

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

15 September 2020: In Barsalogo commune, Sanmatenga province, a male IDP from the Fulani community was killed by gunmen. **Sources:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

Cameroon

01 September 2020: In Kouyape village, Far North region, a young male suicide bomber strapped with explosives chased IDPs fleeing a Boko Haram raid detonated his vest, killing seven of them. **Sources:** [France 24](#) and [VOA](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Around 09 September 2020: In Walu village, Irumu territory, Ituri province, at least four IDP women over the age of 50 were raped by armed militiamen while working in the fields. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

13 September 2020: In Walu village, Irumu territory, Ituri province, an IDP woman over the age of 50 was raped by five armed militiamen while she was working in the fields. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

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, and one seriously injured - two others escaped unharmed and were found the following day in a nearby village. **Sources:** [AWSDD²](#), [Radio Moto](#), and [Radio Okapi](#)

23 September 2020: In Cakira village, Fizi territory, South Kivu province, suspected Ngumino militiamen raped, shot and injured three IDP women. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

Mozambique

08 September 2020: On the island of Quifuqui, Mocimboa da Praia, Cabo Delgado province, several houses and IDPs huts were set on fire when members of an Islamist militia attacked the island. **Source:** [ACLEDD¹](#)

09 September 2020: At Vamize island, Palma district, an IDP was killed by insurgents when he recognised some members as they invaded the island, burned homes and demanded civilians to flee. **Source:** [Cabo Ligado Weekly \(ACLEDD\)](#)

Sudan

21 September 2020: Near Kambo Adam Omar agricultural area, Central Darfur state, 10 armed men raped and beat to death a 41-year-old displaced woman after firing shots in the area causing farmers to flee. The attack happened around 2 o'clock in the morning. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

This monthly digest comprises threats and incidents of violence affecting protection of IDPs and refugees.

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Uganda

11 September 2020: In Tika One village, Arua district, West Nile sub-region, Northern region, clashes erupted between South Sudanese refugees from the Rhino Refugee Camp and the host community, following an argument between both sides at a shared water tap. Ten refugees were reportedly killed and 10 more remain missing. Moreover, 15 refugee houses were destroyed, and another 26 looted and vandalised. **Sources:** [Eye Radio I](#), [Eye Radio II](#), [Radio Tamazuj](#) and [VOA](#)

Asia

Myanmar

20 September 2020: At Ho Hko IDP camp, Ho Hko village, Kutkai Township, Muse District, Rakhine State, a male IDP's home was stormed by Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) troops who interrogated, beat, and handcuffed him, before removing him from the camp. He was released soon after. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

Europe

Bosnia and Herzegovina

30 September 2020: In Una Sana Canton, authorities closed down a refugee and asylum seeker reception centre and stated their intention to close another one during the next few days. This forced eviction left around 400 single men in front of another camp, without assistance and exposed to cold weather conditions as the facility no longer had the capacity to accommodate them. **Source:** [ECHO Daily Flash](#)

Greece

09 September 2020: In Heraklion, a Palestinian refugee was beaten and threatened at gunpoint by three Albanian nationals in a racist attack. The refugee managed to escape. Two perpetrators were arrested. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

11 September 2020: On Lesbos island, refugees and asylum seekers affected by the Moria Camp fire approached police barriers blocking the road out of Moria Camp, holding signs calling for freedom, and opposing the construction of the new Kara Tepe Camp. **Source:** [BBC](#)

11 September 2020: On Lesbos island, refugees and asylum seekers affected by the Moria fire protested near the new Kara Tepe Camp, setting a fire near a police blockade, which had to be extinguished by firefighters. Clashes subsequently broke out, prompting police to fire teargas at protestors. **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

Jordan

16 September 2020 (DoA): In the Rukban area on the border between Syria and Jordan, Jordanian authorities transferred at least 16 Syrian refugees, including eight children, to an informal refugee camp where 12,000 more currently live in dire conditions. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

01 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, a woman who started a confrontation with other IDPs in the fifth session of the camp was harassed by Democratic Union Party (PYD) forces when they raided the camp and started shooting to disperse the crowd. A number of young men involved in the event were arrested and a woman was injured. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

10 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, four women and their children were arrested by Syrian Democratic Forces as they tried to escape the camp. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

11 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, two women and a young man were killed, and a woman and a young man were injured, when three gunmen broke into their tent located

in the section which houses Iraqi refugees. They were shot with silenced guns by the gunmen who chanted pro-ISIS slogans “the Islamic State will remain”. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

16 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, three women from the international IS family’s section of the camp were arrested by Syrian Democratic Forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

18 April 2020: Outside Al-Sabha village, Deir-ez-Zor governorate, a refugee camp was raided in the early morning by Syrian Democratic Forces, backed by International Coalition aircraft. Several young people from the camp were arrested. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

Around 19 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, the bodies of a Syrian man and a woman were found in the camp stabbed to death. The Internal Security Forces (Asayish) found the two bodies dumped in a hole between the camp’s fifth and eighth sections. **Sources:** [SOHR](#)

21 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, the body of a female Iraqi refugee strangled to death with electric wire by extremist women was found in the camp. **Sources:** [SOHR](#)

Around 26 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi refugee was shot and injured by unidentified masked gunmen on the 3rd sector of the camp. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

28 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi refugee in the 7th section of the camp was shot dead by unidentified gunmen reportedly for being an Asayish informer. **Sources:** [SOHR](#) and [ACLED](#)¹

28 September 2020: At Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah governorate, the 7th section of the camp was stormed by Asayish, QSD’s intelligence and military police branches after the killing of an Asayish Iraqi informer and an attack on an Asayish checkpoint in the same section. 15 Iraqi refugees were arrested over allegations of being involved in assassinations. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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