

Protection in Danger

Monthly News Brief

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Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings

Africa

Kenya

01 April 2019: In Kericho county, a worker at the Daadab Refugee Camp was killed by unidentified armed men along with his wife and son. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

14 April 2019: In Turkana county, violent clashes between feuding Anok and Hol sub-clans of the Dinka Paker clan at the Kakuma Refugee Camp left more than 50 South Sudanese refugees injured. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Niger

April 2019: Across the Diffa region, an escalation in the level of armed violence has led to more than 18,000 newly displaced people in the area. UNHCR plan to move 10,000 IDPs to Sayam Forage refugee camp, a site which already hosts 15,000 people. **Source:** [UN-OCHA](#)

Sudan

05 April 2019: In North Darfur state, a displaced man collecting firewood north of the Dali IDP camp was killed by unidentified gunmen suspected of being local pastoralists. No further details available. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

13 April 2019: Near Nyala city, South Darfur state, Kalma IDP camp, 13 or 14 IDPs were killed either during violent confrontations between two rival youth groups or during anti-government protests. In the aftermath, the acting governor of South Darfur claimed that the camp held weapons and rebels from the Sudan Liberation Army. **Sources:** [Dabanga Sudan \(a\)](#), [Dabanga Sudan \(b\)](#) and [Justice Info BBC](#) and [Reuters](#)

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Asia

Bangladesh

24 April 2019: In Ukhiya upazila, Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, a fire of unspecified origin engulfed the Kutupalong Refugee Camp, destroying 28 homes and a mosque. **Source:** [ABC News](#)

Europe

Greece

05 April 2019: In Diavata village, Delta municipality, Thessaloniki regional unit, Central Macedonia administrative region, a false social media rumour stating that onward travel restrictions had been lifted led migrants from the Diavata Camp to attempt to travel toward North Macedonia, where they were met by police. The confrontation led to migrants throwing sticks and stones at police while the police fired teargas canisters at them. **Source:** [BBC](#)

16 April 2019: In Athens, employees of various NGOs held a demonstration in front of the Archaeological Museum of Athens to protest against the Greek Migration Policy Ministry's decision to request that the roughly 200 refugees who have been rehoused leave the apartments they had been living in to make way for newer refugees from the overcrowded camps of Lesbos and Samos. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Italy

17 April 2019 (DOA): The Interior Ministry ordered the Italian Navy and its coastguard to monitor the movements of the NGO rescue ship Mare Jonio, which was seized in March 2019 after defying an order not to bring migrants to Italy. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

Malta

04 April 2019: The Maltese and Italian Governments denied the NGO Sea-Eye's vessel 'The Alan Kurdi' entry into their waters after the vessel had reportedly rescued 64 migrants off the Libyan coast the day before. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Lebanon

24 April 2019: Near Barelias town, Zahlé district, Bekaa governorate, the Lebanese Armed Forces stormed the Yasmin Refugee Camp for Syrians, destroying 110 tents and detaining 80 male residents for 'not possessing correct documentation'. Syrian refugees in Lebanon are regularly subjected to dehumanising treatment by Lebanese authorities and pressured to return to Syria. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

26 April 2019: In Saida region, a member of Fatah Movement was shot and killed while visiting a friend in the Hetting neighbourhood of Ein el Hilweh camp. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

30 April 2019: In Saida region, a Fatah Movement member opened fire in the Hettin neighbourhood of Ein al Hilweh camp, wounding a passer-by, in what was likely a response to the event of 26 April. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Libya

23 April 2019: In Qasr bin Ghashir town, Tripoli district, Tripolitania region, Khalifa Haftar's forces shot indiscriminately at migrants and refugees awaiting relocation in a detention centre, wounding at least four of them. **Sources:** [ACLED¹](#), [AFP](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

28 April 2019: In the West Bank, Israeli military forces fired tear gas canisters at Palestinians in the Jalazoun camp just north of Ramallah. Multiple Palestinians suffered breathing difficulties subsequently.

Source: [ACLED¹](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

05 April 2019: In Damascus city and governorate, a Palestinian-Syrian national who had been taken from Yarmouk Refugee Camp by Syrian regime forces died while being tortured at an unidentified regime detention centre. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

06 April 2019: In al-Hasakeh governorate, YPG fighters at Hole IDP camp allegedly killed a young girl while she and her family were attempting to escape the camp. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

08 April 2019 (DOA): In Rukban area, Homs governorate, the US urged Damascus and its Russian ally to help facilitate the delivery of aid to the remote makeshift Rukban IDP Settlement along the Syria-Jordan border, where Syrian IDPs have been abandoned in extremely poor conditions. **Source:** [AP](#)

10 April 2019: In al-Hasakeh governorate, at Hole IDP camp a member of the YPG allegedly discharged small arms fire, leaving a girl with injuries. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

21 April 2019: In Aleppo governorate, unidentified armed gunmen fired indiscriminately at the Shamarekh IDP camp near Izaz city, killing a child and damaging tents. The area was under the control of the opposition forces at the time of the incident. No further details currently available. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

23 April 2019: In al Hambushiya village, Jisr al Shughur city, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime forces fired a missile launcher and an artillery volley near to the Androun IDP camp, inflicting moderate damage to several tents but no injuries. The village was under the control of opposition forces and Hay'at Tahrir al Sham at the time. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

29 April 2019: In the sub-districts of Ehsem, Heish, Kafr Nabl and Madiq Castle, Maarrat al-Nu'man, and Kafr Nabl, Idlib governorate, conflict displaced protection teams and community members. **Source:** [UN-OCHA](#)

29 April 2019: In al-Mughayr village, Mahardah district, Hama governorate, displaced civilians fleeing from a refugee camp that was being shelled by Syrian regime forces were discouraged from entering a Turkish observation region by Turkish military forces firing their weapons in the air. No injuries reported. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

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