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Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

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A Tragic Milestone: More Than 1,000 Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar Since the February 2021 Military Coup

Insecurity Insight has identified at least 1,087 attacks on Myanmar's health care system since the 01 February 2021 military coup. At least 880 health workers have been arrested, 97 killed and 117 injured undermining health care providers' ability to maintain safe staffing levels to effectively meet patient needs. Health facilities have been damaged over 180 times impacting the population's access to health care. Insecurity Insight calls upon all conflict parties to uphold international humanitarian law. Health workers and facilities are protected. Perpetrators must be held accountable.

"I have been in regular communication with frontline health workers in Myanmar since the military coup. I wholeheartedly agree with Dr Ko Htoo of Spring Health Hospital in Karenni, who recently told me that everyone must have the right to get the health care they need safely. Health care must not be a military target," said Dr Thinn Hlaing, Myanmar Country Director at the Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET). Read the full press release [here](#).

Past incident reports: [18-31 October](#); [04-17 October](#); [20 September-03 October 2023](#); [06-19 September](#); [All](#)

Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#)

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Documented incidents

02 November 2023: In Kyaukse town, township, and district, Mandalay region, a non-CDM-affiliated veterinarian was shot at his chest by two gunmen of local resistance forces while he was at his private pharmacy. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#), [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Mizzima](#) and [Telegram](#)

02 November 2023: In Mawlamyine town, township, and district, Mon state, a CDM-affiliated midwife was arrested by the Myanmar military for sharing a social media post about the killing of an alleged military informant. She was charged with Section 505 (A). **Sources:** [Independent Mon News Agency](#) and [Than Lwin Times](#)

03 November 2023: In Kale town, township, and district, Sagaing region, explosions took place near a private clinic, a private hospital, a pre-school, an orphanage, and a bus terminal, injuring three civilians including two children. The perpetrator is unknown. **Source:** [Zalen](#)

03 November 2023: In Khampat town, Tamu township and district, Sagaing region, a non-functioning hospital occupied by the Myanmar military, a police station, and a military base camp were attacked and taken over by a joint force of local resistance forces and ethnic armed organisations in the five-day operation from 03 to 07 November 2023 to occupy the town. The hospital was seized on 03 November. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Facebook](#) and [The Justice Wave](#)

04 November 2023: In Kawlin town, township, and district, Sagaing region, a fully-functioning district hospital and other public and private structures were damaged in Myanmar military airstrikes during a three-day operation of a joint force of local resistance forces and ethnic armed organisations to occupy the town. **Source:** [Delta News Agency](#)

06 November 2023: In Ye-U town and township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, a traditional medicine hospital occupied by the Myanmar military was attacked with drop-bombs from armed drones by the local resistance forces, killing at least three Myanmar military soldiers and damaging a tank. **Sources:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

As reported on 06 November 2023: In Ka Tsu village and village tract, Waingmaw township, Myitkyina district, Kachin state, a health centre was occupied by Myanmar military allied local militia. **Source:** [The 74 Media](#)

06 November 2023: In Indaw town and township, Katha district, Sagaing region, a fully-functioning hospital and other high-rise buildings were used as bunkers and mortars were set up on these buildings by the Myanmar military starting from 06 November. The incident occurred following the seizure of other towns by the local resistance forces in this area. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#) and [Kachin News Group](#)

08 November 2023: In Pan Tein village, Mese village tract, Mese township and district, Kayah state, a fully-functioning hospital and a school occupied by the Myanmar military were attacked and seized by a joint force of local resistance forces and ethnic armed groups. The incident occurred during the operation of local resistance forces and ethnic armed groups to take over military base camps and towns in Kayah state. **Source:** [Network Media Group](#)

09 November 2023: In Thone Se village and village tract, Nawngkhio township, Kyaukme district, Shan state (North), a fully-functioning hospital was damaged and a female nurse injured in artillery fires allegedly launched by the Myanmar military. The incident occurred during the operation of ethnic armed groups to take over towns in Shan state (North). **Sources:** [BBC Burmese](#) and [Shwe Phee Myay News Agency](#)

10 November 2023: In Kyaung Lel village, Man Lu village tract, Banmauk township, Katha district, Sagaing region, a fully-functioning hospital, a school, and a monastery occupied by the Myanmar military, militia and the Shan-Ni Army were attacked and seized by a joint force of local resistance forces and ethnic armed groups. The attack occurred during the operation of local resistance forces and ethnic armed groups to take over military base camps and towns in this region. **Source:** [Mandalay Free Press](#)

11 November 2023: In Loikaw town, township, and district, Kayah state, two LNGO ambulances were seized by the Myanmar military. The military banned LNGOs from offering ambulance services to the injured and relocation services to the civilians. This incident occurred during the operation of a joint force of local resistance forces and ethnic armed groups to take over Loikaw town. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Kantarawaddy Times](#) and [Network Media Group](#)

14 November 2023: In Ah Lel Taw village and village tract, Tigyaing township, Katha district, Sagaing region, a health centre, a school, a monastery, and civilian houses were damaged and at least 22 civilians killed in Myanmar military airstrikes. The incident occurred during the operation of local resistance forces and ethnic armed groups to take over military base camps and towns in this region. **Source:** [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

14 November 2023: Near Ko Pin village, Kyar Hnyat village tract, Thabeikkyin township and district, Mandalay region, a male LNGO worker and two junta government officers travelling in an ambulance were killed and the ambulance torched by an unidentified armed group. The junta accused the local resistance forces of this attack. **Source:** [Voice of Myanmar](#)

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