Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

03-16 April 2024



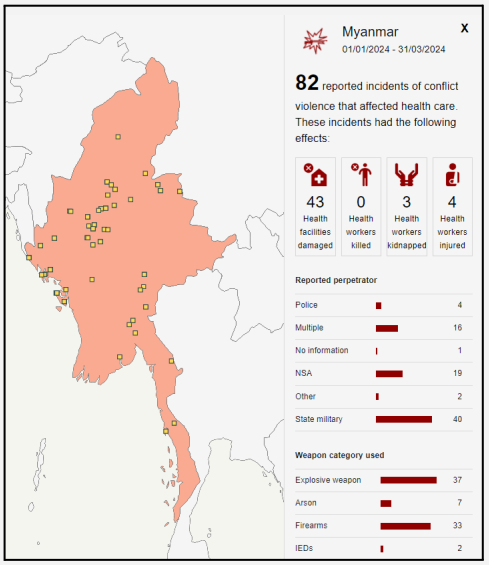
Insecurity Insight has identified at least 82 attacks on Myanmar's health care system between 01 January-31 March 2024. In these incidents, 43 health facilities have been damaged 43 times, often by explosive weapons. These attacks undermine health care providers' ability to effectively meet patient needs, maintain safe staffing levels and impact the population's access to health care. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available. Explore this **interactive map** to see where incidents happened.

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Past incident reports: **20 March-02 April**; **06-19 March**; **21 February-05 March**; **07-20 February**; **All**

Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: **2022**; **2021**; **2020**



Documented incidents

05 April 2024: In Nam Khwin village and village tract, Mogaung township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, a station hospital was occupied by the Shan-Ni Army starting from 05 April. This hospital was newly built and it had not started functioning at the time of the attack. Shan-Ni Army is allied with the Myanmar military. **Source: Kachin News Group**

05 April 2024: In Thin Gan Nyi Naung village and village tract, Myawaddy township and district, Kayin state, a military hospital was attacked and taken over by a joint force of Karen National Union and local resistance forces**. Source: Myanmar Pressphoto Agency**

As reported on 05 April 2024: In Bhamo town, township, and district, Kachin state, at least eight specialist doctors left the district hospital due to heightened armed clashes in the surrounding areas between the Myanmar military and Shan-Ni Army, and a joint force of ethnic armed groups (Kachin Independence Army and Arakan Army), People's Defence Force, and local resistance forces. The specialist doctors included a physician, a paediatrician, a radiologist, an anaesthetist, an ear-nose-and-throat surgeon, an orthopaedic surgeon, and two obstetricians. Most of these doctors left the hospital on 15 March 2024, and three left before that date. Following this, only one surgeon and two assistant medical doctors remained at the hospital. **Source: Khit Thit Media**

08 April 2024: In Kale town, township, and district, Sagaing region, a female midwife was killed by artillery shelling by the Myanmar military. **Source: Mandalay Free Press**

09 April 2024: In Muse town, township, and district, Shan state (North), a doctor was abducted by at least three armed men from his private general practice clinic in front of patients present at the clinic. The next day, the doctor's family was asked for a ransom of around US$414,000. **Sources: Democratic Voice of Burma, NP News, and Radio Free Asia**

10 April 2024: In Maungdaw town, township, and district, Rakhine state, the office of an LNGO was broken into and the batteries and car keys of four ambulances were stolen. There have been heightened clashes in the surroundings and the public hospital in this town was forced to shut down in early March 2024. **Source:** Narinjara

13 April 2024: In War Taw Ma village and village tract, Ayadaw township, Monywa district, Sagaing region, a rural health centre, 17 civilian houses, and market stalls were torched by the Myanmar military during a raid on the village. **Source:** Mandalay Free Press

13 April 2024: In Ma Le Thar village and village tract, Ayadaw township, Monywa district, Sagaing region, a doctor was killed in Myanmar military airstrikes (gunfire and bombs from attack helicopters). A station hospital, a school and a monastery were damaged. The hospital was operated by CDM-affiliated health workers. **Source:** Khit Thit Media

14 April 2024: In Pyin Oo Lwin town, township, and district, Mandalay region, a district hospital was damaged by handmade electroshock rocket missile attacks by the local resistance forces. The orthopaedic patient quarter and operation theatre were damaged. At least five patients were injured and one was killed in the orthopaedic patient quarter. Due to the attack, other patients left the hospital. The attack reportedly aimed at military personnel and infrastructure but damaged public infrastructure. **Sources:** Eleven Media Group, Irrawaddy, Khit Thit Media, Radio Free Asia and Voice of Myanmar

14 April 2024: In Shar Hla village and village tract, Seikphyu township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a rural health centre, a school, and a civilian house were damaged due to bombs dropped from Myanmar military aircrafts. **Source:** Shwe Phee Myay News Agency

As reported on 15 April 2024: At an undisclosed location in Kayin state, a doctor died on his way to leave Myanmar for Malaysia to avoid arrest and conscription. Before affiliating with the CDM, he worked for the government in Yangon and Mon regions and actively contributed to the COVID-19 response. **Source:** Chindwin News Agency

15 April 2024: In Buthidaung town and township, Maungdaw district, Rakhine state, the pharmacy, MSF office buildings and at least 200 civilian homes were torched by the Myanmar military. The affected health facility stopped functioning in March 2024 due to the heightened armed clashes in the area. There were no casualties at the affected health facility but all medical stocks were destroyed. **Sources:** Khit Thit Media, Medecins Sans Frontières, and Narinjara

16 April 2024: In Paluk town, Palaw township, Myeik district, Tanintharyi region, the paediatric ward of a fully-functioning station hospital was damaged and at least six civilians injured in an armed drone attack by the local resistance forces. **Source:** Myawady

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