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Documented incidents

12 December 2023: In Sittwe town, township, and district, Rakhine state, a female health worker was amongst 53 civilians arrested from a jetty by the Myanmar military. The victims were detained and interrogated at the junta police station. On 14 December, the health worker and three other civilians were released on a conditional release order. **Source:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#)

14 December 2023: In Pa Lu Za Wa village and village tract, Ye-U township and district, Sagaing region, a hospital, a rural health centre, a school, a monastery, and homes were damaged in an attack by the Myanmar military using a helicopter. The hospital was operated by CDM-affiliated health workers. **Source:** [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

15 December 2023: In Kyauk Swea village and village tract, Saw township, Gangaw district, Magway region, a health centre and homes were damaged by bombs dropped by Myanmar military jet fighters. **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Shwe Phee Myay News Agency](#)

16 December 2023: In Salingyi town and township, Yinmabin district, Sagaing region, a hospital, a police station, a monastery, and a school occupied by the Myanmar military were attacked by local resistance forces, allegedly killing 15 junta soldiers. **Source:** [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

16 December 2023: In Thaton town, township, and district, Mon state, a female LNGO president was arrested from her home by the Myanmar military. The victim was accused of being a PDF informant. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Telegram](#)

16 December 2023: In Namhsan town and township, Kyaukme district, Shan state (North), a fully-functioning hospital was damaged by a bomb dropped by a Myanmar military jet fighter, killing at least three civilian passers-by. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#) and [Shan News](#)

19 December 2023: In Paletwa town, township, and district, Chin state, a female nurse and two female teachers were injured by artillery shellings during armed clashes between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army. **Source:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#)

23 December 2023: In Hseni town and township, Lashio district, Shan state (North), a fully-functioning hospital and at least 20 homes were damaged by bombs dropped by Myanmar military jet fighters. **Sources:** [Shan News](#) and [Shwe Phee Myaya News Agency](#)

24 December 2023: On the highway connecting Thazi town and Monywa town, Monywa township and district, Sagaing region, an LNGO ambulance transporting an injured junta policeman was attacked by local resistance forces, killing the injured policeman and accompanying four policemen. The ambulance was torched and the two LNGO workers were first kidnapped but later released by the local resistance forces. **Sources:** [Khit Thit Media](#), [Myaelatt Athan](#) and [Voice of Myanmar](#)

25 December 2023: In Mrauk-U town, township, and district, Rakhine state, a fully-functioning hospital was damaged by artillery shellings during armed clashes between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army. The operation theatre and in-patient wards were damaged. In response, health workers from this hospital were relocated to another facility in the township. In addition, the office and an ambulance of an LNGO were damaged. **Sources:** [Delta News Agency](#), [Khit Thit Media](#), [Irrawaddy](#) and [Telegram](#)

25 and 26 December 2023: At Kyauk Ta Lone Myanmar military checkpoint, Kyaukpyu township and district, Rakhine state, health care access at Kyaukpyu Township Hospital for a 15-year-old boy was blocked as he was denied entry into Kyaukpyu town on 25 and 26 December. Showing up with a recommendation letter by a medical doctor on 27 December, he was allowed to pass the checkpoint; however, he passed away on the same day in the hospital. A similar blockade of care took place at this checkpoint around a week before 25 December, resulting in the death of a nine-year old boy. The junta has blocked the travel from nearby villages to the town in Kyaukpyu township since 19 November 2023 due to intensifying armed clashes in Rakhine state. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

26 December 2023: In Mahaaungmyay town and township, Mandalay district and region, a female nurse was shot and injured in the chest by a stray bullet. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Mizzima](#)

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