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## Safety, security and access incidents

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

### Africa

#### *Burkina Faso*

**28 December 2021:** In Bourasso department, Kossi province, Jama'a Nusrat ul-Islam wa al-Muslimin' (JNIM) militants seized two vehicles belonging to an NGO and a textile company, as part of a series of attacks in the area. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

#### *Cameroon*

**26 December 2021:** In South West region, military personnel stopped an MSF ambulance at the Nguti checkpoint while it was transporting a patient suffering from gunshot wounds to Mutengene city, forcing it to return to Mamfe city, where the patient had to be treated and stabilised. **Sources:** [Mimi Mefo Info I](#), [Mimi Mefo Info II](#) and [MSF Western & Central Africa](#)

#### *Central African Republic*

**16 December 2021:** Near Ngoutere village, Yade region, Ouham-Pende prefecture, one UN-contracted driver was injured when their vehicle hit an IED. **Source:** [AWSD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**19 December 2021:** In Batangafo town, Ouham prefecture, three NGO contracted drivers were reported missing. Their bodies were found the next day in a forest. **Source:** [AWSD](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### *Ethiopia*

**As first reported on 28 December 2021:** Between Alamata town, Southern zone, and Mekelle city and special zone, Tigray region, an Ethiopian Government drone attack killed a male UNHCR employee whilst he was travelling in a car with his daughter. **Sources:** [Twitter](#) and [UNHCR](#)

#### *Mali*

**28-29 December 2021:** In Ansongo town and commune, Gao region, armed men kidnapped a Nigerian doctor working for a French INGO. He was released on 03 January after negotiations with his captors. **Sources:** [ActuNiger](#) and [RFI](#)

#### *Nigeria*

**18 December 2021:** In Dange Shuni LGA, Sokoto state, police detained four staff members of the LNGO Livingstone Explorer International Initiative during a medical distribution activity. Locals had accused the staff of handing out medicines to the community without the knowledge and approval of the Sokoto's Health Ministry, and of trying to convert Muslim residents to Christianity by distributing audio bibles. The four were released the next day following the intervention of the Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#)

## South Sudan

**15 December 2021:** In Aweil town, Aweil Centre county, Northern Bahr el Ghazal state, an NGO national aid worker was killed by a family member in an interpersonal dispute. **Source:** [AWSD<sup>1</sup>](#)

**16 December 2021:** In Kong Kong Payam, Pibor county, Jonglei state, an NGO national aid worker was killed in a clash between youths on his way home from work. **Source:** [AWSD<sup>1</sup>](#)

**18 December 2021:** In Mayendit county, Unity state, an MSF health worker was killed and three other people were wounded when armed youth from Koch county raided cattle and attacked the home of the MSF worker. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

**19 December 2021:** In Duk county, Jonglei state, armed men attacked a WFP convoy of five amphibious vehicles between Tindiir and Duk Padiet, killing a UN-contracted driver and injuring another. **Sources:** [Eye Radio I](#), [Eye Radio II](#), [OCHA](#), [Sudan Radio](#) and [UN News](#)



### New Dataset

At least 20 aid workers were killed in South Sudan in 2021. Download this data on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).

## Sudan

**24 December 2021:** In North Darfur state, an armed group attacked a part of the former UNAMID base that had been handed over to the state government, broke containers, and looted the state government's equipment. One man died of gunshot wounds in an exchange of fire with security forces. **Sources:** [Dabanga Sudan](#), [Sudan Tribune](#) and [UN News](#)

**28-29 December 2021:** In El Fasher city, North Darfur state, hundreds of people, military personnel and rebel fighters attacked three WFP warehouses and stole food and nutrition aid. In response, local authorities imposed a curfew across the province, and WFP suspended operations, affecting two million locals. On 30 December, police arrested an unspecified number of suspects after they were seen riding trucks and animal-drawn carts loaded with food stocks that were allegedly stolen from the WFP warehouses. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [Dabanga Sudan I](#), [Dabanga Sudan II](#), [Radio Tamazuj](#), [The New Arab](#), [WFP](#) and [UN News](#)

## Asia

### Afghanistan

**23 December 2021:** In Kabul, Taliban militants arrested a British NGO worker at gunpoint. His location remains unknown. **Source:** [Paris Match](#)

### Myanmar

**24 December 2021:** Near Moso village, Hpruso township, Kayah state, two male members of the INGO Save the Children went missing while returning to their Loikaw office from a humanitarian mission, as State Administration Council (SAC) forces killed and burned around 35 IDPs, including women and children. On 30 December, the INGO confirmed their deaths. **Sources:** [Save the Children](#), [The Irrawaddy](#), [The New Arab](#) and [UN News](#)

**28 December 2021:** In Paletwa town, Chin state, an X-ray technician and aid worker were arrested from their homes by SAC forces. The aid worker is involved in delivering aid to IDPs at the Wi-Thoat-Dar-Ron IDP camp in Paletwa. **Sources:** [Border News Agency](#) and [Mizzima News](#)



### New Dataset

At least seven aid workers were killed and 57 detained in Myanmar in 2021. Download this data on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).

## Europe

### *Russian Federation*

**28 December 2021:** The Supreme Court announced the dissolution of the advocacy NGO Memorial for violations of the Foreign Agents Law. **Sources:** [CVV](#) and [Teller Report](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### *Yemen*

**20 December 2021:** In Sanaa, the Saudi-led coalition carried out air raids on Houthi targets at the Sanaa International Airport. Civilians and UN agencies were urged to evacuate an hour earlier. The airport is no longer able to receive aircraft operated by the UN or INGOs. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [France 24](#)

## The Americas



### **Haiti Situation Report: Fuel and Looting by Vigil Insight: 20 December 2021**

Looting and kidnapping will continue to increase as gang control spreads throughout Haiti and prices increase, though a strong acceptance strategy will **LIKELY** mitigate against severe violence towards aid organisations.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 13 January 2022.

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