Emergency care

Incidents of threats and violence affecting emergency health care

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo
11 January 2019: In Marabo town, Ituri province, local taxi drivers and other residents opposed to the construction of an Ebola isolation centre threw rocks at NGO health workers. Source: ACLED

Somalia
22 January 2019: In Hawlwadag district, Banadir region, a government ambulance was struck by a an al Shabaab owned remote-controlled IED. An unknown number of fatalities and injuries resulted from the attack. Source: ACLED

Sudan
09 January 2019: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, as anti-government protests continued, state security forces stormed the Omdurman Hospital and fired tear gas and bullets at the facility, where injured protesters were being treated. Security forces broke into the emergency department, where they used teargas against doctors, and attacked patients. This incident prompted doctors to declare a general strike to protest the attack. Source: Sudan Tribune (a) and Sudan Tribune (b)

Middle-East and North Africa

Egypt
16 January 2019: In Rafah city, North Sinai region, Islamic State militants set fire to two ambulances and a hospital during a clash with soldiers. Source: ACLED

Occupied Palestinian Territories
03 January 2019: In Nablus city, West Bank, a paramedic was injured when Israeli forces opened fire on Palestinian protesters outside what is believed to be ‘Joseph’s tomb’. Israeli forces used tear gas, rubber bullets and heavy ammunition to disperse protesters, injuring a Palestinian paramedic. Source: ACLED

25 January 2019: In the Gaza Strip, thousands of Palestinians gathered for the 44th week of protests along the border of Israeli
territory as part of the Great March of Return. Israeli forces used tear gas and live fire against protesters, striking an ambulance with a tear gas bomb and wounding six paramedics in the process. Source: ACLED

General health care
Incidents of threats and violence affecting the delivery of general health care

Africa
Burkina Faso
03 January 2019: In Rimassa town, Nord region, a male nurse was robbed of his motorbike by suspected JNIM militants. Source: ACLED

Cameroon
25 January 2019: In Ngosi town, Extreme-North region, a Boko Haram attack which left one woman injured and 193 homes burned down also caused the destruction of a health centre and an ambulance was stolen. Source: ACLED

Central African Republic
08 January 2019: In Gbadene village, Ouham prefecture, a health facility supported by an unspecified aid organisation was ransacked by an unidentified armed group. The aid organisation subsequently suspended all operations in the town. Source: ACLED

Mali
19 January 2019: In Hourrara locality, Ansongo cercle, Gao region, unidentified gunmen hijacked two health vehicles after robbing the medical workers on board of their belongings. Source: aBamako

Nigeria
31 January 2019: In the northeast of Nigeria, the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate, with more than five million people in need of healthcare and over 800,000 out of the reach of aid providers. Source: IPI

Somalia
22 January 2019: In Mogadishu city, Banadir region, a Syrian national doctor was killed along with his driver when a VBIED exploded in the grounds of the Mogadishu hospital. Source: ACLED

Sudan
06 January 2019: In Khartoum, as anti-government protests calling for the resignation of President Bashir continued across Sudan, state security forces arrested a general surgeon for his perceived involvement with the demonstrations. Source: Sudan Tribune

06 January 2019: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, as anti-government protests continued, state security forces arrested a urologist for his involvement with the demonstrations. Source: Sudan Tribune

09 January 2019: In Wad Madani city, Al Jazirah state, as anti-government protests continued across Sudan, state security forces fired teargas grenades into the Obstetrics and Gynaecology wards of the Madani General Hospital for unspecified reasons. Source: Sudan Tribune

09 January 2019 (DOA): In Wad Madani city, Al Jazirah state, state security forces arrested an unspecified number of doctors from the Madani General Hospital on account of their perceived involvement with the uprising against President Bashir. Source: Sudan Tribune
Asia

Bangladesh
02 January 2019: In Lakshmipur Sadar upazila, Lakshimpur district, Chittagong division, members of the youth political group the Jubo League clashed with the police at the Lakshimpur Sadar Hospital after trying to enter the facility to attack a patient currently facing murder charges. Source: Dhaka Tribune

Thailand
28 December 2018: In Ra-ngae district, Narathiwat province, ethnic Malay Muslim insurgents stormed the Kalisa Hospital and tied up a doctor, as well as other staff, before using the facility as a stronghold to attack a nearby government security post. Source: Human Rights Watch

08 January 2019: In Thepa district, Songkhla province, ethnic Malay Muslim insurgents detonated a car bomb in an unspecified location, seriously wounding a police medic. Source: Human Rights Watch

Middle-East and North Africa

Jordan
13 January 2019 (DOA): In Rukban area, Mafraq governorate, a Syrian woman at the Rukban Refugee Camp set herself on fire inside her tent to protest the lack of milk, food and healthcare available for her children, injuring herself and her baby. Source: Step News

Libya
07 January 2019 (DOA): In Sirte city, Tripolitania region, unidentified gunmen stormed the Al-Quds Pharmacy near Martrys Square and stole drugs, cash, a computer and a mobile phone. Source: Alwasat

Syrian Arab Republic
01 January 2019: In Daret Azza town, Mount Simeon district, Aleppo governorate, clashes between rebels of the Sham Liberation Army and the Nour al-Din al-Zenki Movement in close proximity to an unnamed hospital led to the accidental death of a nurse and a doctor. Source: Enab Baladi

10 January 2019 (DOA): In Daret Azza town, Mount Simeon district, Aleppo governorate, Nour al-Din al-Zenki Movement rebels prevented ambulances from reaching the Al-Fardous Hospital, shooting at some of the vehicles. Source: Ebaa

Tunisia
02 January 2019: In Ben Arous city and governorate, relatives of a victim of a car accident assaulted the doctor who came to announce the death of the injured. Source: Kapitalis

Yemen
01 January 2019: In Yarim town and district, Ibb governorate, Houthi rebels kidnapped a Tajik doctor from his residence, located next to the Saray Medical Center, and tortured him based on accusations that he had been working at a liquor factory. Source: Aden al-Ghad

05 January 2019 (DOA): Update: In Yarim town and district, Ibb governorate, an Uzbek doctor – who had been imprisoned by Houthi rebels for an unspecified period of time – died in prison under unknown circumstances. Source: Aden al-Ghad
The Americas

*Mexico*

06 January 2019 (DOA): In Tabasco state, threats of theft prompted the provincial government to request the intervention of the Mexican Army to guard medicine stored at the warehouses of public hospitals. 
*Source: La Jornada*

12 January 2019 (DOA): In Guerrero state, unspecified perpetrators continued to subject health professionals to extortion under unspecified circumstances, the Federation of Medical Colleges of the State of Guerrero claimed. *Source: El Sol de Acapulco*

*Venezuela*

12 January 2019: In Caracas, unidentified perpetrators sabotaged the electrical charging and recharging systems of the University Clinical Hospital for unascertained reasons, causing a power outage that claimed the lives of at least six patients. *Sources: Agencia Efe and NTN 24*

Medical education

Incidents of threats and violence affecting medical education.

*Africa*

*Côte d’Ivoire*

24 January 2019: In Bwake city and department, Gbêkê region, Vallée du Bandama district, medical students demonstrated at the Campus 1 of the Alassane Ouattara University to denounce incidents of aggression against them by unspecified perpetrators. *Source: Koaci*

*Sudan*

09 January 2019: In Khartoum North neighbourhood, Khartoum state, state security forces fired teargas inside the Khartoum Bahri Teaching Hospital, where a huge anti-government protest was taking place, causing at least three cases of suffocation, and wounding two people. *Source: Sudan Tribune*

09 January 2019: In Khartoum, state security forces fired teargas inside the Haj El-Safi Teaching Hospital, where a huge anti-government protest was taking place, causing at least three cases of suffocation, and wounding someone who was struck by the teargas canister. *Source: Sudan Tribune*

09 January 2019 (DOA): In Port Sudan city, Red Sea state, state security forces arrested an unspecified number of doctors from the Port Sudan Teaching Hospital over their perceived involvement with the organisation of the uprising against President Bashir. *Source: Sudan Tribune*

Other safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of strikes and supply concerns affecting the delivery of health care

*Asia*

*Nepal*

26 January 2019 (DOA): In Kathmandu, the Nepal Medical Association considered halting non-emergency medical services across the country in response to the failure of the Nepalese Government to meet the demands of a senior orthopaedic surgeon the incorporation of a nine-point agreement he signed with the Government on 26 July 2018. *Source: The Himalayan Times*
Pakistan
22 January 2019: In Landi Kotal town and tehsil, Khyber agency, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, doctors and paramedical staff of the District Headquarters Hospital outpatient department went on strike by locking the main gate of the hospital. They were protesting unscheduled blackouts in the health facility. Source: The News

The Americas
Bolivia
03 January 2019: Doctors launched a countrywide, 48-hours strike to protest the introduction of the Unified Health System by the Bolivian Government. Source: La Razón

Brazil
27 January 2019: In Santa Rosa neighbourhood, Niterói municipality, Rio de Janeiro state, Southeast region, a stray bullet struck the Santa Martha Hospital, causing minor damage to the building but no injuries. Source: Globo

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