

Attacks on Health Care

News Brief

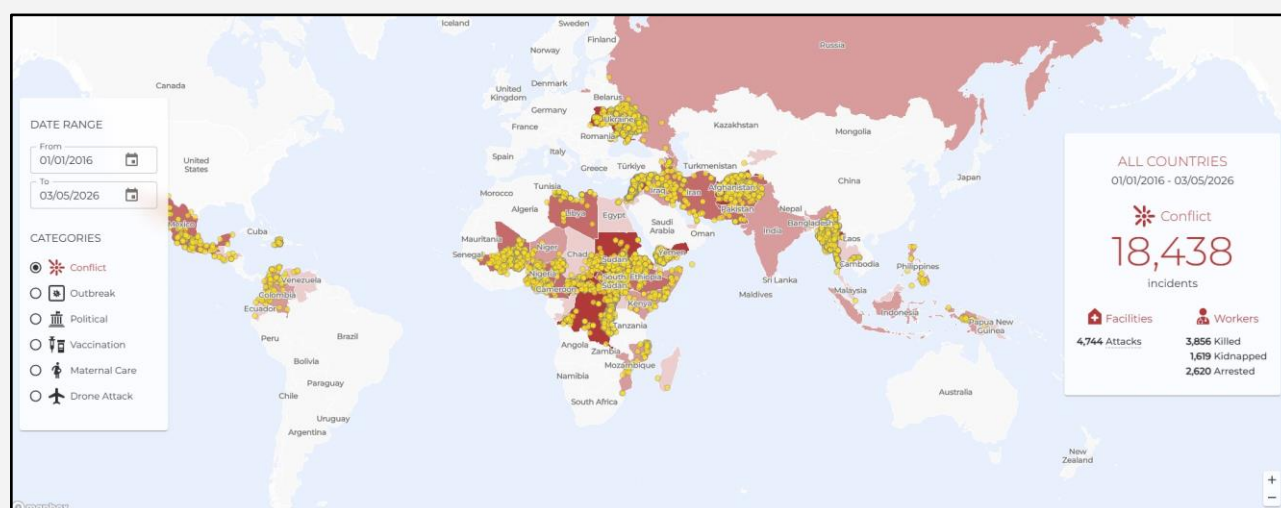
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Launch of Global Platform - Attacks on Health Care in Conflict

03 May 2026 marked ten years since the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2286 on protecting health care in conflict. To mark this milestone, Insecurity Insight launches an interactive [global platform](#) documenting attacks on health care. **Data from Insecurity Insight shows:**

Over 18,000 attacks on health care recorded since 2016 across 51 countries

- Annual incidents have increased more than eightfold between 2016 and 2024 (470 in 2016 → 3,920 in 2024)
- More than 3,800 health workers killed
- Rising use of drones and explosive weapons driving mounting damage to health facilities and death of medical personnel



Explore any thematic areas (shown on the left) either globally or for a specific country by clicking on the country.

By health service affected:

- At least **482** maternal health services have been damaged or disrupted by violence or coercive measures, affecting mothers, newborns, and entire communities.
- Also available for affected countries: See for example [Ukraine](#), [Sudan](#) or any other country by clicking on the country on the map.
- The increasing use of explosive weapons in populated areas has caused extensive damage to health infrastructure. The growing use of drones has also become a significant factor, with more than **1,000** recorded incidents affecting health care delivery. See for example [Myanmar](#)
- Violence against health care has also been observed to surge during disease outbreaks, including COVID-19, Ebola, cholera, and mpox, further undermining public health responses. See [Outbreak](#)
- In addition, health workers and facilities are frequently targeted during episodes of political violence, particularly when treating injured protesters. See [Political](#)
- Vaccination initiatives have also been subject to violent attacks. See [Vaccination](#)

Save the Date: 3 June: 11 am EST / 4 pm BST / 5 pm CET

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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 April 2026: In Masisi town and territory, North Kivu province, an MSF nurse of Masisi General Referral Hospital was shot twice in the chest and killed in his home by a gunman in military uniform in the evening. **Source:** [MSF](#)

Mali

25 April 2026: In Kati commune and cercle, Koulikoro region, a research physician and biostatistician of the University Clinical Research Centre (UCRC), was killed during an attack on the area by armed insurgents while he was going to dawn prayer. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Order of Physicians of Mali](#)

Nigeria

15 April 2026: Along the Gusau–Anka road, between Anka and Gusau LGAs, Zamfara state, the Head of Pharmacy at General Hospital Nasarawa was abducted by bandits. **Source:** [Bakatsine](#)

22 April 2026: In Wawa community, Borgu LGA, Niger state, a doctor was abducted from a private hospital by gunmen who fired in the air. A relative reported that the gunmen demanded a ransom of N150 million for his release. **Sources:** [PM News](#) and [The Nation Newspaper](#)

South Sudan

07 April 2026: Update: In Lankien town, Nyirol county, Jonglei state, two MSF aid workers who were considered missing following a government airstrike on an MSF hospital 03 February, were believed to have died. **Source:** [MSF](#)

07 April 2026: Update: In Jonglei state, MSF were able to confirm the status of the 26 out of 291 staff in Lankien and Pieri, who were missing following the escalation of the conflict in Jonglei during February and March 2026, including one who was killed. **Source:** [MSF](#)

Sudan

Data from Insecurity Insight shows that since fighting started in Sudan between the SAF and RSF in April 2023 and 14 April 2026:

- Over [745](#) attacks on health care recorded
- 206 health workers killed, 15 kidnapped and 126 arrested
- Health facilities damaged over 200 times
- 51 attacks on [maternal health](#) care services
- 55 attacks where [armed drones](#) affected health care

Incident briefs: [15-28 April](#); [01-14 April](#); [18-31 March](#); [04-17 March](#); [18 February-03 March](#); [04-17 February](#); [21 January-03 February](#); [07-20 January](#); [24 December 2025-06 January](#); [10-23 December](#); [All](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

22 April 2026: In Taloqan city, Takhar province, doctors at Takhar Specialised Hospital were threatened with knives by armed men in the paediatric ward. Ten people, including six doctors, were injured. **Source:** [Zawia News](#)

India

17 April 2026: In Khurai Lamlong area, Imphal city, Imphal West district, Manipur state, three ambulance drivers were dragged from their vehicles and physically assaulted with fibre sticks by Rapid Action Force (RAF) members of the police after being stopped at a checkpoint while on their way to pick up patients injured during a violent demonstration. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

Data from Insecurity Insight shows that since the military coup in Myanmar on 01 February 2021 and 14 April:

- **1918 attacks on health care recorded**
- **173 health workers killed and 909 arrested**
- **Health facilities damaged over 497 times**
- **53 attacks on maternal health care services**
- **81 attacks where armed drones affected health care**

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Pakistan

15 April 2026: In Dera Murad Jamali area, Nasirabad district, Balochistan province, a police officer was killed when armed men riding three motorcycles opened fire on a polio team which had stopped under a shaded area for lunch. **Sources:** [Dawn I](#) and [The Print](#)

15 April 2026: On Samana Road, Hangu district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a police officer was shot and injured when a polio team was attacked by an armed individual. The officer was taken to hospital, and the suspect was arrested shortly after the incident. **Source:** [The Print](#)

15 April 2026: In Dawar colony, Jhandu Khel locality, Bannu district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, three polio workers from BHU Ghazi Marjan were abducted by suspected militants while administering polio vaccines to children. Police immediately reached the scene, cordoned off the area and started a search operation to recover the abducted polio workers; they were found the following day. **Source:** [Dawn I](#) and [Dawn II](#)

17 April 2026: In Urmar village, Peshawar suburb, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a 35-year-old polio worker was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen during an ongoing polio eradication campaign. **Source:** [Rediff](#)

21 April 2026: On Sharea Faisal highway, Karachi city and division, Sindh province, a doctor serving at a private hospital in Gulistan-e-Jauhar was shot four times and killed by unidentified armed men at night. The doctor was returning home from Cantt Station in a rickshaw along with his wife. **Source:** [Geo News](#)

21 April 2026: In Quetta city, Balochistan province, a female student was abducted from the Bolan Medical College female hostel by Pakistani security and taken to an undisclosed location. **Source:** [Prokerala](#)

25 April 2026: In Rashkai, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, an ambulance was fired upon by unknown perpetrators during a rescue attempt. **Source:** [Rediff](#)

Europe

Ukraine

21 April 2026: In Sumy city, raion and oblast, the roof of a medical facility was hit and damaged by Russian drone strikes. **Sources:** [Dankor Online](#), [Debaty Sumy](#), [Inkorr](#), [Interfax Ukraine](#), [Kordon Media](#), [Sumy Oblast Police](#) and [Sumy OVA](#)

24 April 2026: In Bilozerka rural settlement, Kherson raion and oblast, a 59-year-old and a 68-year-old female nurse were injured in a Russian drone strike while walking down the street at 0720hrs. The latter nurse also sustained shrapnel wounds to her arm and leg. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [Suspilne](#)

At least [2,962](#) 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. Explore this [interactive map](#) (available in English and Ukrainian) to see where incidents took place between 24 February 2022 and 31 March 2026.

Middle East and North Africa

Iran

22 April 2026: In Abdanan city and county, Ilam province, a Kurdish health worker of Rasoul Akram Hospital was arrested by Iranian forces and transferred to Mahpareh Prison in Dareh Shahr County. The details of his detention and charges were not disclosed by security or judicial authorities. **Source:** [Hengaw Organisation for Human Rights](#)

Lebanon

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

Occupied Palestinian Territory

Data from Insecurity Insight shows that since 07 October 2023 and 14 April 2026:

- Over [3252](#) attacks on health care recorded
- 777 health workers killed and 673 arrested¹
- Health facilities damaged over 471 times
- 61 attacks on [maternal health](#) care services
- 150 attacks where [armed drones](#) affected health care

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Syrian Arab Republic

Around 17 April 2026: In Jaramana city, Rif Dimashq district and governorate, a young doctor from As-Sweida city was found dead in his home with multiple stab wounds, reportedly killed by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

The Americas

Brazil

24 April 2026: In Pedrinhas neighbourhood, Juazeiro do Norte city, Ceara state, a man was shot and killed at a rehabilitation clinic for substance abuse by five unidentified armed men who broke into the building, turned off the electricity, and fired at him. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Colombia

26 April 2026: In Santander de Quilichao, Cauca department, an ambulance from Eduardo Santos Hospital in La Unión was intercepted and attacked by unidentified gunmen, who stole medical equipment and essential supplies, leaving the vehicle out of service. Consequently, a Yellow Alert for hospitals was declared in Nariño to reinforce care and protect healthcare personnel. **Source:** [Pulse](#)

Mexico

20 April 2026: In Vista Alegre neighbourhood, Acapulco city, Guerrero state, a woman was killed and two others were injured after being shot by an unidentified perpetrator, outside the Clinical Analysis Laboratory of the Autonomous University of Guerrero (UAGro) during a protest at around 1850hrs. **Source:** [Quadratin](#)

22 April 2026: In Minatitlán city, Veracruz state, a man was abducted after being shot in the parking lot of Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) Regional Hospital, following a car chase which ended at the hospital. It is reported that around 12 shots were fired and caused distress to patients and staff. **Sources:** [Mega Noticias](#) and [El Diario](#)

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

Ecuador

23 April 2026: In Rocafuerte and Eloy Alfaro streets, Portoviejo city, Manabi province, a man was killed during a raid on a clinical laboratory by at least two unidentified armed perpetrators. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

23 April 2026: In Pascuales neighbourhood, Guayaquil city, Guayas province, two pharmacies were hit and damaged by explosives detonated by two unidentified armed perpetrators travelling on a motorcycle and dressed in black, in an attack described as reprisals for refusing to pay extortion. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) **database attribution policy**. Accessed 04 May 2026.

