

# Protection in Danger

Monthly News Brief

## Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings

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### Africa

#### Cameroon

**13 February 2020:** In Kolofata town, Mayo-Sava department, Extreme-Nord province, an IDP camp was attacked and houses were looted by Boko Haram militants. No casualties were reported. Military forces later recovered some of the looted goods. **Source:** [Sembe TV](#)

#### Niger

**As reported on 04 February 2020:** Outside Agadez city and commune, Tchirozerine department, Agadez region, Sudanese refugees have been forced to sleep in the open despite low temperatures, reportedly as a punishment enacted by Nigerien authorities, after their refugee camp was almost completely burned down in January. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

**17 February 2020:** In Diffa town, commune, department and region, a stampede during an aid distribution left at least 20 Nigerian refugees dead. **Sources:** [BBC](#) and [TNH](#)

#### Nigeria

**Around 06 February 2020:** In Iheosu-Isu, Arochukwu LGA, Abia state, an unnamed IDP camp was attacked by militias from the Utuma community. Two people were killed and 10 are missing. **Source:** [Daily Trust](#)

#### Sudan

**07 February 2020:** In the eastern area of Kass IDP camp, South Darfur state, four armed men on camels raped a primary school student while she was out gathering firewood. Her three brothers were also bound and beaten. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

**Around 09 February 2020:** At Krinding IDP camp, Al-Geneina, West Darfur state, three girls aged between 14 and 17 were raped inside the camp by unidentified perpetrators(s). The girls were transferred to Al-Geneina teaching hospital for medical examination. **Source:** [Darfur24](#)

### Europe

#### Bosnia and Herzegovina

**15 February 2020:** Near Velika Kladuša town, Una-Sana canton, police used violence towards hundreds of refugees and asylum seekers as they attempted to break out of the Miral Camp in protest over both the conditions there and alleged abuse by border officials in nearby Croatia. **Source:** [RFE RL](#)

## **Greece**

**03 February 2020:** In Lesbos island, North Aegean region, police fired teargas to disperse hundreds of refugees and asylum seekers from the Kara Tepe Camp as they were protesting the living conditions and slow processing of requests for international protection. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

**As reported on 15 February 2020:** In Alexandroupoli, Evros region, East Macedonia and Thrace, a teenage Afghan refugee boy was beaten by a border guard. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **Middle East and North Africa**

### ***Occupied Palestinian Territory***

**05 February 2020:** In Hebron, Israeli forces stormed the al Arrub refugee camp and fired tear-gas canisters at the homes of Palestinian residents. Dozens of Palestinians, including children, suffered from tear-gas inhalation. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### ***Syrian Arab Republic***

**02 February 2020:** In Binnesh city, Idlib governorate, an IDP child was killed in a bombing by Syrian regime warplanes. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**03 February 2020:** In the Jam'iyet al Rahhal area, Aleppo governorate, a bus carrying IDPs was hit by Russian warplanes, resulting in the death of at least nine people. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**03 February 2020:** In Jam'iyet al Arman area, Aleppo governorate, a female IDP was killed in a bombing by Russian warplanes. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**05 February 2020:** In Jedraya village, Idlib governorate, six IDPs were killed in a bombing by Russian warplanes. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**08 February 2020:** In al Hol Camp, Al-Hasakeh governorate, an Iraqi man who was working as a guard in the camp's market was found dead with wounds to the neck and head caused by a sharp object. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**08 February 2020:** In al Hol Camp, Al-Hasakeh province, several female IDPs were arrested by Syrian Democratic Forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**09 February 2020:** In Abin Samaan village, Aleppo governorate, IDPs were killed in a bombing by Russian warplanes. **Source:** [Air Wars](#)

**10 February 2020:** In Al Atareb city, Aleppo governorate, two IDPs were killed in a bombing on their car by Syrian regime warplanes. **Source:** [Air Wars](#)

**10 February 2020:** Near Kafr Orouq village, Idlib governorate, at least one child IDP was killed when Syrian regime warplanes used heavy machine guns on two IDP camps. **Sources:** [Air Wars](#) and [SNHR](#)

**14 February 2020:** Near Sarmada city, Idlib governorate, Fahil al Ezz IDP camp was shelled by Syrian regime forces, wounding at least three IDPs. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**15 February 2020:** Near Sarmada city, Idlib governorate al Muthanna IDP camp was shelled by Syrian regime forces, resulting in the death of a male IDP. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**15 February 2020:** In Hole Camp, Al-Hasakeh province, three Iraqi IDP children and a woman were arrested by Asayish forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

**19 February 2020:** Near Deir Hassan village, Idlib governorate, al Sarout IDP camp was shelled by Syrian regime forces, injuring one person and damaging several tents. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**25 February 2020:** In Binnesh city, Idlib governorate, four IDPs were killed by missiles fired by Russian warplanes. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**25 February 2020:** In Ma'aret Misreen town, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles on a centre sheltering IDPs, resulting in an unspecified number of casualties. **Sources:** [Airwars](#) and [SNHR](#)

**As reported on 25 February 2020:** In Idlib governorate, fighting has been moving dangerously close to a strip of land near the Syria-Turkey border, where approximately 900,000 IDPs are living in camps, makeshift tents or in the open, having been displaced across the region up to the Turkish border wall. **Sources:** [Reuters](#), [TNH](#) and [VOA](#)

**29 February 2020:** In Shiheil town, Deir-ez-Zour governorate, IDPs and civilians were arrested during a raid by SDF forces. **Source:** [Liveuamap](#)

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The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events of threats and incidents of violence affecting protection of IDPs and refugees and have not been independently verified. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations.

<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 05 March 2020.

