

Attacks on Health Care

Bi-Monthly News Brief


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Join Us Online and In Person at HNPW 2026

The Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (**HNPW**) offers a unique forum for humanitarian networks and partnerships to connect, collaborate, and address some of today's most pressing humanitarian challenges. **This year, during the online week (2-4 March), Insecurity Insight will share insights from the GISF Community of**




Practice on Security Risk Management for Health Care, highlighting findings from a pilot study that explored how real-time security incident tracking can be integrated into routine health information monitoring systems (DHIS2). We are also sharing insights from our social media sentiment analysis research and exploring how harmful narratives are reshaping the aid environment. **Please join us for the following five online sessions:**

 2 March | 15:30-16:30 CET | 9:30-10:30 EST


Session title: HOPES Project - Humanitarian Opportunities: Protect, Engage and Stand For

Discover our collaborative project with ACF, MdM, and HI to counter disinformation and criminalisation affecting the aid sector. In this session, Insecurity Insight's Social Media Lead, Clara de Solage, will present findings from our social media sentiment analysis on the aid sector across the Sahel, Sudan, DRC, and Syria. [REGISTER](#)

 3 March | 15:00-16:00 CET | 9:00-10:00 EST


Session title: Aid Worker Security and the Risk of State Detentions

Organised in collaboration with the Aid Worker Security Database, this session will explore the rising concerns around aid worker arrests and criminalisation. Christina Wille, Director of Insecurity Insight, will examine how social media narratives can increase the risk of criminalisation and complicate crisis management when staff are detained. [REGISTER](#)

 4 March | 13:00-14:30 CET | 7:00-8:30 EST


Session title: Preparedness: Anticipating and Responding to Crises

Join representatives from UNHCR, UNICEF, INSO, and Insecurity Insight for a dynamic panel discussion on crisis preparedness. Christina Wille will highlight how improved monitoring of social media platforms, proactive communication strategies, and response planning can help organisations anticipate and mitigate the impact of harmful narratives that go viral. [REGISTER](#)

 4 March | 14:30-16:00 CET | 8:30-10:00 EST

Session title: Community Acceptance and Risk Management

This panel brings together speakers from UNHCR, UNDSS, UNDP, Flora and Found, Trócaire, and Insecurity Insight to explore evolving approaches to acceptance and risk management. Christina Wille will discuss how social media platforms are transforming community acceptance dynamics and the implications for security risk management. [REGISTER](#)

 4 March | 16:00-17:00 CET | 10:00-11:00 EST

Session title: Security Risk Management (SRM) for Healthcare

This panel brings together speakers from Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), International Medical Corps (IMC), and academic researchers from the University of Manchester and the University of California, Berkeley to discuss their experiences integrating incidents affecting health care into routine health information monitoring systems (DHIS2). Ana Elisa Barbar, Chair of the Board at Insecurity Insight, will contribute her extensive experience to enrich the discussion.

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SHCC Reports: [2024](#); [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#); [All](#)

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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

Cameroon

09 February 2026: In Tchika village, Logone-et-Chari department, Far North province, iron sheets, planks, and rafters were looted from a health centre by suspected ISWAP militants. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Democratic Republic of Congo

12 February 2026: In Bidegu I village, Itombwe sector, Mwenga territory, South Kivu province, the Bidegu Health Centre was hit with FARDC shelling, supported by the Burundian army (FDNB), using Sukhoi fighter jets and drones. **Sources:** [ACLED¹](#) and [Kivu Morning Post](#)

Ethiopia

06 February 2026: In Sire Doro town, Kiremu district, East Wellega zone, Oromia region, a health centre was occupied by suspected Fano militia forces. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Nigeria

08 February 2026: In Gubio town and local government area, Borno state, an INGO health worker was abducted by suspected ISWAP fighters while travelling from Maiduguri city to Damasak town. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

08 February 2026: In Makeke community, Akoko-Edo local government area, Edo state, a nurse and other people were abducted from Makeke Health Centre by an unidentified armed group. The nurse was later released in a forest, while a ransom of 100 million naira was demanded for the release of the others. **Source:** [The Nation Online](#)

10 February 2026: In San Yawa area, Moriki town, Zurmi local government area, Zamfara state, a health educator was shot and killed, and his four children and several others abducted, by a Zamfara militia. **Sources:** [ACLED¹](#) and [Sentinel Digest](#)

South Sudan

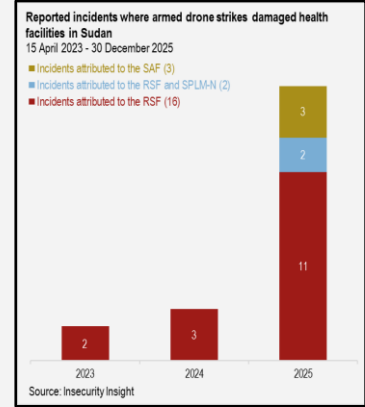
As reported 11 February 2026: In Dajo payam, Longechuk county, Upper Nile state, health and nutrition supplies were looted amid fighting involving the SSPDF. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

As reported on 13 February 2026: Across Uror, Nyirol, Ayod, and Duk counties, Jonglei state, 12 health facilities were looted and/or had infrastructure destroyed (four in Uror, four in Nyirol, three in Ayod, and one in Duk), since the onset of the conflict in late January. The destruction and closure of health facilities directly limited women's and children's access to essential care, including reproductive health, increasing the risk of morbidity and mortality among the most vulnerable. **Source:** [OCHA South Sudan \(Flash 7, Jonglei State\)](#)

Sudan

Insecurity Insight identified at least **702 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in Sudan since fighting started between the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023 and 30 December 2025. At least 177 health workers were killed and 96 arrested, while health facilities, including maternity and children's hospitals, as well as dialysis centres were reportedly damaged on 182 occasions. Pharmacies were looted and the delivery of life-saving medicines was obstructed from reaching people in need. Over two-thirds of these 702 incidents were attributed to the RSF.

Health facilities were damaged by drones armed with explosive weapons 21 times between June 2023 and December 2025. These incidents increased dramatically from 2024 to 2025, rising from three incidents in 2024 to 16 by the end of 2025. Over 75% of the reported incidents were attributed to RSF drone strikes damaging health facilities in Khartoum, North and South Darfur, and North Kordofan. On one occasion, RSF and Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) drone strikes hit a hospital and a kindergarten in South Kordofan, while SAF drone strikes damaged three health facilities in North and South Darfur.



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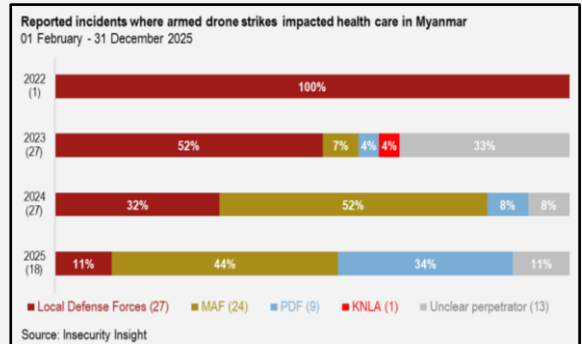
SHCC factsheets (EN): **2023; 2022; 2021**. (AR): **2023; 2022; 2021**.

Asia

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight identified at least **1869 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 20 January 2026. 70% of these incidents were attributed to the Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF). Health facilities were reportedly damaged or destroyed 471 times and used for non-medical purposes 227 times. At least 170 health workers were killed and 909 arrested.

Incidents involving drones armed with explosive weapons affected health care 74 times between February 2021 and December 2025. Reported incidents shifted between conflict parties over time and across regions/states, from mainly local defense forces in the Sagaing region in the early years following the coup to the MAF, primarily in the Bago and Sagaing regions and Kayin State from 2024 onward.



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SHCC Factsheets: Burmese: **2024; 2023**. English: **2024; 2023; 2022; 2021; 2020**

Pakistan

As reported on 09 February 2026: In Harbanspura town, Lahore division, Punjab province, a polio vaccination team was assaulted by eight people during door-to-door vaccinations. **Source: Samaa TV**

As reported on 09 February 2026: In Chaman Colony area, Shahdara district, Lahore division, Punjab province, a polio team administering anti-polio drops were beaten by a woman and her children. **Source: Samaa TV**

Europe

Russian Federation

04 February 2026: In Bryansk city, district and oblast, a hospital building sustained window damage from falling debris after Russian forces shot down several Neptune cruise missiles and at least 13 UAVs. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

08 February 2026: In Belaya rural locality, Belovsky district, Kursk oblast, the roof of a clinic was damaged as a result of Ukrainian combined drone and artillery strikes on the area. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

Ukraine

06 February 2026: In Druzhkivka city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, an ambulance and an apartment building were damaged in Russian drone strikes. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

As reported on 06 February 2026: In Lysychansk city and urban hromada, Sievierodonetsk raion, Luhansk oblast, only one ambulance paramedic remains in the city; he is also the dispatcher. If he were to leave, there would not be anyone to take the next call or provide medical aid. **Sources:** [24tv](#), [DSNews](#), [Luhansk OVA](#), [NV](#), [Peak Time](#), [RBC](#) and [V-Variant](#)

07 February 2026: In Kramatorsk city, urban hromada and raion, Donetsk oblast, a hospital, 24 homes and a boiler room were damaged when Russian forces launched three strikes on the city using KAB-250 bombs and Smerch MLRS, injuring two people. **Sources:** [Censor](#), [Donbas News](#), [National Police of Ukraine](#), [Patriot of Donbas](#), [Vchasnoua](#) and [V-Variant](#)

07 February 2026: In Kherson oblast, a medical facility was hit by Russian forces MLRS fire at 2300hrs. Windows and doors were blown out, the roof was damaged, and a medics' vehicle was damaged. **Sources:** [Mezha](#) and [Most](#)

08 February 2026: In Korabelny district, Kherson city, raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged by Russian artillery fire. **Sources:** [Main Directorate of the National Police in Kherson Region](#) and [UA Varta](#)

10-11 February 2026: In Zaporizhzhia oblast, a hospital and a pre-school were damaged by Russian attacks. **Source:** [United Nations](#) and [UN OCHA](#)

12 February 2026: In Korabelny district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a hospital was damaged by explosives dropped by a Russian drone, injuring an 18-year-old city resident who was repairing the roof. **Sources:** [Kherson City Council](#), [Kherson Regional Administrative District](#), [UA Varta](#) and [Ukrinform](#)

15 February 2026: In Kovpakivskyi district, Sumy city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, windows were damaged in a children's hospital, a medical facility, a private clinic, and an apartment building following a Russian drone strike. **Sources:** [Channel 5](#), [Kyiv Independent](#), [National Police of Ukraine](#), [Sumy OVA](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#) and [UNN](#)

16 February 2026: In Dniprovskyi district, Kherson city, raion and oblast, a hospital was shelled with a multiple rocket launcher at night, damaging its buildings, including the polyclinic and laundry facilities, with the façade damaged, windows blown out, rooms destroyed. A health worker was injured in the attack. **Sources:** [Apostrophe](#), [Apostrophe II](#), [City of the Sun](#), [Fakty, Informator](#), [Kavun City](#), [Kherson City Council](#), [Kherson OVA](#), [Kherson Region Police](#), [Kherson Rayon](#), [Kurs](#), [Mezha](#), [Radio Liberty](#), [Ukrinform](#), [UNN](#), [UA.NEWS](#) and [UA Varta](#)

17 February 2026: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, the Children's Regional Clinical Hospital was reportedly attacked eight times in one day by Russian forces. **Sources:** [Global Issues](#) and [United Nations Media](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Iran

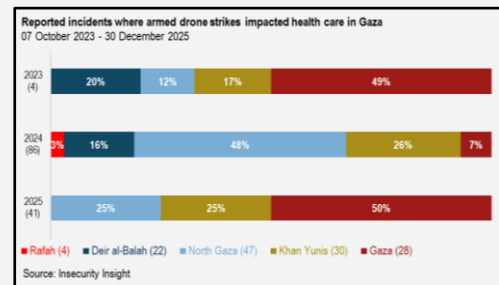
07 February 2026: In Malekshahi city and county, Ilam province, a doctor was arrested and transferred to an undisclosed location by Iranian forces. **Source:** [Hengaw Organization for Human Rights](#)

16 February 2026: In Tabriz city and county, East Azerbaijan province, three medical students and activists at Tabriz University of Medical Sciences were arrested by Iranian security forces. **Source:** [Hengaw Organization for Human Rights](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified at least **3145 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 30 December 2025**.¹ Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2236 incidents were recorded, health facilities, including children's hospitals, dental clinics, field hospitals, health clinics, hospitals, medical storage facilities, pharmacies, and rehabilitation clinics were struck were damaged 438 times, 747 health workers were killed and 361 arrested.² In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 848 attacks on health care were recorded, health facilities were damaged 28 times, 12 health workers were killed and 171 arrested. Emergency medical services were obstructed from providing vital medical care to people in need over 500 times.

In Gaza, incidents involving Israeli forces' drones armed with explosive weapons affected health care 131 times between November 2023 and December 2025. Reported incidents shifted between governorates over time and increased sharply from four in 2023 to 86 by the end of 2024, with high numbers in Khan Yunis governorate and North Gaza governorate, before increasing again in 2025 in Gaza governorate.



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Syrian Arab Republic

12 February 2026: In Aleppo city and governorate, a doctor, a nurse, and a pharmacist were assaulted by a group of young men who had forced entry into the doctor's clinic. **Sources:** [Taht Al-Majhar](#) and [Zaman al Wasl](#)

Yemen

08 February 2026: In Bayt Zahir locality, Bani Jarmuz area, Bani Al Harith district, Amanat al Asimah governorate, three patients, including two women from the same family, were arrested from a hospital by Houthi forces, including Zainabiyat, and taken to a detention centre. They had gone there for treatment for injuries sustained in an earlier attack by an armed Houthi-affiliated tribal sheikh and his gunmen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Colombia

05 February 2026: In the Hospital sector, Nariño municipality, Antioquia department, a man was shot and killed a few meters from a hospital by individuals traveling on a motorcycle. The attack caused shock among health workers, and the perimeter was closed off. **Sources:** [DiariOriente](#) and [Noticias Del Oriente](#)

09 February 2026: In Guamalito village, El Carmen municipality, Norte de Santander department, a helicopter attempting to land for the medical evacuation of a police officer, who had been shot at dawn by an ELN sniper, was attacked with open fire by ELN members. The helicopter was unable to land and the officer died. **Sources:** [El Colombiano](#), [Las Noticias Fusagasuga](#) and [Pulzo](#)

Mexico

06 February 2026: In Veracruz state, a man was shot by an unidentified perpetrator outside a hospital while waiting for his partner, who was about to go for an appointment. **Source:** [Milenio TV](#)

06 February 2026: In Acapulco city and municipality, Guerrero state, the Donato G. Alarcón General Hospital was entered by a group of reported ‘thugs’ who attempted to remove health workers, who had been occupying the hospital's administrative offices for 10 days. The workers were protesting for the removal of a director, leading to a violent confrontation between the two groups. **Sources:** [México Ahora Noticias](#) and [Primera Linea](#)

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 19 February 2026.

