

Attacks on Health Care

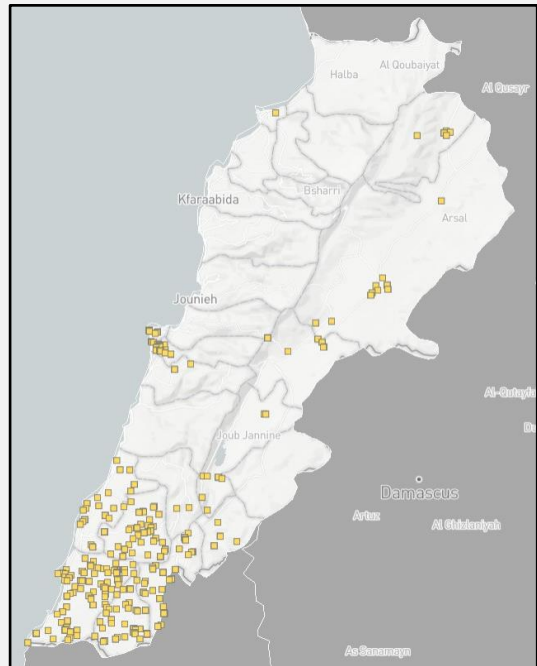
News Brief

04-17 March
2026

On the morning of Saturday, 27 March 2026, nine paramedics were killed and seven others injured in five separate Israeli strikes on medical teams across five villages in southern Lebanon. The following day, an Israeli strike completely destroyed an ambulance belonging to the Islamic Health Committee in Bint Jbeil, killing a paramedic and a person wounded in a previous bombardment whom the paramedic had gone to rescue. A medical warehouse in the same city was also destroyed in a separate attack.

Insecurity Insight documented 570 incidents of violence or obstruction of health care in Lebanon since October 2023 and 18 March 2026. 99% of incidents were attributed to the IDF and involved explosive weapons including aircraft and armed drone strikes, shelling and remote-controlled IEDs. Health facilities were damaged 233 times and 452 health workers killed and 465 injured. Multiple incidents involved paramedics being killed or injured while conducting rescue operations or responding to earlier airstrikes.

View the incidents on our [interactive map](#). Download the [data](#) (updated every Monday). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Please [get in touch](#) for data enquiries.



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The section aligns with the [definition](#) of attacks on health care used by the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#) (SHCC).

Africa

Central African Republic

04 March 2026: Near Zemio town, Haute-Mbomou prefecture, two MSF Switzerland employees, a French male and a Central African, were arrested by the Ministry of Defence on suspicion of activities aimed at destabilising security in the area. The ministry also stated that the French employee entered the country illegally through the border with the DRC without official documents proving the legality of his presence. Both released on 11 March. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#), [La Croix](#), [MSF I](#) and [MSF II](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

05-08 March 2026: In Ekulungu locality, Mambasa territory, Mugbere region, Ituri province, a doctor for the ADF was killed by the FARDC and the UPDF amid bombing and destruction of four ADF strongholds. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

09 March 2026: In Djugu territory, Ituri province, access to health care and food was cut off at the Plaine Savo Displacement Site when the Convention for the Popular Revolution (CRP) militia infiltrated and pushed the FARDC back. Heavy exchange of gunfire caused panic among residents and raised fears of increased deaths from disease and malnutrition. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

As reported on 16 March 2026: In Mikenge village, Mwenga territory, South Kivu province, Itombwe Referral Hospital was looted and the wards converted into stables for goats and sheep by M23. **Source:** [Tazama DRC News](#)

Ethiopia

As reported 15 March 2026: In Amhara region, a local health centre was forcibly entered by an intoxicated ENDF member who brought in two soldiers wounded in internal infighting. While health professionals were providing emergency care, the intoxicated soldier physically mistreated the staff and issued a death threat against all healthcare workers present. This occurred in an area where ambulance services are currently blocked and civilian movement is heavily restricted. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

South Sudan

As reported 02 March 2026: Across Lankien and Pieri counties, Jonglei state, 26 out of 291 MSF workers were missing amid clashes between government and opposition forces. **Sources:** [France Info](#) and [MSF](#)

06 March 2026: In Akobo county, Jonglei state, MSF evacuated its staff and 84 wounded patients after the South Sudanese army ordered UN peacekeepers, humanitarian organisations and civilians to vacate the town ahead of a planned assault. After evacuating, an MSF hospital was looted and the office ransacked. **Sources:** [MSF](#), [Press Afrik](#), [RFI](#) and [The Hill](#)

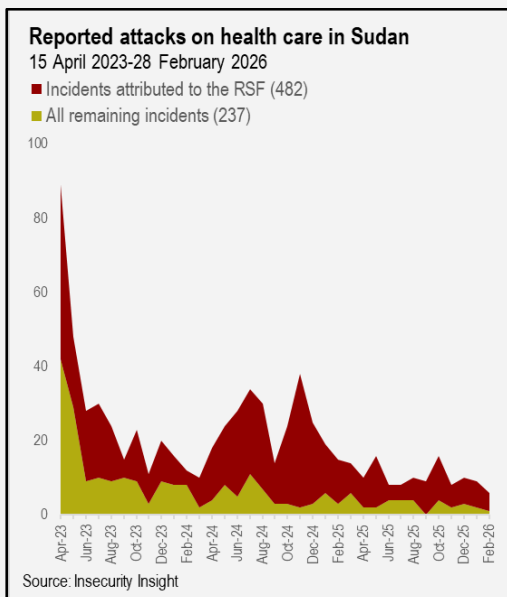
14 March 2026: In Akobo town and county, Jonglei state, Akobo Hospital, the main medical facility serving the county and surrounding areas, was looted by SSPDF members during widespread looting of the town. **Source:** [OCHA Flash 13, SSD](#)

Sudan

Insecurity Insight identified 721 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 02 March 2025. At least 184 health workers were killed and 112 arrested, while health facilities, including maternity and children's hospitals, as well as dialysis centres were reportedly damaged on 190 occasions. Pharmacies were looted and the delivery of life-saving medicines was repeatedly obstructed from reaching people in need. Over two-thirds of these 723 incidents were attributed to the RSF.

View the incidents on our [interactive map](#). Download the [data](#). Updated every Monday and includes information on weapons use, perpetrators and effects. For events descriptions and data enquiries, please [get in touch](#).

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On 20 March, El-Daein Teaching Hospital in East Darfur - the main health facility in the area - was hit by a suspected **SAF drone strike**, killing 64 people, including two female nurses and a male doctor and 13 children, and injuring 89 people including eight health workers. The hospital's emergency, maternity and paediatric departments were severely

damaged, rendering the facility non-functional, leaving thousands of people without access to health care. This latest attack in the Darfur region, where the RSF dominates, has been **denied** by the SAF, which mostly controls Sudan's east, centre and north; some reports suggest the drone strike may have targeted a nearby police station. Medical personnel and facilities are protected under international law and deliberately targeting them could constitute a war crime. Prior to this latest attack, Insecurity Insight recorded six attacks on health care in East Darfur between February 2024 and May 2025, all in El Daein city, with the pattern shifting over time, from early SAF airstrikes damaging health facilities to later incidents involving Darfur militia looting a health centre and RSF forces arresting a nurse amid forced recruitment.

This latest incident underscores how armed drones have become an escalating threat in conflict settings. Adapting to this risk means rethinking security measures for health facilities and aid workers. Insecurity Insight's practical guide brings together current best practice and is available in [Burmese](#), [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#). Individual resources:

- Outside When a Drone is Spotted: [Arabic](#); [Burmese](#); [English](#); [French](#); [Spanish](#)
- Inside a Building During a Drone Attack: [Arabic](#); [Burmese](#); [English](#); [French](#); [Spanish](#)
- Responding to Drone Attacks on Aid Work : [Burmese](#); [English](#); [French](#); [Spanish](#)
- Traveling in High-Risk Areas: [Burmese](#); [English](#); [French](#); [Spanish](#)

Adapted for the protection of health services based on case studies on Myanmar in [English](#) and [Burmese](#).

Asia

Afghanistan

16 March 2026: In Kabul city, Omid Addiction Treatment Hospital - a two-storey facility with 2,000 beds - was struck by an airstrike at around 2100hrs, destroying large sections of the hospital, killing more than 400 people and injuring up to 250 others. The Taliban authorities accused Pakistan of carrying out the airstrike, amid rapidly worsening tensions that risk spiralling into wider conflict. The Pakistani government denied responsibility. **Source:** [Radio Liberty](#)

India

07 March 2026: In Imphal city, Imphal West district, Manipur state, a grenade was planted by unidentified assailants, at the Administration Block of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS) hospital. After being discovered, a bomb disposal squad was dispatched. **Source:** [Republic World](#)

Myanmar

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

Pakistan

10 March 2026: In Shah Alam area, Tank district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, the Basic Health Unit building was damaged when TTP detonated an explosive device at the facility. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Europe

Russian Federation

08 March 2026: In Zamostye village, Grayvoronskiy district, Belgorod oblast, an ambulance on duty was struck and damaged by a Ukrainian drone. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Ukraine

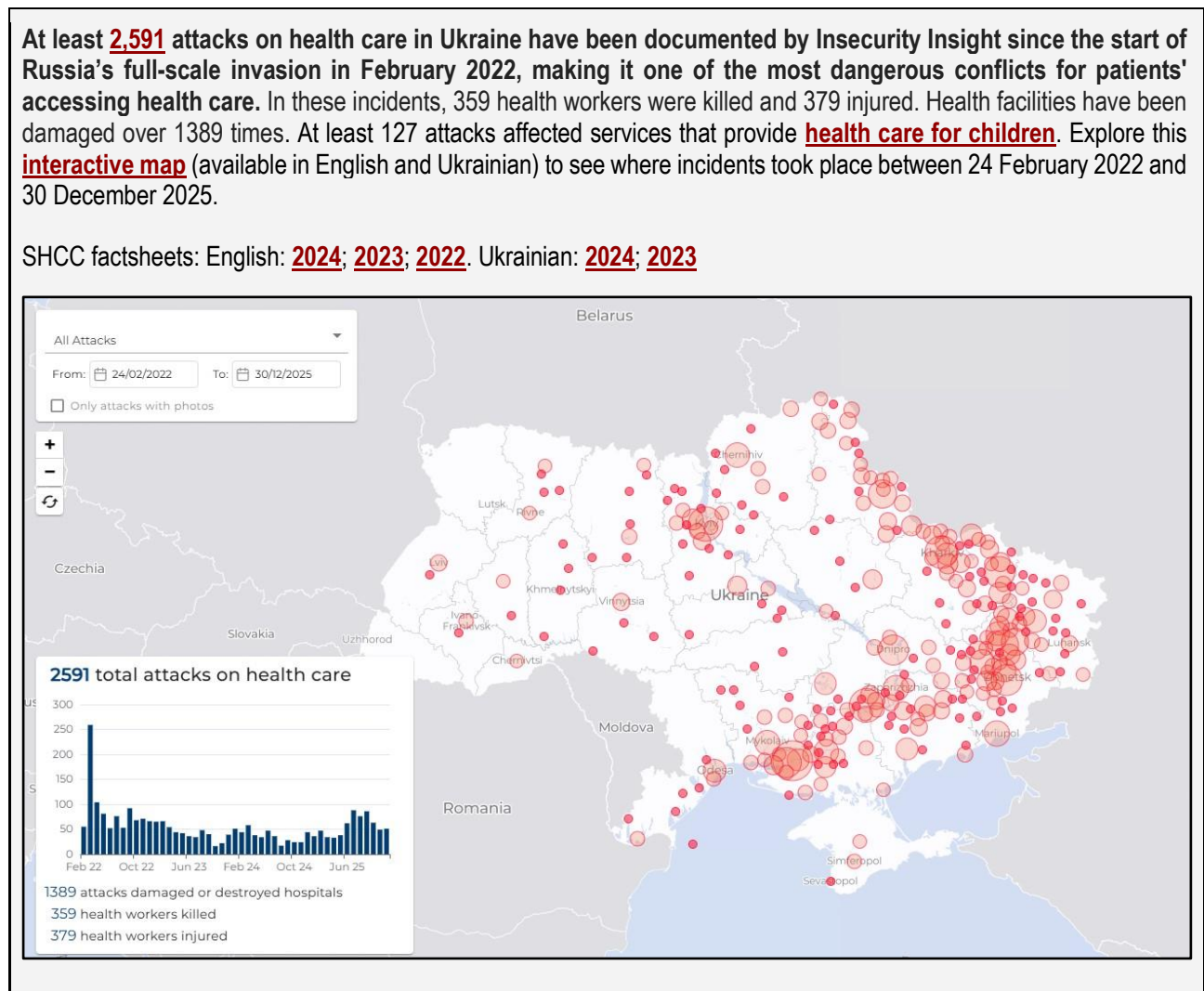
05 March 2026: In Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kharkiv oblasts, electricity was cut off in hospitals, schools, homes and businesses due to hostilities and shelling of energy infrastructure. **Source:** [News of Ukraine](#)

06 March 2026: In Mykolaiv city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, a private clinic, gas pipes, and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by a Russian drone strike. **Sources:** [Mykolaiv News](#),

[Mykolaivska Pravda](#), [Nik Vesti](#), [Novosti-N](#), [NV I](#), [NV II](#), [Socportal](#), [UA.NEWS](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrinform](#) and [ZN,UA](#)

11 March 2026: In Nikopol city, urban hromada and raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a hospital and critical and transport infrastructure were damaged amid Russian forces artillery shelling and drone strikes. **Sources:** [056](#), [Nikopol News](#) and [UA Varta](#)

16 March 2026: In Oleksandrivka rural settlement, Donetsk urban hromada, raion and oblast, a pharmacy and other civilian infrastructure were damaged by Russian forces shelling. **Sources:** [Censor](#), [Donetsk Regional State Administration](#), [Interfax](#), [Ostro](#), [Tochka Skhodu](#), [Vchasnoua](#), [Ukrainian News](#) and [V-Variant](#)



Middle East and North Africa

Iran

Due to the very high number of reported events in Iran during the reporting period, the corresponding data is available to download [here](#).

Iraq

04 March 2026: In Koya district, Erbil province, Kurdistan region, a hospital was attacked in the morning by possible missiles and drones. The hospital had been evacuated before the attack due to ongoing hostilities in the area. **Source:** [Kurdistan Press Agency](#)

12 March 2026: In Akashat town, Ar-Rutba district, Al Anbar province, the medical headquarters of Popular Mobilization Forces 19th Brigade were struck by US-Israeli airstrikes. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

12 March 2026: In Akashat town, Ar-Rutba district, Al Anbar province, ambulance teams were struck by US-Israeli airstrikes while evacuating the injured from an attack on the Popular Mobilization Forces 19th Brigade. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Lebanon

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Occupied Palestinian Territory

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Syrian Arab Republic

Around 12 March 2026: In Quneitra city and governorate, Al-Golan Hospital was destroyed by Israeli forces. **Source:** [Syrian Observatory for Human Rights](#)

The Americas

Brazil

04 March 2026: In Bayeux municipality, Paraiba state, Northeast region, a health care unit was entered by Okaida gang members, who shot and killed a teenage boy during his medical appointment before escaping. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Cuba

As reported 07 March 2026: Nationwide, hospitals faced frequent power outages, shortages of essential medicine, inability to operate critical equipment, and major disruptions due to an 'oil blockade' following tariffs and sanctions against any country that exports oil to Cuba by the US in January 2026. Ambulance services were also forced to scale down, and solar panels were installed in some clinics. **Sources:** [Anadolu Ajansi](#), [Independent](#) and [Relief Web](#)

Haiti

10 March 2026: In Delmas 42, Delmas commune, Ouest department, a doctor was kidnapped by unidentified armed perpetrators who pulled a gun on him and told him to get out of his car in front of a national gas station. **Source:** [Galerie News](#)

Mexico

05 March 2026: In Temoac-Zacualpan de Amilpas road, Temoac town, Morelos state, a pharmacy was attacked and damaged by two unidentified armed perpetrators using a Molotov cocktail and gunfire. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

09 March 2026: In Del Bosque neighbourhood, Tijuana city, Baja California state, on the steps of Jirah Rehabilitation Clinic, a man was shot and killed and another seriously injured by armed men on a motorcycle. The men were reportedly waiting to be granted refuge at the centre. Three men were arrested. **Sources:** [Las Noticias Sin Censura](#), [Linea Directa Portal](#), [Primer Sistema de Noticias](#) and [Tijuana Noticias Sin Filtros](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) **database attribution policy**. Accessed 20 March 2026.

