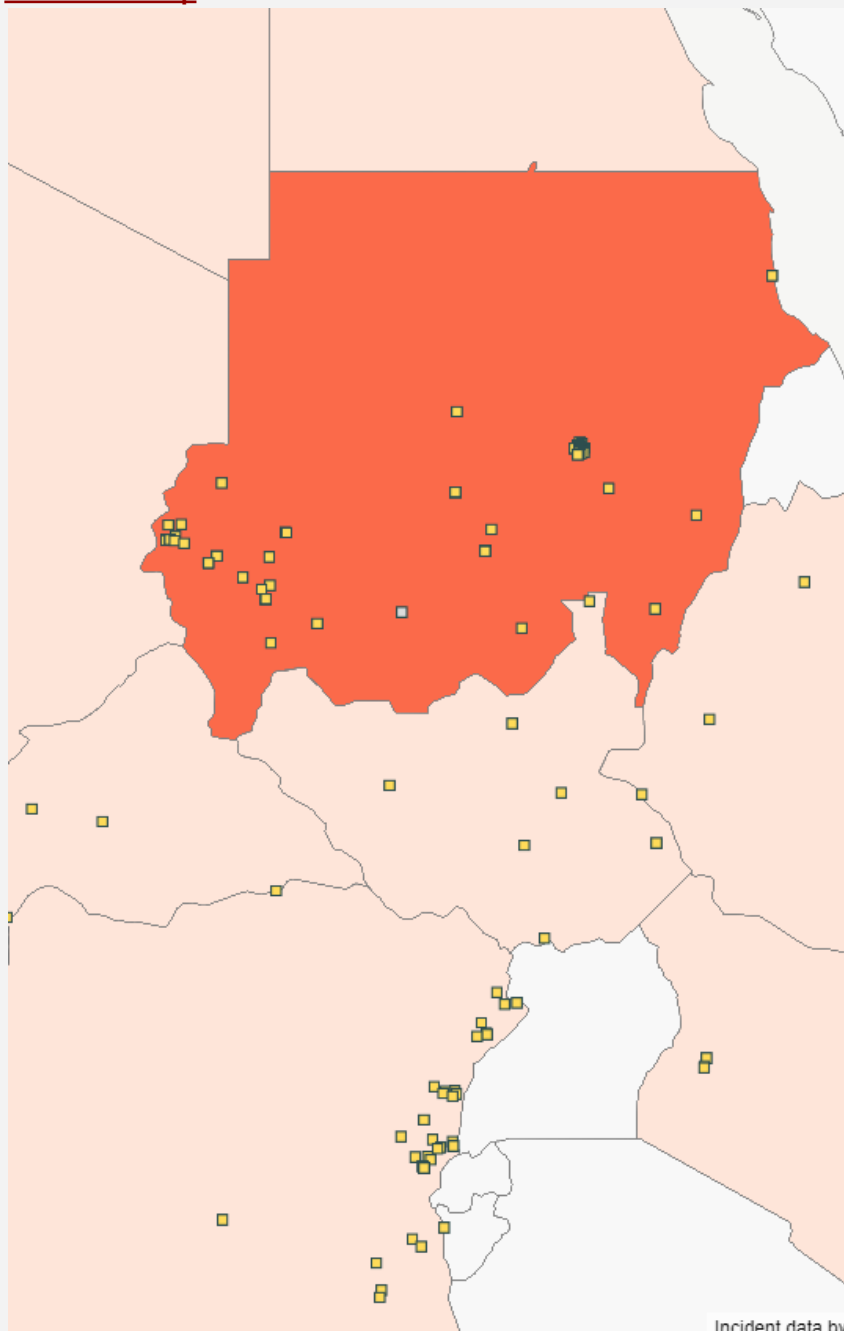


# Attacks on Health Care in Sudan

06-19 September 2023



**At least 192 attacks on Sudan's health care system have been documented by Insecurity Insight between 01 January-06 September.** In these incidents, 28 health workers have been killed and health facilities have been damaged at least 42 times. Vital medical supplies have been looted, and patients deliberately obstructed from accessing health care. These attacks undermine health care providers' ability to effectively meet patient needs, maintain safe staffing levels and impact the population's access to health care. Explore the incidents on this [interactive map](#).

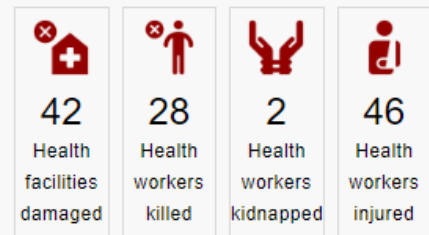


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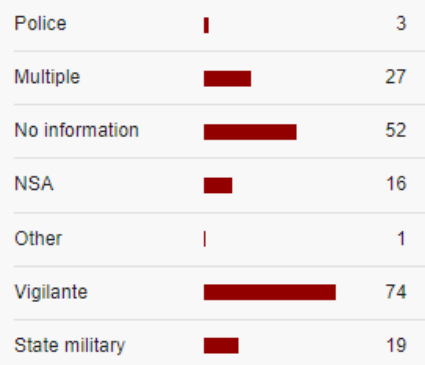
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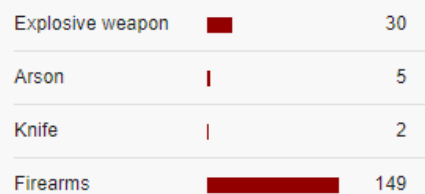
**192** reported incidents of conflict violence that affected health care. These incidents had the following effects:



#### Reported perpetrator



#### Weapon category used



Past incident reports: [23 August-05 September](#); [09-22 August](#); [26 July-08 August](#); [28 June-11 July](#); [All](#)

2022 Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition (SHCC) factsheets: [Arabic](#) and [English](#)

If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please get in [touch](#). Join our [mailing list](#) for updates. Help support the protection of health care by sharing this resource. Please copy and paste this link: [bit.ly/06-19Sept2023SDNHealth](https://bit.ly/06-19Sept2023SDNHealth)

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## Documented incidents

**06 September 2023:** At an RSF base near the Teiba Camp, Jebel Aulia village, Khartoum state, three doctors were arrested along with five other persons while en route to volunteer at Al Ban Jadeed Hospital/El Ban Jedid Hospital in the East Nile suburb of Khartoum, the sole operational hospital in the area. **Source:** [Al Taghyeer](#) and [Dabanga Sudan](#)

**As reported on 12 September 2023:** In Nyala city, South Darfur State, the upper floor of the Weapon Medical Hospital was hit by a shell of unidentified origin. **Source:** [Sudan Akhbar](#)

**13 September 2023:** In Khartoum - Al Azhari, Khartoum city and state, a hospital director was kidnapped by the RSF possibly from a hospital building. Two male volunteers for the Southern Khartoum Belt Emergency Monitoring Room which is run by local volunteers and aid organisations willingly accompanied her. RSF released the director on an unspecified date and detained the volunteers, releasing them on 15 September after questioning them and shaving one of the victims' heads. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### Designation of MSF Attackers as “Armed Men” Criticised by SAF Supporters in Sudan

This brief presents findings on sentiments expressed online in relation to an attack on an MSF convoy in southern Khartoum, Sudan, that occurred on 20 July 2023. The findings of a qualitative sentiment analysis of social media comments highlighted the views of predominantly men, mainly in Khartoum and who support the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and the military government. [Read more](#)

### Conflict Parties in the Current Crisis

This [document](#) provides background information on the conflict parties involved in the Sudan fighting and violence attributed to them.

### Sudan's Doctors Falsely Accused of Siding with the RSF

This [brief](#) discusses widely viewed social media posts shared in Sudan between 15 April-21 May 2023 which show that dominant social media account holders supporting the SAF attacked the Sudanese Doctors Syndicate for its neutral position in the armed conflict and accused the organisation of being partial towards the RSF and collaborating with the so-called “Janjaweed” militia.

### The Sudan Crisis, Conflict and Food Insecurity

This [briefing](#) is part of a [series](#) exploring the ways in which conflict events undermine food security, with the aim of contributing to efforts to improve our understanding of the connections between conflict and hunger. This document focuses on reported conflict events affecting food insecurity in Sudan following the severe escalation of violence in the country since 15 April 2023.

This document comprises threats and violence as well as protests and other events affecting the delivery of and access to health care. It is part of the [Attacks on Health Care](#) project by [Insecurity Insight](#). It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of health care and have not been

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 27 September 2023.

