Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

16-30 September 2026

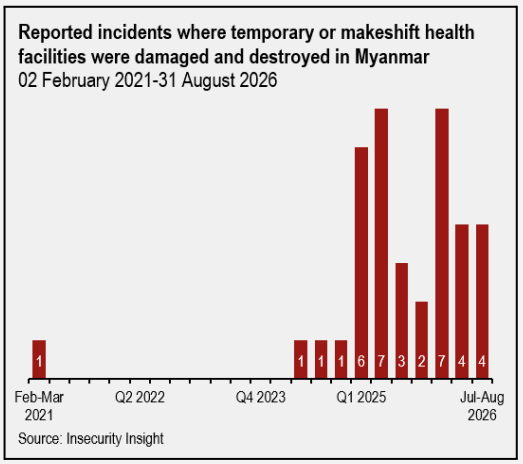


Data collected by Insecurity Insight shows that since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 31 August 2026, at least **1,973 incidents** of violence against or obstruction of access to health care took place across Myanmar:

- **health facilities were damaged 519 times**
- **175 health workers were killed, 940 arrested and 55 kidnapped**

Since January 2025, incidents involving damage to or destruction of temporary or makeshift health facilities in Myanmar have increased sharply, from four incidents between February 2021 and December 2024 to 33 between January 2025 and August 2026. In total, 89% of the reported incidents were attributed to Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF) aircraft and drone strikes. Temporary or makeshift health facilities in Sagaing Region were particularly affected, with incidents also frequently reported in Kachin and Mandalay.

View the incidents on our **interactive map.** Download the **data**. Updated every Monday and includes information on weapons use, perpetrators and effects. For data enquiries, please **get in touch**. Data is continuously updated and numbers may change if/when further information is made available. See **here** for methodology.



Past briefs: **01-15 September**; **19-31 August**; **05-18 August**; **22 July-04 August**; **08-21 July**; **24 June-07 July**; **10-23 June**; **27 May-09 June**; **13-26 May**; **29 April-12 May**; **15-28 April**; **01-14 April**; **18-31 March**; **04-17 March**; **All**

SHCC chapters: Burmese: **2025**; **2024**; **2023**. English: **2025**; **2024**; **2023**: **2022**; **2021**

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Documented incidents

The publicly reported incidents below are not a complete nor a representative list of all incidents that affected the provision of health care in Myanmar between 16-30 September 2026. The incidents have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open-source verification protocol.

22 September 2026: In Hakha town, Hakha township and district, Chin state, a hospital came under attack when seven gunmen opened fire with small firearms and mortars. Junta security forces returned fire. The attack occurred during a blood donation ceremony organised by members of the junta police force at the hospital. Junta authorities accused the Chin Defence Force (CDF) of carrying out the attack. **Sources: Myanmar Digital News and People Media**

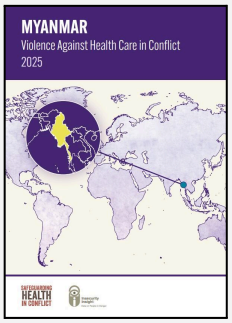
As reported on 28 September 2026: In Natogyi and Taungtha townships, Myingyan district, Mandalay region, the Myanmar military banned the transportation of medicines and food from towns to villages from early September 2026. Following an attack on a military airport in Tada-U township on 10 September, the blockade was further reinforced. **Source: Mandalay Free Press**

This document comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to health care It is part of the **Attacks on Health Care** project by Insecurity Insight. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care and have not been independently verified. It is funded and supported by the Tides Foundation. The opinions expressed in it do not reflect in any way the position of the Tides Foundation who is not responsible for the content expressed in this document.

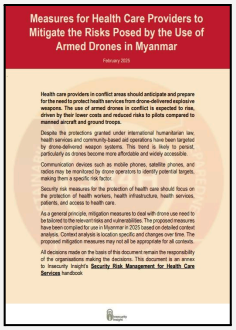
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Other resources



Using data collected by Insecurity Insight, the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 259 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar in 2025. Health care facilities were damaged or destroyed at least 110 times, while 34 health workers were killed and 33 arrested. Most incidents affected health care providers working for a de facto government authority, either health structures set up by the National Unity Government, ethnic health organizations or the General Administration Department of the State Administration Council (SAC). The use of explosive weapons in attacks on health care increased in 2025 compared to previous years, highlighting a rise in more lethal and indiscriminate violence with wide-area effects in the reporting year. Aircraft-delivered strikes by the MAF rose by nearly 25%, increasing the lethality of MAF strikes on health care in opposition-held areas. Members of the PDF and LDFs also conducted air strikes that impacted health care, but using much smaller delivery platforms. Full SHCC chapter in **Burmese** and **English**.



Health care 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 practical guide by Insecurity Insight provides measures to help health care providers mitigate these risks and is available in **Burmese** and **English**. 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. Individual resources:

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

For broader insights, consult the **Security Risk Management for Health Care Services** (SR4H) Handbook.