

REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

By state bodies or conflict actors and affecting IDPs and refugees

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Africa

Burundi

Around 09 October 2020: In Kivoga hill, Gitaba area, Rutana province, an Imbonerakure raped four young girls, some of whom were students. He was later arrested by police forces in Rutana. **Source:** [Radio Publique Africaine](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

04 October 2020: In Rutshuru town and territory, North Kivu province, unidentified armed men raided the town, in the process kidnapping and raping a woman. They demanded a ransom of \$10,000 for the woman's release. **Source:** [Kivu Security Tracker](#)

06 October 2020: In Luwuwoshi suburb, Lubumbashi city, Haut-Katanga province, a group of unidentified men dressed in blue uniforms broke into various homes and raped at least four girls. They also shot and killed a university student. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Mozambique

26 October 2020: In Cabo Delgado, the CIP (Center for Public Integrity) released a report denouncing the sexual abuse of displaced women in exchange for humanitarian aid in the north of the country. In the report, the NGO accused the government and the United Nations of complicity due to their silence in the matter. **Source:** [Club of Mozambique](#)

South Sudan

03 October 2020: In Kuajok city, Warrap state, a 16-year-old girl was shot and then raped by an unknown gunman. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

08 October 2020: In Yei city, Yei county, Central Equatoria State, 24 SSPDF soldiers were arrested and convicted of committing crimes of sexual violence between 2019 and 2020. They were charged with rape, looting, killing, and selling of weapons. **Source:** [EyeRadio](#)

Around 14 October 2020: In Hiyalla village, Torit county, Eastern Equatoria state, three gunmen from Haforiere village abducted two women, raping one of them. They also stole 172 goats, 14 of which were recovered. One perpetrator has been arrested. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

25 October 2020: In Maridi town and county, Western Equatoria State, two police officers were arrested for raping two girls, aged 14 and 15, who were being held at Maridi police station. The two girls were given medical treatment at Maridi Hospital. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

Sudan

As reported on 22 October 2020: In Khartoum, two former female staff members of Catholic Relief Services reported two separate incidents of sexual harassment by an expatriate CRS staffer, who was their supervisor. They attempted to file a report with their boss. One of the

This monthly document summarises publicly reported cases of sexual violence by law enforcement bodies, conflict related sexual violence, and sexual violence that targets IDPs / refugees or vulnerable beneficiaries.

These reports bear testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence. They are in no way representative of the extent or nature of sexual violence in general.

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women was informed that she risked losing her job if she officially reported the incident. She was then moved to another department and her contract was not extended. The other woman did not receive a response following her report, she also filed a complaint against her boss accusing him of bullying, favouritism and racism. Her employment was also discontinued following the complaint. **Source:** [The New Humanitarian](#)

Zambia

20 October 2020: In Lusaka, police officers beat and undressed the wife and daughter of the National Democratic Congress' President, forcing them into a police vehicle. The two women were arrested for alleged assault and disorderly conduct, after one of them slapped a police officer. **Sources:** [Mwebantu](#) and [Zambia Watchdog](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

11 October 2020: In Fakirhat Upazila, Bagerhat district, Khulna division, four men (a three-wheeler driver and three construction and agriculture workers) gang-raped a female NGO worker at her house at night. The rapists filmed their attack in a blackmail attempt and stole money and gold ornaments from her house. Patrol police arrested one of the rapists, but three others managed to flee. **Source:** [Dhaka Tribune](#)

Europe

Croatia

12 October 2020: Near Novo Selo village, Karlovac county, four Afghan asylum seekers, two of whom were minors, reported that they were arrested by Croatian police after they crossed the border from Bosnia, near Sturlic village. They were taken away in a van by 10 masked, armed men associated with the police, who then severely beat them, whipped them, and sexually assaulted one of them. The asylum seekers were later pushed back into Bosnia. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Libya

Around 20 October 2020: In Benghazi, a military leader of the LNA was accused by a man of abducting his wife, raping her, and forcefully divorcing her from him. Meanwhile, the wife herself denied all her ex-husband's allegations, claiming that she divorced him 20 days earlier for negligence. **Source:** [Libya Observer](#)

The Americas

Mexico

12 October 2020: In Matehuala city, Matehuala municipality, San Luis Potosi state, a woman was kidnapped, sexually abused, beaten and robbed by military soldiers with the identification number 3011. They covered her face and took her to an empty area where she was gang raped. She was later threatened and released. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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- If the perpetrator is a member of a state or private security force or is an actor in a conflict between groups. Such conflicts include state-based armed conflicts, non-state conflicts, ethnic or religious conflicts, and drug wars.
- If the survivor is a member of a social group affected by conflict recognizable by the fact that they sought protection in an IDP or refugee system.
- If the survivor is an aid worker, or health worker or an educator working in a conflict-affected country or supporting IDPs or refugees.

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Insecurity Insight monitors local, national and international news outlets and online databases for threats facing people living and working in dangerous environments. Each month we release the latest available information on sexual violence and abuse by state bodies or conflict actors as well as reports of abuse affecting IDPs and refugees. These reports bear testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence. Most events of sexual violence are never reported. This compilation is neither complete nor representative. It brings together dispersed accounts about survivors from around the world who broke the silence.

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