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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Cameroon

26 March 2021: In Ikata village, Southwest region, a group of armed men opened fire with automatic weapons on a UN two-vehicle convoy carrying seven staff members as it was conducting a monitoring mission to Munyende village, causing significant damage to the vehicles. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

Central African Republic

As reported on 06 April 2021: Update: Rebels belonging to the Coalition of Patriots for Change admitted that they attacked an OCHA convoy in Bakouma on 23 March for the reason that the convoy was carrying soldiers of the Central African Armed Forces. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

30 March 2021: In Butembo city, North Kivu province, youths intercepted a World Food Programme truck and attempted to search through its merchandise, suspecting it to be transporting military equipment. When officials, under pressure from the youths, searched the truck and found two military outfits apparently belonging to two military wives who were on board the truck, the youths attempted to burn the vehicle and its merchandise, resulting in armed clashes with police officials. Suspicions by locals of collaboration between UN organisations and local armed groups had been recently documented in a [Social Media Monitoring](#) report on the DRC following the recent murder of the Italian ambassador while travelling in a WFP convoy. **Source:** [Actualité](#)

Ethiopia

23 March 2021: Along the road between Mekele and Adigrat cities, Tigray region, three MSF staffers on a clearly marked MSF vehicle encountered what appeared to be the aftermath of an ambush of a military convoy by an armed group. Ethiopian soldiers at the scene stopped the MSF vehicle and two public transport minibuses. Whilst female passengers and their children were allowed to walk away, at least four men were executed. The MSF employees were allowed to leave the scene, until their vehicle was stopped again and their driver beaten and threatened with death. The team was eventually allowed to continue its journey to Mekele. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [MSF](#)

24 March 2021: Between Asosa and Yaso, Benshangul-Gumaz region, the driver of a humanitarian vehicle was fatally shot by unidentified men. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

24 March 2021: In West Wellega, Oromia Region, an INGO national driver was shot dead after being ambushed by gunmen. **Source:** [AWS²](#)

Sexual Violence in Ethiopia's Tigray Region

This [document](#) by Insecurity insight analyses a sample of 36 reported incidents of sexual violence that occurred in Tigray region between November 2020 and March 2021. Among this sample, 106 women and girls were affected by sexual violence and at least 144 different perpetrators were involved. Access this data on [HDX](#).

Kenya

03 April 2021: Between Marsabit and Laisamis towns, Marsabit county, gunmen attacked an ICRC convoy of four trucks after it transported humanitarian relief items to Ethiopia. **Source:** [ICRC Nairobi Regional Delegation](#)

Mali

As reported on 01 April 2021: Update: A body recently handed over to Malian authorities has been confirmed as that of a female Swiss Christian missionary who had been held hostage by Islamist militants since 2016. **Source:** [BBC](#)

Nigeria

As reported on 31 March 2021: In Borno state, potential attacks by ISWAP militants, coupled with the unavailability and unreliability of UNHAS flights, have prompted INGOs and NGOs to withdraw their staff across all LGAs. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

South Sudan

22 March 2021: In Yambio city and county, Western Equatoria state, the driver of a UNMISS vehicle was arrested by police after his car hit and killed a prison warder who was riding a bicycle at the Yambio market. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

05 April 2021: Between Western Equatoria and Bahr el Ghazal, an unspecified number of UN vehicles were set on fire and destroyed. Two of the drivers were killed. **Source:** [WikiRumours](#)

Sudan

05 April 2021: In Geneina city, West Darfur state, clashes between the Masalit and Arab tribes forced the suspension of all aid operations, and the cancellation of all humanitarian flights until the security situation is improved. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

03 April 2021: In Jebel Marra, Darfur state, a clearly marked MSF ambulance, travelling from Rokero to Al-Fasher Hospital was carjacked. The passengers, who included a pregnant woman, had all their belongings stolen and were left by the roadside. In response to the incident, MSF temporarily stopped all referrals to Al-Fasher hospital until they could guarantee the safety of patients and medical staff. **Sources:** [MSF I](#) and [MSF II](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

As reported on 04 March 2021: In Taliban-controlled areas, Taliban militants have demanded the termination of projects aimed at aiding women to be more independent and have barred female aid workers from entering their territory. **Source:** [France 24](#)

29 March 2021: In Jalalabad, three female Pakistani UN-funded polio vaccination workers were shot dead at the same time that an explosive attack on the health department building took place. **Source:** [AWS²](#)

Myanmar

22 March 2021: In Chanmyathazi township, Mandalay city and division, security forces shot in the head and killed a young man and volunteer of the charity group Ko Zaw Lin Htike, as he was attending to injured civilians during a crackdown in the Myayee Nanda Housing Estate. **Source:** [Irrawaddy](#)

Europe

Italy

30 March 2021: In San Francesco al Campo commune, Turin metropolitan city, Piedmont region, insults, hate speech and racist messages were made against the Italian Red Cross Committee of San Francesco al Campo during an online course by unidentified offenders. **Source:** [CRI Sicilia](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Saudi Arabia

05 April 2021: A Saudi counterterrorism court sentenced a Saudi Red Crescent aid worker and human rights activist to 20 years imprisonment, followed with a 20-year travel ban, for allegedly running an anonymous Twitter account he used to criticise the Saudi Government over human rights and social justice issues. The victim had been detained for 1,120 days with hearings held in secret and allegedly subjected to torture prior to his conviction. **Source:** [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

21 March 2021: In Atareb town, sub-district and district, Aleppo governorate, Syrian Government artillery shells hit the entrance and courtyard of the underground SAMS Foundation-supported al Atareb Surgical Hospital, also known as al Maghara Hospital, resulting in seven deaths among patients and visitors, including a 10-year-old boy, and 14 injuries of medical staff. The hospital, including its orthopedic and emergency clinics, sustained significant damage and was decommissioned as a result. The hospital had also been partially supported by other INGOs. **Sources:** [Independent](#), [OCHA](#), [SNHR](#), [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

04 April 2021: In an unspecified location, three members of the Unexploded Ordnance Team of the Syria Civil Defence lost their lives whilst on duty. **Source:** [The White Helmets](#)

Yemen

04 April 2021: In Al Qasha area, Al Dhalee city, three women were injured when a hand grenade was thrown at the premises of an INGO office. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 09 April 2021

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 published in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 09 April 2021.