Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

20 March-02 April 2024



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Past incident reports: 06-19 March; 21 February-05 March; 07-20 February; 24 January-06 February; 10-23 January; All

Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: 2022; 2021; 2020

Documented incidents

22 March 2024: In La Ei village, Yi Nwe village tract, Pekon township, Taunggyi district, a station hospital was severely damaged by bombs dropped by Myanmar military fighter jets. This attack damaged an ambulance parked in front of the hospital, killed two civilians, and injured at least five. At the time of the attack, the hospital was not functioning but used as a storage facility by local health workers and resistance forces. **Sources:** <u>Irrawaddy</u> and <u>Khit Thit Media</u>

22 March 2024: In Nang Toke village and village tract, Pinlaung township, Taunggyi district, Shan state (South), a sub-rural health centre and five civilian houses were damaged by bombs dropped by Myanmar military fighter jets. At the time of the attack, the health facility was not functioning due to the heightened armed clashes between the Myanmar military and an ethnic armed group Pa-Oh National Liberation Army in the township for two months before the attack. **Sources: Khit Thit Media and Mizzima**

23 March 2024: In Yesagyo town and township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a township hospital, a monastery, a police station, and a veterans' office occupied by the Myanmar military were attacked with small firearms, improvised artillery, and armed drones by the local resistance forces. In addition to the exchange of fire on ground, artillery shells launched by the Myanmar military base camps in the surrounding areas landed in this town during this attack. The hospital was functioning under the junta regime at the time of the attack. Damage or casualties at the hospital were not reported. **Sources: Khit Thit Media and Myanmar Pressphoto Agency**

24 March 2024: In Kan Htaunt Gyi village and village tract, Myebon township, Mrauk-U district, Rakhine state, a station hospital was severely damaged due to bombs dropped by the Myanmar military fighter jets. A 40-year-old female civilian was injured. At the time of the attack, the health facility was not functioning due to the armed clashes in Rakhine state between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army. **Sources:** <u>BBC Burmese</u> and <u>Mizzima</u>

25 March 2024: In Maungdaw town, township, and district, Rakhine state, arrest warrants were issued for two medical doctors by the junta authorities, with the accusation of the victims having provided health care to the Arakan Army. These two doctors were blacklisted so that they cannot go abroad. The health workers were forced to leave Maungdaw town for Sittwe town; however, the victims reportedly did not obey the order. Due to these arrest warrants, other junta health workers having served at the public health facilities in the armed clashes areas in Rakhine state went into hiding. **Sources:** <u>Delta News Agency</u>, <u>Narinjara</u> and <u>Radio Free Asia</u>

27 March 2024: On the highway connecting Mawlamyine town and Yangon town, near Ka Mar Saing village, Don Wun village tract, Bilin township, Kyaikto district, Mon state, an LNGO ambulance with a red cross sign and ambulance lights was attacked with landmines and small firearms damaging it and injuring a patient and an ambulance driver. The ambulance was on its way from Kyaik Kaw village to Yangon town and there were six people on board. **Sources: Delta News Agency and Voice of Myanmar**

28 March 2024: In Myaing town and township, Pakokku district, Magway region, a township hospital, an immigration office, and a military checkpoint occupied by the Myanmar military were attacked with small firearms by the local resistance forces. The immigration office and some buildings in the hospital compound were torched by the local resistance forces. The hospital was functioning at the time of the attack. **Source:** <u>Khit Thit Media</u>

As reported on 02 April 2024: In Toungup town, township, and district, Rakhine state, there was shortage of medicines in the public hospitals and private pharmacies due to the blockade of the transport of medicines by the junta authorities following the armed clashes between the Myanmar military and the Arkan Army in Rakhine state since November 2023. **Source:** <u>Narinjara</u>

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