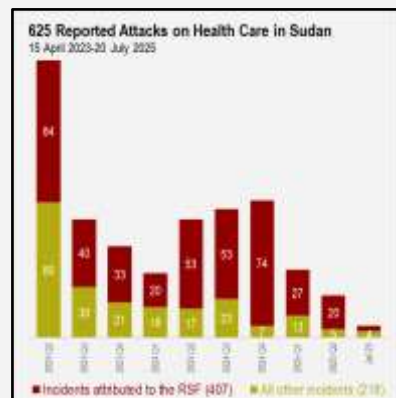
### *Nigeria*

**28 August 2025:** In Ipeme town, Owo local government area, Ondo state, a staff member of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) was abducted from his residence by unidentified gunmen around 7pm and taken to an undisclosed location. He was rescued by police the next day following a gunfight with the perpetrators. No arrests were made as the gunmen fled. **Sources:** [Nigerian Tribune](#) and [Punch](#)

### *Sudan*

Insecurity Insight identified 625 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 16 July 2025. During these incidents, 159 health workers were killed and 77 arrested. Health facilities, including maternity and children's hospitals were reportedly damaged 154 times and occupied on 58 occasions. Pharmacies were looted on multiple occasions, and vital medicine obstructed from reaching people. Nearly two-thirds of incidents were attributed to the RSF.

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*

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## **Pakistan**

**21 August 2025:** In Kali Gahor locality, Mangochar tehsil, Kalat district, Balochistan province, a health department vehicle was looted by 12 Baloch separatists on six motorcycles. The armed individuals later released the passengers after checking their identity cards. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **Europe**

### ***Russian Federation***

**20 August 2025:** In Grozny city, Republic of Chechnya, a medical student was kidnapped by Chechen police, reportedly with the aim of forcing him to join Chechen battalions fighting in Ukraine. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### ***Ukraine***

**20 August 2025:** In Kostiantynivka city, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, the facades of a pharmacy, a private dentist's office, two educational buildings, and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by Russian drone attacks. **Source:** [Hromadske](#), [Sergey Gorbunov](#), [Volodymyr Zelenskyy FB](#) and [UA Varta](#)

**As reported on 21 August 2025:** In Mezхова rural settlement, Synelnykove raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, the last operating private pharmacy was temporarily closed, with shelves empty of medicines. **Sources:** [D1](#) and [Vidomo](#)

**21 August 2025:** In Seredyna-Buda city and urban hromada, Shostka raion, Sumy oblast, an ambulance was destroyed by a Russian forces drone strike as it was heading to provide palliative care to a patient. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

**21 August 2025:** Near Molodizhne village, Kherson raion and oblast, an emergency medical vehicle on its way to a traumatised child was struck by a Russian forces drone strike. A 47-year-old male paramedic was injured. **Sources:** [Bukvy](#), [Interfax](#), [Kherson Regional Administrative District](#), [Kherson Regional Prosecutor's Office](#), [Ukrainian South](#) and [We Ukraine](#)

**21 August 2025:** In Bilozerka rural settlement and settlement hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged as a result of Russian forces artillery. **Sources:** [Bukvy](#), [National Police of Ukraine](#), [Ukrainian South](#), [Vgoru](#) and [We Ukraine](#)

**22 August 2025:** In Dobropillia city and urban hromada, Pokrovsk raion, Donetsk oblast, an ambulance and three administrative buildings were damaged by Russian drones. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

**22 August 2025:** In Alekseevo-Druzhkovka urban-type settlement and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a medical facility, two private houses and a civilian car were destroyed by three FPV drones from Russian forces. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

**As reported on 22 August 2025:** In Zaliznyanske village, Soledar urban hromada, Bakhmut raion, Donetsk oblast, a doctor and military medic of the 117th Military District was wounded during fighting. **Sources:** [Dankor Online](#) and [Shans](#)

**24 August 2025:** In Kupiansk raion, Kharkiv oblast, four emergency medical vehicles, and other civilian infrastructure were damaged as a result of Russian forces shelling. **Sources:** [Kharkiv Regional Police](#) and [UA Varta](#)

**27 August 2025:** In Kramatorsk city, urban hromada and raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital was struck at around 10am when Russian forces fired on the city with two drones, hitting a residential area. One person was critically wounded. **Sources:** [Kramatorsk CMA](#) and [UA Varta](#)

**27 August 2025:** In Sumy city, raion and oblast, hospitals were forced to operate on backup power following a Russian forces drone attack overnight. All water utility facilities were also cut off from power and switched to emergency backup supply. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

**27 August 2025:** In Kupiansk city and raion, Kharkiv oblast, an ambulance was hit by a Russian forces FPV drone at around 8:15pm, injuring two male medical workers. **Sources:** [Lenta.Kharkiv](#) and [UA Varta](#)

**27 August 2025:** In Lyman city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a medical facility was damaged by a Molniya-2 drone strike by the Russian forces. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

**28 August 2025:** In Dnipro district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a hospital was attacked by six drones from Russian forces overnight. Three cars were damaged in the hospital yard, while 10 glass windows were blown out on the first floor of the surgical department. Shrapnel entered the wards and pierced the doors. **Sources:** [UA Varta](#), [Suspilne I](#) and [Suspilne II](#)

**28 August 2025:** In Kyiv city, an Optima-Pharm pharmaceutical warehouse and its medical supplies were destroyed as a result of a Russian forces overnight attack using Shahed drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles, including Kinzhal hypersonic weapons. **Sources:** [New Voice](#) and

**31 August 2025:** In Tsentralnyi district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a medical facility and an educational facility and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by Russian forces artillery. **Sources:** [Kherson Regional Administrative District](#), [UA Varta](#) and [Ukrinform](#)

**31 August 2025:** In Kherson oblast, two medical institutions and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by Russian shelling. **Sources:** [Kherson Region Police](#), [Ministry of Internal Affairs](#) and [UA Varta](#)

**02 September 2025:** In Molodizhne village, Kherson raion and oblast, a medical vehicle was hit by a Russian forces drone, injuring a 36-year-old medical worker. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

**02 September 2025:** In Dobropillia city and urban hromada, Pokrovsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital and three houses were damaged when Russian forces carried out a combined strike with three KAB-250 bombs and two “Geran-2” UAVs. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

**02 September 2025:** In Kostyantynivka town, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, the inpatient departments and polyclinic of the multi-specialty intensive care hospital ceased operations due to daily Russian forces shelling and a shortage of doctors. This was the last hospital operating in the city. **Source:** [Suspilne](#)

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

**Insecurity Insight identified 2833 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 02 August 2025.** In Gaza, where 2001 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 397 times, 695 health workers were killed and 357 arrested. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 772 incidents were recorded, 12 health workers were killed, 100 injured and 161 arrested. Ambulances and health workers were prevented from providing vital medical care to people in need at least 493 times.

Explore the incidents on our [interactive map](#). Download the [data](#) (updated on [HDX](#) every Monday). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. [Get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets.

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### ***Syrian Arab Republic***

**20 August 2025:** In Bustan Al-Qasr neighborhood, Aleppo governorate, a former Assad regime health worker and former Baath Party member was shot and killed by unknown gunmen inside his clinic. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**28 August 2025:** In Tal Salhab town, Hama governorate, Shaaban Mansur Hospital was raided by Syrian army members, who physically assaulted an unspecified number of people, including an elderly man. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### ***Yemen***

**24 August 2025:** In Sanaa city, a doctor was abducted by Houthi forces for liking a social media post criticising the head of the Houthi Supreme Medical Council over illegal fees. He was released two days later. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**24 August 2025:** In Asr district, Sanaa city, a hospital was damaged in an Israeli forces airstrike on the Asr oil facility, belonging to the Yemen Petroleum Company, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **The Americas**

### ***Belize***

**24 August 2025:** In Corozal town and district, a medical doctor and lawyer's home was fired upon by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### ***Ecuador***

**26 August 2025:** In the General Enriquez Gallo neighbourhood, La Libertad city, Santa Elena province, the director of a rehabilitation clinic was shot at least five times and killed by two unidentified armed individuals. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### ***Mexico***

**29 August 2025:** In Gabriel Leyva area, Culiacan Rosales city, Sinaloa state, a hospital was attacked by unidentified armed men, who shot indiscriminately at its facilities, killing three people and injuring one other. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**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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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 10 July 2025.

