

Aid in Danger

Bi-Weekly News Brief

Safety, security and access incidents affecting aid workers and aid delivery

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Africa

Burkina Faso

15 September 2020: In Fadji hamlet, Gourma province, Est region, an unspecified number of aid workers were abducted presumably by JNIM militants. All were released after three hours. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Central African Republic

09 September 2020: In Bangui, a Toyota Land-Cruiser belonging to the Dutch Red Cross was robbed in the early evening by three armed men wearing military uniforms who pretended to be soldiers to stop the vehicle. The driver was unharmed. **Source:** [Corbeau News](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

14 or 16 September 2020: Near Lubero town, North Kivu province, a two-vehicle INGO convoy carrying four aid workers was ambushed by Mai Mai militia while returning from distributing aid to IDPs. One INGO aid worker was killed, one seriously injured and two others managed to escape unharmed and were found the following day in a nearby village. **Source:** [AWSD](#)²

Mali

08 September 2020: In Barkaina village, Bourem cercle, Gao region, gunmen seized an NGO-rented vehicle that was being used as an ambulance to transport a patient and their companion, and a health worker. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

11 September 2020: In Mobbar LGA, Borno state, ISWAP members burnt two vehicles from two different aid organizations. No injuries were reported. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 September 2020: Along the Damasak - Maiduguri road, Maiduguri LGA, Borno state, suspected Boko Haram members abducted an aid worker and two other civilians, and seized three vehicles. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

South Sudan

08 September 2020 (DoA): At checkpoints between Juba and Lobonok area, Central Equatoria state, members of the National Security Service and the SSPDF blocked a team of 92 Ethiopian and Nepalese UNMISS peacekeepers from reaching Lobonok, where they intended to establish a temporary base at the request of local communities concerned about their safety amid clashes between the National Salvation Front and forces belonging to the SSPDF and the SPLA-IO. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

09 September 2020: In Hai Daraja, Wau state, a male South Sudanese INGO aid worker was shot dead by armed criminals on the road next to the Bhar El Ghazal hotel. The victim's motorcycle was stolen. **Source:** [AWSD](#)²

15 September 2020: in Ulang town, Upper Nile state, a South Sudanese aid worker was seriously injured during clashes between youths of Ying Payam and Nyangore. The aid worker was medically treated at an NGO clinic but died as a result of his injuries. **Source:** [AWSD](#)²

16 September 2020: In Central Equatoria state, the National Salvation Front launched a series of politically-motivated attacks despite a ceasefire agreed with the government, resulting in unspecified numbers of both civilian and humanitarian casualties. **Source:** [UN](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

06 September 2020: In Mistripara village, Baradi union, Sonargaon, Narayangan, an aid worker from a microfinance LINGO was found dead inside his home with his throat cut. **Source:** [Dhaka Tribune](#)

Solomon Islands

20 September 2020: In Honiara city, Guadalcanal island, two men from Australia and Britain who worked for the unexploded ordnance disposal NGO Norwegian People's Aid were killed in an explosion. In response, the NGO suspended its activities in Solomon Islands to assist with the investigation. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

Europe

Greece

12 September 2020 (DoA): In Lesbos island, North Aegean region, members of the host community have expressed their strong resistance to the construction of the new Kara Tepe Camp and have blocked roads in attempt to stop aid deliveries for migrants and refugees affected by the Moria fire. **Source:** [BBC](#)

17 September 2020: In Lesbos island, North Aegean region, police barred MSF staffers from accessing their emergency clinic set up to assist victims of the Moria fire, amid a police operation to transfer homeless refugees to the new Kara Tepe Camp. **Source:** [Bangkok Post](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

14 September 2020: Between Al Rai and Al Bab, Aleppo governorate, a Red Crescent vehicle was caught in the crossfire of a firefight between armed men reportedly dressed in military uniforms. A Turkish Red Crescent staff member was killed, another staff member was wounded and a third staff member in the vehicle escaped unharmed. **Sources:** [AWSD](#)² and [The New Arab](#)

15 September 2020: Near Dahleh village, Deir-ez-Zor governorate, an INGO aid worker was travelling in his car when he was shot dead by gunmen riding a motorcycle. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 28 September 2020.

² The Aid Worker Security Database (AWSD) does not include the names of individual victims or the agencies affected by an incident. This is done in consideration of the victims and their families who may not wish to have the names publicised in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 25 September 2020.

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