

Safeguarding Healthcare Monthly News Brief

Attacks on healthcare

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Threats and violence affecting emergency care

Asia

Nepal

22 September 2018: In Rajbiraj city, Saptari region, Sagarmatha zone, the emergency ward of the Gajendranarayan Singh Sagarmatha Zonal Hospital was vandalized by locals who claimed that doctors had pronounced dead a child who was still living.

Source: **ACLED**

Middle-East and North Africa

Libya

01 September 2018: In Tripoli, gunfire from an unidentified source directly hit two ambulances whilst transporting the wounded from conflict areas south of the capital. Source: **Alwasat**

20 September 2018: In Tripoli, unidentified armed perpetrators hijacked an ambulance of the Tripoli Field Hospital whilst it was on a humanitarian mission to evacuate a stranded family in a conflict zone. Source: **Libya Herald**

Occupied Palestinian Territories

28 September 2018: In Gaza, along the border of Israel, four paramedics were attacked and hospitalized by Israeli forces during the 27th Friday of the Great Return March, along with over 200 other Palestinians. Israeli forces claim their attacks on demonstrators were in response to grenades and Molotov cocktails being thrown. Source: **ACLED**

Yemen

08 September 2018: In Habab area, Sirwah district, Saud-led coalition forces launched a missile strike on a road, killing two civilians on a motorcycle before shortly firing a second set of missiles at the same location, killing the three attending paramedics in what is known as a double-tap strike. Source: **ACLED**

The Americas

Mexico

08 September 2018: In Santa María Quelites town, Tepeji del Río de Ocampo municipality, Hidalgo state, residents set fire to an

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ambulance after the police shot dead a man driving a public minibus who had refused to stop at a checkpoint. **Source:** [La Jornada](#)

Threats and violence affecting general healthcare

Africa

Cameroon

17 September 2018: *Update:* In Darak town and commune, Logone-et-Chari division, Far North province, the head of the Naga Health Centre – who was abducted by Boko Haram militants on 11 August 2018 – was released. **Source:** [L’Oeil du Sahel](#)

Nigeria

17 September 2018: In Rann town, Borno state, Boko Haram militants killed a midwife under unclear circumstances after abducting her last 01 March. Another midwife and a nurse remain held captive by the same group. **Sources:** [International Committee of the Red Cross \(ICRC\)](#), [UN News](#) and [Vanguard](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

05 September 2018: In the Band-e-Timur area of Maywand district, Kandahar province, a doctor allegedly working for the Taliban was killed along with 10 Taliban militants in an airstrike conducted by the Afghan Military Forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Bangladesh

11 September 2018: In Mohammadpur Thana, Dhaka district and division, the High Court directed the Bangladeshi government to immediately shut down 14 unnamed private hospitals and clinics on the basis that they were operating without a valid licence. **Source:** [The Daily Star](#)

India

15 September 2018: In Katihar city, Bihar state, a group of approximately 60 Trainee Auxiliary Nurse Midwives at a hospital beat up a doctor who was attempting to molest a trainee nurse. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

17 September 2018: In Srinagar city, Jammu and Kashmir state, relatives of a patient severely beat a doctor at the Lal Ded maternity hospital after the doctor delivered a stillborn baby. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Pakistan

16 September 2018: In Dahranwala town, Bahawalnagar district, Punjab state, the family of a pregnant woman who died in the care of doctors at the Rural Health Centre vandalized the health centre and set furniture on fire. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

19 September 2018: In Rahim Yar Khan town, a hospital cleaner attempted to rape a female doctor, but was prevented by the doctor’s colleagues. The perpetrator was arrested but the event sparked a series of protests and strike action by the Young Doctors’ Association over safety in the hospital. **Source:** [ACLED](#) and [Gulf News](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

08 September 2018: In Hass village, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime forces dropped two-barrel bombs

in front of the Nabd al Haya Hospital, heavily damaging hospital equipment and destroying its power generators. **Source: SNHR**

08 September 2018: In al Latamena town, Hama governorate, warplanes believed to be of Russian origin fired two missiles near to a surgical hospital, moderately damaging a nearby ambulance and power generator belonging to the hospital. **Source: SNHR**

13 September 2018: In al Baghouz Fouqani village, al Boukamal city, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, a makeshift hospital in ISIS-held territory that was built inside a residential house was bombed out of service in an attack allegedly perpetrated by international coalition forces. **Source: SNHR**

13 September 2018 (Date of article): In Idlib governorate, the UN continued to provide Russia, Turkey, and the USA the GPS coordinates of 235 schools, hospitals and other civilian sites in an effort to protect them from being attacked. However, four hospitals in Idlib and Hama were hit by air strikes in the week prior and some sources suggest that the Russian forces were using the coordinates to target healthcare. **Source: Reuters**

14 September 2018: In Manbej city, Aleppo governorate, unidentified perpetrators detonated an IED hidden inside a motorbike 15 meters from the al Amal Surgical Hospital. No damage to the building was recorded. **Source: SNHR**

16 September 2018 (Date of article): In Hasel village, Idlib governorate, warplanes allegedly of Russian origin attacked the Pulse of Life Hospital. **Sources: SMART News Agency**

16 September 2018 (Date of article): In Khan Shaykhun town, Maarrat al-Nu'man district, Idlib governorate, either Syrian or Russian forces attacked a medical centre under unspecified circumstance. **Source: SMART News Agency**

26 September 2018 (Date of article): In Qatma village, Afrin district, Aleppo governorate, gunmen suspected to be from the Free Syrian Army kidnapped a pharmacist of the Sjou Hospital whilst he was en-route from his workplace to Afrin city. No further details specified. **Source: SMART News Agency**

Medical education

Africa

Nigeria

16 September 2018: In Makarfi town and local government area, Kaduna state, an unidentified gang kidnapped three lecturers of the Shehu Idris College of Health, including a doctor and the director of the institution's dental school, whilst they were on their way back from Zaria city. **Source: The Street Journal**

Strikes and supply concerns

Asia

India

03 September 2018: In Kolkata city, West Bengal state, 250 doctors went on strike to demand the arrest of a policeman who had attacked an on-duty doctor at the Calcutta Medical Research Institute five days earlier. **Source: ACLED**

Nepal

02 September 2018: In Kathmandu city, medical personnel went on strike for unspecified reasons.

Source: **ACLED**

Middle-East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

16 September 2018 (Date of article): In Atme village, Harem district, Idlib governorate, an unspecified number of medical workers held a demonstration to denounce attacks by Syrian forces and their Russian allies on health facilities. **Source:** **SMART News Agency**

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The Americas

Bolivia

25 September 2018 (Date of article): The Medical Council of Bolivia declared a 24-hour countrywide strike for 27 September to protest the 20-year prison term given to a doctor accused of raping a child. The Council also demands his release. **Source:** **La Razón**

Costa Rica

27 September 2018: In San José, striking members of an unnamed trade union prevented nurses at the San Juan de Dios Educational Foundation Incorporated Hospital from entering six operating rooms for cancer patients for two hours. **Source:** **La Nación**

Mexico

05 September 2018 (Date of article): In an unspecified location, an anonymous individual claiming to be the doctor of an unnamed criminal group phoned the Social Security Clinic 42, requesting medicine and healing equipment to treat criminal patients under his command suffering from gunshot wounds from an earlier confrontation. **Source:** **Noticia SPV**

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