Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

17-30 May 2023

At least 139 attacks on Myanmar's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-16 May 2023. Explore this **interactive map** to see where incidents were reported, who the perpetrators were and the weapons used. The map does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief.

Past incident reports: **03-16 May**; **19 April-02 May**; **05-18 April**; **22 March-04 April**; **08-21 March**; **All**.

Past analysis reports: **April and September 2022**; **1 February 2021 to 10 January 2022**; **1 January to 31 March 2022**.

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Documented incidents

17 May 2023: In Saw Lon village and village tract, Bawlakhe township and district, Kayah state, a sub-rural health centre was damaged in Myanmar military airstrikes. Staff house buildings of the health centre, six civilian houses, a monastery, a community seed bank building, and public drinking water pond were damaged, a female civilian killed and four male civilians injured. **Sources: Facebook, Kantarawaddy Times and Myanmar Now**

17 May 2023: In Pan Nyo village and village tract, Myaung township, Sagaing district and region, the Myanmar military attacked a sub-rural health centre using armed drones. **Source: Facebook**

18 May 2023: In Saw Lon village, Bawlake township and district, Kayah state, an SAC aerial attack destroyed two rural medical facilities, a monastery, and six private homes. **Source: Radio Free Asia**

20 May 2022: In Demoso township and district, Kayah state, Myanmar military airstrikes damaged a clinic building and four civilian houses. **Source: Twitter**

As reported on 21 May 2023: In Rakhine state, the restrictions on medicine transport and purchase are still present after the Cyclone Mocha had hit this area. The restrictions were in place from July 2022 due to the armed clashes between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army. **Source: Myanmar Pressphoto Agency**

21 May 2023: In Sar Taung village and village tract, Sagaing township, district, and region, the local resistance forces used a hospital building as a bunker in their attack on a police station on the opposite side of the road. **Sources: Facebook, Mandalay Free Press and Myanmar Now**

21 May 2023: In Hakha town, township, and district, Chin state, the Myanmar military raided Agape Hospital and arrested a female doctor and four female nurses and detained them at the local police station. The reason for arrest is unknown, however it is suspected that it could be for prisoner exchange. **Sources: Ayeyarwaddy Times, Global Security, Khonumthung Burmese, Radio Free Asia and Radio Free Asia**

As reported on 21 May 2023: In Yangon town, township and region, a male doctor was among 28 people returning from the United States and arrested at the airport by the Myanmar military and

sent to an interrogation centre. Eight of them, including the doctor, were later released. **Source:** Facebook

22 May 2023: In Khin-U township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, a medical student was killed in armed clashes. **Sources:** Facebook **and** Facebook II

22 May 2023: Near Hniarlawn village and village tract, Hakha township and district, Chin state, the body of a male medical technician was found burnt along with another female civilian. The medical technician served at Hakha Hospital before being affiliated with the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). Their burnt bodies were found near the former temporary base camp of the Myanmar military, and their families accused the Myanmar military for the killing. The two victims went missing on 02 May 2023 while travelling from Tedim town to Hakha town. **Sources:** Khonumthung Burmese **and** Mizzima

23 May 2023: On the highway connecting Pauk town and Pakokku town, Magway region, an armed group seized an LNGO ambulance en route from Mandalay town to Pauk town. The ambulance operators, patient, and patient attendants were not harmed. The junta authorities accused the local resistance forces of this attack. **Source:** Telegram

24 May 2023: In Thea Inn village and village tract, Singu township, Thabeikkyin district, Mandalay region, a station hospital was damaged due to the artillery fires by the Myanmar military during armed clashes between the Myanmar military and local resistance forces. **Source:** Democratic Voice of Burma

25 May 2023: In Sanchaung town and township, Yangon (West) district, Yangon region, two male doctors were among 16 youths arrested by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** Mizzima **and** Myanmar Pressphoto Agency

As reported on 25 May 2023: In Thandaung town and station, Thandaunggyi township and district, Kayin state, and Kyaukkyi township, Nyaunglebin district, Bago region, the junta authorities restricted the transport of medicines and food items. **Source:** Myanmar Now

25 May 2023: In Tha Bawt Seik village, Kyauk Sin village tract, Launglon township, Dawei district, Tanintharyi region, a private pharmacy was among the civilians' properties ransacked by the Myanmar military. **Source:** Dawei Watch

26 May 2023: In Namtu town and township, Kyaukme district, Shan state (North), the junta authorities inspected the houses of six CDM-affiliated health workers and warned them to stop providing health care. One of them, a female nurse, was asked whether she had a valid nursing licence, and was told to sign a statement that she would no longer provide health care. **Source:** Shwe Phee Myay News Agency

As reported on 26 May 2023: In Pakokku town, township, and district, Magway region, some LNGOs were made to obtain travel authorisation (TA) for each ambulance trip. The TA request form requires the details of the LNGOs and patients. This local by-law has to be abided by the ambulances entering or leaving Pakokku town. **Source:** Democratic Voice of Burma

26 May 2023: In Nwe Ni village and village tract, Yesagyo township, Pakokku district, Magway region, the Myanmar military torched a health centre and 27 civilian houses during a four-day raid of 25 villages in the area. **Sources:** Facebook, Facebook II **and** Khit Thit Media

27 May 2023: In Kayah state, two female medics and two male members of the Demoso Medic Unit of the ethnic armed organisation Karenni Revolution Union were killed in armed clashes while providing treatment to the injured. **Sources:** Democratic Voice of Burma, Facebook **and** Radio Free Asia

27 May 2023: In Kyaikdon town, Kyain Seikgyi township and district, Kayin state, a rural health centre was damaged due in an armed drone attack. The junta authorities accused the local resistance forces of this attack. **Source:** Eleven Media Group

As reported on 27 May 2023: In Monywa town, township and district, Sagaing region, the junta authorities inspected private clinics. **Source:** Mizzima

28 to 30 May 2023: In Monywa town, township and district, Sagaing region, the junta authorities arrested three male civilians from a private clinic of a female obstetrician on 28 May. A private ophthalmologist clinic was made to pay so-called tax for two years on 30 May. The military raided a private laboratory and specialist clinic Ka Ra Mat on 30 May. The pro-military media claimed that the local authorities conducted routine inspections of five private clinics and laboratories including Ka Ra Mat on 30 May. **Sources:** Facebook, Facebook II, Facebook III **and** Facebook IV

29 May 2023: In Hlut Taik village and village tract, Kyunhla township, Kanbalu district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military and militia torched a health centre and seven civilian houses during a two-day raid of four villages in this area. **Sources:** Khit Thit Media **and** Myaelattathan

29 May 2023: In Ngwe Taung Ka Lay village, Kywe Hpyu Taung village tract, Thandaunggyi township and district, Kayin state, a local clinic was hit by Myanmar military artillery fire. The clinic was functioning at the time of the attack. There were no casualties since the attack occurred during after-hours. **Sources:** Facebook, KIC News **and** Mizzima

29 May 2023: In Nyaung Pin village, War Boe village tract, Yesagyo township, Pakokku district, Magway region, the Myanmar military torched a health centre and 29 civilian houses during a four-day raid of 25 villages and the burning down 656 civilian houses. **Sources:** Facebook

As reported on 29 May 2023: In Hpa-An town, township and district, Kayin state, access to health care is limited for civilians due to hospital beds dedicated for junta soldiers, increased security at hospitals, forced discharge of chronic in-patients and shortage of health workers at public hospitals. Civilians have to access health care in the private sector rather than the public sector. At the station hospital in Kyondoe town, Kawkareik township and district, Kayin state, patients and their patients were interrogated about local resistance forces by the Myanmar military. The Myanmar military assigned their troops at public hospitals in Myawaddy, Kawkareik, and Hlaingbwe towns in Kayin state for security reasons. LNGOs were forced to find blood donors for injured Myanmar military soldiers. **Source:** KIC News

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