Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

20 August-02 September 2025

"Is This Another Propaganda Campaign?" This briefing analyses social media activity from 28 March to 05 July 2025, assessing observed narratives in Myanmar related to the humanitarian response to the March 28 earthquake. The majority of comments expressed appreciation for aid contributions. However, this sentiment was often accompanied by scepticism over whether assistance would reach affected communities. Direct delivery was consistently emphasised as the only effective method. The most frequently mentioned agencies and donors included: UNICEF, ICRC, WFP, Korean Red Cross, German Red Cross, Christian Aid, OCHA, and contributions from the governments of Vietnam and Australia. While these organisations and donors were positively acknowledged, some were also criticised for perceived collaboration with the military or lack of oversight. Read the **full report**

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Past incident briefs: **06-19 August**; **23 July-05 August**; **09-22 July**; **25 June-08 July**; **11-24 June**; **28 May-10 June**; **14-27 June**; **30 April-13 May**; **16-29 April**; **02-15 April**; **19 March-01 April**; **05-18 March**; **19 February-04 March**; **All**

SHCC Factsheets: Burmese: **2024**; **2023**. English: **2024**; **2023**: **2022**; **2021**; **2020**

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Documented incidents

23 August 2025: In Kun Salan village and village tract, Mongngawt station town, Kyaukme township and district, Shan state (North), a sub-rural health centre, four buildings of a monastery, and 12 houses were damaged by bomb dropped by the Myanmar military fighter jet at around 3:30 pm. One was killed and at least seven were injured. **Sources: Khit Thit Media, Irrawaddy, and Shwe Phee Myay News Agency**

As reported on 23 August 2025: In Mogoke town and township, Thabeikkyin district, Mandalay region, there was shortage of medicines due to the blockade of medicine transport to the town by the Myanmar military. **Source: Democratic Voice of Burma**

25 August 2025: In Khin-U town and township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, a private pharmacy and a police station occupied by the Myanmar military were attacked with armed drones by the PDF. **Source: Myanmar Now**

27 August 2025: In Yone Pin Kone village and village tract, Wetlet township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, a makeshift hospital and a base camp of the PDF were attacked with rockets and cannons launched from the Myanmar military fighter jet at around 5:30 pm. Four, including a 45-year-old male at the hospital, were killed; at least six were injured; and the hospital and the nearby houses were damaged. **Sources: Facebook, Mizzima, Myaelatt Athan, and People's Spring**

01 September 2025: In Bhamo town, township and district, Kachin state, a field medical battalion (under the Directorate of Defence Medical Services) was damaged and a patient was injured by artillery shelling by the Kachin Independence Army. Due to the shortage of health workers at the public hospital in the town, civilians were treated at the medical battalion. **Source: PCT News**

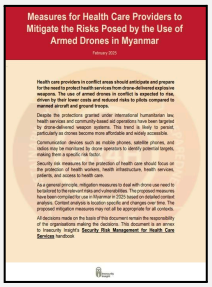
02 September 2025: In Htoo Gyi village, Kone Thar village tract, Budalin township, Monywa district, Sagaing region, a charity hospital was torched by the Myanmar military. The hospital was recently closed due to the raid of the nearby villages by the Myanmar military. The hospital was founded in August 2022 and started operating in early 2023. With 13 health workers, the facility offered both in-patient and out-patient services until mid-2025. Due to the frequent paramotor attacks in the surrounding areas, there have been only out-patient services since mid-2025. **Sources: Mandalay Free Press and Myanmar Now**

Other resources

In 2024, similar to previous years, 35 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care were recorded in northern Shan state, according to the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC). Nearly half of incidents in northern Shan state in 2024 involved damage to health facilities that was attributed to conflict parties using explosive weapons. The MAF primarily damaged health facilities in opposition-held or contested areas using air-dropped explosives, including electroshock rocket missiles and, on one occasion, an armed drone. A joint MNDAA-PDF force was implicated in two incidents in which health facilities were damaged. Read the full factsheet in **Burmese and English**. Download the **data**

Health workers in Myanmar face an urgent and growing threat—armed drones targeting hospitals, mobile clinics, and aid operations. These attacks endanger lives and access to critical care. This guidance document - in **Burmese** and **English** - provides practical measures to help health care providers mitigate these risks. From early warning systems to protective strategies for staff, infrastructure, and mobile teams, this guide is essential for anyone working to safeguard medical services in Myanmar. Available as individual guidance on:

- **Outside** When a Drone is Spotted: **Burmese** | **English**
- **Inside** a Building During a Drone Attack: **Burmese** | **English**
- **Response** During a Drone Attack. **Burmese** | **English**



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