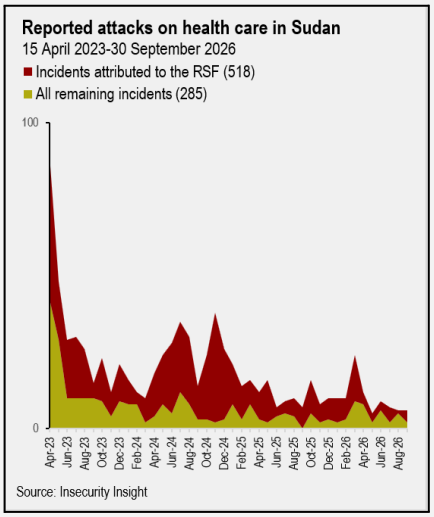
Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

16-31 October 2026



Data by Insecurity Insight shows that since fighting started between the SAF and RSF in April 2023 and 30 September 2026, **807 attacks on health care** took place across Sudan, with over 55% of attacks attributed to the RSF. Health facilities were attacked and damaged at least 232 times while 222 health workers were killed, 144 arrested and 16 kidnapped.



Since January 2026, reported incidents in the Kordofan states accounted for 51% of all incidents, reflecting the intensification of fighting between conflict parties and the threats to health care delivery, health workers and patients. In the first nine months of 2026, 45 incidents affecting health care were reported across the three Kordofan states, exceeding the annual totals recorded in 2025 (35), 2024 (7) and 2023 (24). Of the 45 incidents in 2026, 51% recorded aircraft or drone strikes which damaged health facilities and killed and injured health workers. Most of these incidents were attributed to the RSF, particularly in North Kordofan, and to RSF-allied groups, including the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North, in South Kordofan. Incidents attributed to the SAF were less frequent and occurred predominantly in West Kordofan. Health facilities were also looted and on at least one occasion, forcibly repurposed, further undermining access to essential health care for civilians. In one such incident in West Kordofan, the RSF reportedly converted a hospital into a field hospital to treat its own members, forcibly evacuating patients in the process, depriving civilians of access to critical medical care at a time when conflict-related needs are acute and health services are already under severe strain.

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

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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 16-31 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.

19 October 2026: In Um Badir locality, North Kordofan state, Um Badir Hospital was bombed and damaged by an SAF Antonov aircraft strike at dawn, killing and injuring an unspecified number of people. **Source: Sudan War Monitor**

29 October 2026: In the Belquwa area, Wad Al-Mahi locality, Blue Nile state, a health centre was struck and destroyed by RSF drones as part of an attack involving 13 drones against an unspecified number of sites and facilities in the area. **Sources: Al Taghyeer and Al Jazeera**

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.

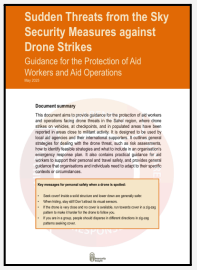
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Other resources



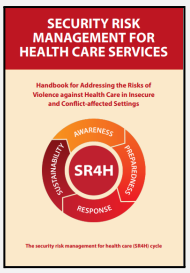
Using data collected by Insecurity Insight, the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified 134 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Sudan in 2025. Among incidents reported in 2025, health facilities were damaged or destroyed 40 times, while 54 health workers 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**.



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**



Health care provision has unique characteristics that shape its specific exposure to security risks in conflict zones. The Security Risk Management for Health Care (SR4H) Handbook – available in **Arabic**, **English**, **French** and **Spanish** – provides guidance on how to implement a range of actions intended to promote respectful and violence-free environments and prepare individuals or organisations to face and respond appropriately to violent incidents, also dealing with the aftermath of such events. While this handbook is primarily aimed at health programme managers providing frontline services, it is also highly relevant for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working with partners who implement healthcare services. The handbook helps to identify practical activities that local health partners can implement and that NGO partners can include in partnership agreements and budget for.

The SR4H Handbook brings together some of the best practices on security risk management and proposes a framework adapted for health care providers working with limited resources. The objective is to promote an

approach that considers the safety and security of health professionals while ensuring patients' access to care.