

Attacks on Health Care

News Brief

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Security Risk Management for Health Care (SR4H) Handbook

Insecurity Insight has developed a comprehensive handbook on security risk management tailored specifically for the health sector. Health care provision has unique characteristics that shape its specific exposure to security risks in conflict zones. The Security Risk Management for Health Care (SR4H) Handbook – available in [Arabic](#), [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#) - provides guidance on how to implement a range of actions intended to promote respectful and violence-free environments and prepare individuals or organisations to face and respond appropriately to violent incidents, also dealing with the aftermath of such events. While this handbook is primarily aimed at health programme managers providing frontline services, it is also highly relevant for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working with partners who implement healthcare services. The handbook helps to identify practical activities that local health partners can implement and that NGO partners can include in partnership agreements and budget for.

The SR4H Handbook brings together some of the best practices on security risk management and proposes a framework adapted for health care providers working with limited resources. The objective is to promote an approach that considers the safety and security of health professionals while ensuring patients' access to care.



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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

18-19 March 2026: In Mambasa territory, Ituri province, an unspecified number of schools and health centres were forced to close following attacks by ADF rebels. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Ethiopia

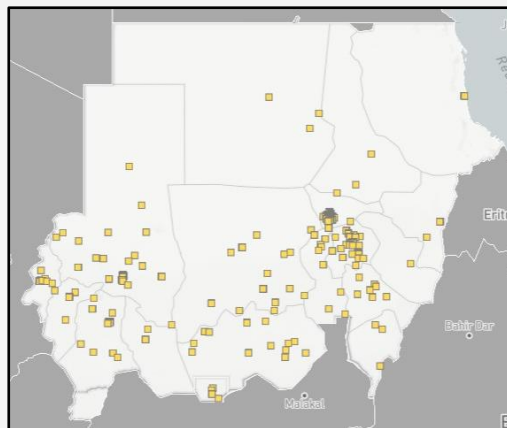
17 March 2026: In Debre-Kelemo kebele, East Gojjam zone, Amhara region, the Debre-Kelemo health centre was raided by ENDF members, destroying medical supplies. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

Sudan

Insecurity Insight identified 729 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 190 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 205 occasions. Over two-thirds of these 729 incidents were attributed to the RSF.

View the incidents on our [interactive map](#). Download the [data](#).

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Asia

Afghanistan

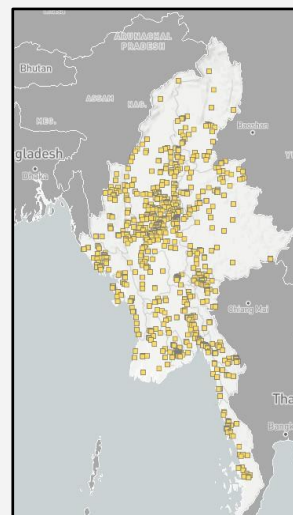
19 March 2026: In Nari district, Kunar province, a health worker and her three-year-old child were killed when a Pakistani strike hit her vehicle during the Eid ceasefire period. Her husband, one of her sons and their driver were also wounded. **Source:** [The Khaama Press News Agency](#)

Myanmar

Insecurity Insight identified at least 1901 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 16 March 2026. Over 70% of these incidents were attributed to the Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF) and Myanmar police. Health facilities were reportedly damaged or destroyed 488 times, 172 health workers were killed and 909 arrested. These attacks on health care severely undermined the provision of medical services, forcing facilities to close or scale back operations and endangering patients' lives. Violence, aerial and drone strikes, and restrictions on medical supplies disrupted care delivery, causing long-term damage to health systems and the wellbeing of affected populations. View the incidents on our [interactive map](#). Download the [data](#).

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



Pakistan

18 March 2026: In Jamrud town, Khyber district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a health worker belonging to the Afridi tribe was abducted by Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants from outside his home. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Europe

Russian Federation

31 March 2026: Update: In Zelenokumsk town and selsoviet, Sovetsky district, Stavropol krai, a Ukrainian nurse was repeatedly tortured with 'invisible torture' during her captivity, including with bright lights and extremely loud music. She has been in captivity since April 2022. **Sources:** [Crimea Realities](#), [Tribunal](#), [Voice Crimea I](#) and [Voice Crimea II](#)

Ukraine

18 March 2026: In Bilozerka rural settlement and settlement hromada, Kherson raion and oblast, a medical facility was damaged by Russian shelling at 1100hrs, damaging the windows and facade. **Sources:** [Grivna](#) and [UA Varta](#)

19 March 2026: In Kherson oblast, two medical workers were killed by Russian forces attacks. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

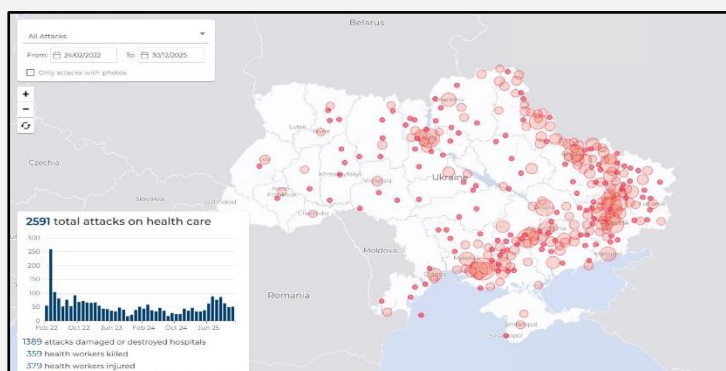
20 March 2026: In Mylove urban hromada, Beryslav raion, Kherson oblast, an emergency medical team could not reach the area to treat a woman with a 10-month-old child, who needed urgent medical care, due to the presence of Russian drones. Instead, an evacuation group of the Beryslavskiy district police department went to help the family in an armoured vehicle. **Sources:** [City of the Sun](#), [RayonIN](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrainian South](#) and [Vgoru](#)

23 March 2026: In Marhanets city and urban hromada, Nikopol raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, the Central City Hospital was hit by Russian kamikaze drones. **Sources:** [Nikopol News](#)

30 March 2026: In Sloviansk city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, a maternity hospital was damaged when Russian forces dropped two KAB-250 bombs on the city at 1150hrs. **Sources:** [6262](#), [National Police of Ukraine](#), [Radio Liberty](#), [Sloviansk City VA informs](#), [Tochka Skhodu](#), [V-Variant](#), [Vchasnoua](#) and [ZN,UA](#)

31 March 2026: In Znob-Novgorod rural settlement and settlement hromada, Shostka raion, Sumy oblast, a health facility was damaged during attacks by Russian forces using mortars, artillery, FPV drones, UAVs, and guided bombs. **Sources:** [Sumy Debates](#), [Sumy Information Portal](#), [Sumy Media](#), [Tribuna Sumy](#)

At least [2,591](#) attacks on health care in Ukraine have been documented by Insecurity Insight since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, making it one of the most dangerous conflicts for patients' accessing health care. In these incidents, 359 health workers were killed and 379 injured. Health facilities have been damaged over 1389 times. At least 127 attacks affected services that provide [health care for children](#).



View this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 30 December 2025.

SHCC factsheets: English: [2024](#); [2023](#); [2022](#). Ukrainian: [2024](#); [2023](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq

19 March 2026: In Seneia town, Baiji district, Salah Al Din governorate, evacuation efforts were hampered when ambulances trying to reach the injured were hit by a US and Israeli airstrike. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

25 March 2026: In Habbaniya city, Al Anbar governorate, the military clinic and the engineering section of Habbaniya Air Base were hit by US airstrikes with two missiles, killing the commander of the clinic and injuring an unspecified number of health workers. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Iran

As reported on 24 March 2026: Across the country, 17 Red Crescent centres, including bases and branches, were directly hit by US and Israeli attacks, and three helicopters and 48 relief and operational vehicles, including ambulances and rescue vehicles, were also attacked and put out of service. **Source:** [Iranian RCS](#)

27 March 2026: In Khansar city, Isfahan province, a female IRCS volunteer paramedic was killed by a US and Israeli airstrike on the area. **Source:** [Iranian RCS](#)

Lebanon

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

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified at least **3223 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 16 March 2026.¹ Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2,281 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 442 times, 754 health workers were killed and 390 arrested.² In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 881 attacks on health care were recorded, with health facilities damaged 28 times, 12 health workers killed and 179 arrested. Emergency medical services were obstructed from providing vital care over 540 times. In some of these incidents, Israeli settlers, typically armed with guns or rocks, attacked ambulances and first responders, blocking access. In a recent incident on 22 March 2025, settlers, reportedly under the protection of Israeli forces, deliberately set a village health clinic on fire in Ramallah governorate.

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

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Syrian Arab Republic

19 March 2026: In Qasmin village, Latakia district and governorate, a clinic was stormed by gunmen who shot an Alawite doctor in the head, killing him. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

20 March 2026: In Al-Hawayij village, Al Mayadin district, Deir ez Zor governorate, a pharmacy was damaged by gunfire and a grenade thrown by suspected Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) riding a motorcycle. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Colombia

25 March 2026: On Troncal de Occidente highway, near Asovienda neighbourhood, Cauca city, Bajo Cauca region, Antioquia department, an ambulance was intercepted, attacked with stones and damaged by masked individuals at night amid the miner's protest. **Source:** [The News](#)

Haiti

Around 19 March 2026: In Pierre Payen city, Saint-Marc arrondissement, Artibonite department, the Pierre Payen Hospital was fired upon and damaged by the Baz Gran Grif de Savien gang, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **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.

Europe

United Kingdom

24 March 2026: In Golders Green neighbourhood, London Borough of Barnet, Greater London, four ambulances of the volunteer organisation Hatzola Northwest were set on fire and destroyed by unidentified perpetrators. **Sources:** [WRAL](#) and [The Navhind Times](#)

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 02 April 2026.

