

Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

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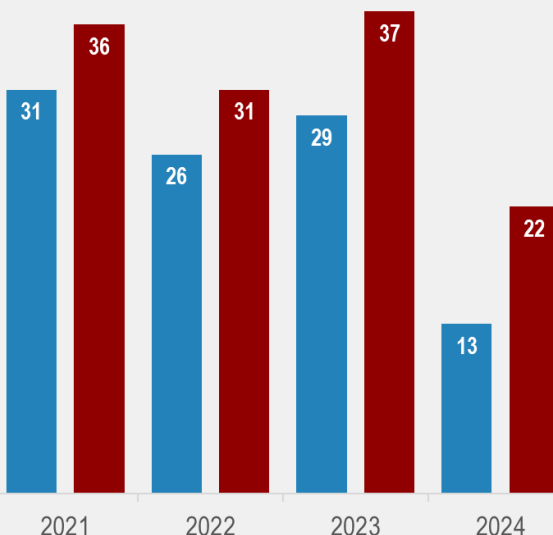


Insecurity Insight identified 1501 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 01 October 2024. At least 126 health workers were killed in 99 incidents. Some health workers were shot and killed while they travelled to provide medical care to remote areas or at home, others were killed in Myanmar military airstrikes. Eight health workers were tortured and killed. The Myanmar armed forces were most commonly identified as the perpetrators. Health worker killings were documented in 13 of Myanmar's 21 administrative divisions with high numbers recorded in Mandalay region, followed by Sagaing region.

The data with details on location, reported conflict party, weapon used and brief description is available [here](#) for download. Explore this [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened. Data is updated on [HDX](#) every Monday. Registered HDX user? [Follow us](#) for the latest dataset updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Please [get in touch](#) if you're interested in curated datasets.

Reported incidents affecting health care in Myanmar, 02 February 2021-01 October 2024

■ Incident where a health worker was killed (99)
■ Number of health workers killed (126)



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Documented incidents

02 October 2024: In Maung Htaung village and village tract, Budalin township, Monywa district, Sagaing region, a rural health centre, a school, and a monastery were damaged and a civilian injured by bombs and gunfire from two Myanmar military fighter jets. These civilian infrastructure were targeted because local resistance forces used them as temporary shelters during an armed clash between the local resistance forces and the Myanmar military at a nearby village on 30 September. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Mandalay Free Press](#)

03 October 2024: In Kyauk Maw village, Thit Seint Kone village tract, Mongmit township and district, Shan state, a sub-rural health centre was damaged and a health worker injured by bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet. Although it was a public health facility, it was operated by volunteer health workers and was functioning at the time of the attack. **Source:** [The 74 Media](#)



06 October 2024: In Khin-U town and township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, a township hospital occupied by the Myanmar military was attacked with small firearms and armed drones by the local resistance forces, damaging the roofs, ceilings, windows, and walls of hospital buildings and staff houses. There were no casualties. The hospital was functioning at the time of the attack.

Sources: [Khit Thit Media](#) and [NP News](#)

08 October 2024: In Pan Ni Lar village and village tract, Ponnagyun township, Sittwe district, Rakhine state, a makeshift hospital based at a school was damaged by bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet. There were no casualties. The hospital was functioning at the time of the attack. After the town had been taken over by the Arakan Army, the township hospital was temporarily relocated to the school. **Source:** [Development Media Group](#)

12 October 2024: At a PDF checkpoint near Thone Gwa village and village tract, Kyaikto township and district, Mon state, a female nurse and her husband (a lieutenant of the Myanmar military) were arrested by the PDF. **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Mandalay News](#)

12 October 2024: In Myit Chay town, Pakokku township and district, Magway region, a private clinic was raided by the Myanmar military. The doors and windows were destroyed and all the rooms were inspected. The doctor was in the operation theatre at the time of the raid and he was not harmed. The mobile phones and money of the patients were confiscated. The medicines were confiscated, alleging the clinic had provided treatment to PDF. **Sources:** [Facebook](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

14 October 2024: In Ei Naing village and village tract, Lashio township and district, Shan state, a rural health centre, a church, and at least 20 civilian houses were damaged by bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet. Three were killed and three injured. **Sources:** [Irrawaddy](#) and [Shan News](#)

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) [418 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar in 2023, compared to 280 in 2022. In these incidents, 37 health workers were killed; health facilities were damaged or destroyed, and occupied. In addition, 102 health workers were arrested and 37 were killed. Health worker kidnappings quadrupled, while a similar number of health workers were arrested and killed between 2022 and 2023. Cases of health facilities being occupied by the Myanmar military, militia, and other allies more than tripled in 2023 compared to 2022. Most involved the Myanmar armed forces using health facilities as bunkers or bases for military operations. These occupations were most frequent in Sagaing region, but were dispersed across 12 other areas. Opposition forces increasingly used drones armed with explosives to attack Myanmar armed forces occupying health facilities. Download the [data](#).

SHCC Factsheets: Burmese: [2023](#). English: [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#).



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