

Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

04-17 October 2023



At least 287 attacks on Myanmar's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-18 September 2023. Access the data on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident reports: [20 September-03 October 2023](#); [06-19 September](#); [23 August-05 September](#); [All](#)

Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

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Documented incidents

As reported on 04 October 2023: In Nyaunglebin district, Bago region, the transport of medicines and fuel was blocked and the transport of rice and cooking oil was restricted by the Myanmar military following heightened clashes between the Myanmar military and a joint force of ethnic armed organisations and local resistance forces in the area. **Source:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#)

05 October 2023: In Kyat Pyin village and village tract, Mogoke township, Thabeikkyin district, Mandalay region, two pharmacy owners (husband and wife) were arrested by the Myanmar military on accusations of providing the local resistance forces with medicine. **Source:** [Facebook](#)

09 October 2023: In Munglai Hkyet IDP Camp, Nam Sang Yang village tract, Waingmaw township, Myitkyina district, Kachin state, a local clinic was damaged in an night time explosion which killed at least 27 people. The clinic was functioning at the time of the attack. No casualties at the clinic were reported. **Source:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#)

10 October 2023: In Pale town and township, Yinmabin district, Sagaing region, the township hospital and a school were occupied by the Myanmar military, following raids on villages in the township. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

10 October 2023: In Htantlang town and township, Hakha district, Chin state, the township hospital and a school were attacked with artillery and airstrikes by the Myanmar military during clashes between the Myanmar military and a joint force of ethnic armed organisations and local resistance forces. The hospital was not functioning at the time of the attack. Since 18 September 2021, many civilians have left the town due to the attack by the Myanmar military. **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

12 October 2023: In Ye-U town and township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, a traditional medicine hospital was attacked with bombs dropped by drones by the local resistance forces. Since the hospital was occupied by the Myanmar military, it has repeatedly been attacked by the local resistance forces. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

13 October 2023: In Kye village and village tract, Palaw township, Myeik district, Tanintharyi region, two LNGO ambulances were torched by the Myanmar military during a raid on the village. At the time of the attack, the ambulances were parked with no staff or patients on-board. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Tanintharyi Times](#)

13 October 2023: In Meiktila town, township, and district, Mandalay region, a private hospital was forced to close down starting from 15 October 2023. The reason for this order by the junta authorities is unknown. **Source:** [Facebook](#)

13 October 2023: In Kwe Kone village, Yesagyo township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a local makeshift clinic was raided and medicines and equipment were destroyed by the Myanmar military during raids on the village and surrounding villages from 12 to 16 October 2023. The makeshift clinic was founded in October 2022 by CDM-affiliated health workers and has served the people living in that area. The clinic was functioning at the time of the attack. There were no casualties at the clinic since locals had fled the village due to the raids. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [The Irrawaddy](#)

15 October 2023: In Ywar Thit village and village tract, Khin-U township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, a sub-rural health centre and a school allegedly occupied by the local resistance forces were raided by the Myanmar military and weapons were seized. The health facility was not functioning at the time of the attack. **Source:** [Telegram](#)

15 October 2023: In Pwintbyu town and township, Minbu district, Magway region, in the compound of a township hospital an IED detonated. There were no casualties or damage to the hospital building. On the same day, the offices of the customs department and electric power department in this town were also attacked. The junta authorities accused the local resistance forces of the attack. **Source:** [Eleven Media Group](#)

17 October 2023: In Myawaddy town, township, and district, Kayin state, in the compound of the district health department a male health worker at the Vector-Borne Disease Control Department was shot dead by two gunmen. The junta authorities accused the local resistance forces of this attack. **Sources:** [Eleven Media Group](#) and [Telegram](#)

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