

Attacks on Health Care

Bi-Monthly News Brief

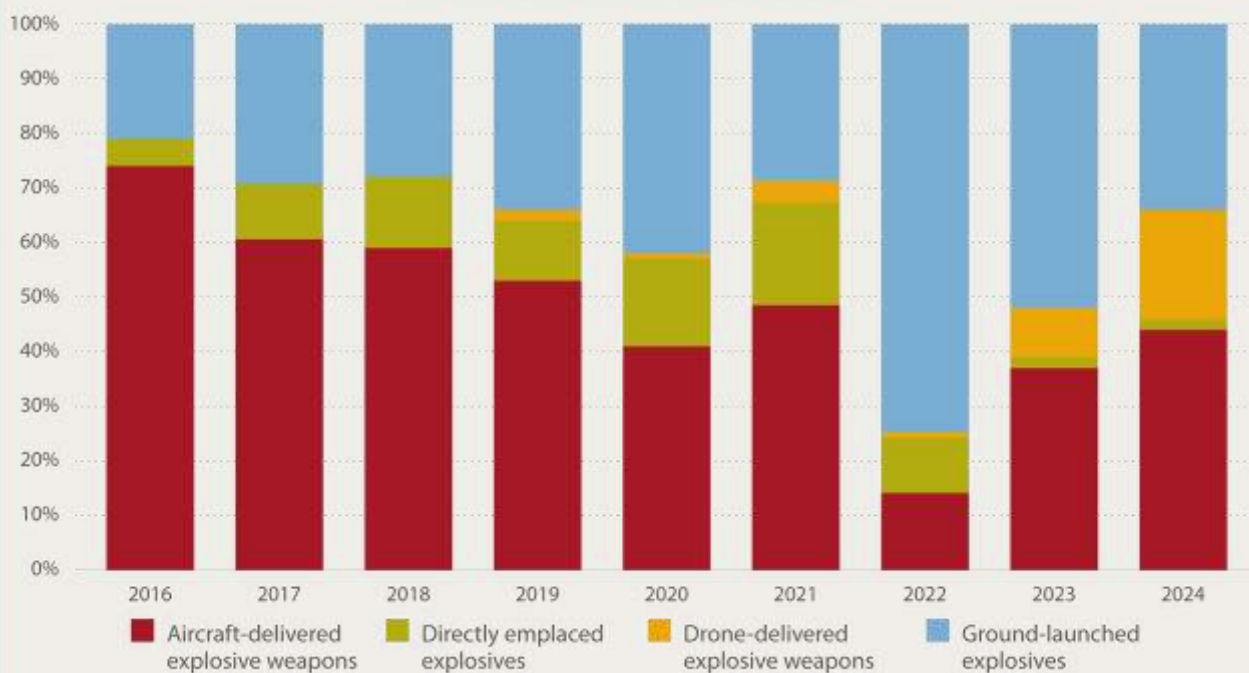
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Since 2022, the [use of explosive weapons affecting health care has increased](#), according to the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition \(SHCC\)](#). In 2023, 36% of all incidents affecting health services involved explosive weapons use, rising to 48% in 2024. The number of incidents in which aircraft delivered explosive weapons that impacted health care doubled in 2024. With the exception of Lebanon, these incidents were recorded in countries and territories that had previously reported similar incidents. The use of drone-delivered explosives that impacted health care services nearly quadrupled in 2024, and occurred in some countries where aircraft strikes were not reported, including Colombia, Niger, and Russia. Among all explosive weapons systems, the use of drone-delivered explosives is growing. Since the first reported use of armed drones that impacted health care during conflict in Syria in 2016, the percentage of drone-delivered explosives among all incidents involving explosive weapons use more than doubled from 9% in 2023 to 20% in 2024. The use of drones in Ukraine, the oPt, Lebanon, Myanmar, and Sudan increased, with cases reported for the first time in 2023 in Burkina Faso, Sudan, and Lebanon. In 2024, over 300 incidents of drone strikes impacting health care were reported from more countries and territories, including new cases in Colombia, Mali, Niger, and Russia. 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](#).

Percentage of reported incidents of explosive weapons use affecting health services, and their delivery method, 2016-2024

Since 2022, explosive weapons have caused much of the destruction to health care systems during conflict, making up 48% of incidents in 2024. Since 2023, the use of armed drones that impacted health care has doubled from 9% to 20% of all reported incidents.



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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 19 September 2025: In Kamisimbi groupment, Walungu territory, South Kivu province, the Muku Hospital, the Mulambi Health Centre, and an unspecified number of other health facilities closed when fighting between M23 and Wazalendo intensified on 17 September. **Source:** [Radio Maendeleo](#)

26 September 2025: In Panzi district, Ibanda commune, Bukavu city and territory, South Kivu province, a person was killed in front of a hospital by unidentified gunfire amid an attack on the area, involving looting. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

29 September 2025: Near Piki town, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, a health worker of Masisi General Hospital was shot and killed by unidentified individuals. **Sources:** [Les Volcans News](#) and [RTCM](#)

Ethiopia

27 September 2025: In Guba Lafto woreda, North Wollo zone, Amhara region, Sanka Health Centre was damaged by a ENDF drone strike around midnight, impacting its ability to provide further medical services. At least four people were killed, including a pregnant woman, and two health workers injured. **Sources:** [Addis Standard](#), [Amhara Association of America](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

Mozambique

26 September 2025: In Mocimboa da Praia town and district, Cabo Delgado province, MSF suspended medical activities following an upsurge of attacks. **Source:** [Citizen Digital](#)

Niger

20 September 2025: In Tidirgaleine Bibiyorgou area, Ayerou town, Tillaberi region, an ambulance was stopped by ISSP militants, who removed the patient, abducted the two drivers, and looted the vehicle. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

20 September 2025: In Orba village, Udenu LGA, Enugu state, a man was abducted from his pharmacy by an unidentified armed group demanding a five million naira ransom. He was rescued on 25 September by police. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Somalia

09 September 2025: In Gaalkacyo town and district, Mudug region, a doctor was shot and killed by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Sudan

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SHCC factsheets (EN): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#). (AR): [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

Around 23 September 2025: In Kandahar province, an unspecified number of dental clinics were ordered by the Taliban's Directorate for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice to stop with male dentists treating women. Doctors were instructed not to treat female patients without a mahram. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Around 23 September 2025: In Taluqan city, Takhar province, a Takhar Public Health Department director was beaten by a Taliban member in the department for refusing to carry out an unlawful order. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

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SHCC Factsheets: Burmese: [2024](#); [2023](#). English: [2024](#); [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

Pakistan

21 September 2025: In Mandio Khas area, Miryan tehsil, Bannu district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a Basic Health Unit (BHU) was damaged when suspected TTP militants detonated an IED. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Tribune](#)

25 September 2025: In Teri Ram area, Landidak locality, Bannu district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a government health department employee was abducted from his home by the TTP. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Europe

Ukraine

17 September 2025: In Oleksandrivka rural settlement, Kropyvnytskyi raion, Kirovohrad oblast, a hospital and 31 houses were damaged by Russian forces. The blast wave damaged windows in the hospital. **Sources:** [CBN](#), [Stolica](#), [UA Varta](#) and [WE Ukraine](#)

18 September 2025: In Druzhkivka city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital, an administrative building, a retail kiosk, and nine vehicles were damaged during ten Russian drone strikes in the morning. **Sources:** [Novosti](#) and [UA Varta](#)

19 September 2025: In Chernihiv oblast, three ambulance crew members were injured in a Russian double-tap drone strike on their ambulance while responding to attacks. The vehicle was damaged. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹, [Chas Chernihivskyi](#), [CheLine](#), [Interfax](#), [Novosti N](#), [NovynyLive](#), [Police of Chernihiv region](#), [First Deputy Head of the Patrol Police Department](#), [OCHA](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#), [Ukranews](#), [UP](#) and [UNN](#)

24 September 2025: In Dniprovskiy district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, three hospital workers. A hospital building was damaged while the staff received mine-explosive injuries and shrapnel wounds. **Sources:** [Grivna](#), [Kavun](#), [Novosti N](#), [UA News I](#) and [UA News II](#)

25 September 2025: In Lyman city and raion, Donetsk oblast, a pharmacy was damaged in Russian air and drone strikes in the area. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

26 September 2025: In Kostiantynivka city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, two hospitals were damaged at by a Russian airstrike. **Sources:** [Kostyantynivka Military Administration](#), [National Police of Ukraine](#) and [UA Varta](#)

26 September 2025: In Dobropillia city and urban hromada, Pokrovsk raion, Donetsk oblast, four hospital buildings and an apartment were destroyed when Russian forces dropped two bombs. **Sources:** [National Police of Ukraine](#) and [UA Varta](#)

27 September 2025: In Tsentralnyi district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a health facility and an administrative building were damaged in the morning by Russian artillery shelling. **Source:** [National Police of Ukraine](#)

28 September 2025: In Sumy city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, an ambulance was prevented from reaching an injured man who had been evacuated by police, but required medical treatment, due to constant shelling. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

28 September 2025: In Solomyanskyi district, Kyiv city, the Strazhesko Institute of Cardiology was struck and damaged in a Russian Shahed drone attack. A 50-year-old nurse and her patient were killed and five were rescued. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [24tv II](#), [Big Kyiv](#), [NTA](#), [Pravda](#), [RBC](#), [State Emergency Service of Ukraine](#), [Sudovo-Yurydichna Gazeta](#), [The New Arab](#), [UAInfo](#), [UA Varta](#) and [Vitaliy Klitschko](#)

29 September 2025: In Bilozerka rural settlement and rural hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged by Russian artillery. **Source:** [National Police of Ukraine](#)

30 September 2025: In Dnipro city, urban hromada and raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a medical centre, a dental clinic, a kindergarten, and psychologists' offices, a museum, a lyceum, and university buildings were damaged by Russian drone strikes during the day. **Sources:** [Comments UA](#), [Novini.LIVE](#), [Novosti-N](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [WE-UKRAINE](#)

30 September 2025: In Kostiantynivka city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, the facade of a pharmacy and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by a Russian FAB-500 airstrike at 10:40am. Gas supply in the city was suspended since the infrastructure was destroyed on 22 August. **Sources:** [Donetsk Region Police](#), [Kostyantynivka Military Administration](#), [NovostiDN](#), [Similar Option](#), [UA Varta I](#) and [UA Varta II](#)

According to the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#) (SHCC), attacks on health care in Ukraine not only persisted in 2024 but escalated in both intensity and impact. Available in [English](#) and [Ukrainian](#), the report details Russia's increasing use of drones armed with explosives, which severely disrupted medical evacuations and the delivery of essential services. The near-constant presence of surveillance and attack drones rendered rapid evacuations nearly impossible during daylight hours, forcing medical teams to operate at dawn and dusk.

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



Middle East and North Africa

Egypt

As reported on 27 September 2025: In Cairo, dozens of injured Palestinians receiving treatment in Egypt were forced out of hospitals and social housing. Among the Palestinians were those dealing

with amputations or suffering from grave illnesses such as cancer and kidney failure, making it impossible for them to search for alternative accommodation. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Lebanon

19 September 2025: In Tebnine town, Bint Jbeil district, Nabatieh governorate, a car at the entrance of Tebnine Governmental Hospital was hit by an Israeli drone strike, killing one person and injuring 11 others. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Recorded Violence Against Health Care in the oPt, 07 October 2023-17 August 2025				
	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Gaza	2036	714*	404	359
West Bank	776	12	27	161

Insecurity Insight identified 2872 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 17 August 2025. Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2036 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 404 times, 714 health workers were killed and 359 arrested. These health worker killings and injuries add to the broader toll: since October 2023, more than [67,000](#) Palestinians have been killed in Gaza. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 776 attacks on health care were recorded, access to medicine was obstructed over 480 times, and 12 health workers were killed and 161 arrested.

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Syrian Arab Republic

23 September 2025: In Quamishli city, Al Hasakeh governorate, a hospital was raided by Tal Hmis communal militia, who shot and killed two people. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Tunisia

As reported on 24 September 2025: In Sfax city and governorate, a refugee clinic was destroyed and burnt to the ground by Tunisian authorities for the fifth time in a row. All humanitarian organisations have been banned from providing aid to refugees and migrants in the area. **Source:** [Refugees in Libya](#)

Yemen

26 September 2025: In Sanaa city and governorate, a doctor was arrested by Houthi forces for his attempt to celebrate the anniversary of the 26th of September Revolution. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Haiti

18 September 2025: In Bassin Bleu commune, North West department, a hospital and police station were set on fire by armed groups during an attack on the area. A teacher was killed in the attack. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

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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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 05 October 2025.

