

# Attacks on Health Care

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## SHCC Attacks on Health Care

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### Africa

#### *Burkina Faso*

**01 January 2023:** In Touka-Bayel village, Seno province, Sahel region, a health worker, a pharmacist, two patients, and an IDP were kidnapped by suspected IS Sahel militants. The IDP managed to escape. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**03 January 2023:** Between Outoum-Mossi and Guitti, Yatenga province, Nord region, a male nurse was kidnapped by suspected JNIM militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**04 January 2023:** In Masbore village, Zondoma province, Nord region, a health centre was vandalised by suspected JNIM militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**06 January 2023:** Between Taparko and Tougouri villages, Namentenga province, Centre-Nord region, medicine was seized during a bus search by suspected JNIM militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### *Cameroon*

**29 December 2022: Update:** Five MSF staff members facing detention and trial over accusations of complicity with secessionists were acquitted. **Source:** [Doctors Without Borders](#)

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**30 December 2022:** In Afoyorwoth, Ituri province, the Yilo Health Centre, a school and houses were set on fire and civilians attacked by CODECO fighters. Civilians, including health workers and patients of the health centre were displaced to Ndo as a result of the attack. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup> and [Bunia Actualité](#)

**Reported on 02 January 2023:** In Munoli locality, Baswagha chieftancy, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, patients receiving care at the local health centre deserted the health structure due to nearby fighting between two rival militia factions. **Source:** [Radio Moto](#)

**Reported on 02 January 2023:** In North Kivu province, March 23 Movement (M23) members have reportedly looted several medical centres in the areas controlled by the rebel group in search of medical supplies. **Source:** [Actualité](#)



**Reported on 06 January 2023:** In Kabasha town, Beni territory, North Kivu province, the Kabasha hospital centre recommenced some of its health activities, nearly two months after it closed down due to an arson attack by suspected Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) militants on 08 November 2022. **Source:** [Radio Moto](#)

#### **Mali**

**02 January 2023:** In Marka-Coungo town, Koulikoro commune and region, an ambulance was seized in an attack on the town by JNIM militants aboard motorcycles. Civilian infrastructure was also set ablaze and five people including a teacher were killed. JNIM claimed responsibility. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### **Nigeria**

**29 December 2022:** In Oghara-eki town, Ethiope West LGA, Delta state, a male doctor was shot dead at his privately-owned clinic. The Nigerian Medical Association claimed that the doctor was killed by aggrieved relatives of a late patient, but the Delta state Police Command refuted the claim, instead saying that the act was carried out by suspected cultists who pretended to be patients before the murder. **Sources:** [Daily Trust](#), [Punch I](#) and [Punch II](#)

**As reported on 31 December 2022: Update:** In Tumbum Allura and Kangar areas, Abadam LGA, Borno state, at least four captives, including an INGO health worker kidnapped by ISWAP fighters on 03 August, managed to escape from captivity and seek safety during fighting between ISWAP and Boko Haram militants. **Source:** [Zagazola](#)

## **Asia**

#### **Myanmar**

##### **Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar**

For details on reported incidents between 28 December 2022 and 10 January 2023, please see this [document](#).

## **Middle East North Africa**

#### **Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**30 December 2022:** In Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli soldiers directly shot and critically wounded a paramedic who was attending to another wounded person. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

**05 January 2023:** Near Tekoa village, Hebron, West Bank, an ambulance driver was injured when Palestinian rioters threw stones toward passing settler vehicles. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### **Syrian Arab Republic**

**13 December 2022:** In Maariya village, Dara'a governorate, a pharmacist was shot and killed by gunmen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **The Americas**

#### **Mexico**

**05 January 2023:** In Navolato city, Sinaloa state, two Red Cross ambulances were reportedly robbed by armed individuals from the Sinaloa Cartel to use them to attend to their injured members after recent clashes. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 06 January 2023:** In Culiacan city, Sinaloa state, cartel members showed up at local hospitals attempting to kidnap health workers to treat wounded fighters. **Sources:** [TRACTerrorism](#) and [The Blaze](#)

<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 11 January 2023

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