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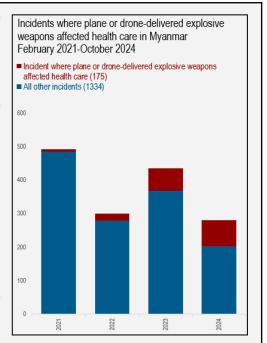


Insecurity Insight identified 1509 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021. In these incidents, 809 health workers were arrested, 131 killed, 39 kidnapped and health facilities damaged 332 times.

From April 2023, incidents involving plane or drone-delivered explosive weapons affecting health care increased with high numbers recorded in Sagaing region. Since January 2024, these incidents have increased in Rakhine state, particularly in Mrauk-U. Sittwe and Thandwe district's.

Over three-quarters of incidents involving plane or drone-delivered explosive weapons affecting health care were attributed to the Myanmar military junta. The Karen National Liberation Army and local resistance forces were named but less often.

Explore our <u>interactive map</u> to see where incidents happened.¹ Access the data on <u>HDX</u>. The dataset no longer includes event descriptions due to HDX policy. Data is updated every Monday. Follow us for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.



Past incident briefs: 30 October-12 November; 16-29 October; 02-15 October; 18 September-01 October; All

SHCC Factsheets: Burmese: 2023. English: 2023: 2022; 2021; 2020

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Documented incidents

- **14 November 2024:** In Nawngkhio town and township, Kyaukme district, Shan state (North), a private hospital and at least four houses were damaged by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military fighter jet. **Sources:** Khit Thit Media, Mizzima and Radio Free Asia
- **17 November 2024:** In Ah Lel Su village, Daung Moet village tract, Kyaukkyi township, Nyaunglebin district, Bago region, a clinic and a house were damaged by artillery shelling and drone strikes by the Myanmar military. **Sources:** <u>Karen National Union</u>, <u>Radio Free Asia</u>, and <u>Tachileik News Agency</u>
- **20 November 2024:** In Koke Ko Kone village and village tract, Kyunhla township, Kanbalu district, Sagaing region, a station hospital was occupied by the Myanmar military and militia during a raid and arson attack on the village and nearby villages. **Sources:** Khit Thit Media, Mizzima, and Radio Free Asia



21 November 2024: In Magway town, township and district, Magway region, a 65-year-old doctor, and deputy regional health director of the regional health department was stabbed with a knife and killed at her private clinic. The clinic assistant was also injured. The reason for the attack was reported to be unclear. **Sources: NP News** and **Voice of Myanmar**

As reported on 25 November 2024: In the areas under the governance of resistance forces in Kayah state, it was estimated that only 30% of under-five-year-old children had received childhood immunisation due to ongoing armed conflicts in these areas. The estimate was based on the 2021 population data. In these areas, the Karenni State Interim Executive Council operated over 100 health centres and clinics. Source: Kantarawaddy Times

25 November 2024: In Salingyi town and township, Yinmabin district, Sagaing region, a township hospital and a market occupied by the Myanmar military were attacked by local resistance forces using small firearms and armed drones. **Sources:** Facebook and Khit Thit Media

26 November 2024: In Kywe Ta Lin village and village tract, Kyaukkyi township, Nyaunglebin district, Bago region, the two buildings of a rural health centre were damaged by Myanmar military drone strikes. **Sources: Development Media Group, Karen National Union, and Khit Thit Media**

26 November 2024: In Lumte village and village tract, Falam township and district, Chin state, a rural health centre was severely damaged and a female medic and five ethnic armed group personnels living at the health centre were killed by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military fighter jet. A church and at least six houses were also damaged. **Sources:** Ayeyarwaddy Times, Mandalay Free Press, and Voice of Chin

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) 418 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar in 2023, compared to 280 in 2022. Cases of health facilities being occupied by the Myanmar military, militia, and other allies more than tripled in 2023 compared to 2022. Most involved the Myanmar armed forces using health facilities as bunkers or bases for military operations. These occupations were most frequent in Sagaing region, but were dispersed across 12 other areas. Opposition forces increasingly used drones armed with explosives to attack Myanmar armed forces occupying health facilities.



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¹ Zoom in and click on Myanmar to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.



