

Attacks on Health Care

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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

23 October 2025: In Kabondo commune, Kisangani city, Tshopo province, the Kabondo General Hospital was raided at 2am by around eight armed men who scaled the perimeter wall before threatening to kill and tying up the three guards. All men in the facility were rounded up and tied up in one room. Money, laptops, mobile phones, a flashlight and a charging device were stolen after assaulting the hospital cashier. **Source: [Actualite](#)**

27 October 2025: In Bishusha village, Rutshuru territory, North Kivu province, pharmaceuticals were looted during an attack on the area by suspected CMC/Nyatura. **Source: [Radio Okapi](#)**

27 October 2025: In Bikali neighbourhood, Sake town, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, the Sake Afia Health Centre was stormed by armed men dressed in military uniforms who took everything before fleeing during a night attack on the area. **Source: [Actualite](#)**

27 October 2025: In Bambo town, Rutshuru territory, North Kivu province, the MSF-supported general hospital was hit twice by stray bullets during unidentified gunfire near the town. **Source: [MSF](#)**

28 October 2025: In Manguredjipa town, Bapare sector, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, the Protestant Malunguma Health Centre was attacked by ADF during an incursion into the area around 5am. **Source: [Actualite](#)**

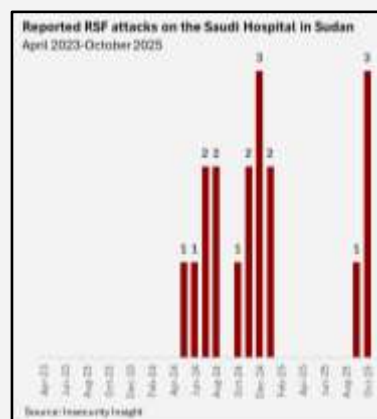
28-30 October 2025: In Mulunguma village, Lubero territory, the main clinic and a pharmacy were systematically looted of all pharmaceutical products by the ADF. **Sources: [Congo Quotidien](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)**



Sudan

On 28 October, the Saudi Hospital (El Fasher Hospital for Women and Obstetrics) in El Fasher city, North Darfur state, was raided by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). At least 460 people were killed, and six health workers were forcibly taken in the attack (see below for further details and source links). This was the third assault on the hospital in October 2025 alone.

Prior to this latest incident, Insecurity Insight documented at least 17 separate attacks on the hospital since the outbreak of fighting between the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the RSF in April 2023. These attacks - carried out by artillery fire, rockets, shelling, and armed drone strikes - have repeatedly damaged the hospital and endangered its staff and patients. In total, at least 11 health workers have been killed, nine injured and seven taken during attacks on the Saudi Hospital by the RSF.



View the incidents on our [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. We are currently updating our datasets on HDX, please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in this data.

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

Asia

Afghanistan

As reported 28 October 2025: In Uruzgan, Paktika, and Kandahar province, doctors and hospitals were instructed by the Taliban not to admit women patients without a male guardian. **Source:** [Hasht e Subh Daily](#)

Myanmar

Perceptions of the aid sector on social media platforms: Intentions and practices of the aid sector are often misunderstood on social media. Being aware of how aid activities are discussed and perceived online is an important element of reputation management and is essential for maintaining access in crisis contexts. Insecurity Insight has been analysing social media discussions in Myanmar to better understand how the earthquake response was perceived. We identified how civilian activities are called into question following the bombing of schools and hospitals, and how the lack of visible aid efforts contributes to misinformation and misperceptions. Read our five briefs below:

“Let The World Know”



“We Haven’t Received A Single Bottle Of Water”



“Is This Another Propaganda Campaign”



“Myanmar’s People Are Bombed”



“The UN Shouldn’t Even Exist Anymore”



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

Pakistan

15 October 2025: In Kaahi village, Nizampur, Nowshera district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a police officer guarding an anti-polio vaccination team was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen. At the time of the attack, female polio workers were administering drops to children inside a house. **Source:** [The Express Tribune](#) and [The Hindu](#)

16 October 2025: In Khar town, Bajaur district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a private medical clinic near the District Headquarters Hospital was damaged when the Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP) detonated an explosive outside. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

18 October 2025: In North Nazimabad suburb, Karachi city, Sindh province, a team administering polio vaccinations to children was attacked by unidentified men. Four of the attackers were later arrested by police. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Europe

Russian Federation

21 October 2025: In Bataysk city, Rostov oblast, a private clinic was damaged when Ukrainian forces' drones struck the area. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ukraine

16 October 2025: In Kherson city, raion ad oblast, the windows of the Kherson Children's Regional Clinical Hospital were blown out from a blast wave during Russian forces shelling. **Sources:** [Grivna](#) and [Ukrainian South](#)

18 October 2025: In Dnipropetrovsk oblast, two ambulances of the Regional Centre for Emergency Medical Care and Disaster Medicine were damaged by Russian forces shelling at night. **Sources:** [Nikopolnews](#) and [Suspilne](#)

21 October 2025: In Novhorod-Siverskyi city, urban hromada and raion, Chernihiv oblast, the windows and facades of the central city hospital were damaged during an attack by Russian forces using Shahed drones and Tornado multiple launch rocket systems. Medical transport, a secondary school, a café, a Nova Poshta office, vehicles, warehouses, apartments, and residential buildings were also damaged. **Sources:** [0462](#), [Apostrophe](#), [Censor](#), [Chas Chernihivskyi](#), [CHE](#), [Cheline I](#), [Cheline II](#), [Glavred](#), [Kurs](#), [MagnoliaTV](#), [My Nizhyn](#), [RBC](#), [UANews](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#) and [We-Ukraine](#)

21 October 2025: In Kostiantynivka city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital and a gas station were damaged when Russian forces dropped two KAB-250 bombs. **Sources:** [Censor](#), [Kostyantynivka Military Administration](#) and [UA Varta](#)

23 October 2025: In Kherson oblast, a medical and an educational facility, and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by the Russian forces. **Sources:** [Kherson Regional Police](#) and [UA Varta](#)

26 October 2025: In Dar'ivka village, Kherson raion and oblast, a clinic was damaged by Russian forces artillery fire. **Source:** [National Police of Ukraine](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Libya

18 October 2025: In Al Khums city, Al Marqab district, the director of the Emergency Medicine and Support Centre and three of his colleagues were abducted by an unidentified armed group while they were driving. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Recorded Violence Against Health Care in the oPt, 07 October 2023-16 September 2025				
	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Gaza	2072	719	406	359
West Bank	778	12	27	161

Insecurity Insight identified 2909 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 16 September 2025.¹ Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2072 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 406 times, 719 health workers were killed and 359 arrested.² In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 778 attacks on health care were recorded, access to medicine was obstructed over 490 times, 12 health workers were killed and 161 arrested.

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Yemen

15 October 2025: In Al Fakhir area, Qaatabah district, Al Dali governorate, two ambulances were struck by Houthi drones, killing one paramedic and injuring eight others. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

17 October 2025: In Al Fakhir, Qaatabah district, Al Dali governorate, an ambulance was hit by drone strikes, killing one health worker and injuring at least two others. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

21 October 2025: In Al Zahra neighbourhood, Taiz city, Salh district, Taiz governorate, an IED near Al Hamd Hospital detonated as Houthi fighters attempted to plant it, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Haiti

18 October 2025: In Deschapelles town, Verrettes commune, Artibonite department, the Albert Schweitzer Hospital was attacked by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Venezuela

20 October 2025: In Merida city and state, a doctor and human rights defender was arrested without a warrant by Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN) officers wearing balaclavas at his office in the Marci Rios Clinical Centre. Known for defending health workers' labour rights and access to healthcare, he was a member of Doctors United for Venezuela, a lecturer at Lisandro Alvarado University, and director of the Colegio de Médicos in Mérida. He is being held at the SEBIN detention centre in La Mara, Mérida, charged with terrorism and incitement to hatred. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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

14 October 2025: In Kisangani city, Tshopo province, a doctor and his family were attacked by community members during 'mob justice', orchestrated by an individual accusing them of being involved in 'disappearing genitals'. They managed to escape following the intervention of police.

Source: Depeches de la Tshopo

Asia

India

10 October 2025: In Durgapur city, Paschim Bardhaman district, West Bengal state, an MBBS student at a private medical college was allegedly raped by unidentified group of men near the college campus. Three suspects were arrested, and police conducted raids to apprehend others involved. The incident sparked controversy after the West Bengal Chief suggested that female students should avoid going out at night, prompting criticism for victim-blaming and highlighting concerns over women's safety in the state. **Source:** The Hindu

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 x October 2025.

