

Protection in Danger

Monthly News Brief

March 2019

Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings

Africa

Kenya

29 March 2019: According to a leaked UN document, the Kenyan Government plans to close the Dadaab Refugee Camp by August 2019; a move that, if implemented, would affect some 230,000 refugees. **Source:** [The New Humanitarian](#)

Mali

General: In central and northern Mali, an increasingly militarised security landscape continued to restrict aid workers in their ability to respond to the needs of displaced peoples. **Source:** [The New Humanitarian](#)

Nigeria

14 March 2019: In Gajiram village, Borno state, four people were killed in a fire outbreak. The fire also destroyed property in a nearby camp for the displaced, affecting more than 2,000 displaced families. Humanitarian organizations are assisting the affected families and plan to construct 250 emergency shelters. Overcrowding in camps has increased the risks of fire outbreaks. Fire safety awareness is being ramped up across displacement camps to avert further outbreaks. **Source:** [UN-OCHA](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

General: The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army has been blamed by the media for organised violence and a series of killings in camps for Rohingya refugees. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

11 March 2019: The Bangladeshi Government plans to forcibly relocate 23,000 Rohingya refugees from camps in Cox's Bazar district to the remote island of Bhasan Char in April 2019, a move that could possibly trigger a new crisis, the UN warned. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

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Europe

Greece

20 March 2019: In Athens, an asylum-seeker from Guinea attempting to receive a 90 Euro subsistence from UNHCR was attacked by police, who held him down on the pavement and kicked his leg on a pre-existing wound he had received during torture before punching his face and back. When he requested to go to hospital they said, "Die here, not in hospital" and "Black go back to your country". **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Middle-East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

05 March 2019: In al-Quds city, West Bank, IDF soldiers raided the Shufat refugee camp and fired tear-gas canisters at Palestinians, including students and children, leaving dozens of Palestinians suffering from tear-gas inhalation. Israeli forces then closed off the military checkpoint at the camp's entrance preventing passage. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 March 2019: In West Bank, Israeli forces stormed into the Jalazun refugee camp located just north of Ramallah, firing teargas into several Palestinian homes. No injuries reported and no further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

17 March 2019: In Gaza Strip, Hamas security forces reportedly attacked a several residents in the area of Abu al-Jidyan Square in the Jabalya refugee camp. No injuries were reported and no further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

25 March 2019: In Ramallah city, West Bank, Israeli forces assaulted and injured a Palestinian after storming his house and detaining two of his sons in the al-Jalazoun refugee camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Syrian Arab Republic

01 March 2019: In an unspecified location, a male International staff member died while working in a medical facility in a refugee camp when the area was hit by an airstrike. **Source:** [AWSD](#)²

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² The AWSD database does not include the names of individual victims or the agencies affected by an incident. This is done in consideration of the victims and their families who may not wish to have the names publicised in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available.