

Attacks on Health Care in Myanmar

22 January-04 February 2025



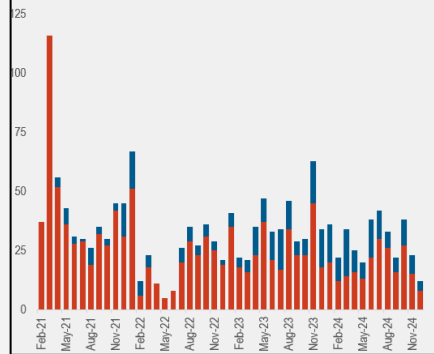
Insecurity Insight identified 1574 incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar since the military coup on 01 February 2021 and 22 December 2024. In these incidents, health facilities were damaged 348 times and taken over for non-medical purposes on at least 202 occasions. In addition, 136 health workers were killed and 836 arrested.

From 2023, incidents involving explosive weapons use impacting health care have increased with high numbers recorded in Sagaing region during armed clashes between resistance forces and the Myanmar junta. Since January 2024, Myanmar junta airstrikes have damaged health facilities 15 times in Rakhine's Mrauk-U, Sittwe, and Thandwe districts amid offensives against the Arakan Army. From March 2024, incidents involving explosive weapons use impacting health care also increased in Mandalay's Pyin Oo Lwin district amid junta-resistance clashes.

Explore our [interactive map](#) to see where incidents happened.¹ Access the data on [HDX](#). The dataset no longer includes event descriptions due to [HDX policy](#). Data is updated every Monday. [Follow us](#) for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

Incidents of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar, 01 February 2021-22 December 2024

■ Incidents where explosive weapons were used (350)
■ All other incidents (1224)



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Documented incidents

22 January 2025: In Pa Lun Taung village, Hat Ta Laik village tract, Hpa-An township and district, Kayin state, a station hospital was damaged by bombs dropped by Myanmar military aircraft. **Sources:** [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#) and [People's Spring](#)

24 January 2025: In Matupi town, township and district, Chin state, a private clinic, a hotel, retail shops, a religious organisation office and homes were damaged by bombs dropped by the Myanmar military fighter jet. **Source:** [Voice of Chinland](#)

25 January 2025: In Kyaukme town, township and district, Shan state (North), a district hospital was severely damaged by bombs dropped by Myanmar military fighter jets, killing a female CDM-affiliated nurse, a patient and an office staff member; and injuring at least 20 people including health workers and patients. The emergency department and child ward were destroyed. At the time of the attack, the hospital was functioning under the command of the Ta'ang National Liberation Army. **Sources:** [Irrawaddy](#), [Khit Thit Media](#), [Radio Free Asia](#) and [Shwe Phee Myay News Agency](#)

26 January 2025: In Sin Gut village and village tract, Myingyan township and district, Mandalay region, a makeshift clinic based at a primary school was severely damaged by bombs dropped by

a Myanmar military fighter jet, followed by machine gun fire by an attack helicopter. At least 19 people were killed including a female CDM-affiliated doctor and a five-month old patient. Their bodies were found dismembered. Eight homes were burnt. At the time of the attack, the school was not functioning but was used as a makeshift clinic and an office of the local People's Administration Team. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Khit Thit Media](#), [Mandalay Free Press](#), [Myaelatt Athan](#) and [People Media Myanmar](#)

29 January 2025: In Lel Taung Yar village, Tanintharyi Sin Chay Hpone village tract, Tanintharyi township, Myeik district, Tanintharyi region, a female health worker and four other females were injured by artillery shelling and armed drone attacks by the Myanmar military. The health worker was not affiliated with CDM. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#) and [People's Spring](#)

30 January 2025: In Shauk Taw village, Pwintbyu township, Minbu district, Magway region, two doctors and five health staff were arrested by the Myanmar military and taken to Pwintbyu town. The arrest took place after the village had been taken over by local resistance forces. **Sources:** [Democratic Voice of Burma](#), [Radio Free Asia](#) and [Than Lwin Times](#)

31 January 2025: In Singu town and township, Thabeikkyin district, Mandalay region, a hospital was damaged by bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet. The three buildings of obstetric and child wards were destroyed. The town has been under the control of PDF since July 2024. **Sources:** [Mandalay Free Press](#), [Myanmar Pressphoto Agency](#) and [People's Spring](#)

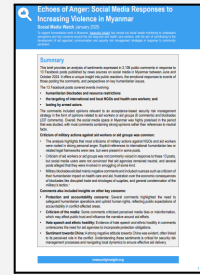
31 January 2025: In Tin Thar village and village tract, Kale township and district, Sagaing region, a makeshift hospital was destroyed by bombs dropped by a Myanmar military fighter jet. **Sources:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#), [Khit Thit Media](#) and [Voice of Myanmar](#)

02 February 2025: In Aunglan town, township and district, Magway region, medicine cargoes were confiscated from a warehouse by the Myanmar military; alleging the cargoes were to be transported to Rakhine state for the Arakan Army. **Source:** [Telegram](#)

Other resources

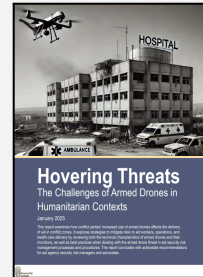
Echoes of Anger: Social Media Responses to Increasing Violence in Myanmar

This [brief](#) provides an analysis of sentiments expressed in 2,106 public comments in response to 13 Facebook posts published by news sources on social media in Myanmar between June and October 2024. It offers a unique insight into public reactions, the emotional responses to events of those posting the comments, and perspectives on key humanitarian issues. Overall, the social media space in Myanmar was highly polarised in the period that was studied, with most comments containing strong opinions rather than references to neutral facts.



Hovering Threats The Challenges of Armed Drones in Humanitarian Contexts

Armed drones are an increasing threat to the safety of aid and health care workers, necessitating adaptations in security risk management practices. This [report](#) examines how conflict parties' increased use of armed drones affects the delivery of aid in conflict zones. It explores strategies to mitigate risks to aid workers, operations, and health care delivery by reviewing both the technical characteristics of armed drones and their munitions, as well as best practices when dealing with the armed drone threat in aid security risk management processes and procedures. The report concludes with actionable recommendations for aid agency security risk managers and advocates.



Dramatic Surge in Violence Against Health Care in Myanmar in 2023

The Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) identified [418 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of health care in Myanmar in 2023. In these incidents, 37 health workers were killed; health facilities were damaged or destroyed, and occupied. In addition, 102 health workers were arrested and 37 were killed.

Factsheets: Burmese: [2023](#). English: [2023](#); [2022](#); [2021](#); [2020](#).



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¹ Zoom in and click on Myanmar to see the latest figures. Click on the yellow square to read about the recorded events.

