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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Burkina Faso

Around 14 July 2021: On the road between Matiakoali and Fada Ngourma, Gourma province, Est region, an INGO aid worker, a teacher and a director of the Ministry of Water and Sanitation were abducted by suspected Jama'at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM) militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Democratic Republic of the Congo

15 July 2021 (Date of Report): In Minembwe area, Fizi territory, South Kivu province, eight INGOs including Médecin du Monde ceased their activities and evacuated their personnel to Bukavu due to growing insecurity and activity by armed groups. **Source:** [Actualité](#)

Ethiopia

Vigil Insight Situation Report: The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD)

This [document](#) provides an analysis of the current situation and the implications for aid agencies working there.

17 July 2021: In a public statement, the Ethiopian Ambassador to Eritrea accused aid organisations of delivering weapons and equipment to rebel groups, and UN agencies of fabricating facts and figures in an alleged anti-Ethiopia campaign. **Sources:** [MFA Ethiopia](#) and [The New Humanitarian](#)

18 July 2021: Around 70 miles from Semera, Awsi Zone 1, Afar region, a World Food Programme (WFP) convoy of 10 trucks was attacked by unidentified perpetrators. The WFP subsequently temporarily suspended travel for all convoys along the route from Semera until further review. **Sources:** [AFP](#), [New Age](#), [The New Arab](#), [Twitter](#), [Walta](#), and [WFP](#)

Around 21 July 2021: In Abaala town, Kilbati Zone 2, Afar region, a food convoy en route to Tigray was looted by Tigray Defense Forces (TDF). **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

22 July 2021: In Addis Ababa, security officials stopped and reportedly harassed WFP aid workers at the Bole International Airport as they arrived to board a UNHAS flight to Mekelle city and special zone, Tigray region. Later in the day, the aircraft eventually took off and landed at the Alula Aba Nega International Airport. **Sources:** [Mekete Tigray UK](#) and [Nation Breaking News](#)

As reported on 27 July 2021: In Afar region, the Government continued to block the entry of 170 trucks loaded with food and other humanitarian supplies bound for Tigray. The Government has blamed delivery impediments on provocations from Tigray rebel forces. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Mali

18 July 2021: In Bentia village, Ansongo circle, Gao region, four NGO workers (one Malian, two Cameroonian, and one Togolese national) and a Malian communal councillor were attacked in their vehicle by armed perpetrators. The two Malian victims were immediately released while the three others were abducted and remain in captivity. The perpetrators are presumed to be Islamic State in West Africa (ISWAP) militants. **Sources:** [ACLEDD](#)¹, [Actua Cameroun](#) and [Koaci](#)

Nigeria

15 July 2021: In Monguno LGA, Borno state, seven women were trampled to death during an ICRC routine food distribution activity for pregnant and breast-feeding women, as thousands of people thronged the distribution site to receive humanitarian aid. **Source:** [New Age](#)

17-18 July 2021: In Tomayni village, Guma LGA, Benue state, an armed gang suspected to be criminal herders abducted and killed two aid workers and a volunteer from an NGO providing HIV/AIDS testing and counselling. Over phone calls with local sources, the perpetrators warned that such killings will continue unless the state governor meets their demands to repeal the prohibition of open grazing across the region. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)

South Sudan

15 July 2021: Between the areas of Oila and Ariel, Abiemnhom county, Unity state, a WFP convoy of 11 trucks was ambushed by unidentified perpetrators. The truck drivers were beaten and the perpetrators reportedly stole smartphones and money. The trucks were carrying relief aid to Kuajok. A total of 32 male suspects have since been arrested by combined forces from Ruweng and Unity state, some of whom are suspected to have been people looking for free food. Ten women, who were also arrested, have been released. **Sources:** [ACLEDD](#)¹ and [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Asia

Myanmar

13 July 2021: In Mindat township and district, Chin state, a UNHCR convoy began a planned three-day distribution of COVID-19 PPEs, mosquito nets, mats, blankets, kitchen utensils, solar lanterns and tarps for the rainy season, intended for some 5,000 IDPs. However, on 14 July, military forces only allowed aid workers to assist 50 families sheltering in a military-controlled monastery and church, citing security concerns. On 15 July, soldiers allowed the UNHCR to aid 16 more families, local religious leaders and relief groups, though they continued to prevent the humanitarian agency from helping more than 400 families sheltering in places of worship and schools not designated as IDP shelters by the military. **Source:** [RFA](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

17 July 2021: In Mhemideh town, Deir-ez-Zor governorate, the director of an environmental protection and sustainable development LNGO was arrested in his house by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). The reason for the arrest is not known. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

17 July 2021: In Sarja village, Idlib governorate, Russian or Syrian army airstrikes allegedly targeted SCD volunteers while rescuing victims of a previous airstrike, resulting in the death of a SCD member and the injury of two others. The tactic of Russia and Syria targeting rescue workers in Syrian opposition territory has been recorded throughout the now decade-long war. **Source:** [Airwars](#)

As reported on 25 July 2021: In Afrin city and district, Aleppo governorate, an SDF rocket strike hit an SCD centre, damaging the building and three of its vehicles, including an ambulance and two service cars. **Sources:** [Airwars](#), [SNHR](#), and [Twitter](#)

The Americas

Haiti

As reported on 19 July 2021: In Port-au-Prince, following the assassination of the Haitian President on 07 July, clashes involving rival gangs and police have hampered humanitarian access for more than 19,000 IDPs. **Source:** [ECHO](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 28 July 2021.