

Reporting Sexual Violence

Monthly News Brief

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Sexual violence by state bodies or conflict actors that particularly targets IDPs and refugees, aid, health workers or educators or students among others.

This Monthly News Brief bears testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence by state bodies or conflict actors. Most events of sexual violence are never reported. This compilation is neither complete nor representative of the extent or nature of sexual violence in general. It brings together dispersed accounts about survivors from around the world who broke the silence.

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Africa

Burundi

04 June 2021: In Busebwa village, Gatete zone, Rumonge province, two women were sexually abused by Imbonerakure after the chief Imbonerakure commanded the Imbonerakure of that area to enforce rules through sexual violence. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

12 June 2021: In Kigwati village, Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural province, a 12-year-old girl was raped by an Imbonerakure. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Around 5 June 2021: In Makutano village, Walikale territory, North Kivu province, the Mai-Mai Mazembe raped around 54 women during an attack on the village. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

08 June 2021: Near Niangara town and territory, Haut-Uele province, a woman was raped by an armed group whilst working in her field. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

As reported on 16 June 2021: Three Oxfam staff members have been dismissed following an independent investigation into allegations of abuses of power in the DRC. The accusations included nepotism, bullying, sexual misconduct and failure to manage conflicts of interest. Allegations were also upheld against a fourth individual whose contract expired before the conclusion of the disciplinary hearing. **Source:** [BBC News](#) and [Oxfam](#)

Ethiopia

Sexual Violence in Ethiopia's Tigray Region

On 4 November 2020, the Ethiopian army began a military offensive against the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

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](#).

This [blog](#) by Hilary Matfess looks at the Insecurity Insight data on sexual violence in Tigray from a legal perspective.

As reported on 07 June 2021: In Hawzen town, Misraqawi zone, Tigray region, a 19-year-old girl was raped by an Ethiopian soldier. **Source:** [Associated Press](#)

02 July 2021: In Tigray region there are reports of Ethiopian, Eritrean, and Amhara forces harassing and intimidating survivors of sexual violence and putting them in isolated and undisclosed locations in order to prevent them from speaking to the international media. **Source:** [Medhanie Gaim](#)

South Sudan

30 May 2021: Near Kamosin stream, Ikotos Country, Eastern Equatoria State, an eight-year-old girl was raped by men whilst searching for coconuts in the area. **Source:** [Radio Tamazu](#)

30 May 2021: In an unspecified village in Lire Payam, Kajo Keji commune, Central Equatoria state, four armed men, one of whom was in military uniform, attacked villagers from two villages and attempted to rape a 14-year-old girl, who was able to escape from the attackers. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

02 June 2021: In Jebel market area, Juba city, Central Equatoria State, a police lieutenant was sentenced to 14 years in prison for sexually abusing an eight-year-old girl in his car in January 2021. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

14 June 2021: In Rumbek North county, Lakes state, an eight-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by armed men. The girl is reported to be in critical condition. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

22 June 2021: In Thongpiny neighbourhood, Juba city, Central Equatoria State, a sergeant in the South Sudan People's Defense Forces was sentenced to ten years in prison for abducting and molesting a 14-year-old schoolgirl last July 2020. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

Asia

India

01 June 2021: In Lonand town, Satara district, Maharashtra state, a girl was sexually assaulted by a military officer on a train. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Malaysia

05 June 2021: In Kota Bharu city and district, Kelantan state, a female prisoner arrested for a drug-related offense was sexually assaulted by a high-ranking police officer at a police headquarters. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Myanmar

20 May 2021: In Buthidaung township, Arakan State, a 27-year-old IDP woman was raped whilst working in a field by a 54-year-old man who was later arrested. **Source:** [Development Media Group](#)

04 June 2021: In Mrauk-U township, Arakan State, a 9-year-old girl was raped inside an IDP camp by another IDP. **Source:** [Development Media Group](#)

14 June 2021: In Mantong township, Pa Laung Self-Administered zone, Shan-North state, two ethnic Lisu women were raped by a military soldier whilst searching for mushrooms.. **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

Around 10 June 2021: In Nam Hpat Kay village, Kutkai township, Muse district, Shan-North, a 14-year-old ethnic Ta'ang Buddhist nun was raped by a soldier who was stationed at the monastery. She was offered 500,000 kyat and asked to leave the monastery out of fear that the news would spread. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

25 June 2021: A UN fact-finding mission on Myanmar has documented emerging reports of sexual assault, torture, physical and verbal abuse and intimidation from detention sites. **Source:** [United Nations Secretary-General](#)

The Philippines

15 June 2021: In Barangay Diatagon, Lianga municipality, Surigao del Sur province, three Manobo Lumad, one of whom was a 12-year-old student, were killed by the military whilst harvesting abaca. Two victims bore physical signs of rape. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Middle East and North Africa

Libya

As reported on June 20 2021: In Tripoli, five female asylum-seekers, aged between 15 to 18-years-old, were sexually assaulted by guards in Shara al-Zawiya detention centre. The victims told that they had to submit to sexual assault in exchange for using the bathroom, calling family or simply to avoid being beaten by the guards. **Source:** [AP News](#)

The Americas

Brazil

12 June 2021: In Praia Grande municipality, Sao Paulo state, a woman was sexually abused by two military police officers inside a police vehicle after she approached the officers asking for help. The police officers were later acquitted in a military court. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Haiti

As reported on 14 June 2021: In Port-au-Prince, sexual abuse, including rape, among IDPs, in host families and as transactional sex for shelter has been reported by UNOCHA in the aftermath of a surge in inter-gang clashes. **Source:** [UNOCHA](#)

Jamaica

Around 30 May 2021: In Saint Ann's Bay, Saint Ann parish, Middlesex county, a minor was sexually assaulted by a police officer whilst in custody. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

United States of America

As reported on 23 June 2021: In Fort Bliss military base, El Paso county, Texas state, a female minor being held at Fort Bliss border detention camp was raped by a staff member. Following this, the girls inside the detention centre were given pregnancy tests. **Source:** [BBC News](#)

As reported on 23 June 2021: In Fort Bliss military base, El Paso county, Texas state, a male minor being held at the Fort Bliss border detention camp was sexually assaulted by a staff contractor who was caught inside the boys' tent. **Source:** [BBC News](#)

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Free training materials

Insecurity Insight supports local organisation in best practice on reporting and monitoring sexual violence. If you are working with survivors or victims of sexual violence and you would be interested in receiving our free training products, please get in touch.

Lessons from the 10th Ebola outbreak in the DRC, 2018-2020

Analysis report highlighting the [key learnings](#) about reporting sexual violence, exploitation, and abuse from the 10th Ebola Response in the DRC. This [document](#) includes recommendations to prevent violence through an acceptance-based security risk strategy.

Mobile Guide: Responding to Sexual Violence in the Aid Workplace

10-minute guide on how to take action, report an incident, and get support when sexual violence and abuse happens to you or a colleague in the aid workplace. You need to be registered with DisasterReady! to [access the guide](#). Download [PDF](#)

This Monthly News Brief comprises publicly reported cases of sexual violence by law enforcement bodies, conflict related sexual violence, and sexual violence that targets IDPs / refugees or vulnerable beneficiaries. It is published by Insecurity Insight and prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 01 July 2021.