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04-17 October 2023



Insecurity Insight has identified at least 202 attacks on Sudan's health care system between 01 January-27 September 2023. In these incidents, at least 29 health workers have been killed, 51 injured, seven kidnapped and 17 arrested. In addition, health facilities have been damaged on 48 occasions. This data is available on [HDX](#). See where incidents happened on this [interactive map](#). Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Past incident reports: [20 September-03 October](#); [06-19 September](#); [23 August-05 September](#); [All](#)

2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

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Documented incidents

04 October 2023: On the Khartoum-Kosti Highway, Khartoum state, the El Amal Hospital was occupied by SAF forces. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

05 October 2023: Between Wad Marani town, Al-Jazirah state, and Khartoum, an MSF vehicle was reportedly shot at by unidentified perpetrators between two checkpoints run by the SAF and the RSF. No injuries were reported. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

08 October 2023: In South Darfur state, an anesthesiologist at Buram Teaching Hospital was shot and killed by armed men who stormed his house. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

08 October 2023: In El Obeid city, North Kordofan state, a nurse, two health assistants and a child were injured after a shell of unidentified origin hit the Kuwaiti Children's Hospital during fighting between the RSF and other groups. **Sources:** [Dabanga Sudan](#) and [Sudan War Monitor](#)

09 October 2023: In Omdurman, Khartoum state, the MSF-supported Al Nao Hospital was hit by RSF shelling. A shell hit the emergency department, killing two health workers, two patient caretakers and injuring five people. Al Nao hospital is one of the last functioning hospitals in Omdurman. Another four shells exploded just outside the hospital, killing two more people and injuring several others. By 17 October, health services were resumed. However, patients are reportedly avoiding medical aid due to trauma and fear of getting bombed at the hospital again.. **Sources:** [AWS¹](#), [OCHA](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Sudan violations](#)

As reported on 09 October 2023: In Jebel Aulia, Khartoum state, Jebel Aulia Hospital was shelled by the RSF, damaging the dialysis department and the laboratory and killing two patients. The hospital is currently closed and kidney patients have been transferred to the military hospital. **Source:** [Sudan War Monitor](#)

As reported on 09 October 2023: In Jebel Aulia, Khartoum state, an unspecified number of pharmacies were damaged by RSF shelling. **Source:** [Sudan War Monitor](#)

14 October 2023: In El Kuma, North Darfur state, a convoy protected by the Darfur Joint Force which included 25 lorries for humanitarian aid, medicines was attacked by gunmen blocking the road. The incident followed rumours in El Fasher the previous week regarding “an imminent RSF attack on a convoy of lorries carrying humanitarian aid and weapons to the city”. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

15 October 2023: In Zalingei, Central Darfur, a female doctor was killed by the RSF inside her home. **Source:** [Sudan Violations](#)

As reported on 16 October 2023: In El Geneina, West Dar state, El Geneina Teaching Hospital resumed operations after a hiatus that lasted for several months. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

As reported on 17 October 2023: In the Karari locality, Omdurman, Khartoum state, a male doctor was killed by indiscriminate RSF shelling. **Source:** [Sudan Violations](#)

17 October 2023: In Al-Fula city, West Kordofan state, a doctor who was the Director of the Emergency and Epidemic Control Department at the Ministry of Health was shot and killed by an unidentified armed group in front of the doctors’ hall. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

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. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations. This document is funded and supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK government through the RIAH project at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute at the University of Manchester, the European Commission through the ‘Ending violence against healthcare in conflict’ project and through the project ‘Ending violence against healthcare in conflict: documentation, tools, and data-informed advocacy to stop and prevent attacks’ funded by the European Union. The contents are the responsibility of Insecurity Insight.

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¹ The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWSDB) does not include the names of individual victims or the agencies affected by an incident. This is done in consideration of the victims and their families who may not wish to have the names published in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 05 October 2023.

