Attacks on Health Care in Afghanistan (January - August 2021)

A comparison of incident trends in 2020 and 2021 revealed that more attacks occurred from January to August of 2021 (42 incidents) compared to the same period last year (31 incidents). With the current political and security situation in the country remaining volatile, the attacks on health care continue to pose further interruptions for a functional health facilities and deprive thousands of people access to health care services across the country.

**KEY FIGURES**

- **42 INCIDENTS IN 15 PROVINCES & 27 DISTRICTS**

**NUMBER OF ATTACKS by TARGET**

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**NUMBER OF ATTACKS by TYPE**

- VIOLENCE WITH INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS
- VIOLENCE WITH HEAVY WEAPONS
- OTHERS
- ARMED OR VIOLENT SEARCH
- ABDUCTION, ARREST AND DETENTION
- REMOVAL OF HEALTH CARE ASSETS
- AIRSTRIKE ATTACK ON HOSPITAL BUILDING
- PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE
- SETTING FIRE (ARSON)

**INCIDENTS by PROVINCE and DISTRICT**

- **HIRAT**
  - 1 INCIDENT
- **BADGHIS**
  - 1 INCIDENT
- **ZABUL**
  - 1 INCIDENT
- **HILMAND**
  - 7 INCIDENTS
- **KUNAR**
  - 9 INCIDENTS
- **LAGHMAN**
  - 2 INCIDENTS
- **BALKH**
  - 3 INCIDENTS
- **KABUL**
  - 1 INCIDENT
- **PAKTYA**
  - 1 INCIDENT
- **NANGARHAR**
  - 6 INCIDENTS
- **GHAZNI**
  - 1 INCIDENT
- **KANDAHAR**
  - 4 INCIDENTS
- **BALKH**
  - 1 INCIDENT

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