

Safeguarding Healthcare Monthly News Brief

Attacks on education

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Threats and violence affecting emergency care

Africa

South Africa

09 June 2018: In Du Noon township, Cape Town city, Western Cape province, unspecified assailants wielding a gun and a knife attacked a group of volunteer paramedics, stealing personal valuables and some of their equipment. Source: [News 24](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

01 June 2018: In the Khan Yunis area, Gaza Strip, a female medical volunteer medic from the Palestinian Medical Relief Society NGO was shot and killed by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) during a protest. According to witness reports and mobile phone footage, she was moving with her hands up and identification card displayed towards a protestor who had been severely affected by tear gas and was close to the border fence. A preliminary IDF investigation claimed that she was not specifically targeted in the attack. Sources: [New York Times](#), [Sky News \(a\)](#), [Sky News \(b\)](#), and [ACLED](#)

Threats and violence affecting general healthcare

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

08 June 2018: In Rutshuru town and territory, North Kivu province, unidentified gunmen entered the home of the nurse who oversaw the local Tamugenga Health Centre, took him out to the street and killed him. Source: [Actualite](#)

Mali

16 June 2018: In Tin Techori area, Gao region, militiamen from the Movement for the Salvation of Azawad (MSA) assassinated a health worker and stole his vehicle. The killing was believed to be motivated by his criticism of prior abuses carried out by the group. Source: [ACLED](#)

24 June 2018: In Bourra commune, Ansongo cercle, Gao region, three armed bandits on motorbikes assaulted a pharmacist, tied him up, stole his mobile phone, and a sum of 42 thousand CFA francs (approximately 65 euro). Source: [aBamako](#)

This monthly digest comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to healthcare.

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Asia

India

04 June 2018: In Rohtak city, Haryana state, the family of a child who died a month earlier while undergoing treatment were joined by members of the public in a protest outside the front of the Rohtak Hospital to demand action be taken against allegedly negligent doctors. The hospital owner alleged that the demonstrators vandalised the hospital and assaulted the staff, which the protesters deny. Source: [ACLED](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Libya

07 June 2018: In Derna city and district, Cyrenaica region, mortar shell of unknown origin fell on Al-Hareesh Hospital, causing material damage to the radiology department, and forcing medical staff to leave immediately. The incident forced the hospital to close. Source: [Libya Observer](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

09 or 10 June 2018: In Taftanaz town, Idlib district and governorate, a Syrian airstrike hit the al Nour Paediatrics Hospital, killing at least 10 people and partially destroying the hospital building, its furniture, and equipment. Source: [Independent](#) and [SNHR](#)

21 June 2018: In al Harak city, north eastern Daraa governorate, a midwife was killed along with her daughter in an alleged Syrian regime shelling. Source: [SNHR](#)

24 June 2018: In Bosr al Harir town, eastern Daraa governorate, several missiles allegedly of Syrian regime or Russian origin struck the Union of Medical Care and Relief Organisations (UOSSM)-backed Bosr al Harir Health Centre, heavily damaging the building and its equipment, forcing it to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

26 June 2018: In al-Musayfirah town, Daraa district and governorate, warplanes allegedly of Russian origin bombed an unnamed hospital, causing heavily material damage to the building and its equipment, forcing it to close. Sources: [SNHR](#), [BBC](#), and [Devex](#)

27 June 2018: In al Ghariya town, north eastern Daraa governorate, the al Ihsan Hospital – which operates in conjunction with the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) – was struck by a barrel bomb, allegedly of Syrian regime forces origin, before subsequently being hit by a series of missiles allegedly fired by either Syrian regime or Russian warplanes. The hospital was heavily damaged, but after being reportedly bombed again the next day the building was reduced to rubble. Source: [SNHR](#)

27 June 2018: In Saida town, Daraa district and governorate, an unidentified aircraft bombed an unnamed hospital, causing material damage to it, and taking it out of service. Sources: [British Broadcasting Corporation \(BBC\)](#) and [Devex](#)

27 June 2018: In al-Jiza town, Daraa district and governorate, a Russian airstrike hit an unnamed hospital, causing material damage to it, and forcing it to close. Sources: [BBC](#) and [Devex](#)

The Americas

Venezuela

07 June 2018: In Salto Angel urbanisation, Unare area, unidentified perpetrators shot and killed a Cuban doctor - the director of a Comprehensive Diagnostic Centre - for no known reason. The police have not ruled out that it was a robbery. Source: [14 Y Medio](#) and [Translating Cuba](#)

Medical education

Middle-East and North Africa

Libya

21 June 2018: In Zawiya city and district, Tripolitania region, unidentified perpetrators stole a 40-metre long power cable used for the morgue of Al-Zawiyah Teaching Hospital. Source: [Alwasat](#)

Strikes and supply concerns

Africa

Morocco

26 June 2018: Public sector doctors held a strike across Morocco to call for better equipment and fair salaries. The strike was organised by the Independent Union of Doctors, who declared that all non-medical administrative work will be interrupted for a minimum of three months. Source: [ACLED](#)

Asia

India

01 June 2018: In Raipur city, Chhattisgarh state, 600 government nurses held a protest demanding higher salaries. The police responded by arresting the protesters. Source: [ACLED](#)

02 June 2018: In Jammu city, Jammu and Kashmir state, nursing staff from several hospitals and colleges held a protest to demand that vacant posts be filled, and more money for uniforms. Source: [ACLED](#)

04 June 2018: In Srinagar city, Jammu and Kashmir state, nurses from a number of hospitals protested outside the Government Medical College, claiming they were being overworked and senior positions were remaining unfilled. Source: [ACLED](#)

05 June 2018: In Srinagar city, Jammu and Kashmir state, around 100 doctors from SKIMS Bemina Medical College held a protest in front of the college principal's office to demand equal pay to their counterparts in another SKIMS college. Source: [ACLED](#)

08-10 June 2018: In Hyderabad city, Telangana state, contract health employees staged a one-hour protest for three days in a row to demand the payment of their salaries from April and May. Source: [ACLED](#)

11 June 2018: In Jhajjar city, Haryana state, ASHA workers protested and burned an effigy of the Chief Minister over demands for regularisation (officially contracted work with job security). Source: [ACLED](#)

13 June 2018: In Ambala city, Haryana state, ASHA workers protested near the Health Minister's residence to demand regularisation. Source: [ACLED](#)

14 June 2018: In Ongole city, Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh state, rural medical practitioners held a protest over the lack of work for newly trained staff, suggesting that a Government Order ensuring the use of their services had not been implemented. Source: [ACLED](#)

17 June 2018: In Chennai, Tamil Nadu state, doctors at the Stanley Medical College and Hospital held a protest in the hospital building after a patient's family member allegedly slapped a medical intern while they were administering treatment to the patient. Source: [ACLED](#)

18 June 2018: In New Delhi, resident doctors of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences held a protest

against the reinstatement of a senior professor who allegedly assaulted one of their colleagues in April. Source: [ACLED](#)

21 June 2018: In Chennai city, Tamil Nadu state, malaria workers in the Greater Chennai Corporation zone 7 held a protest to demand the implementation of a Government Order that entitled them to a minimum wage of 577 Rupees. Source: [ACLED](#)

25 June 2018: In Patna city, Bihar state, health workers held a protest demanding their unpaid salaries. Source: [ACLED](#)

29 June 2018: In Faridabad city, Haryana state, 150 nurses and paramedics from the ESI Medical College and Hospital held a protest demanding greater job security. Source: [ACLED](#)

Nepal

22 June 2018: In Kathmandu city, the National Resident Doctors Association held a protest over the lack of facilities offered to medical students in government hospitals. Source: [ACLED](#)

22 June 2018: In Kathmandu city, the Nursing Association of Nepal held a protest to demand greater autonomy for the nursing service division. Source: [ACLED](#)

22 June 2018: In Kathmandu city, resident doctors held a protest against amendments to the Medical Education Act. Source: [ACLED](#)

23 June 2018: In Kathmandu city, a senior surgeon at Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital organised a protest to demand that the government lift the ban on protest rallies at the Maitighar Mandala. Source: [ACLED](#)

26 June 2018: In Jumla town, Karnali region, health workers held a protest to demand an immediate increase in their salaries. Source: [ACLED](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Iran

02 June 2018: In Orumiye city, West Azerbaijan state, workers from across the state held a protest in front of the healthcare network's office to demand their unpaid wages. Source: [ACLED](#)

03 June 2018: In Kermanshah city, Kermanshah province, health workers protested outside the Medical University over their low salaries and lack of job security. Source: [ACLED](#)

10 June 2018: In Shiraz city, Fars province, family physicians protested over delays in the payment of their wages. Source: [ACLED](#)

10 - 13 June 2018: In Karaj city, Alborz province, staff from the Imam Khomeini Hospital protested for three days against several months of unpaid salaries. Source: [ACLED](#)

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