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 **Insecurity Insight identified at least 254 attacks on Sudan's health care system in 2023.** At least 54 health workers were killed in 41 incidents, compared to thirteen in six incidents in **2022**. Health worker killings were spread across nine states, with most taking place in Khartoum. Doctors, dentists, gynaecologists, medical students, pharmacists, nurses, ophthalmologists, and a laboratory technician were killed inside their homes, while travelling to and from work and at hospitals' and clinics during working hours. Most of those killed were hit by stray bullets or during indiscriminate shelling, and on one occasion an armed drone strike. This violence against health workers impacts health providers' ability to maintain staffing levels that can fulfil patient needs and affects staff well-being.

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Documented incidents

As reported on 10 January 2024: In Dilling district, South Kordofan state, health workers at the Mother Bakhita Hospital for Women and Obstetrics were threatened by the RSF and had their mobile phones stolen. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

10 January 2024: In Nyala, South Darfur State, Shifakcare Clinic and parts of Manaa Hospital were destroyed when they were bombed by Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) warplanes. Parts of the Doctors Center and the former "Martyr Abdul Azim" Atta Al-Mannan Diagnostic Clinic at Nyala Teaching Hospital were also hit, along with a power station, the Sudanese Telecommunications Company, and Nyala Mosque. At least three people, including a 14-month-old baby were killed, and over 11 injured. **Sources:** [Radio Dabanga](#) and [Radio Tamazuji](#)

As reported on 12 January 2024: In Al Jazirah state, a young male health worker was shot several times and killed by the RSF who filmed the attack on their phones. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

13 January 2024: Update: In Wad Madani city, Al Jazirah state, an MSF team resumed operations following talks with the SAF and the RSF to ensure access of staff and neutrality of its mission. **Source:** [MSF](#)

As reported on 14 January 2024: On Karari Street, Omdurman city, Khartoum state, the building next to the Romany Pharmacy had RSF snipers deployed. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 17 January 2024: In Abbasiya neighbourhood, Omdurman city, Khartoum state, a doctor was shot and killed, either by a stray bullet or by SAF soldiers accusing him of working for RSF intelligence. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

As reported on 25 January 2024: In Khartoum, the People's Hospital (Al-Shaab Teaching Hospital) and Jafar Ibn Auf Specialised Hospital for Children were taken over by the SAF. **Source:** [Sudan Violations](#)

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