

Insecurity Insight continuously updates data on aid workers killed, kidnapped or arrested (KKA). Updated data includes new and historic reports identified in open-sources and verified security incidents submitted by Aid in Danger partner agencies. **We are currently in the process of completing data entry for 2020 events and will switch over to showing the counts for 2021 as soon as this work is completed. Access the data via our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).**

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Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence affecting aid workers and aid delivery.

Africa

Central African Republic

08 February 2021: Update: In Bangui, a humanitarian convoy composed of 14 trucks, including nine operated by the WFP, reached the capital after a 50-day blockade by rebels in neighbouring Cameroon. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

15-16 February 2021: In Bambari city, Ouaka prefecture, bullets and explosives from violent clashes hit an MSF medical tent, wounding at least eight women and nine children. **Sources:** [MSF](#) and [MSF Canada](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

22 February 2021: Near Goma city, North Kivu province, a UN World Food Programme convoy consisting of two WFP vehicles was ambushed by armed assailants, resulting in the death of the Italian ambassador to the DRC, an Italian military police guard, and a WFP driver. An UN agency country director was also critically injured. The delegation was en route to a WFP school feeding programme in Rutshuru territory when the incident took place. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera I](#), [Al Jazeera II](#), [AWSD](#)¹, [BBC](#), [La Repubblica](#), [Mirage News](#), [The Guardian](#) and [WFP](#)
See page three for the latest Vigil InSight analysis on this incident.

Social media, rumours and the Ebola Response in North Kivu:

- Social media reactions to news surrounding the new Ebola outbreak indicate that the damaging rumours which negatively impacted public health campaigns during the tenth Ebola epidemic by supporting and increasing community resistance are still shared by some members of local communities.
- Some of these rumours include the claim that Ebola is a plot by outsiders and corrupt institutions or individuals to make money from the outbreak. [Read the full report](#)

Nigeria

20 February 2021: Update: In a video released by Boko Haram, a Nigerian UNHCR employee abducted on January 02 along the Maiduguri-Damaturu road by the insurgents was shown pleading with the UNHCR to secure his freedom. **Source:** [Today](#)

Somalia

As reported on 20 February 2021: In Mogadishu, military personnel barred three doctors and staff of the free emergency provider Aamin Ambulance from conducting medical evacuations for victims of gunshot wounds, following an ambush of opposition protesters. **Source:** [Goobioq News](#)

31 January 2021: In Mogadishu, a male NRC aid worker was killed during indiscriminate attacks. **Source:** [NRC](#)

South Sudan

30 January 2021: Near Bentiu city, Upper Nile state, unidentified perpetrators shot and killed a South Sudanese aid worker of the NGO Joint Aid Management, as he was returning from his work. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

14 February 2021: Between Rumbek Centre and Rumber North, Lakes state, gunmen attacked a vehicle carrying a polio vaccination team and supplies from Rumbrek centre to Malek, killing at least three aid workers and wounding four more. One health worker is reportedly missing. The vehicle was hired by the Lakes' State Ministry of Health and was carrying communication material to sensitise the population about polio vaccination, as well as polio vaccines and packs, as part of the second round of vaccination since an outbreak in September last year. The incident occurred during clashes between armed pastoralists in the Mabor area. **Sources:** [ECHO](#) and [Eye Radio](#)

18 February 2021: In Koch town, Northern Liech state, a male NGO contractor driver was shot and injured by unknown perpetrators. The attack is not believed to be related to his NGO affiliation. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

20 February 2021: Near Leka village, 3km from Bunj town, Upper Nile state, a male NGO staff member was retrieving his cows from a grazing area when a group of youths reportedly affiliated with the SPLA-IO seriously beat and seriously injured him. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

Asia

Afghanistan

11 February 2021: Along the Kabul-Nangarhar road, Surobi district, gunmen ambushed a vehicle of Afghan security forces as it was escorting a UNAMA convoy. **Source:** [VOA](#)

Europe

France

19 February 2021: In Pau city, Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, after receiving a negative decision for his international protection application, a Sudanese migrant allegedly attacked and killed the manager of a refugee centre, where he had previously lived. **Source:** [BBC](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Pakistan

22 February 2021: In North Waziristan district, Bannu division, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, unidentified perpetrators fired upon a vehicle carrying four female Pakistani aid workers affiliated with a programme for developing household skills for women. A fifth aid worker, also a woman, survived the attack by taking refuge in a nearby house. The attackers fled to the nearby mountains. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [The Guardian](#) and [The New York Times](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

16 February 2021: In Al Bab city, sub-district and district, Aleppo governorate, an IED exploded in a market, killing a health worker involved in a UN-funded health project. **Sources:** [Ahval](#) and [OCHA](#)

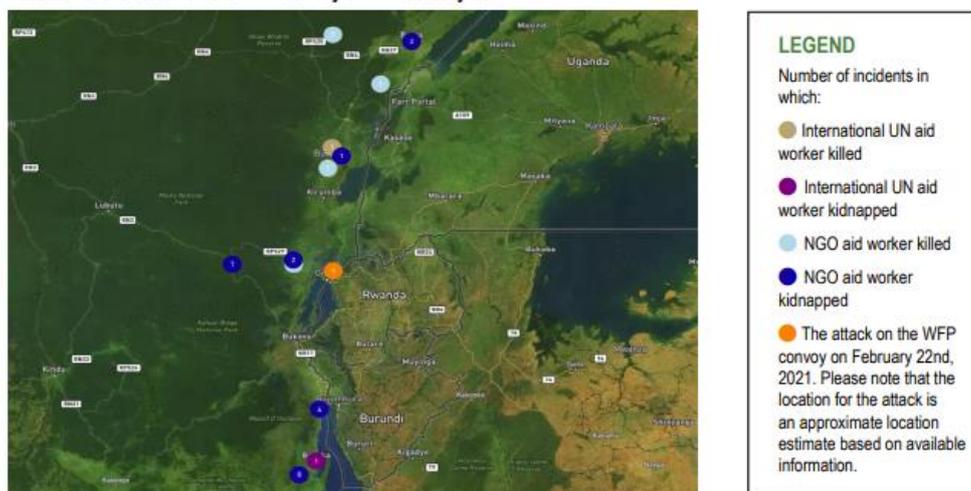
22 February 2021: In Raqqa city and governorate, Syrian Democratic Forces arrested a male humanitarian from the Weam Project and former director of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent's Raqqa governorate branch along with 11 other family members, including his brother who works as a dentist. Their homes were ransacked. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

Vigil InSight Incident Analysis: Attack on WFP convoy in the DRC

Locations where NGO aid workers were killed or kidnapped between 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Locations where international UN staff members were killed or kidnapped between 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

Location of the attack on the WFP convoy on 22 February 2021



Vigil InSight: Insecurity Insight data* showing the number of incidents in which international UN staff members were killed/ kidnapped and NGO aid workers killed / kidnapped between 1 January and 31 December 2020. Note: this map shows incidents not the number of individuals affected.

- This is likely to have been a kidnapping gone wrong.
- This is unlikely to have been a premeditated attack on an individual but rather an opportunistic attack in a complex environment.
- There is a long-standing history of abduction in the area.
- This incident's international resonance will change the security climate in the Kivus for the immediate future.
- Historical data suggest that it will be wise to maintain protocols at a higher level even if local practice relaxes over the coming months.

Read the full report [here](#).

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¹ The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWSDB) 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 published in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 25 February 2021.