

18 November 2018 – On Thursday, 15 November 2018, an armed group attacked a specialized urology hospital in Benghazi. They beat three female nurses and two security guards and stole valuable equipment from the hospital. This incident led to the suspension of all operations in the hospital. This is the only specialized urological hospital in the east and south east of Libya and its closure puts the lives of a large population at risk.

Attacks on health facilities and medical staff across Libya have been increasing. Health workers operate in difficult situations and face intimidation, harassment, and assassination attempts, while saving the lives of thousands of people whose access to health care services is limited. The World Health Organization (WHO) reminds all parties that attacks on health workers, facilities and patients is a violation of International Humanitarian Law and calls on all parties to respect the sanctity of health care.

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