**Protection in Danger**
Monthly News Brief

**Safety, security and access incidents**
Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings

**Africa**

**Burkina Faso**
20 April 2020: In Kaya city, Sanmatenga province, Centre-Nord region, a female IDP and her two children were killed by unidentified gunmen. Source: ACLED Read our latest report on Burkina Faso

28 April 2020: In Kaya city, Sanmatenga province, Centre-Nord region, IDPs, mostly women and children, organised a demonstration in front of the town hall to show their discontent with the Social Action department food distribution which, according to them, has repeatedly benefited some IDPs while neglecting others. Source: AIB

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**
16 April 2020: In Drodro village, Djugu territory, Ituri province, two IDPs and a civilian were killed in a machete attack by armed men suspected to be linked to the Coalition of Congolese Democrats (CODECO). Source: 7 sur 7

**Ethiopia**
Throughout April 2020: In Shire town, North Western zone, Tigray region, the Agency for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) stepped up preparations to proceed with the closure of Hitsats Refugee Camp, and the relocation of approximately 26,000 Eritreans to Mai Aini and Adi Harush Refugee Camps, or to the community. Residents and humanitarian organisations have urged the Ethiopian Government to put on hold such efforts over fears of COVID-19 pandemic. Source: Al Jazeera

**Kenya**
24 April 2020: In Zone Two, Kakuma Refugee Camp three, Kakuma town, Turkana county, a lesbian Ugandan refugee was dragged to her shelter, beaten and raped by eight men due to her sexual orientation. The incident follows a wave of other similar incidents reported by LGBT+ camp residents in recent months. Source: Pink News

**Mali**
28 April 2020: In Bamako, a fire intended to burn waste tore through the Faladie IDP Camp, forcing more than 1,000 IDPs to flee. Tents were destroyed and land reduced to ashes. Source: Al Jazeera

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**South Sudan**

**07 April 2020:** In Juba, following confirmation of the first case of Coronavirus involving a UN worker on 05 April, government soldiers allegedly surrounded the UN PoC site and prevented IDPs from leaving the camp, accusing them of being infected with COVID-19. **Source:** Eye Radio

**16 April 2020:** In the Khor Al-Waral IDP Camp, White Nile state, a South Sudanese IDP was stabbed to death over a disagreement about PlayStation games. Police arrested the perpetrator. **Source:** Radio Tamazuj

**27 April 2020:** In Malakal town, Upper Nile state, soldiers beat up an IDP who was leaving the UN PoC site during an unofficial COVID-19 enforcement measure. Butchers who had requested to enter the camp to sell meat were also beaten. **Source:** Eye Radio

**Sudan**

**06 April 2020:** Along the Zalingei-Nyala road, near Zalingei town, Central Darfur state, eight IDPs gathering firewood were kidnapped by unidentified gunmen. **Source:** Darfur 24

**06 April 2020:** Near Kori village, 3km north-west of Nertiti locality, Central Darfur state, 47 IDPs from Nertiti Refugee Camp were beaten with rifle butts, sticks and whips by unidentified men in what appears to have been a racist attack. Nine IDPs were injured and hospitalised and their vehicles were set on fire. The IDPs had been farming at the time of the attack. **Sources:** Darfur 24 and Radio Dabanga

**09 April 2020:** In the eastern Turr, Nertiti locality, Central Darfur state, two IDPs were kidnapped by unidentified gunmen. Army forces and local vigilantes arrested the kidnappers and released the two IDPs. A demonstration followed as the crowd demanded the perpetrators be handed over to them, prompting the army to fire at the crowd, wounding one woman. **Sources:** Radio Dabanga

**12 April 2020:** Near Bir Seleiba, Sirba locality, West Darfur state, four female IDPs gathering firewood were attacked and beaten by unidentified gunmen believed to be government militiamen. Two were seriously wounded and transferred to El Geneina Hospital. **Source:** Radio Dabanga

**In the week of 29 April 2020:** Around Nertiti IDP Camp, Central Darfur state, three militiamen on horseback kidnapped a 16-year-old female IDP while she was tending to her goats. Her goats were also stolen. **Source:** Radio Dabanga

**30 April 2020:** Near Um Dereisaya village, North Darfur state, three female IDPs gathering firewood were attacked by unidentified gunmen, one of whom, a 12-year-old girl, was raped in the attack. **Source:** Radio Dabanga

**Tanzania**

**27 April 2020:** At the Nduta Refugee Camp, Kibondo district, Kigoma region, a Burundian refugee was injured in a knife attack by an unidentified person. **Source:** Inzamba

**Asia**

**Bangladesh**

**16 April 2020:** Near Teknaf upazila, Cox’s Bazar district, Chittagong division, the Bangladesh Coast Guard rescued 396 Rohingya refugees from a fishing boat that had been floating at sea for 58 days after having been denied entry to Malaysia. **Source:** RFA

**23 April 2020:** Near Cox’s Bazar district, the Bangladeshi Government announced that it will not allow some 500 Rohingya refugees stranded at sea on two trawlers, and any others that are yet to approach Bangladesh, to come ashore. The refugees were left adrift or in detention for weeks before later being sent to Bhasan Char, a newly formed silt island off the coast of Bangladesh which has been described as a “de facto detention island” with no access to basic services and which is deemed highly vulnerable to cyclones and climate shifts. **Sources:** RFA and The Guardian
28 April 2020: Across Cox’s Bazar district, Chittagong division, a COVID-19 lockdown imposed by the Bangladeshi Government on numerous refugee camps reduced the presence of aid workers by 80%, putting close to one million Rohingya refugees at severe risk of contagion, and depriving them of access to food, water and services, including healthcare and protection. Source: RFA

China
29 April 2020: In Liaoning and neighbouring provinces, tightening border controls and forced returns by the Chinese Government is placing North Korean refugees at risk of torture and death at the hands of the North Korean Government, who regard them as traitors. Source: RFA

Malaysia
06 April 2020: In Langkawi district, Kuah seat, authorities arrested 202 Rohingya refugees after their boat was found adrift near Langkawi island. Source: San Francisco Gate

Europe
Greece
01 April 2020: In Chalkeio, Chios island, North Aegean administrative region, two teenage Syrian refugees were shot in the back and legs by a farmer with a hunting rifle when they entered his greenhouse. The farmer was arrested. Source: ACLED

19 April 2020: In Chios island, North Aegean administrative region, a fire broke out at the Vial Refugee Camp as residents protested the death of an Iraqi asylum seeker who they said had died of COVID-19, although she had tested negative for the disease. The blaze destroyed the facilities of the European Asylum Support Office, a camp canteen, warehouse tents, many housing containers, and three vehicles. Police have since arrested two Afghans and an Iraqi in connection with the unrest. Source: Al Jazeera

22 April 2020: In Moria Refugee camp, Lesbos island, two asylum seekers from Iran and Afghanistan were shot with a hunting rifle and were hospitalised. A Greek national from Lesvos was arrested. Source: Ekathimerini

Malta
30 April 2020: Outside Maltese territorial waters, 57 refugees rescued at sea by a fishing vessel commissioned by the Maltese Government were transferred onto a tourist harbour cruise ship outside territorial waters until the EU relocates them. Maltese ports remain closed due to COVID-19. Sources: Malta Today and Reuters

Turkey
27 April 2020: In Sucuzade neighborhood, Seyhan district, Adanaan province, an 18-year-old Syrian refugee was fatally shot by police officers when he refused to show his ID card and ran away while outside during COVID-19 lockdown measures. The police officer was arrested. Source: ACLED

Middle East and North Africa
Yemen
09 April 2020: In Razih district, Sa’adah governorate, artillery shells of unidentified origin hit an unnamed IDP camp. Source: CIMP
Notes
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