

Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

08-21 March 2023



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Documented incidents

Reported on 07-19 March 2023: In Pinlaung township, Taunggyi district, Shan state (South), the Myanmar military and the ethnic armed group Pa-O National Organisation allied with the Myanmar military banned the transport of medicines into the township where IDPs were taking shelter. At the checkpoint in Aungban town, Kalaw township, Taunggyi district, Shan state (South) on the highway heading to Pinlaung township, the Myanmar military seized medicine cargoes on 19 March 2023.

Sources: [Delta News Agency I](#), [Delta News Agency II](#), and [Facebook](#)

10 March 2023: In Hpakant township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, a Myanmar military airstrike damaged a Kachin Independence Army (KIA) clinic building, garage, and kitchen, and injured three KIA personnels. **Source:** [Kachin News Group](#)

12 March 2023: In Zar Di village and village tract, Yebyu township, Dawei district, Tanintharyi region, the Myanmar military arrested a retired male health assistant and other two civilians following the killing of a military informant by an unknown armed group in this village. This is the second-time arrest of this health assistant after the 2021 military coup; he was released from the prison just before this incident. The staff member was also a political activist. **Sources:** [Dawei Watch](#), [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), and [Than Lwin Times](#)

13 March 2023: In Tedim town, township, and district, Chin state, PDF Zoland attacked the Myanmar military occupying the district hospital (public, secondary-level). During the armed clashes, although the hospital was functioning, no patients or health care personnels were harmed according to the reports. The military had occupied the hospital for four months before this attack. The clashes ended with the killing of four soldiers, the military leaving the hospital, and seizing of weapons and accessories of the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [BBC Burmese](#), [Facebook](#), [Mekong News](#), and [Narinjara](#)

14 March 2023: In Myitkyina town, township, and district, Kachin state, the Myanmar military in civilian clothes arrested a female nurse from Myat Mon Private Hospital while she was on duty. She was forced to disclose the location of her partner and both of them were arrested. She was from Sagaing region and has worked in this hospital for five months. **Source:** [The 74 Media](#)

18 March 2023: In Ayadaw town and township, Monywa district, Sagaing region, a female midwife was killed at her private clinic at home by a man and woman impersonating patients. She was shot dead on the spot with gunshot wounds to the head and chest. At the time of the attack, her husband and 10-year-old son were at home, but they were not harmed. The midwife was not

affiliated with the Civil Disobedience Movement; her duty station was at Ayadaw township hospital after the 2021 military coup. **Sources:** [Ayadaw Post](#), [Mekong News](#), and [Telegram](#)

19 March 2023: In Hlaing town and township, Yangon (West) district, Yangon region, voluntary aid workers of a local NGO offering ambulance services to the injured and deceased civilians in a road traffic accident were physically abused by a Myanmar military major. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

20 March 2023: In Sanchaung town and township, Yangon (West) district, Yangon region, a 20-year-old male second-year medical student was killed by a group of gunmen at his home. His aunt was critically injured and a passer-by got a gunshot wound. He passed away after being admitted to the hospital. He was believed to be a military informant having assisted in the arrest of CDM-affiliated medical students and health workers at medical universities. The victim was not affiliated with CDM. His father was a former lieutenant colonel and his brother-in-law was a major in the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#), [Mekong News](#), and [Telegram](#)

20 March 2023: In Kyeemyindaing town and township, Yangon (West) district, Yangon region, a CDM-affiliated medical student and his/her family members were arrested, and their apartment was sealed and confiscated following the killing of a medical student in Sanchaung township on the same day. **Source:** [Mekong News](#)

21 March 2023: In Pakokku town, township, and district, Magway region, at the military checkpoint near Pakokku bridge, the Myanmar military arrested a doctor who was on her way from Yangon city, Yangon region to Myaing township, Magway region, allegedly to offer health care to the local resistance forces. A civilian lady who reportedly assisted the arrest was also arrested. **Sources:** [Chindwin News Agency](#) and [Telegram](#)

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