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## “I ripped out the IV and started running”: Attacks on Health Care in Yemen

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### Annex: Summary of Documented Attacks on Health Facilities

#### Aerial Attacks on Health Facilities

**April 1, 2015 – Khamis Marran Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft carried out one airstrike on the health unit in Khamis Marran, Haidan district, completely destroying the facility.

**April 26, 2015 – al-Watan General Hospital – Marib Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft carried out four airstrikes on al-Watan General Hospital, completely destroying the facility.

**April 28, 2015 – al-Qafla Hospital – Amran Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft carried out an airstrike on al-Qafla Hospital following the bombing of a nearby government compound and civilian residence. The attack wounded four civilians.

**May 7, 2015 – Burkan Health Center – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft bombed the Burkan Health Center in Razih district, destroying the building's doors, windows, and outer wall. The center was closed at the time of the attack and no casualties were reported.

**May 29, 2015 – Ghadran Health Center - Sana'a**

Houthis occupied Ghadran Health Center in Sana'a which was still under construction. This occupation led to the targeting the center by the Saudi-Led Coalition aircraft. The attack killed eight people including a child and injured thirteen others.

**May 30, 2015 – al-Saqeen General Hospital – Saada Governorate**

Al-Saqeen Hospital was occupied by Houthis in 2009. They looted its equipment and transformed the physician's residence into a military base. The hospital only provided services to injured fighters affiliated with the group. On May 30, 2015, coalition aircraft carried out two airstrikes on the hospital, severely damaging it.

**Mid 2015 – al-Azzad Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft carried out an airstrike on al-Azzad health unit in Razih district, severely damaging it. The attack put the facility out of service.

**June 14, 2015 – Beir Nasser Health Center – Lahj Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft dropped multiple bombs on the center, which was occupied by Houthi forces for use as a military base at the time of the attack.

**July 1, 2015 – al-Nazir Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft struck al-Nazir Health Unit in Razih district once, which led to the complete destruction of the health unit and injured one the civilian.

**July 9, 2015 – al-Waht Hospital – Lahj Governorate**

Coalition aircraft attacked al-Waht Hospital, which was occupied by Houthi fighters and used as a military base at the time. The airstrike attack caused severe damage to the facility



**July 10, 2015 – Ghout Health Center – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked al-Salam High School twice on July 10. The attack impacted the Ghout health center in Saqeen district. The center's windows, doors, and equipment were destroyed in the attack, which put the center out of service for a year.

**July 12, 2015 – Baqem Rural Hospital – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked Baqem Rural Hospital, severely damaging the facility and its equipment.

**July 13, 2015 – al-Zaher Hospital – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft struck al-Zaher Rural Hospital about three times in an attack. The attack resulted in the complete destruction of the hospital.

**August 7, 2015 – Malaria Control Unit – al-Hudaydah Governorate**

Houthis occupied the malaria control unit in Hess district. Coalition forces attacked the hospital at 8 a.m. Everyone in the unit was killed, including the entire medical staff, three civilians, and a hospital guard. The victims' bodies were unidentifiable and buried under the debris.

**August 17, 2015 – Bir Zied Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft hit Bir Zeid Health Unit in Ketaf al-Boqa'adistrict with two bombs. The attack led to the complete destruction of the facility. Prior to the attack, the unit was suspended because of its dangerous location adjacent to the Saudi-Yemeni border.

**September 2, 2015 – Kataf Health Center – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft struck the health center in Ketaf al-Boqa'adistrict. The attack partially destroyed the center and the area surrounding it.

**September 2, 2015 – al-Atfain Health Center – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft struck al-Atfain health center in Ketaf Al Boqa'a district. The attack killed two people and damaged the center and staff residence.

**September 4, 2015 – al-Karama Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft dropped two bombs on the hospital. The attack heavily damaged the hospital building, putting it out of service. A civilian was killed in the attack.

**September 8, 2015 – Ghafrah Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft bombed the health unit in Ghafrah,al-Zahir district. The attack completely destroyed the health unit, leaving the area without a health facility.

**September 19, 2015 – al-Nazir Health Center – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked the only health center in al-Nazir district. The center was completely destroyed, leaving the area without a health facility.

**September 19, 2015 – al-Maqna'a Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft damaged al-Maqna'a health unit in Monbh district. The attack appears to have been aimed at a Houthi official's home, and not at the health unit directly, but as the attack was in close proximity to the unit, the unit was partially destroyed. A medical worker was killed by shrapnel to his neck. The health unit reopened seven months after the attack.

**October 27, 2015 – Haidan Rural Hospital – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft hit Haidan Rural Hospital, managed by MSF, with two airstrikes. Two people were wounded.



**January 12, 2016 – al-Qeid Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft dropped a munition that landed 200 meters away from the health unit in Razih district. The attack led to a temporary suspension of services out of fear of another attack.

**January 18, 2016 – Ketaf Rural Hospital– Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked Ketaf Rural Hospital in Ketaf al-Boqa'a district. The attack led to a temporary suspension of services. The hospital was then rehabilitated by UNICEF.

**February 4, 2016 – al-Abu Jabara Health Center – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked al-Abu Jabara health center in Ketaf Al Boqa'a district, which was almost completely destroyed. The center suspended services following the attack because of the heightened danger of attacks at the time.

**February 24, 2016 – al-Ghail Health Center – al-Jawf Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft dropped three munitions on the health center. At the time, Houthis were occupying the center and using it as a military center. The attack partially destroyed the building.

**February 27, 2016 – al-Abdel Health Center – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft struck al-Abdel health center in Kattaber district, partially destroying it.

**August 15, 2016 – Abs Governmental Hospital – Hajjah Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft bombed the hospital courtyard. The attack injured more than 24 people and killed 19, including five children.<sup>1</sup> According to hospital staff members interviewed by Mwatana, those injured included two nurses, one physician, a technician, and a hospital guard.

**October 1, 2016 – Baqem Rural Hospital – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked Baqem Rural Hospital for the second time, inflicting further damage on the facility.

**January 30, 2017 – Ibn Huwaidi Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked the health center in Ibn Huwaidi, Ketaf al-Boqa'a district. The attack caused near-total destruction of the center, specifically the emergency room.

**March 15, 2017 – Baqem Rural Hospital – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked Baqem Rural Hospital. The facility had already been out of service following two previous attacks by coalition forces.

**June 3, 2017 – Qahzeh Health Center – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked Jabal Qahzeh, a brigade military camp controlled by Houthis less than 500 meters away from the health center. The attack damaged the eastern and northern parts of the hospital.

**November 27, 2017 – al-Maqna'a Health Unit – Saada Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft attacked al-Maqna'a health unit in Monbh district. The center was nearly completely destroyed in the attack.

**April 27, 2018 – Blood Bank at al-Sabeen Hospital – Amanat al-Asimah**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft bombed the blood bank at al-Sabeen Hospital. While the ordnance that coalition aircraft dropped did not explode, they penetrated the building causing severe damage to the center and to its equipment. Following the attack, the center was closed for a month for restoration and acquisition of alternative medical equipment.



**June 11, 2018 – Cholera Center – Hajjah Governorate**

Saudi-Emirati-led coalition aircraft hit the cholera center in Abes district with an airstrike that completely destroyed the center.

**Ground-Launched Attacks on Health Facilities**

**April 26, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A mortar shell landed on the intensive care unit. A patient was killed, many others were wounded, and medical equipment was heavily damaged. The attack came from a Houthi-Saleh controlled area.

**June 16, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Eight shells landed on the hospital. The attack came from an area under the control of Houthi-Saleh forces. The doctors' residence was also attacked. The head of the emergency wing was injured.

**June 17, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A sniper in the area controlled by Houthis and pro-Saleh forces shot a member of the hospital administrative staff in the leg.

**June 20, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Two shells landed on the burn center and surgical unit, fired from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**June 21, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Three shells landed on the emergency room, maternity wing, and burn center. The shells were launched from Houthi-Saleh-controlled areas.

**June 24, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell landed on the building housing the doctors' residence. The attack came from an area where Houthi-Saleh armed personnel were based.

**June 27, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Four shells landed on the doctors' residence, emergency room, burn center, and morgue. These shells came from the area where Houthi-Saleh forces were based.

**June 29, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Two shells landed on the internal medicine department and gynecology surgery department.

**June 30, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell landed in front of the burn center. The attack destroyed the department's water pipe system. The shell was fired from an area controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**July 5, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell landed on the burn unit. The shell was fired from a Houthi-Saleh-controlled area.

**July 17, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell fired from Houthi-Saleh-controlled territory landed on the burn unit, damaging the unit's windows.

**July 20, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell fired from an unknown location landed on the resuscitation department.

**July 21, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A sniper in a Houthi-Saleh-controlled area shot a sanitation worker at the hospital in the hand and face. A shell landed on the main surgical department, causing major damage. It came from a Houthi-Saleh - controlled area.



**August 2, 2018 - Al Thawra Hospital – Al Hudaydah**

Al Thawra Hospital in Al Hudaydah Governorate was targeted by three mortar shells. The first landed on the eastern gate of the hospital and the second landed on the hospital Statistics center, while the third one landed 200 meters way from the hospital entrance. As a result of the attack, four women and one child were killed, and six adults and one child were wounded.

**August 6, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell landed on the hospital's administrative office. The shell was fired from Houthi-Saleh controlled area.

**August 8, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

At about 1:50 a.m., Houthi-Saleh forces fired two rockets toward al-Thawra Hospital's courtyard. The attack impacted the hemodialysis center and injured a civilian. Around 7:00 p.m., Houthi-Saleh forces fired two additional rockets at the hospital. The attack destroyed the hospital's department of internal medicine, medical supplies, and the building's windows.

**August 14, 2015 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces launched a shell on the hospital courtyard. The attack injured two people who were in the courtyard at the time.

**August 16, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthis and pro- Saleh forces fired two mortar shells inside the hospital, which landed on the emergency room and injured a member of the medical staff. A shell landed on the hospital courtyard. A nurse was injured by shrapnel.

**August 17, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell, which came from the direction of the Republican Palace, controlled by the Houthi-Saleh armed group,<sup>ii</sup> landed in front of the artificial kidney center. Two patients were injured in the attack.

**August 18, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell landed on the internal medicine department. The attack came from al-Salal mount in al-Howban area under the control of Houthi-Saleh forces.

**August 18, 2015 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired a projectile at the hospital's courtyard near the dialysis center.

**August 19, 2015 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthis and the pro-Saleh armed group fired two mortar shells consecutively at the hospital.

**August 19, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

More than 15 shells landed on the hospital, impacting the majority of the hospital's departments. The shells were fired from an area controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**August 20, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

More than seven shells landed on the hospital and doctors' residence. The attacks caused considerable damage to the buildings. The shells were fired from an area controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**August 21, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Five shells landed on the doctors' residence. The attack damaged water pipes, water tanks, and operating rooms. The shells came from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**August 22, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Eight shells landed on the surgical department. The shells came from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.



**October 1, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Three shells landed on the hospital. Four administrative staff and four visitors were injured in the attack. The shells came from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**October 4, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell landed on the doctors' residence. The attack also damaged a pharmacy in the building. The shell came from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**October 18, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell landed on the doctors' residence. The shell came from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**October 25, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell fired from Houthi-Saleh-controlled territory landed on the gynecology surgery department and operating rooms.

**November 11, 2015 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Three shells landed on the artificial kidney center, nephrology department, and in front of the hospital's main entrance. One medical worker and eight civilians were injured. The shells came from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**December 28, 2015 – al-Rawda Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A mortar shell landed on the hospital. It impacted the diesel tanks on the roof of the building. The tanks leaked out completely. The mortar shell came from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**January 2, 2016 – al-Rawda Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A shell landed on the hospital, shattering windows. The shell came from territory controlled by Houthi-Saleh forces.

**January 10, 2016 – Razih Rural Hospital – Saada Governorate**

The hospital, managed by MSF, was targeted by a missile from the Saudi border. The attack killed five people, wounded six others, and destroyed the hospital. MSF said that it had informed the coalition of the hospital's location and coordinates.

**January 16, 2016 – al-Hafez Dispensary – Taiz Governorate**

Two missiles were fired from the Houthi-Saleh controlled area of al-Hoban. The first missile landed a meter away from the clinic. A few minutes later, the other missile landed three to four meters away from the first one. The clinic's security guard was wounded, as were other civilians. The attack shattered all the clinic's windows and damaged the water tanks.

**January 20, 2016 – al-Rawda Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A missile was fired at the hospital by an unknown group. The attack injured civilians, damaged hospital property, and put several of the hospital buildings out of service.

**February 3, 2016 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh armed group fired an artillery shell at the hospital's maternity ward. The attack destroyed the building's window and left a hole in the outer wall.

**March 15, 2016 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired an artillery shell at the hospital. The hospital was out of service at the time of the attack.

**April 3, 2016 – Ma'rib General Hospital – Ma'rib Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired a grenade directly at the hospital located near the presidential palace. Twelve people were injured in the attack.



**November 25, 2016 – Military Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired an artillery shell at the hospital's hemodialysis wing, burning equipment and supplies. The hospital was under the control of anti-Houthi resistance forces. The first shell was followed by several rounds that destroyed several other departments in the hospital.

**March 10, 2017 – Military Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired an artillery shell at the hospital. The attack hit the laboratory and emergency wing. The attack destroyed the building and caused the suspension of hospital's services.

**May 13, 2017 – Military Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired a shell at the hospital's main building, which houses its surgical wing. The hospital remained open despite having to shut down its surgical wing. The hospital's mosque was also destroyed.

**June 14, 2017 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired a shell at the hospital's intensive care unit. The unit's windows and water supply system were damaged. The hospital's main electricity generator was destroyed in the attack, which led to the suspension of services.

**June 14, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired a mortar shell at the hospital's hemodialysis wing. The attack destroyed eight water tanks, leaving just one functioning tank. They later fired another shell that impacted the wall surrounding the hospital.

**October 16, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces fired a shell at the hospital's maternity wing. The second shell was fired at the burns unit, injuring one patient.

**August 16, 2018 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthis fired a rocket at the hospital's emergency room. The hospital, located in an area controlled by Abu al-Abbas fighters, had been under frequent attack. The attack injured three people in the hospital.

**Occupation of Medical Facilities**

**July 10, 2011 – al-Ghail Health Center – al-Jawf Governorate**

The Houthi armed group occupied the health center and used it to treat their fighters. They prevented local residents from accessing the health center for treatment. On February 2, 2016, coalition aircraft bombed the health center.

**March 25, 2015 – Beir Nasser Health Center – Lahj Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces occupied the health center and used it as a military base.

**April 11, 2015 – al-Waht Hospital – Lahj Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces occupied al-Waht Hospital and converted into a military base.

**April 28, 2015 – Aboud Military Hospital – Aden Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces occupied the hospital and transformed it into a military base and weapons storage facility. They prevented patients from receiving treatment and medical personnel from providing services. Disruption of the hemodialysis center's operations led to several deaths.

**May 29, 2015 – Ghadran Health Center – Sana'a Governorate**

Coalition aircraft struck the health center. At the time, the center was under construction, and Houthis were using it as a military base, making it vulnerable to attack. Some people in the area warned Houthis through social media that the center would be attacked if they did not leave, but they refused to vacate it. The attack killed eight people, including one child, and injured 14 others.



**May 30, 2015 – Saqeen General Hospital – Saada Governorate**

Saqeen Hospital was occupied by the Houthis in 2009. On May 30, 2015 the facility was bombed by coalition forces. Houthis looted its equipment and transformed the physicians' residence into a military base. The hospital only provided services to injured fighters affiliated with the group.

**August 7, 2015 – Malaria Control Unit – al-Hudaydah Governorate**

Houthis occupied the malaria control unit in Hess district. Coalition forces carried out an airstrike on the hospital at 8 a.m. Everyone in the unit was killed, including the entire medical staff, three civilians, and a hospital guard. The victims' bodies were unidentifiable and buried under the debris.

**December 2, 2017 – Abd al-Qader al-Mutawakel Hospital – Amanat al-Asimah Governorate**

After the breakdown of their alliance in late 2017, pro-Saleh forces and Houthi fighters fought in al-Wahda district. Medical staff and patients were trapped in the hospital. After bargaining with the Houthis, the medical staff managed to evacuate everyone from the building and shut down the hospital. Houthis demanded the staff allow them access to the building. When the staff refused, they forcibly entered the building and placed their snipers on the roof.

**August 8, 2018 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Abu al-Abbas Brigades occupied the hospital. They assaulted the security guards, confiscated their weapons, and ordered them to leave the hospital. The forces looted the hospital and transformed it into a military base until August 11.

**Assaults on Medical Professionals**

**April 11, 2015 – al-Wahat Hospital – Lahj Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces forced their way into the hospital. They harassed the medical staff for seven hours before removing them from the hospital. Houthi-Saleh fighters accused the medical staff of treating ISIS members and being members themselves. They actively prevented the staff from carrying out their duties.

**July 9, 2015 – Bureihi Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthi-Saleh forces attacked the hospital and assaulted several employees, including the director. They demanded to watch and make a copy of a security tape.

**March 20, 2016 – al-Thawra Hospital Syndicate – Taiz Governorate**

A car with al-Qaeda fighters entered the hospital grounds. The men forcibly entered the hospital in search of two doctors from the hospital syndicate. They could not find the doctors they were searching for and proceeded to abduct two other doctors.

**April 27, 2016 – Muzaffar Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Two unidentified men entered the hospital and accused the staff of stealing the hospital's medical supplies. They broke windows, destroyed equipment, and shot at hospital security guards for refusing to cooperate.

**February 8, 2017 – al-Thawra General Hospital – Amanat al-Asimah Governorate**

After hospital staff members participated in strikes and protests over the non-payment of salaries for several months, Houthi forces abducted, arbitrarily arrested, and concealed the whereabouts of staff members. Later, the Houthis referred some staff members for prosecution, dismissed or suspended them from work, pulled their syndicate memberships, or arbitrarily transferred them to different medical departments.

**March 5 2017 – Military Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Al-Qaeda fighters opened fire at a doctor's car and forced the vehicle to stop. One of the passengers in the car attempted to escape. The fighters shot at him. They abducted and assaulted the doctor and confiscated the car. The doctor reported that he received threats on a regular basis even after they released him.





**March 8, 2017 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Al-Qaeda fighters invaded al-Jumhuri Hospital. They informed the administration that some hospital staff members needed to report to the al-Qaeda court.

**March 19, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

A number of the hospital's security guards affiliated with the Hassem Brigades<sup>iii</sup> entered the hospital and demanded money from the hospital accountant. When he refused, they dragged him out of his office and physically assaulted him.

**March 24, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Two unidentified fighters entered the hospital's intensive care unit. They approached a patient recovering from chest surgery and fired three shots directly at the patient's chest, killing him. After the incident, the hospital was evacuated, and the medical staff went on strike.

**April 2, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Hospital security guards affiliated with the Hassem Brigades invaded the hospital and stationed fighters on the roof and at all the entrances. They demanded the staff replace the current security force. This incident followed repeated attacks on hospital staff. The armed men opened fire at the staff who were refusing their demands.

**April 4, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Armed men entered the hospital and threatened staff refusing to allow them to leave for about half an hour.

**May 28, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

The Hassem Brigades, previously in charge of guarding the hospital, shot at the hospital entrance and security guards, injuring one of the guards and two patients.

**June 4, 2017 – al-Houta Hospital – Lahj Governorate**

Two armed men affiliated with the UAE-backed Security Belt Forces<sup>iv</sup> entered the hospital and had an argument with the security guards. The confrontation escalated into a fight. The Security Belt fighters demanded to enter the hospital director's office. They then threatened to physically harm the director.

**June 20, 2017 – al-Naqeeb Hospital – Aden Governorate**

Two fighters affiliated with the UAE-backed Security Belt Forces entered a hospital with an injured fighter and took him into the intensive care unit, demanding treatment. The doctor asked them to leave, as the unit needs to remain sterile for patients' safety. The soldiers refused and physically assaulted him in the room.

**November 20, 2017 – al-Razi Hospital – Abyan Governorate**

Three hospital guards affiliated with the UAE-backed Security Belt Forces attacked the department director of the hospital during his night shift. The guards demanded to enter the department. When the director refused because it was the middle of the night, they physically assaulted him.

**December 12, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Fighters affiliated with the Abu al-Abbas Brigades<sup>v</sup> attacked the hospital, opening fire on the hospital guards. They entered the emergency room and threatened the medical staff, continuing to fire shots inside the hospital. The fighters were searching for members of the Special Security Forces who had been taken to the hospital after being attacked by the Abu al-Abbas Brigades.

**May 6, 2018 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Fighters affiliated with the Popular Resistance forces invaded the hospital. They abducted a patient from the emergency room and attempted to kill another patient. The fighters prevented medical staff from doing their jobs. A patient who was undergoing surgery at the time bled to death as a result of the disruption.

**May 20, 2018 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Abu al-Abbas fighters and another, unidentified armed group were fighting for control of territory. The groups fired at the hospital using various types of weapons. They were searching for two injured Abu al-Abbas members who had been taken to the hospital for treatment. The attack destroyed the building and forced it to shut down.

**June 9, 2018 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Al-Qaeda fighters and the League Brigade clashed,<sup>vi</sup> impacting the hospital. The League did a security sweep in search of a number of wanted al-Qaeda members. During the sweep, the League's commander was shot. League Brigade fighters entered the hospital and demanded the commander be treated, taking control of the hospital while the commander was taken to the emergency room. Al-Qaeda gunmen opened fire on the hospital. The incident damaged the hospital and put it out of service after all its staff and patients evacuated.

**July 12, 2018 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Abu al-Abbas Brigade fighters opened fire on the hospital's main gate, emergency room, and laboratories. The attack destroyed the building and injured one of the security guards stationed at the gate. The hospital resumed operation two days after the attack. The laboratory, which was completely destroyed, was moved to another building.

**August 12, 2018 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Abu al-Abbas Brigade fighters forcibly entered the hospital and opened fire on the hospital guards. The gunmen were seeking to recruit military reinforcements from the hospital's security forces. Armed with two tanks, the fighters surrounded the hospital and opened fire from all directions. This attack killed two (one security guard, one civilian), and wounded three.

**August 15, 2018 – al-Jumhuri Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Abu al-Abbas Brigade fighters attacked the hospital twice and continued to shoot at the hospital, three days after a similar attack on the hospital by the same group.

**October 1, 2018 – al-Nasr Hospital – al-Dhala's Governorate**

A group of unidentified armed fighters attacked the MSF-affiliated physicians' residence. The men had reportedly wanted to work as security guards at the hospital but had been rejected and were retaliating.

**Other Violations Affecting Health Access and Services****July 21, 2016 – Psychiatric Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Armed fighters affiliated with the Popular Resistance forces forcibly entered the hospital and looted its pharmacy.

**October 1, 2016 – al-Ghail Health Center – al-Jawf Governorate**

Popular Resistance forces entered the hospital and looted its equipment and machines.

**October 9, 2016 – al-Matoun Health Center – al-Jawf Governorate**

Houthis looted the center's medical equipment and machines.

**April 17, 2017 – al-Thawra Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Houthis and pro-Saleh forces detained and confiscated medical equipment intended for al-Thawra Hospital at a checkpoint. The equipment belonged to the hospital's dialysis center and had been authorized by the authorities.

**June 6, 2017 – al-Barihi Hospital – Taiz Governorate**

Abu al-Abbas brigades carried out an armed attack on the hospital. They demanded the hospital turn over an injured man accused of murder. The attack forced the hospital to shut down for three hours.



### **July 5, 2017 – Mobile Clinic – Saada Governorate**

A mobile clinic team was stopped at Ketaf Rural Hospital. The new Houthi directorate supervisor had issued an order to shut down mobile clinics in all districts. The clinic's services were suspended for three months.

### **June 30, 2018 – al-Thawra Hospital – Ibb Governorate**

A heavily armed Houthi fighter was walking through the hospital. He dropped a hand grenade that went off, injuring 11 people in the building.

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<sup>i</sup> "Yemen: Death Toll Rises To 19," MSF.

<sup>ii</sup> Prior to December 4, 2017, Mwatana was able to identify the violating party as Houthi-Saleh forces. After December 2017, the violating party is considered the Houthi armed group.

<sup>iii</sup> Hassem Brigades are part of a military formation under the popular resistance. These armed units operate in the southern part of Taiz city.

<sup>iv</sup> The Security Belt is a paramilitary force funded, trained and directed by the UAE. Human Rights Watch, "Yemen: UAE Backs Abusive Local Forces Resolve 'Disappearances', Grant Access to Detention Sites," June 22, 2017, <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/06/22/yemen-uae-backs-abusive-local-forces#>

<sup>v</sup> Abu al-Abbas Brigades are a group of Salafist fighters supported by UAE and part of the "popular resistance" forces in Taiz. While on January 13, 2019, it was announced they had been merged with the 35th Brigade, they remain a distinct group. They controlled most western parts of Taiz city.

<sup>vi</sup> The League Brigade was composed of fighters led by Radwan al-Adaini (deceased) in the city of Taiz and was considered part of the popular resistance forces. These fighters were in the southern part of the city of Taiz.