

Protection in Danger

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Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings

Africa

Burkina Faso

Early-December 2019: In Fada N'gourma city and department, Gourma province, Est region, a government representative forbade aid organisations from using their own data on the number of registered IDPs when planning assistance. Instead, agencies have been asked to rely on official government figures when delivering aid, claiming that the goal was to coordinate response efforts better. However, as official data is compiled manually rather than digitally, NGOs received the data late resulting in delayed response. **Source:** [TNH](#)

24 December 2019: In Aribinda town, Soum province, an unnamed IDP camp was attacked by a large group of suspected ISGS militants during a wider assault on the area that also targeted security forces and civilians. **Sources:** [Xinhua](#), [France 24](#), [BBC](#), [Jeune Afrique](#), [VOA Afrique](#), [La Presse](#), [Le Monde](#) and [RFI](#)

Kenya

10 December 2019: In Kakuma town, Turkana county, a clash between South Sudanese and Sudanese refugees at the Kakuma refugee camp caused the deaths of five people, and the injury of five more. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Sudan

29 December 2019: In Krinding IDP camp, El Geneina, West Darfur state, fighting allegedly took place between Maaliya pastoralists and IDPs. **Sources:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

30 December 2019: In Al Kereinik, West Darfur state, the Murnei, Kereinkik and Sultan House IDP camps were attacked by Maaliya pastoralists. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

30 December 2019: Around El Geneina city, West Darfur State, fighting between Maaliya pastoralists and RSF paramilitaries against Masalit Darfuris was reported in Krinding IDP camp and multiple areas including Delmengi and Majmari villages. **Sources:** [Darfur24](#) and [News on Air, UN News](#)

Tanzania

27 December 2019: In Kigoma, Kigoma Ujiji district, a Burundian refugee was reportedly kidnapped from the Nyarugusu refugee camp. **Source:** [SOS Medias Burundi](#)

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Asia

Sri Lanka

As reported on 26 December 2019: In Negombo city and division, Western province, a Pakistani Muslim refugee was attacked and killed by an unidentified armed group. Police are carrying out further investigations into the incident. **Sources:** [Tamil Guardian](#), [Arab News](#), [Colombo Page](#) and [Daily Mirror](#)

Europe

Greece

10 December 2019: On Chios island, North Aegean region, an Iraqi refugee was stabbed by an unidentified perpetrator during fighting at the Vial migrant reception centre just before midnight. **Source:** [Ekathimerini](#)

19 December 2019: On Samos island, North Aegean region, around 300 refugees protested their long stay at the Samos Refugee Camp, destroyed portable toilets and threw stones towards police officers who arrived at the site. In response, police officers fired teargas to disperse them. **Source:** [Ekathimerini](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territory

16 December 2019: Israeli military forces stormed Duhayshah refugee camp near Bethlehem and fired rubber bullets and tear gas at residents. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Syrian Arab Republic

03 December 2019: Around Jazaret Elbuhmeid, Deir-ez-Zor district and governorate, an unnamed IDP camp was attacked by locals who burnt several tents and expelled camp residents. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

15 December 2019: Near al Hol town, Hasaka district and governorate, a girl died in al Hol IDP Camp due to a lack of access to health care. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

21 December 2019: In Harem, Idlib governorate, Russian warplanes targeted an IDP camp, causing an unknown number of casualties. **Source:** [Airwars](#)

24 December 2019: In Joubas village, Idlib district and governorate, Russian warplanes fired missiles on a school used to shelter IDPs, partially destroying the building. Five children and two adults were killed, and seven others wounded. **Sources:** [Rappler](#), [SNHR](#), [SNHR II](#) and [Airwars](#)

24 December 2019: In Ma'aret al Numan city and district, Idlib governorate, Syrian-Russian warplanes targeted the roads used by displaced civilians. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

27 December 2019: In al Ghadafa village, Idlib governorate, an IDP died due to wounds sustained in a bombing by the Syrian forces. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

30 December 2019: In Ma'aret al Numan city and district, Idlib governorate, Syrian forces helicopters dropped barrel bombs, killing an IDP child and a member of the Syrian Civil Defense. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

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