

Attacks on Health Care

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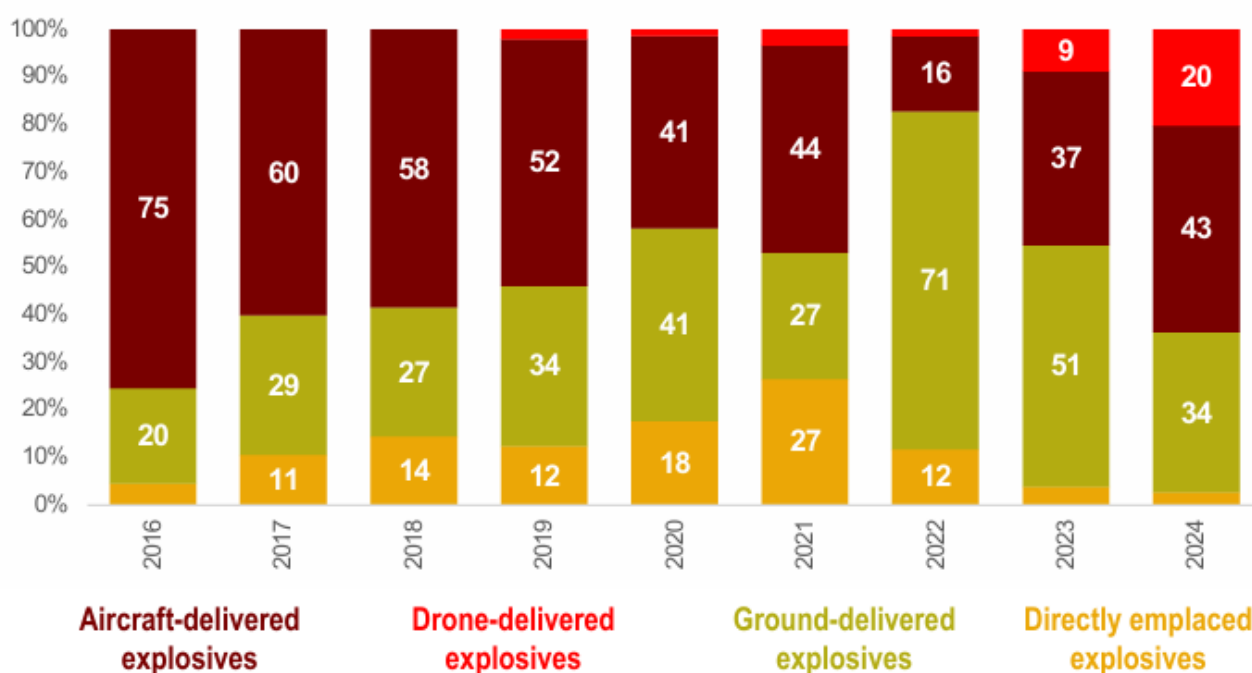
Violence impacting health care reached unprecedented levels in **2024**, with the use of explosive weapons in populated areas emerging as a dominant and devastating trend. Health care is directly impacted when explosive weapons damage or destroy hospitals, health centres, and ambulances, or when they kill or seriously injure health workers and patients. These weapons also cause indirect harm through their cumulative and reverberating effects on civilian infrastructure. Effective health care delivery depends on safe, open roads for use by patients and health workers and for the transport of medical supplies. It also relies on essential services such as electricity, water, fuel and sanitation. When these systems are damaged or destroyed, the entire health care system suffers. The use of explosive weapons in populated areas is also likely to have long-lasting consequences, disrupting the availability of and access to health care long after hostilities end and ceasefires are in place.

This **second edition** of Insecurity Insight's The Effects on Health Care of the Use of Explosive Weapons discusses new trends in and impacts of explosive weapons use on global health care systems in 2024. It provides more details of and updates to the statistics reported in the Explosive Weapons Monitor's 2024 annual report.

The data cited in this report on the use of explosive weapons in populated areas and its impact on health care can be downloaded [here](#)

Reported incidents where explosive weapons impacted health care, by platform type, 2016-2024*

Explosive weapons launched from air and ground platforms remained the most used types of explosives in incidents impacting health care in 2024.



* Incidents where the platform used was not recorded are not included

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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 on 13 November 2025: In Alimbongo health zone, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, a building at the Alimbongo health centre was hit by a shell during clashes between FARDC and M23. The shell damaged the administrative block: a building that housed the pharmacy, the accounting department, and some private rooms for patients. Medications, wards and the nurses' offices were also affected. **Sources:** [7Sur7](#) and [Radio Moto](#)

14-15 November 2025: In Byambwe town, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, the Byambwe Reference Health Centre was attacked by ADF overnight, killing 23 patients and looting medicines and equipment. Two health workers were also reportedly abducted. Parts of the facility were set on fire, leaving it inoperable. The maternity ward was also affected. During 20-21 November, health workers in the Biena area suspended their activities in protest. **Sources:** [Actualite](#), [Christian Post](#), [Congo Quotidien](#), [OCHA](#), [Radio Okapi](#) and [Radio Okapi II](#)

15 November 2025: In Kazinga village, Nyamaboko 1st group, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, a medical facility was looted by M23 fighters after seizing control of the village. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

15 November 2025: In Katwa commune, Butembo city, North Kivu province, a doctor was locked in a closet at Katwa General Hospital and beaten by a magistrate, who cut off his finger, after the doctor's wife reported he had touched her genitals during an operation. The doctor denied the accusation, claiming he acted within a strictly medical context, and in the presence of a midwife who witnessed the entire procedure. The magistrate admitted she attacked the doctor in a state of rage. **Source:** [AupicInfo](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

Between 16-19 November 2025: In Kapangula commune, Kalemie city, Tanganyika province, the wife of a nurse of Kankomba Health Centre was shot and injured in their home by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

As reported 17 November 2025: At Baraka port, Fizi territory, South Kivu province, a shipment of medicines belonging to an international organisation was blocked, delaying operations and leading to a shortage of medicines and supplies in the health facilities supported by the organisation. **Source:** [OCHA DRC](#)

19 November 2025: In Bipemba commune, Mbujimayi city, East Kasai province, the Buenas Muntu Hospital Centre was attacked by unidentified armed individuals who beat an unspecified number of doctors and nurses, and threatened them with death. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

20 November 2025: In Bipemba commune, Mbujimayi city, East Kasai province, the PMKO Hospital was reportedly in a state of insecurity amid an exchange of heavy gunfire between unidentified individuals. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

22 November 2025: In Katana town, Kabare territory, South Kivu province, the Chahoboka Health Centre was attacked by M23 members when they raided the town. Four people, including two health

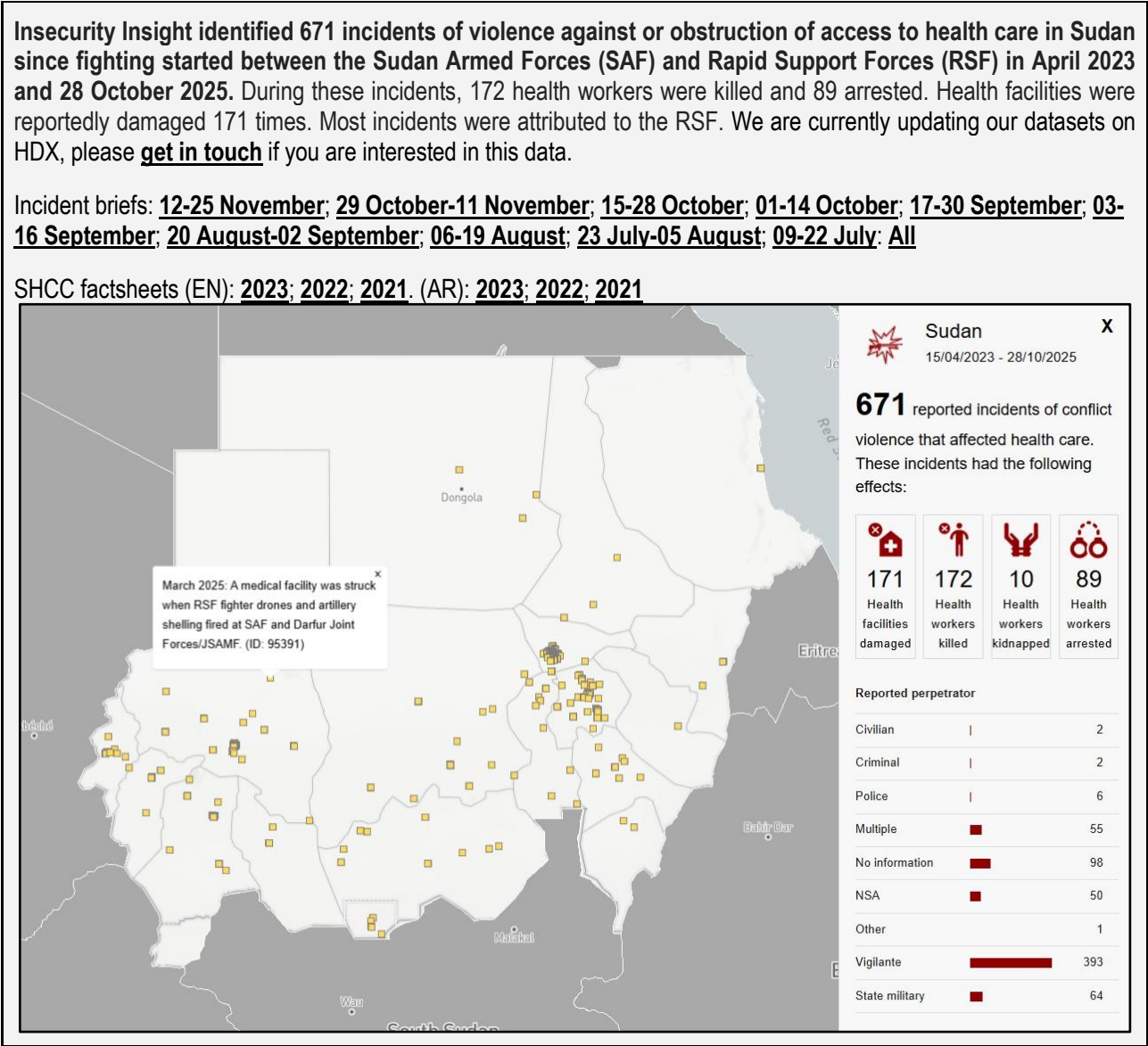
workers and a patient, were taken outside and shot and killed. **Sources:** Personal Communication and Personal Communication II

Ethiopia

19 November 2025: In Quaro kebele, Bugna woreda, North Wollo zone, Amhara region, Quaro Health Centre was hit by one of four drone strikes conducted by ENDF in the area between 6:40 pm and 11:30 pm. **Source:** Amhara Association of America

As reported on 21 November 2025: In Alamata town, North Wollo zone, Amhara region, health workers at Alamata Hospital were intimidated by Tigrayan militants to evacuate the hospital and surrounding areas. **Source:** Amhara Association of America

Sudan



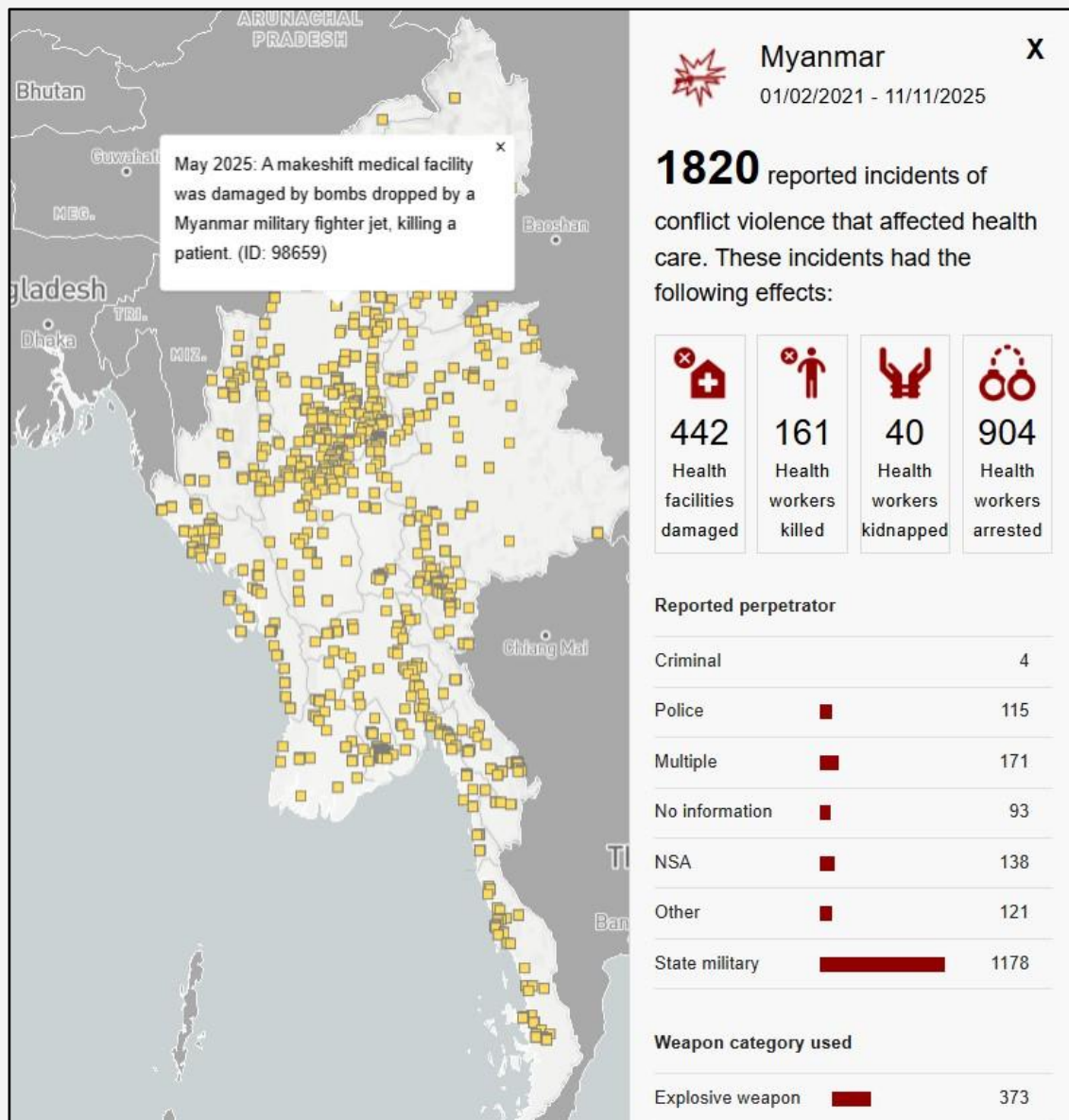
Asia

Afghanistan

13 November 2025: In Herat city and province, a doctor at Herat Regional Hospital was arrested by Taliban intelligence forces while he was teaching in a classroom. **Source:** ACLED¹

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight identified 1820 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 11 November 2025. During these incidents health facilities were reportedly damaged or destroyed 442 times, 161 health workers were killed and 904 arrested. Almost three-quarters of these incidents were attributed to the Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF). We are currently updating our datasets on HDX, please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in this data.



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Europe

Ukraine

13 November 2025: In Osykove village, Druzhkivka community, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, an FPV drone strike damaged an ambulance. **Sources:** [6262](#) and [UA Varta](#)

13 November 2025: In Dniprovskiyi district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a second ambulance was damaged after crossing a Russian "Petal" mine at 5am while responding to another call. **Sources:** [NV](#), [Rubryka](#), [Suspilne](#) and [UA Varta](#)

14 November 2025: In Holosiivskyi district, Kyiv city, a hospital caught fire due to falling debris and a non-residential building was damaged. **Sources:** [Censor](#), [Kyiv Mayor](#), [Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France](#), [UA Varta](#) and [WE-UKRAINE](#)

16 November 2025: In Bilozerka rural settlement and settlement hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, the building of a medical facility, outbuildings on its territory, and a gas pipeline were damaged when Russian forces shelled the village with artillery, injuring an 87-year-old woman. **Sources:** [Ukrainian South](#) and [Vgoru](#)

18 November 2025: In Bilenke village and rural council, Zaporizhzhia raion and oblast, an ambulance was hit and damaged by a Russian forces FPV drone while parked near a house. **Sources:** [1news](#), [Spravzhne](#), [The Head Of The Zaporizhzhia OVA](#), [UA Varta](#), [Zabor](#), [Zaporizhzhia Region Police News](#) and [ZPRZ](#)

As reported on 18 November 2025: In Kharkiv oblast, a male military medic was wounded twice. The most serious injury occurred during the shelling of the tank, when a fragment damaged his spine. Due to the heavy shelling, the evacuation was delayed for more than 10 hours. **Sources:** [I-Vin](#), [Vinbazar](#), [Vinnitsa Info](#) and [Vinnytsia Regional Military Administration](#)

19 November 2025: In Kharkiv city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, the Kharkiv Emergency Medical Service Unit No. 3 was damaged when Russian forces launched at least 18 drone attacks on the city. As a result, the ceiling and heating system were damaged, windows and doors were broken, the facade was partially destroyed, and official vehicles were damaged. A female doctor was injured and hospitalised. The power supply was also temporarily lost. **Sources:** [Bizagro](#), [Dumka](#), [Farvater Media](#), [FREEDOM](#), [Glavnoe](#), [Head of the Kharkiv Regional State Administration](#), [Hromadske Radio](#), [KHARKIV Today](#), [Sloboda Region](#), [Slobodskyi Kray](#), [Staus Quo](#), [Suspilne](#), [UNN](#) and [Window of Recovery](#)

21 November 2025: In Pokrovsk city, urban hromada and raion, Donetsk oblast, a female military medic was killed during fighting. **Sources:** [NV](#), [Obozrevatel](#) and [Sharp Carthusians](#)

21 November 2025: In Kherson city, raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged when Russian drones and artillery struck the area. About two dozen windows were broken in the building, and the ceiling, computer equipment, and medical equipment were damaged. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Censor I](#)

23 November 2025: On Oleksi Tykhoy street, Kramatorsk city, urban hromada and raion, Donetsk oblast, the territory of a hospital complex was hit by a Russian forces "Italmas" drone around 2pm. **Sources:** [Donbas News](#), [UA Varta](#) and [V-Variant](#)

24 November 2025: In Nova Vodolaha rural settlement, Kharkiv raion and oblast, the central hospital experienced a partial power outage when Russian forces launched six drone strikes on a Ukrzaliznytsia power facility in the evening, causing a fire to break out. **Sources:** [MediaPort](#), [Novovodolazhsk Village Council](#) and [Status Quo](#)

25 November 2025: In Kyiv city, an unspecified number of hospitals and social institutions stayed without heating after a nighttime Russian forces drone and missile strike on the city. Blast waves and debris damaged elements of heating networks, forcing the city to temporarily limit heat supply. **Source:** [Life Kyiv](#)

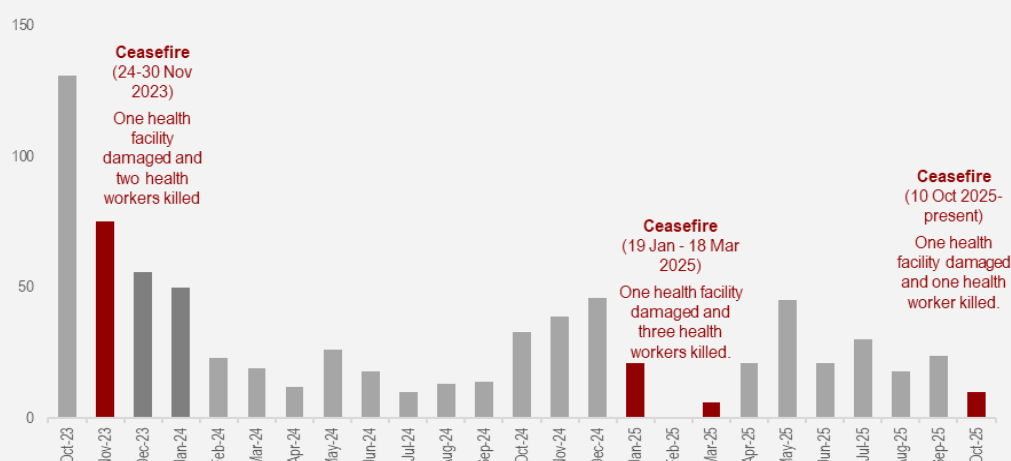
Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Recorded violence against health care in the oPt, 07 October 2023-28 October 2025

	 REPORTED INCIDENTS	 HEALTH WORKERS KILLED	 INCIDENTS WHERE HEALTH FACILITIES WERE DAMAGED	 HEALTH WORKERS ARRESTED
Gaza	2119	739	418	362
West Bank	789	12	27	162

Reported incidents where IDF airstrikes impacted health care in Gaza 07 October 2023-28 October 2025



Source: Insecurity Insight

Insecurity Insight identified 2965 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 28 October 2025. Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2119 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 418 times, 728 health workers were killed and 362 arrested. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 789 attacks on health care were recorded, access to medicine was obstructed 500 times, 12 health workers were killed and 162 arrested.

Over a third of the 2119 reported incidents in Gaza involved IDF airstrikes, including both aircraft and drone strikes, impacting health care. Children's hospitals, dental clinics, field hospitals, health clinics, hospitals, medical storage facilities, pharmacies, and rehabilitation clinics were struck and damaged. Hospitals like Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital (Gaza city), Indonesian Hospital (North Gaza) and Nasser Medical Complex (Khan Yunis) were hit multiple times. At least 365 health workers, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, surgeons, dentists, administrative staff, hospital directors, physiotherapists, medical students, hospital guards, ambulance personnel and technicians were killed by IDF airstrikes. Incidents continued even during ceasefires, during which three health facilities were damaged and six health workers were killed by IDF airstrikes in Gaza. We are currently updating our datasets on HDX, please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in this data.

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Syrian Arab Republic

12 November 2025: In Tartous city, and governorate, a doctor was arrested by police forces at his clinic. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 November 2025: At Basira bridge, Basira town, Deir al Zor governorate, a nurse was detained by Syrian Democratic Forces at an SDF-affiliated checkpoint while he was heading to work at Shiheil City Hospital. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Yemen

21 November 2025: Al Turbah town, Ash Shamayatayn district, Taizz governorate, an assistant doctor from Khalifa General Hospital was abducted by government Special Security Forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Mexico

17 November 2025: In San Jacinto Chilateca village, Ocotlan de Morelos municipality, Oaxaca province, an ambulance was intercepted and the patient was shot and killed by unidentified perpetrators, who had shot and injured the patient earlier. **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

Tanzania

Around 19 November 2025: In Geita city and region, a doctor was arrested by police officers in an incident likely linked to the security crackdown on demonstrations against the alleged rigging of the 29 October general elections and the exclusion of opposition figures. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Asia

India

13 November 2025: In Hapur city and district, Uttar Pradesh state, a medical professor at Hapur's GS Medical College was detained by Delhi Police from the college campus in connection with the Delhi blast case, exposing an interstate "white-coat terror module" in which medical and education professionals allegedly assisted the planning and logistics of the attack. **Source:** [Orissa Post](#)

13 November 2025: In Kanpur city, Uttar Pradesh state, a cardiology student from Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Memorial (GSVM) Medical College was detained by the Uttar Pradesh ATS from his home in connection with the Delhi blast case, exposing an interstate "white-coat terror module" in which medical and education professionals allegedly assisted the planning and logistics of the attack. **Source:** [Orissa Post](#)

Pakistan

As reported on 16 November 2025: In North Nazimbad area, Karachi city, Sindh province, Shah Medical Centre was permanently sealed by the Sindh Health Care Commission (SHCC) after its administration repeatedly violated closure orders, endangered patients, and brought armed individuals who harassed and obstructed SHCC officials and police during enforcement actions. The facility had been found negligent in the death of a newborn and was operating illegally without qualified medical staff. **Source:** [The Express Tribune](#)

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.

