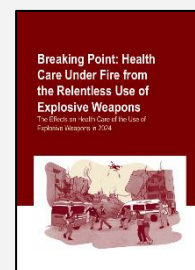


Attacks on Health Care

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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. 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](#).



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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 December 2025: In Baraka city, Fizi territory, North Kivu province, MSF suspended medical activities at Baraka General Hospital, and three other health centres due to the deteriorating security situation and intensified fighting between the M23 and the FARDC, supported by the Wazalendo. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

21 December 2025: In Kisangani city, Tshopo province, the CELPA Hospital was looted by armed men. Laptops containing medical data, mobile phones, power banks, handbags, and money belonging to the facility and patients, were taken. **Sources:** [Actualite](#) and [Tshopo Kwetu](#)

Sudan

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Asia

Myanmar

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

Thailand

10 December 2025: In Phanom Dong Rak district, Bakdai seat, Surin province, the vicinity of Phanom Dong Rak Hospital was hit by rockets fired by Cambodian forces, prompting the evacuation of medical staff and patients. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [ANI News](#), [Bangkok Post Official](#), [Bangkok Post I](#), [Bangkok Post II](#), [Nation Thailand](#), [New Age](#), [Thai Enquirer](#) and [The New Arab](#)

As reported on 11 December 2025: In Buriram, Sa Kaeo, Sisaket, Surin and Ubon Ratchathani provinces, hospitals were closed due to border clashes between Thailand and Cambodia. **Source:** [Bangkok Post](#)

Pakistan

16 December 2025: In Bajaur district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a polio team was attacked by an unidentified armed group. During the attack, a policeman and passerby were shot and killed when the policeman tried to pursue the group. The attack came a day after the government kicked off the final polio drive of 2025. **Source:** [Xinhua](#)

Europe

Russian Federation

As reported on 16 December 2025: In Kursk oblast, a Ukrainian male military medic was killed during fighting. **Sources:** [DV Gazeta](#), [Krivbass City](#), [Kryvyi Rih LIFE](#) and [Our City](#)

Ukraine

10 December 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged and a health worker was injured by Russian forces. **Sources:** [Bukvy I](#), [Bukvy II](#), [Grivna](#), [Interfax](#), [Kherson City Council](#), [Kurs](#), [Mayu Pravo](#), [Most I](#), [Most II](#), [Real Gazeta](#), [UA.NEWS](#), [UA Varta](#) and [Ukrinform](#)

14 December 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a hospital was attacked by Russian forces, injuring a nurse and a man. **Sources:** [Grivna](#), [Kherson Regional Administrative District](#) and [ZN,UA](#)

17 December 2025: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a laboratory was damaged in a Russian drone attack. **Sources:** [Kavun City](#), [Ukrainian South](#) and [Vgoru](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territory

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Yemen

Around 12 December 2025: In Hadadah suburb, Lahij governorate, a doctor was forcefully taken by IRG forces. **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.

Asia

India

25 November 2025: In Sehore city, Madhya Pradesh state, a college campus at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) was vandalised by students protesting poor food and water quality, damaging an ambulance, hostel windows, and an RO plant, prompting police intervention and temporary campus closure. **Source:** [Rediff](#)

The Americas

Colombia

16 November 2025: In Norte de Santander department, four security guards at University Hospital of Santander were stabbed and injured by a patient who was trying to leave the facility without being discharged. One of the guards was hospitalised. The patient faced charges of attempted homicide. **Source:** [TRO Channel](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 18 December 2025.

