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Documented incidents

23 August 2023: In Aungmyaythazan town, Mandalay city and region, an Optometrist, his wife, and son were arrested by junta security forces and authorities from their home, and their optometry clinic and house sealed/confiscated. They were charged with anti-terrorism laws. **Sources:** [Chindwin News Agency](#), [Delta News Agency](#), [Eleven Media Group](#) and [Radio Free Asia](#)

As reported on 23 August 2023: In Yangon city, district and region, a military doctor was given a death sentence by the Military Court of Myanmar. He was arrested in May 2023 for sharing political posts on his social media and charged with the Defence Act Section 32. **Sources:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#), [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Myaelatt Athan](#)

24 August 2023: In Ther Thaw Mu – Ther Thaw Kwar village, Kyaukkyi township, Nyaunglebin district, Bago region, a clinic was damaged by bombs dropped from the Myanmar military jet fighters. **Sources:** [Karen Information Centre](#) and [Mizzima](#)

As reported on 24 August 2023: INGO funding to four private clinics providing free-of-charge cleft-lip/ cleft-palate repair surgery was confiscated by the junta. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

24 August 2023: In Dauk Yat village and village tract, Bilin township, Kyaikto district, Mon state, a non-functioning hospital occupied by the Myanmar military was attacked by the KNLA and local resistance forces, killing and injuring Myanmar military soldiers. **Sources:** [Burma Human Rights Network](#), [Delta News Agency](#) and [Karen Information Centre](#)

28 August 2023: In Kanpetlet township, Mindat district, Chin state, 60 health workers were blacklisted by the local government bodies since they were not affiliated with CDM. **Sources:** [Khonumthung Burmese](#), [Mizzima](#) and [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#)

29 August 2023: In Zee Taw village and village tract, Shwebo township and district, Sagaing region, a health centre occupied by the local resistance forces was raided by the Myanmar military who seized improvised firearm and explosive devices, local resistance force uniforms, medicines, and vehicles. **Sources:** [Myaelatt Athan](#) and [Telegram](#)

29 August 2023: In Zee Taw village and village tract, Shwebo township and district, Sagaing region, an improvised explosive device was detonated at a health centre by the local resistance forces when the Myanmar military entered the facility. **Source:** [Myaelatt Athan](#)

As reported on 29 August 2023: In Tachileik town, township, and district, Shan state, a doctor was arrested by the junta police force while on her way to Thailand. She was affiliated with the CDM and reportedly did not have official documents for international travel. **Source:** [Telegram](#)

29 August 2023: Near Win Pyan village Bilin township, Kyaikto district, Mon state, an ambulance with a patient onboard was attacked with small firearms by the local resistance forces. The patient received two gunshot wounds. The ambulance was driving close to a Myanmar military convoy at the time of the attack. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Eleven Media Group](#)

As reported on 29 August 2023: In Yangon city, district and region, a military doctor was handed 40-year imprisonment by the Military Court of Myanmar in August 2023. He was accused of providing information to the enemy. **Sources:** [Ayeerwaddy Times](#) and [Mizzima](#)

31 August 2023: In Chanayethazan town and township, Mandalay city, district, and region, the regional health department was attacked with a timed bomb. During the investigation of the bomb blast by the junta security forces, two men on a motorbike threw two hand grenades at the building, injuring five regional health department staff members. The Myanmar military accused the local resistance forces of this attack. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Mizzima](#) and [Telegram](#)

31 August 2023: In Mandalay city, district and region, suspected pro-military junta activists threw two IEDs in a hospital, injuring five people. **Source:** [Tracking Terrorism](#)

31 August 2023: In Thit Cha Seik village, Kyaukkyi township, Nyaunglebin district, Bago region, a health centre, schools, and houses were used as bunkers by the Myanmar military during two-day fighting between the Myanmar military and a joint force of ethnic armed organisations KNLA, Karen National Defence Organisation and local resistance forces. Both sides used small firearms and artillery and a Myanmar military air attack. **Sources:** [Karen National Union](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

04 September 2023: In Mingaladon town, township, and district, Yangon city and region, two IEDs were found near the staff house at Mingaladon Military Hospital. The bombs were detonated under control by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [Khit Thit Media](#)

As reported on 04 September 2023: In Tanintharyi township, Myeik district, Tanintharyi region, nighttime travel of ambulances was officially banned by the Myanmar military, starting from early September 2023. There have been verbal restrictions since July 2023. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Mizzima](#) and [The Irrawaddy](#)

As reported on 05 September 2023: In Tada-U township and district, Mandalay region, at least eight ambulances from five villages were confiscated by the Myanmar military to prevent them being used by the local resistance forces. The Myanmar military reportedly used the confiscated vehicles after removing the 'ambulance' signs. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

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