Africa

Burkina Faso

02 February 2019: In Kongoussi region, militants presumed to be from Ansaroul Islam (JNIM) attacked and stole a Burkina Faso Red Cross vehicle, abducting its four passengers and driver in the process. Source: ACLED

13 February 2019: In Ougarou area, Est region, an ambulance transporting a pregnant woman from Diapaga to Fada-N’gourma was shot at by presumed JNIM or ISGS militants, leaving the pregnant woman’s partner with a gunshot wound but the driver and woman unharmed. Source: ACLED

14 February 2019: In Djibo town, Sahel region, a bomb of unknown origin hidden in a corpse dressed in military uniform killed an army doctor and wounded two police officers. Sources: News 24 and The Defense Post

Cameroon

11 February 2019: In Kumba city, Meme department, Southwest region, suspected separatists raided and torched the Kumba District Hospital, killing at least four patients and reducing most of the building to ashes. Sources: AFP, Africa Freedom Network, Africa News (a), Africa News (b), BBC, Eyewitness News, US Embassy in Cameroon and VOA News

17 February 2019: In Kumba city, Meme department, Southwest district, soldiers looking for wounded separatists entered the Shisong Hospital, fired several shots in the air and threatened to kill a man in front of employees. Source: Human Rights Watch

Democratic Republic of the Congo

General: In eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, armed groups continued to subject health and frontline workers to sporadic attacks, making it hard for them to prevent and mitigate
the spread of the Ebola virus. Sources: ABC News, Al Jazeera and Save the Children

04 – 10 February 2019: In Vuhovi village, near the cities of Beni and Butembo, North Kivu province, unidentified perpetrators set fire to a health post. In response, staff at the Vohovi Health Zone suspended all medical work to demand action. Source: Radio Moto Butembo-Beni

08 February 2019: Near Masisi town, North Kivu province, two MSF employees were abducted by unidentified armed men but released later the same day. MSF responded by partially suspending its activities in eastern DRC. Sources: ACLED and The Telegraph

19 February 2019: In Vuhovi village, near the cities of Beni and Butembo, North Kivu province, unidentified perpetrators kidnapped a nurse from the Bisongo Health Centre and killed him in front of his wife. In response, nurses declared a dry strike that affected Ebola response in the village. Sources: CIDRAP, Media Congo and Radio Moto Butembo-Beni


27 February 2019: In Butembo city, North Kivu province, an area where mistrust in aid workers and false rumours about treatment are rampant, unidentified perpetrators set vehicles and parts of an MSF-run Ebola treatment centre on fire, destroying medical wards and equipment, and leaving four patients missing. In response, MSF suspended its operations in the area. Sources: Axios, CIDRAP, Devex, IRIN, MSF, Reuters, Time, The Guardian and The Washington Times

Sudan
General: Health workers, teachers and students held daily protests across the country calling for an end to economic hardships and the resignation of Sudanese President Bashir. State security officials reportedly attacked health facilities with teargas on several occasions and detained 27 doctors. Sources: BBC, Physicians for Human Rights, Sudan Tribune and VOA News

Asia
Afghanistan
03 February 2019 (DOA): The Taliban pledged that it will not target a new polio immunization campaign in Afghanistan, but distrust of the vaccination programmes remained rife among Afghans in general, potentially hindering efforts to eradicate the disease. Source: Al Jazeera

18 February 2019: In Kabul, a suspected ISIS-planted vehicle-borne improvised explosive device killed a doctor as he was returning home from his private clinic. Source: RFE RL

India
18 February 2019: In Bangalore city, Bayaluseemé region, Karnataka state, four unidentified perpetrators kidnapped an ayurvedic doctor as he was returning home on his motorcycle,
tortured him for more than three hours, robbed him of his jewelry, money and mobile phone, before releasing him. Source: The Hindu

**Pakistan**
05 February 2019: In Nehag Dara locality, Upper Dir district, Malakand division, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, unidentified perpetrators killed a doctor at his private clinic in the area of Bandai and stole his mobile phone and money. Source: Dawn

**Middle-East and North Africa**

**Occupied Palestinian Territories**
01 February 2019: In Khan Yunis region, Gaza Strip, two female paramedics were injured after Israeli military forces shot at them with live gunfire during ‘Breaking the Siege’ demonstrations. Sources: ACLED¹ and IMEMC

12 February 2019: In al-Farisiyah village, Jordan valley, West Bank, IDF soldiers forcibly prevented Palestinian Red Crescent Society ambulances for around an hour from attending to a Palestinian shepherd who had been attacked when Israeli settlers chased Palestinian shepherds off their land. Sources: ACLED¹ and Ma’an News

**Syrian Arab Republic**
General: In Idlib governorate, as HTS cemented its de facto control over the province by forcing other rebel groups to surrender, INGOs withdrew aid and support for schools and hospitals, and several major donors cut funding to the area amid fears of aid diversion toward the terrorist group. Source: The Guardian

18 February 2019: In Al-Panorama neighbourhood, Raqqa city, district and governorate, unidentified gunmen shot and killed a pharmacist. Source: SNHR

**Yemen**
07 February 2019: In Taizz city, al Mudhaffar district, central Yemen, a doctor was killed after she was struck by gunfire while travelling to Hajdah area. The attack was allegedly perpetrated by pro-Houthi militants. Source: ACLED¹

**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**

**Central African Republic**
07 - 10 February 2019: In Kaga Bandoro region, Nana Gribizi prefecture, outbreaks of accidental fires near an IDP site left 31 people injured, damaged shelters and personal items, as well as the partial destruction of a mobile clinic. An estimated 4,500 people were affected by the fires, resulting in humanitarian agencies in Kaga Bandoro planning a renewed push to
provide non-food items, health care, food, water, sanitation, hygiene, and education. Source: UN-OCHA

**South Africa**

06 February 2019: In Mqanduli town, OR Tambo district, protesters closed down entry and exit to the town in support of a locally-led movement demanding access to clean, drinkable water and better sanitation in the area. The shutdown caused the closure of local schools, clinics, and other essential services for an unspecified amount of time. Sources: ACLED1 and DispatchLIVE

**South Sudan**

05 February 2019: In Juba, three unidentified armed men attempted to break into the home of the undersecretary of the Health Ministry. Police intervened, shooting and killing one of them. Source: Radio Tamazuj

14 – 15 February 2019: In Torit town and county, Imatong state, unidentified thieves raided the Torit Health Science Institute during closing hours and stole several items. Source: Radio Tamazuj

**Sudan**

06 February 2019 (DOA): In Khartoum, several pharmacies shut down as part of a nationwide strike. Source: Sudan Tribune

12 February 2019: In Khartoum, dozens of doctors organised silent anti-government protests at an unspecified number of hospitals. Source: Sudan Tribune

**Asia**

**India**

02 February 2019: In Chandbali city, Bhadrak district, Odisha state, three people assaulted a doctor and a nurse at the Chandbali Community Health Centre. Source: ACLED1

**Nepal**

04 February 2019: In Birtamod city, Jhapa district, Mechi zone, locals accusing doctors of negligence smashed windows and vandalized the emergency room of Birta City Hospital after a two-year-old child died while under the doctors’ care. Police fired tear gas shells in hospital grounds to disperse the angry crowd. Sources: ACLED1 and Nepal Monitor

08 February 2019: In Bharatpur city, Chitwan district, Narayani state, a group of local people vandalised the Mankamana Hospital, alleging that the death of a patient – a relative of theirs – had been due to medical negligence. Six people were arrested for their involvement. Source: ACLED1 and The Himalayan Times

**Europe**

**Ireland**

05 -07 February 2019: Across Ireland, more than 37,000 nurses and midwives, led by the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation, held strikes over a dispute with the Irish Government on pay
and staff shortages. The strike severely affected all aspects of service provision at hospitals and clinics across the country. **Source: The Irish Times and BBC**

**United Kingdom**  
**11 February 2019:** In Tamworth town, Staffordshire county, West Midlands region, a blaze of undetermined origin broke out at the George Bryan Mental Health Centre, forcing all occupants and staff to evacuate. Police subsequently arrested a man on suspicion of arson. **Source: BBC**

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