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Africa

Burkina Faso

General: Across Burkina Faso, jihadist violence continued to deprive half a million IDPs of access to health care. **Source:** [AFP](#)

Burundi

05 September 2019: In Mwaro-Ngundu, Makebuko, Gitega province, members of the Imbonerakure militia burned the fence of an unnamed IDP camp during the night. No casualties reported. **Source:** [RPA](#)

07 September 2019: In Mwaro-Ngundu, Makebuko, Gitega province, Imbonerakure attacked and threatened IDPs at the camp. No casualties reported as the IDPs managed to defend themselves. **Source:** [RPA](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

11 September 2019: In Kitchanga, Rutshuru, North Kivu province, unidentified armed men raided an IDP camp, killing a man, a woman and a boy. **Source:** [Kivu Security Tracker](#)

18 September 2019: In Djugu, Ituri province, an unidentified armed group attacked civilians on three different occasions. Fifteen people were killed, 11 of whom were children. Unconfirmed reports suggest a further four people were abducted. Several buildings housing IDPs were also burned down, in what appears to have originated as a conflict between Hema herders and Lendu farmers over grazing rights and political representation. **Sources:** [Radio Okapi](#), [AA](#), [Actualité](#), [RFI](#), [Afrique Panorama](#), [MONUSCO](#), [Reuters](#) and [Le Figaro](#)

22 September 2019: In Kitchanga, Rutshuru, North Kivu province, unidentified armed men attacked Mungote IDP camp during the night, killing two women as well as injuring two men and a child. The wounded were hospitalised and are in critical condition. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Niger

03 September 2019: In Garin Wanzam camp, Diffa, Boko Haram militants abducted the village chief of Yébi village while he was living in Garin Wanzam IDP camp. **Source:** [Urgence Diffa](#)

17 September 2019: In Dan Mani, Guidan Roumdji, Maradi province, unidentified gunmen raided a refugee site and opened fire. No casualties reported. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

South Sudan

General: In unspecified locations, opposition forces carried out recruitment of fighters in UNMISS Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

04 September 2019 (DOA): In Juba, the camp management of the Juba PoC site orchestrated a demonstration of hundreds of women and children in front of the site to prevent UNMISS police from reaching a wanted man who had taken refuge at the site. The wanted man managed to escape. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Sudan

15 – 16 September 2019: In Mershing locality, South Darfur state, two armed men in Rapid Support Forces uniforms tried to steal the mobile phone of a university student of the Zalingei University at the Mershing IDP Camp, and when the latter resisted, one of the men shot him dead. In response, IDPs held a demonstration and tried to storm the office of the National Intelligence and Security Service. Shots were fired towards the crowd, killing one IDP and injuring another. A subsequent protest led to the deaths of two more IDPs. **Sources:** [Dabanga Sudan I](#) and [Dabanga Sudan II](#)

Tanzania

05 September 2019: In Kibondo, Kigoma, a male IDP disappeared from Nduta Refugee Camp. **Source:** [Ntare](#)

10 September 2019: In Kibondo, Kigoma, a man was abducted from his residence at the Nduta Refugee Camp by unidentified men. **Source:** [Ntare](#)

Uganda

16 September 2019: In Kiryandongo district, Bunyoro sub-region, Western Uganda region, a clash between the Laak Nuer and the Gawaar Nuer communities at the Kiryandongo Refugees Settlement led to the deaths of two South Sudanese nationals. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

02 September 2019 (DOA): In Cox's Bazar district, Bangladeshi authorities ordered telecommunications companies to stop selling SIM cards and shut down telecommunication services to the almost one million Rohingya refugees living across multiple refugee camps along the border region. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

27 September 2019: In Cox's Bazar district, the Government of Bangladesh announced that they would begin construction of barbed-wire fences around the multiple refugee camps hosting Rohingya refugees, allegedly to prevent further expansion of the camps, which the UN described earlier this year as already being over-congested and with population density as high as 10m² per person. The fencing will also further limit the Rohingya refugees' freedom of movement and likely exacerbate tensions in the region. **Sources:** [The Japan Times](#), [HRW](#) and [2019 Joint Response Plan](#)

Europe

Greece

29 September 2019: In Mytilene city, Lesvos island, North Aegean region, a fire broke out at Moira Refugee Camp, killing one Afghan woman and injuring 19 others. Unconfirmed reports stated that a child had died in the fire with the woman. In response, refugees rioted and clashed with Greek police. The local police chief claimed that the riots prevented fire engines from putting out the blaze and that refugees were chanting threats towards the police. NGO workers report that the camp is at least four times over capacity and must be urgently decongested to prevent further frustration over the poor conditions there. **Sources:** [Reuters](#)

and [The Guardian](#)

Italy

14 September 2019: The Italian Government allowed the rescue ship Ocean Viking with 82 asylum seekers on board to dock in Italy after six days stranded in international waters. **Source:** [Time](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Iraq

01 Sept 2019: In Makhmur district, Mosul city, Nineveh governorate, an IS militant reportedly killed a young refugee in the Dabke camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Libya

General: Across Libya, many refugees and asylum seekers fall victim to abusive traffickers who hold them for ransom from their families. **Source:** [VOA News](#)

28 September 2019: Near to Misrata city, Misrata district, Tripolitania region, a boat carrying at least 50 asylum seekers capsized in the Mediterranean Sea. **Source:** [VOA News](#)

28 September 2019: In an unspecified location, 56 people who had been at sea for more than 60 hours on board a boat at risk of shipwreck in the Mediterranean Sea called for help, but their calls went unheeded. **Source:** [VOA News](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

05 September 2019: Near Darkosh town, Jisr-Ash-Shugur city, Idlib governorate, Turkish border guards shot and killed a woman in the Haleb camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

07 September 2019: In Western Jaabar, Al-Thawrah city, Raqqa governorate, two IDPs from Hama province were arrested by Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and supported by US-led coalition helicopters, on charges of working with IS cells in the area. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

07 September 2019: Near Darkosh, Jisr-Ash-Shugur city, Idlib governorate, Turkish border guards shot and killed a woman and wounded other in the Haleb camp while they were trying to enter Turkey from the Darkosh area. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

11 September 2019: In Dahr village, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes reportedly fired missiles near a building sheltering IDPs, resulting in casualties and severely damaging the building. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

12 September 2019: In al Hawl IDP Camp, Al-Hasakeh governorate, several women affiliated with ISIS attacked and stabbed an Iraqi IDP in the neck with a sharp tool. The IDP man was rescued and provided with first aid. Reasons for attack are unknown. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

14 September 2019: In al Hawl Camp, Al-Hasakeh governorate, an unknown number of IDPs were arrested by QSD. No further information available. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

19 September 2019: In Bafelyun, Afrin city, Aleppo Governorate, an IDP from Madaya in rural Damascus reportedly died as a result of wounds received several days before when he was beaten and shot at by Ahrar al Sharqiyah fighters at a checkpoint. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

30 September 2019 (DOA): In al-Hawl town, al-Hawl sub-district, al-Hasakah district, al-Hasakah governorate, a fight broke out in al-Hawl IDP Camp when a group of female Islamic State supporters ordered that several other women in the foreigners' section of the camp be lashed for refusing to attend an informal Koranic studies class. Guards from the Syrian Democratic Forces, who run the camp, intervened and shot dead one of the women after she pulled out a pistol that had been smuggled into the camp.

Source: [The Telegraph](#)

Yemen

09 September 2019: In the outskirts of Hays district, south of Hodeidah governorate, an elderly man was injured when pro-Houthi forces reportedly opened fire on IDPs. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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