Attacks on Health Care
Bi-Monthly News Brief

New report: The **Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition** (SHCC) annual report 'Unrelenting Violence' documents 1335 acts of violence against or obstruction of health care in 2021 and calls for State accountability and action. "Only a fraction of attacks on health care are reported and the number of incidents in our report is surely an underestimate," Christina Wille, Director of Insecurity Insight. This "violence resulted in long-term consequences for individuals, communities, countries and global health." Read the full report **here**.

Insecurity Insight has contracted **Bodhi Global Analysis** to conduct an evaluation of the news brief as part of a wider project. The evaluation team is keen to hear your thoughts about the **Attacks on Health Care Bi-Monthly News Brief**. We will host a small group discussion online to understand your perspectives - what elements you find valuable to your organisations, and where improvements can be made. Discussions will last approximately 60 minutes. All responses shared during the discussion will be kept confidential, with no identifying details shared during reporting. We value your feedback. Register **here**.

The session will take place on Wednesday, June 1, 1030 EST / 1530 BST / 1730 EAT.

Alternatively, you can participate in a 30-min interview, please contact **alexander.moler@bodhiglobalanalysis.com** for more information.

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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
Niger
16 May 2022: In Zibane village, Anzourou commune, Tillaberi region, suspected IS Sahel fighters killed three people including a Nigerien Red Cross employee. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Nigeria
06 May 2022: In Damri village, Bakura LGA, Zamfara state, armed bandits killed 32 people, including patients in a hospital, as they went on a shooting spree, before looting livestock and food supplies. **Source: New Age**

Asia
Myanmar
05 May 2022: In Sagaing city, Sagaing region, a doctor was arrested by SAC forces for allegedly supporting the National Unity Government (NUG) **Source: AAPP and Twitter**

05 May 2022: In Naung Pad village, Homalin township, Sagaing region, SAC forces entered a clinic and arrested the obstetrician that ran the clinic. **Sources: AAPP and DVB**

05 May 2022: In Hlaingthaya Township, Yangon region, approximately thirty SAC forces raided a private hospital and arrested a nurse. **Sources: Hlaingtharyar Information and Twitter**

15 May 2022: In Shwetaunghmaw village, Ayeyarwady Region, a doctor, who also served as the medical superintendent of the local hospital, was arrested by SAC forces. **Source: Ayeyarwady Times**

Reported on 17 May 2022: In Mawlamyine city, Mon state, SAC forces are reportedly entering private clinics in search of CDM doctors. **Source: Than Lwin Times**
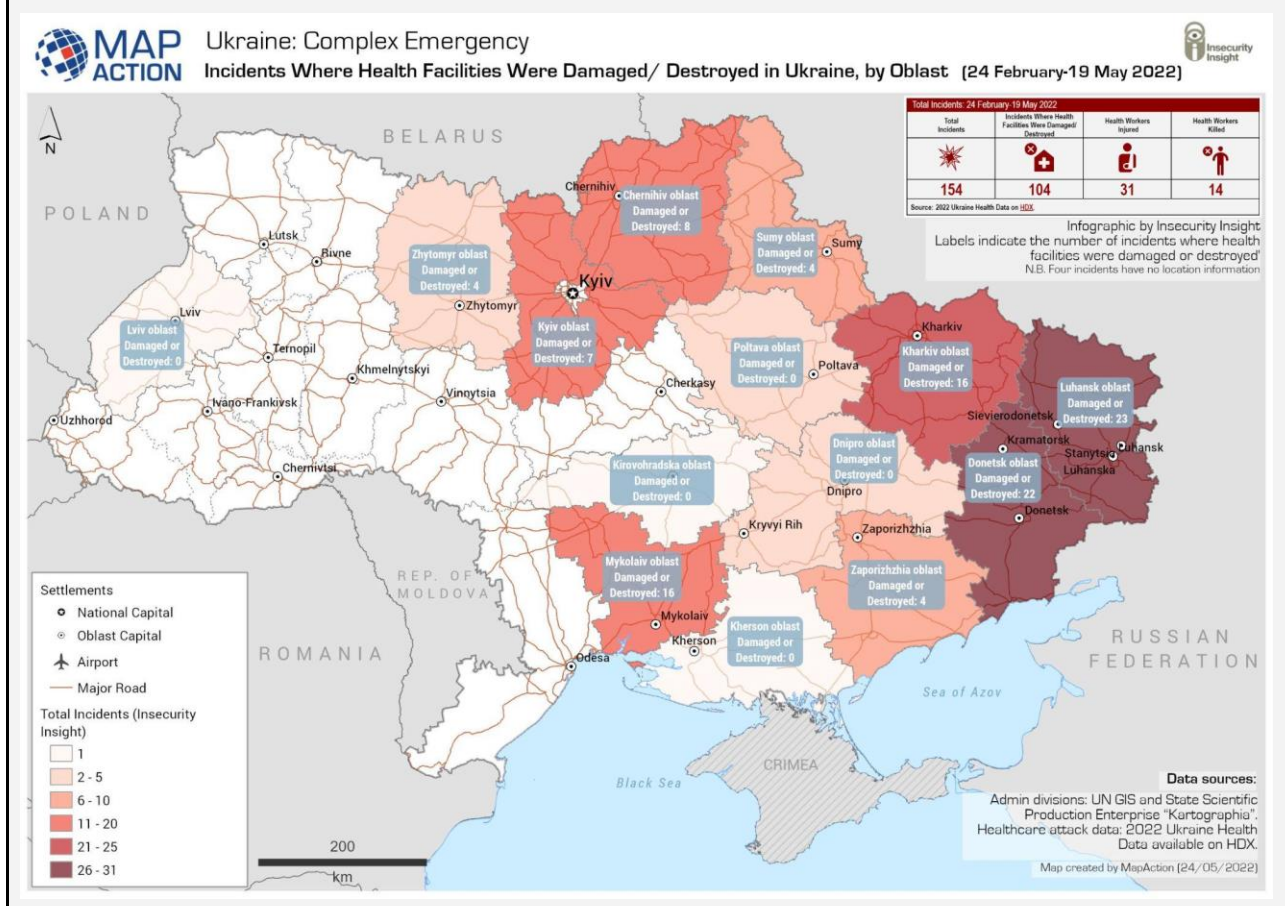
Pakistan
17 May 2022: In Haider Khel village, North Waziristan district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, unidentified militants kidnapped a male doctor involved with an anti-polio programme as he was travelling to his training centre from home. **Sources: News24 and The News**

Europe
Ukraine

⬇ Latest Data Release

The 24 February-19 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 154 incidents of violence against health care, including 104 against health facilities and the deaths of 14 health workers and injury to 31.

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Middle East North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic
04 May 2022: In Thibat town, Deir ez Zor governorate, a doctor and his brothers brothers were detained during a raid on their house by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). The reasons for the raid are unknown. **Source: ACLED**[1]

As reported on 05 May 2022: In northwest Syria, health facilities have been struggling to operate with low resources, whilst hospitals and vital services were forced to shut, as a result of a significant drop in funding from international aid last year. Consequently, millions of Syrians are left struggling to access medication and other essential health care. **Source: The New Arab**

Yemen
11 May 2022: Near Al Farshah Junction, Tur Al Bahah, Lahij governorate, unidentified armed tribesmen seized two vehicles with ICRC aid workers onboard at a checkpoint. The tribesmen took the vehicles and staff to a remote area around 13km away where they were held all day before being released following tribal mediation. **Source: ACLED**[1]

The Americas

Brazil
07 May 2022: In Chapadinha municipality, Maranhao state, a health worker was shot and killed outside the hospital he was working at by unknown armed individuals in a suspected revenge attack. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Colombia
05 May 2022: Near the La Hacienda neighbourhood, Santiago de Cali city, Valle del Cauca department, an anesthesiologist was shot and killed by unidentified armed individuals in a drive-by shooting at a local football field. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Haiti
05 May 2022: In Port-au-Prince - Petionville, Ouest department, a doctor on her way to work at Saint-Damien Hospital was kidnapped by 400 Mawozo Gang members. Her whereabouts are unknown despite a first ransom having been paid for her release. **Source: ACLED**[1]

17 May 2022: In Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, armed men in a state service vehicle kidnapped a doctor and medical director of a hospital. Their whereabouts are unknown. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Mexico
29 April 2022: Update: In Mazatlan city and municipality, Sinaloa state, Mexican authorities captured a suspected leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel who murdered three doctors in April 2020. **Source: CBS**

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.

Africa

South Africa
14 May 2022: In Cape Town, a 39-year-old male patient at the New Somerset Hospital disarmed a policeman, and then shot dead the same 32-year-old officer and two other patients. A nurse and her team managed to isolate and calm the patient down. **Sources: News 24 I and News 24 II**

Asia

Bangladesh
09 May 2022: In Sarishabari, six police officers physically assaulted four persons who were undergoing treatment at the Sarishabari Upazila Health Complex, dragging them out of the facility

and arresting them in connection with a violent dispute that happened earlier that day. The constables were suspended pending an investigation into the incident. **Source: New Age**

15 May 2022: In Mohakhali neighbourhood, Dhaka, police arrested seven people aged between 18 and 30 in front of the DNCC Dedicated COVID-19 Hospital for selling fake COVID test certificates to patients who would visit the facility for a COVID test before travelling abroad. The suspects would charge BDT10,000 for a forged certificate. **Source: New Age**

Democratic People's Republic of Korea
As reported on 13 May 2022: The continued refusal of international humanitarian aid, including COVID vaccines, by the North Korean Government has resulted in a nationwide COVID outbreak, which, according to government sources, has so far killed six people and put 187,800 into quarantine. **Source: The Irish Times**

New Zealand
As reported on 05 May 2022: In Christchurch city, Canterbury region, South Island, emergency department staff of the Christchurch Hospital are, on a daily basis, subjected to assault, sexual harassment, threats and verbal abuse at the hands of patients who get frustrated due to long wait times. **Source: New Zealand Herald**

The Americas

United States of America
04 May 2022: In College Station city, Brazos county, Texas state, police arrested a former Texas A&M University male physician, 44, over accusations of sexually assaulting two female patients after plying them with alcohol during medical treatment last year. **Source: New York Post**

09 May 2022: In Los Angeles city and county, California state, hundreds of health workers kicked off a planned five-day strike, organised by the Service Employees International Union-United Health Care Workers West, in front of the Cedars-Sinai Hospital to protest alleged unfair labour practices, short staffing, and high patient infection rates. **Source: Fox**

[1] Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) **database attribution policy**. Accessed 23 May 2022.

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