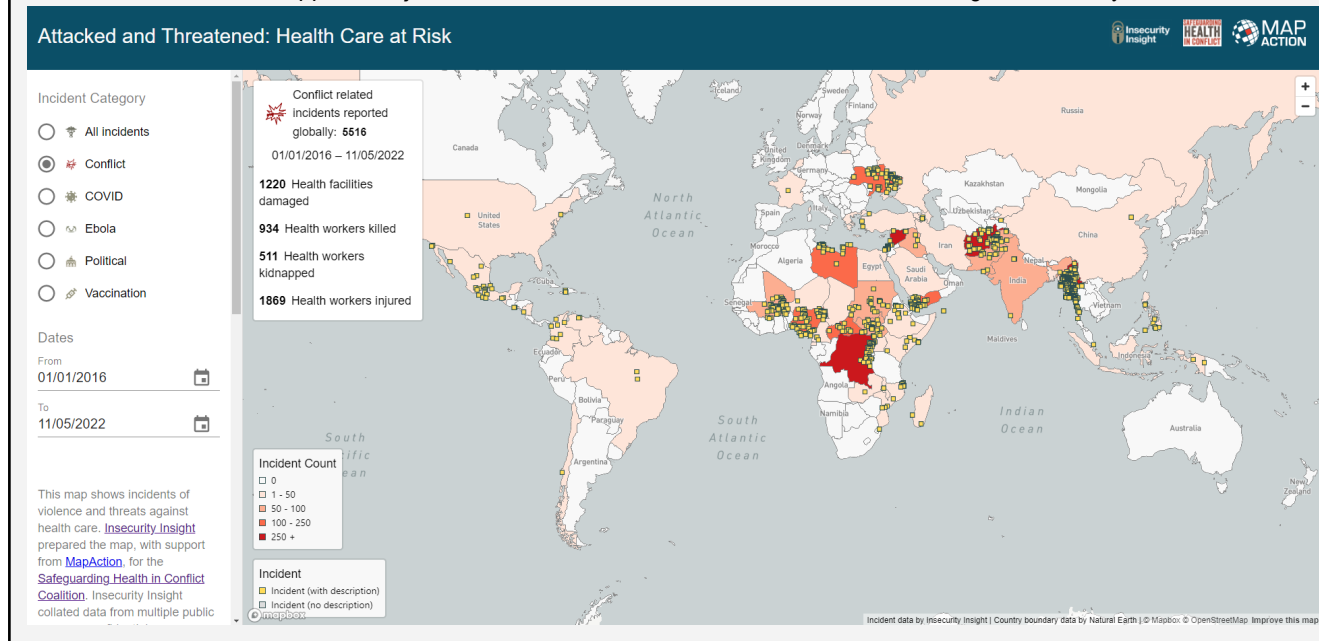


# Attacks on Health Care

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## SHCC Attacks on Health Care

The section aligns with the [definition](#) of attacks on health care used by the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#) (SHCC).

### Africa

#### Democratic Republic of the Congo



#### Social Media Monitoring: Ebola in Équateur Province

On the 23rd of April 2022, the health ministry of the Democratic Republic of the Congo declared an outbreak of Ebola after a case was confirmed in Mbandaka city in Équateur province. The epidemic is the fourteenth Ebola outbreak in the sub-Saharan African country since 1976, and the third in Équateur province since 2018. The announcement by the health authorities generated a significant spike in online discussions about the event in the DRC, including on social media platforms Twitter and Facebook.

This [report](#) summarises the main takeaways from our long-term monitoring of these social media discussions.

## **Ethiopia**

**As reported on 26 April 2022:** Across Tigray region, the 18 month-long conflict between the Federal Government and Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) forces has resulted in the total collapse of the health system. Health workers are treating patients for chronic conditions by using expired medicine and reusing medical equipment, such as test tubes, surgical coles and air tubes, during procedures. **Source:** [The New Humanitarian](#)

**As reported on 26 April 2022:** In Mekelle city and special zone, Tigray region, staff at the Ayder Hospital sent home 240 patients who were unable to buy their own food from the facility. New patients arriving without food or money are no longer being admitted. **Source:** [The New Humanitarian](#)

## **Nigeria**

**As reported on 18 April 2022:** In Molai village, Jere LGA, Borno state, after killing a police officer and a soldier, Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters stole an ambulance and military vehicle, which were later abandoned and burned. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

**27 April 2022:** In Kaduna state, gunmen ambushed several vehicles along the Abuja-Kaduna Road, kidnapping a male medical doctor and humanitarian worker. **Source:** [Spye TV](#)

## **South Sudan**

**09 April 2022:** In an unspecified number of villages near Leer town, Leer county, Unity state, 15 girls and seven women were raped by armed youth from Mayendit and Koch counties after they attacked the villages. During the attacks a health center was also destroyed and two others were looted. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **Sudan**

**24 April 2022:** In Kereinik town, West Darfur state, armed Arab tribesmen burned down the only hospital, clinics and schools as part of a wider attack against the non-Arab Massalit ethnic group in retaliation for the killing of two Arab nomads. At least 168 people, including six teachers, were killed, and 110 injured on this day alone. **Sources:** [AP](#), [BBC](#), [Radio Dabanga](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN News](#) and [WHO](#)

**24 April 2022:** In Geneina city, West Darfur state, armed Arab tribesmen entered the MSF-supported El Geneina Teaching Hospital and fired shots inside the building, including the ER. Three people, including two medical workers, were killed. Hospital workers, including MSF staff, were evacuated, and the pharmacy of the hospital was looted. **Sources:** [AP](#), [BBC](#), [Radio Dabanga I](#), [Radio Dabanga II](#), [Radio Dabanga III](#), [UN News](#) and [WHO](#)

**27 April 2022:** In Geneina city, West Darfur state, hospitals, clinics and pharmacies remained closed amid insecurity. **Sources:** [Radio Dabanga I](#) and [Radio Dabanga II](#)

**As reported on 02 May 2022:** In and around Kereneik town, West Darfur state, in the midst of an attack perpetrated by armed Arab tribesmen against the non-Arab Massalit ethnic group, several humanitarian volunteers and personnel were killed, including four volunteers of a local NGO providing shelter and non-food items, as well as a State Ministry of Health medical assistant of the Galala Clinic. Several humanitarian facilities, including the hospital, a nutrition centre, water sources, and the guesthouse of an INGO, were all looted. **Sources:** [OCHA](#) and [The New Humanitarian](#)

## Asia

### Myanmar

**26 April 2022:** In Maha Aungmye township, Mandalay region, SAC forces arrested a doctor along with his girlfriend, also a doctor, and family members. SAC forces closed three clinics run by the victim. **Sources:** [MDHR](#) and [Mizzima](#)

**26 April 2022:** In Hlaing township, Yangon region, two doctors were arrested by SAC forces. **Source:** [Hlaing Info](#)

**Reported on 29 April 2022:** In Karenni state, health workers are unable to provide care to 70% of the civilian population due to road blocks and restrictions by SAC forces. **Source:** [Kantarawaddy Times](#)

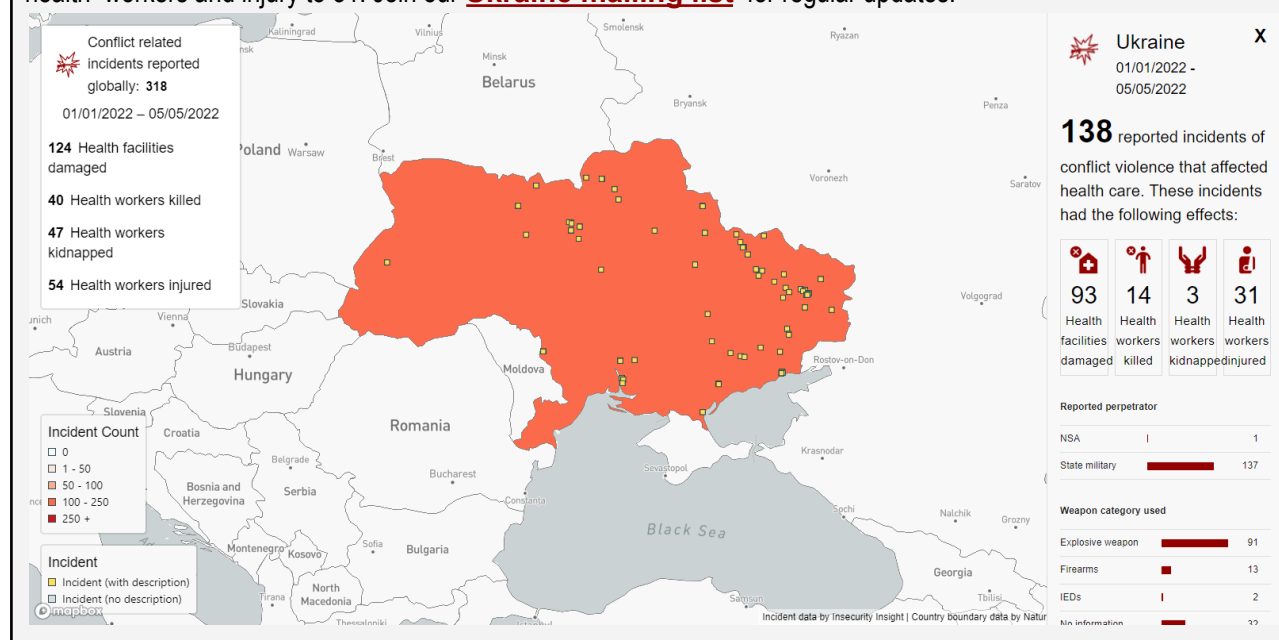
**30 April 2022:** In Yangon, Dr. Maw Maw Oo, an emergency medicine doctor, was sentenced to three years in prison. He was arrested on 12 April 2021. **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

## Europe

### Ukraine

#### 📌 Latest Data Release

The 24 February-05 May 2022 data on incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Ukraine is now available for download on [HDX](#) or to explore on our [interactive map](#). During this period, Insecurity Insight has documented 138 incidents of violence against health care, including 93 against health facilities and the deaths of 14 health workers and injury to 31. Join our [Ukraine mailing list](#) for regular updates.



## Global Health Insecurity

These events go beyond the definition used by the SHCC to cover a wider range of events that affect the provision of health care including events perpetrated by patients or relatives of patients, private individuals and criminals as well as significant strike action or protests by health care personnel.

## Europe

### Malta

**As reported on 26 April 2022:** Members of the NGO Doctors for Choice have reported receiving death threats from private individuals for their work in favour of abortion rights. **Sources:** [Doctors For Choice Malta](#) and [Malta Today](#)

## ***United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland***

**As reported on 27 April 2022:** In Folkestone town, Kent county, South East region, England, poor living conditions and inadequate health care at the former military barracks Napier have exacerbated depression, anxiety, PTSD and other mental health concerns amongst asylum seekers accommodated at the facility. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 11 May 2022.

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