

Attacks on Health Care

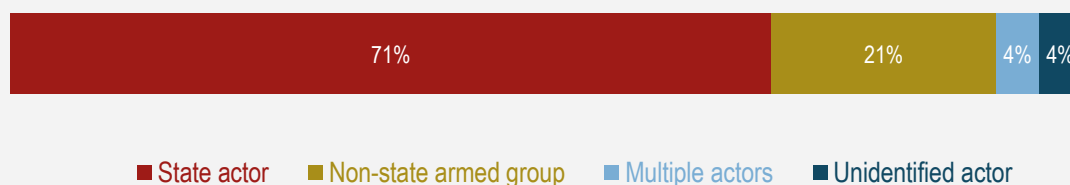
News Brief

01-14 April
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Insecurity Insight documented 836 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care between 01 January and 14 April 2026. Health facilities were damaged or destroyed 328 times, 203 health workers were killed, 253 injured, 27 kidnapped and 87 arrested in 42 countries. In total, 71% of the 836 reported incidents were attributed to state actors, with high numbers linked to Russian Armed Forces, followed by Israeli, US and Myanmar Armed Forces. Download the [data](#) (updated every Monday). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available

Reported incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care, by conflict party

01 January and 14 April 2026



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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

Chad

As reported on 02 April 2026: In an undisclosed location, a paediatric surgeon was amongst several other people reportedly abducted by Boko Haram. Videos circulating on social media showed the doctor was forced to appeal for help to Chadian authorities, including the President and Prime Minister. A ransom of 500 million CFA francs was demanded, and threats were made that the victim would be killed if the demands were not met. **Source:** [Tchad Infos](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

02 April 2026: In Bafwako village, Mambasa territory, Ituri province, pharmacies were closed due to an attack by ADF rebels on the area on 01 April 2026, which killed at least 32 people. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

03-04 April 2026: In Bale village, Ebale group, Sasa chiefdom, Lower Uele province, the Kpokpo Health Centre was attacked by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), who destroyed the cold chain and essential medical supplies. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)



03-04 April 2026: In the Nihima health zone, Katoyi health zone, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, two nurses were killed by M23 after being accused of collaborating with Wazalendo. **Source:** [Equality for Flatbush](#)

Ethiopia

07 April 2026: In Bure town, West Gojjam zone, Amhara region, a doctor was killed in his home by an unidentified perpetrator. **Source:** [Personal Communication II](#)

07 April 2026: In Amba Giorgis town, Wegera woreda, Central Gondar zone, Amhara state, a gynaecology specialist, pharmacist and ambulance driver were abducted by suspected ENDF while returning with medicines and drugs organised for Debark Hospital. Their whereabouts were unknown as of 9 April and hospital staff organised peaceful protests demanding the immediate and unconditional release of their colleagues. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

Nigeria

07 April 2026: In Yar Katsina commune, Kekun Waje district, Bungudu local government area, Zamfara state, a hospital was set on fire by a Zamfara militia and a doctor was killed during an attack on the area. **Sources:** [Daily Trust](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [The Yoruba Times](#)

07 April 2026: In Erana village, Shiroro local government area, Niger state, three local humanitarian sources, including a health facility and a community organising group, were attacked by armed 'bandits' during a raid on the village. Other infrastructures and homes were burned down and at least 20 people were killed. **Source:** [New Age](#)

Sudan

Insecurity Insight identified 735 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 31 March 2026. At least 195 health workers were killed and 126 arrested, while health facilities were reportedly damaged on 205 occasions. Most of these 735 incidents were attributed to the RSF. Download the [data](#).

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Food security is a major concern in Sudan. Between February and May 2026, 19.1 million people are projected to experience high levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above). Insecurity Insight's monitoring of violent events showed an alarmingly high rate of conflict incidents affecting the food system, with violence at markets as well as incidents of cattle looting and killing and attacks on civilians growing food, selling or buying food reported in high numbers. Health needs are also high throughout the country. As of March 2026, two out of three people in Sudan no longer have access to essential health services and 80% of hospitals are out of service in affected areas. The lack of protection of vital civilian infrastructure is a driver of escalating humanitarian needs across Sudan.

This [brief](#) identifies trends and recurring patterns, highlights how the [conduct of hostilities](#) contributes to creating humanitarian needs, and provides insights into anticipating them. It also provides a list of actionable and practical recommendations in service of sustaining international action to mitigate harm.

Asia

Afghanistan

04 April 2026: In Herat city and province, sections of a maternity hospital were shut down by Taliban Vice and Virtue forces for providing birth control pills and protection to women. An unspecified number of doctors were threatened, female doctors were interrogated, and patients were forced to wear the form of hijab mandated by the group. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

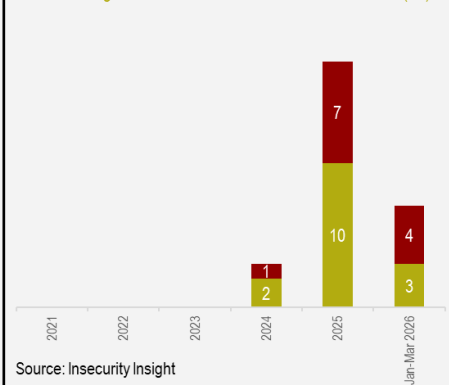
Insecurity Insight identified at least 1911 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 30 March 2026. Over 70% of these incidents were attributed to the Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF) and Myanmar police. Health facilities were reportedly damaged or destroyed 493 times, 174 health workers were killed and 909 arrested.

Since 2024, makeshift health facilities have been damaged or destroyed by MAF aircraft, drone, and artillery strikes on 27 occasions, nearly half of which occurred in Sagaing region. Over a quarter of these 27 incidents were recorded between January and March 2026. In one incident on 30 March, a makeshift hospital in Sagaing's Monywa district, providing care to around 50 patients, was destroyed by bombs dropped by two Myanmar military fighter jets in the afternoon. At least seven people were killed, including three patients, and 20 were injured. The facility had been operated for two years by health workers affiliated with the civil disobedience movement, with support from the exiled government. Download the [data](#).

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Reported incidents where makeshift health facilities in Myanmar were damaged or destroyed by MAF aircraft, drone, and artillery strikes
02 February 2021 - 30 March 2026

■ Incidents recorded in Sagaing region (12)
■ All other regions/states where incidents were recorded (15)



Pakistan

13 April 2026: In Hangu district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, at least one policeman was killed and five others were injured when unidentified gunmen opened fire on a police vehicle en route to perform security duties for the first day of an anti-polio campaign at 0850hrs. **Sources:** [Arab News](#) and [Xinhua](#)

Europe

Ukraine

01 April 2026: In Tsentraryi district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, an ambulance was struck and damaged with a Russian drone in the afternoon. **Source:** [City of the Sun](#)

03 April 2026: In Druzhkivka city and urban hromada, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, an ambulance and five apartment buildings were damaged by seven attacks by Russian forces, mostly with FPV drones. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

04 April 2026: In Kherson city, urban hromada, raion, and oblast, an emergency medical assistant, who was also a student of Kherson State University, was injured by a 120-mm mortar shell from Russian forces while performing their duty. **Sources:** [Kherson State University](#) and [RayonIN](#)

06 April 2026: In Synelnykove city, urban hromada and raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a pharmacy, two homes, a gas pipeline and a power line were damaged by a Russian UAV attack, causing fires. **Sources:** [Mezha](#) and [UA Varta](#)

07 April 2026: In Kherson raion and oblast, a pharmacy, a dental clinic and a third medical facility were damaged by Russian artillery shelling at around 1100hrs. **Sources:** [Apostrophe](#), [Bukvy](#), [City of the Sun](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [Kyiv Post](#), [NV](#), [Novyi Region](#), [UA Varta](#), [Ukrainian South](#), [Ukrinform](#), [UNN](#) and [Vgoru](#)

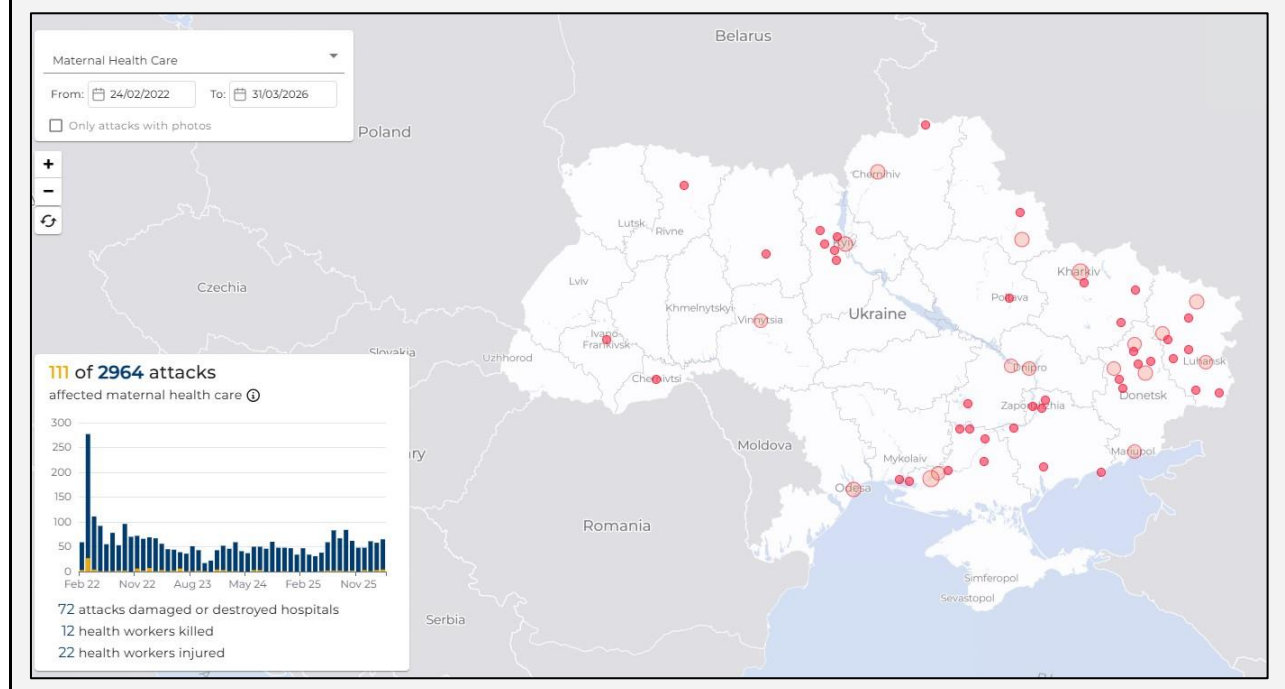
10 April 2026: In Nikopol raion, Dnipropetrovsk oblast, a hospital was damaged in the evening during Russian attacks on the Nikopol, Pokrovske and Marhanets communities with FPV drones and MLRS. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

13 April 2026: In Dniprovskiy district, Kherson city, urban hromada, raion, and oblast, an ambulance team was attacked by a Russian drone, injuring a paramedic and a medical technician. **Sources:** [Censor](#), [Interfax](#), [Kherson City Council](#), [Novosti-N](#), [Precarpathian Information Corporation](#) and [RegioNews](#)

14 April 2026: In Izmail raion, Odesa oblast, an ambulance vehicle was damaged during a Russian drone attack at night. **Source:** [UA Varta](#)

At least **2,964** 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, 458 health workers were killed and 423 injured. Health facilities have been damaged over 1,554 times. At least 111 attacks affected services that provide **maternal health care**. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 31 March 2026.

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



Middle East and North Africa

Iran and Lebanon

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

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Insecurity Insight identified at least 3239 incidents of violence against or obstruction of access to health care in the occupied Palestinian territory between 07 October 2023 and 30 March 2026. Over 95% of these incidents were attributed to Israeli forces. In Gaza, where 2,288 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 442 times, 756 health workers were killed and 390 arrested. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where 892 incidents were recorded, health facilities were damaged 29 times, 12 health workers killed and 181 arrested. Emergency medical services were obstructed from providing vital care over 550 times.

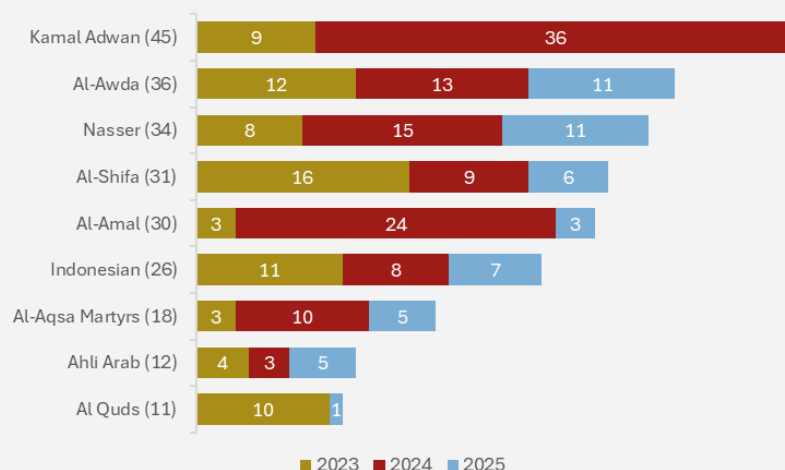
In Gaza, some health facilities were damaged by Israeli forces on multiple occasions. Between 07 October 2023 and 31 December 2025 Ahli Arab Hospital, Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, Al-Amal Hospital, Al-Awda Hospital, Al Quds Hospital, Kamal Adwan Hospital, Indonesian Hospital and Nasser Hospital were repeatedly damaged in more than ten bombing or raid incidents. Kamal Adwan Hospital was the most affected facility, reported as damaged over 45 times.

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Known hospitals damaged or destroyed in Gaza over ten times
07 October 2023 - 31 December 2025



The Americas

Colombia

05 April 2026: In Barragan rural district, Valle del Cauca department, a doctor, an assistant, and the ambulance driver were forcibly taken from Barragán health post and taken to a farm to treat a person wounded by gunfire, reportedly during confrontations between two FARC dissident groups. They were later released. **Sources:** [ACLED¹](#) and [Infobae](#)

Mexico

06 April 2026: In Colonia El Rosario, Tlayacapan town, Morelos state, the facade of a private clinic was fired upon and damaged by an unidentified armed group, which then left a message at the door with threats related to extortion payments. **Sources:** [ACLED¹](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

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.

The Americas

Brazil

15 April 2026: In Campolim neighbourhood, Sorocaba city and municipality, Sao Paulo state, a pharmacy was robbed by armed men. Police surrounded the robbers and a shootout ensued; one officer and three robbers were shot and killed. A fourth person was arrested and another escaped,

while two revolvers with erased serial numbers and a replica handgun were seized at the scene.

Sources: [ATV](#) and [Bernama](#)

Ecuador

02 April 2026: In Machala city, El Oro province, the Makro Hospital medical centre was damaged by an explosive device thrown by two men at around 2030hrs, including broken windows and damage to the main door. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Enfoquec](#)

Paraguay

08 April 2026: In San Agustín neighbourhood, Ciudad del Este city, Alto Paraná department, a pharmacy was broken into and robbed of millions of guaraníes from the cash register and medication at around 0300hrs by an unidentified perpetrator. **Source:** [CDE Hot](#)

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 16 April 2026.

