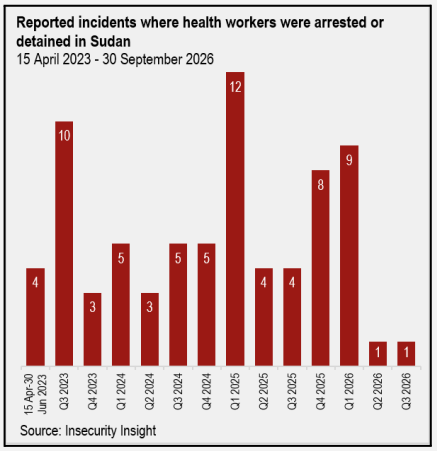
Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

01-15 October 2026

Data by Insecurity Insight shows that since fighting started between the SAF and RSF in April 2023 and 30 September 2026, at least **802 attacks on health care** took place across Sudan, with over 55% of attacks attributed to the RSF. Health facilities were damaged at least 229 times while 222 health workers were killed and 16 kidnapped.

At least 142 health workers were arrested or detained in 74 incidents across 14 states during the reporting period. Both the RSF and SAF carried out arrests, often accusing health workers of supporting opposing conflict parties. Staff were often beaten or threatened, while five health workers arrested by the RSF were reportedly killed. Around 30% of incidents occurred while health workers were on duty in health facilities or ambulances; others took place during commutes, at home, or in one case, while shopping at a market.



View the incidents on our **interactive map**. Download the **data**. Updated every Monday and includes information on weapons use, perpetrators and effects. For events descriptions and 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: **16-30 September**; **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**; **All**

SHCC chapters (EN): **2025**; **2024**; **2023**; **2022**; **2021**. (AR): **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 between 01-15 October 2026. The incidents below have not been verified through ground investigations. There is a delay in reporting incidents due to our open source verification protocol.

01 October 2026: In El Geneina city, West Darfur state, a doctor working in the obstetrics and gynaecology department at El Geneina Hospital and two other people were reportedly arrested by RSF on allegations of espionage and cooperation with hostile entities. The detainees were questioned and their mobile phones examined as part of an investigation. **Source: Darfur24**

11 October 2026: In Wad al-Mahi locality, Blue Nile state, Um Darfa Hospital was struck and destroyed by an RSF, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. Two health workers were injured while carrying out their duties, and the hospital was rendered out of service. **Sources: Anadolu Ajansi, Al Jazeera and Dostor**

As reported on 13 October 2026: In Damazin locality, Blue Nile region, Medf'a Hospital was hit and destroyed by an unspecified drone strike, killing three people inside the facility. **Source: Dostor**

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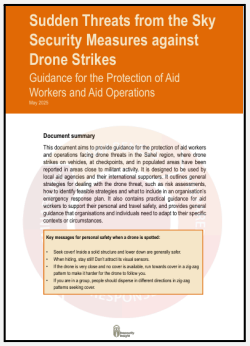
Other resources

Using data collected by Insecurity Insight, the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 134 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan in 2025. Among incidents reported in 2025, health facilities were damaged or destroyed 40 times, while 54 health workers were killed and 47 arrested. Over three-quarters of the reported incidents affected local health care providers working for national health care structures. Drone strikes impacting health care surged in 2025, increasing from three incidents in 2024 to 24 in 2025. Over 75% of armed drone strikes that impacted health care were linked to the RSF, with high incident numbers reported in North Darfur and North Kordofan states.

Read the full SHCC chapter in **Arabic** and **English**. See **here** for methodology.

Armed drones are an escalating threat in humanitarian settings, with their use expected to grow. Once rare, they are now a defining feature in modern conflicts. Adapting to the growing threat of drones means rethinking security risk measures in high-risk contexts. This practical guide by Insecurity Insight brings together current best practice and is available in **Burmese**, **English**, **French** and **Spanish**. Individual resources:



- Outside When a Drone is Spotted: **Arabic**; **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- Inside a Building During a Drone Attack: **Arabic**; **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- Responding to Drone Attacks on Aid Work: **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- Traveling in High-Risk Areas: **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**

Adapted for the protection of health services based on case studies on Myanmar in **English** and **Burmese**