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Africa
Burkina Faso
28 March 2020: Near Barsalogo, Barsalogo department, Sanmatenga province, an IDP mother and daughter were shot at by unidentified gunmen while gathering firewood. The girl was killed and the mother escaped. Source: ACLED

30 March 2020: Across all regions of Burkina Faso, the closure of 135 health facilities over the past months as a result of almost daily attacks by extremist groups is complicating efforts to respond to the Coronavirus outbreak, placing in particular almost 80,000 IDPs at risk of contagion. Source: TNH

Central African Republic
30 March 2020: In Ndele, Bamingui-Bangoran, a IDP camp was attacked by FPRC militants in two pick-up trucks. They attacked the IDPs and forced them to return to their respective homes. No fatalities were reported. Source: Corbeau News

Sudan
04 March 2020: In Nierteti locality, Central Darfur state, armed pastoralists opened fire on a group of IDPs who were making bricks. Four were injured, two of whom were hospitalised and left in critical condition. Source: Radio Dabanga

04 March 2020: In Turr village, Central Darfur state, two IDP school students were wounded when armed pastoralists attacked the village and stole five donkeys. The governor of Central Darfur state has disputed that this event occurred. Source: ACLED

09 March 2020: In the Kalamakeri area, Nertiti locality, Central Darfur state, seven armed militiamen - five on horseback and two on motorcycles - shot and gang raped a 17-year-old female IDP. She was badly injured and transferred to Nyala Teaching Hospital. Source: Radio Dabanga
Asia

Bangladesh
19 March 2020: In Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, a Save the Children report published online revealed how the Bangladeshi Government has no resources to conduct COVID-19 testing, generating panic amongst nearly one million Rohingya refugees. Source: Benar News

Myanmar
13 March 2020: In between the villages of Bu Ywet Ma Nyoe and Tein Nyo, Mrauk-U township, Rakhine state, 12 IDPs from Tein Nyo IDP camp were injured when a convoy of around eight Myanmar military vehicles fired shots at them. Sources: Irrawaddy and RFA

13 March 2020: In Thar Si village, Kyauktaw township, Rakhine state, three people, including an 18-year-old female IDP, were killed when Myanmar military soldiers entered the village and fired shots at houses. About 14 houses were also set on fire and destroyed. Source: BNI Online

19 March 2020: In Rakhine state, a ban on internet services imposed by the Myanmar Government since June 2019 is preventing more than 140,000 Rohingya IDPs from accessing vital information about COVID-19. Source: RFA

Europe

Greece
01 or 02 March 2020: In Skala Sikamineas village, Lesvos island, North Aegean region, unidentified perpetrators torched a UNHCR reception centre for asylum seekers and refugees. Sources: AP and TRT World

08 March 2020: In Mytilene city, Lesvos island, North Aegean region, a fire broke out at Moria Refugee Camp, destroying a warehouse containing furniture and electrical appliances. Source: AP

Turkey
On 02 and 04 March 2020: At the Pazarkule Border Crossing Point, Edirne district and province, Marmara region, Greek police and border officials from the Greek Kastanies Border Crossing Point used teargas, stun grenades and water cannons to push back hundreds of asylum seekers and refugees trying to enter Greece. A Syrian child whose boat capsized drowned. Sources: AP, Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Fox News, Reuters, The Washington Post and TRT World

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic
02 March 2020: In Adwan village, Idlib governorate, Russian airstrikes on a school housing IDPs killed at least one person and injured at least two others. Source: Airwars

05 March 2020: On the outskirts of Ma’aret Misreen town, Idlib governorate, Russian or Syrian regime warplanes fired missiles on an IDP centre, resulting in many casualties. Sources: Airwars and SNHR

09 March 2020: In the Babsqa area, Harem countryside, Idlib governorate, an IDP from Muqah village was killed by Turkish Gendarmerie for attempting to illegally cross into Turkey. Source: SOHR

10 March 2020: In Al-Hawaij village, Deir-ez-Zour governorate, Al Shahabat school was raided by Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) who arrested several IDPs from Al Mayadin city. Coalition Forces warplanes were seen flying overhead at the time. Source: SOHR

11 March 2020: In Shiheil town, eastern Deir-ez-Zour governorate, an unnamed IDP camp was reportedly raided by SDF, supported by Coalition Forces helicopters. A family of four IDPs from Hama were arrested over allegations of being former members of the Islamic State. Source: SOHR

29 March 2020: At Al Hol IDP camp, Al-Hasakeh governorate, two IDP children were arrested by SDF forces in a raid on the Muhajirat (female foreigners of IS) section of the camp. Source: ACLED
Yemen

04 March 2020: At Bayzaj IDP camp, Al Hawtah district, Hadhramaut governorate, an 8-year-old IDP boy was gang-raped by suspected Security Belt members. Source: ACLED

18 March 2020: In the Al Barh neighbourhood, Hays city and district, Al Hudaydah governorate, an IDP was killed when pro-Houthi forces opened fire with sniper rifles on houses in the area. Source: ACLED

31 March 2020: In Dar Sad district, Aden governorate, a compound housing IDPs was stormed by a group of armed men suspected to be Security Belt members. The group raped women and arrested men. Security authorities began an investigation. Source: ACLED

Notes
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