

Aid in Danger

Bi-Monthly News Brief

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Our Aid Worker KKA data now covers up to 28 February 2022. It is available on [HDX](#). 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.

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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Burkina Faso

23 February 2022: In Boucle du Mouhoun region, gunmen stopped and stole an MSF vehicle. No staff injuries were reported. **Source:** [MSF Western & Central Africa](#)

Cameroon

24 February 2022: In Fotokol town, Far North region, five INGO aid workers were kidnapped by unidentified perpetrators from their organisational residence. Their current whereabouts remain unknown. **Sources:** [Africa News](#) and [L'Oeil du Sahel](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

23 February 2022: In Uvira city, South Kivu province, a Congolese aid worker was killed during a robbery at a transfer shop. **Source:** [AWSO](#)¹

South Sudan

28 February 2022: In Jonglei state, gunmen attacked a WFP convoy of 59 trucks which was under the protection of UNMISS forces while en route to various locations to assist 95,000 people ahead of the rainy season, when access becomes heavily restricted. One UN peacekeeper was shot and wounded. **Sources:** [Eye Radio](#) and [Radio Tamazuj](#)

01 March 2022: In Yei county, Central Equatoria state, National Salvation Front fighters attacked two MSF-branded vehicles while they were travelling along the Yei-Maridi Road towards a mobile clinic in Minyori area to treat patients with malaria, pneumonia, and acute watery diarrhoea. The perpetrators looted all staff property, medicine and radio phones from the vehicles, and then set the vehicles alight. The staff were forced to seek safety on foot. In response, MSF suspended its activities in Yei until security conditions were improved. **Sources:** [Eye Radio](#), [HumAngle](#) and [MSF International](#)

02 March 2022: Update: In Twic county, Warrap state, the Abyei Youth Union has revoked a February resolution calling for the expulsion of 38 humanitarian and other workers of several

NGOs, companies and UNISFA in the area, allowing the workers to resume activities. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

Sudan

As reported on 24 February 2022: In Darfuri states, civil society leaders are being subjected to an increased frequency of unwarranted surveillance and threats. One threat was directed at the official spokesperson of the Coordination of Displaced Persons and Refugees via phone call and text message. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

As reported on 01 March 2022: Update: In North Darfur state, WFP has partially resumed operations after suspending them for more than a month in response to a series of attacks and looting of all three of its warehouses in El Fasher city in December 2021. Through nutrition programmes for malnourished children, pregnant women and nursing mothers, WFP is aiming to reach 122,600 people with nutrition support, and 321,000 school children with school meals throughout 2022. **Sources:** [AllAfrica](#) and [Radio Tamazuji](#)

05 March 2022: In Jemeina neighbourhood, Seleia town, Jebel Moon, West Darfur state, a volunteer aid worker was killed in an attack on the town by gunmen. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

06 March 2022: In Kreinik locality, West Darfur state, two armed men riding a motorcycle shot and killed an aid worker as he was collecting straw two kilometres away from Kreinik IDP camp where he lived. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

24 February 2022: In Kunduz city, district and province, gunmen killed four members of a polio vaccination team conducting house-to-house visits on two separate occasions. **Sources:** [AWSD](#)¹, [France 24](#), [Reuters](#), [The New Arab](#), [The Print](#), [UN Afghanistan](#) and [UN News](#)

24 February 2022: In Imam Sahib district, Kunduz province, gunmen killed two polio vaccinators and a social mobiliser. **Sources:** [AWSD](#)¹, [France 24](#), [Reuters](#), [The New Arab](#), [The Print](#), [UN Afghanistan](#) and [UN News](#)

24 February 2022: In Taloqan district, Takhar province, gunmen killed a male member of a polio vaccination transit team, prompting the suspension of the vaccination campaign in the area. **Sources:** [AWSD](#)¹, [France 24](#), [Reuters](#), [The New Arab](#), [The Print](#), [UN Afghanistan](#) and [UN News](#)

The above three attacks prompted the UN to suspend the vaccination campaign across both Kunduz and Takhar provinces.



Violence Against Vaccinators and Vaccination Campaigns

Several years ago, polio vaccinators in Quetta, Pakistan were shook by the murder of two colleagues. Armed men on a motorcycle shot a mother and daughter in a 'drive-by' style shooting as they were administering polio drops to children. Both women died on their way to hospital. This attack is not an isolated incident.

This new Attacks on Vaccination Campaigns blog series analyses Insecurity Insight's data on attacks to health care to explore where they took place, who was affected, who was responsible, how these attacks may have changed in recent years, and how they relate to public health and politics. Read the first blog on the [RIAH website](#) or as [PDF](#) here. Subscribe [here](#). Explore some of these incidents on our '[Attacked and Threatened](#)' interactive global map.

Europe

Ukraine

01 March 2022: In Kharkiv city, raion and oblast, a Russian military strike hit Freedom Square and a tent encampment set up to collect aid for Ukrainian volunteer fighters. At least six people were killed and more than 20 others were injured. **Source:** [ABC](#)

08 March 2022: In Mariupol city, and raion, Donetsk oblast, explosive weapons used by Russian forces damaged the Red Cross Office. **Source:** [Twitter](#)



Violence Against or Obstruction of Health Care in Ukraine

Russian troops invaded Ukrainian territory on 24 February. The initial strategy is believed to have been rapid capture of large populated areas, notably the capital Kyiv and Kharkiv, a city of around 1.4 million inhabitants. These however largely remain in Ukrainian hands and, likely in consequence, Russian forces have started to resort to much more extensive use of explosive weapons in these populated areas.

[Insecurity Insight's](#) monitoring for the period 24 February-02 March has identified [24 incidents](#) of violence against or obstruction of health care. Reported incidents have been included in this list, when careful examination of sources appear to be reliable. However, none of these reported incidents could be independently verified. If you have additional information on an incident documented here, or a new incident, please do not hesitate to get in [touch](#). Join our [Ukraine mailing list](#) for future updates. Visit our [website](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#).

Middle East North Africa

Yemen

06 March 2022: In Hadramout governorate, two MSF aid workers — one German and another Mexican — were kidnapped from their vehicle by gunmen believed to be linked to Al Qaeda in the Arab Peninsula. **Sources:** [France 24](#) and [The New Arab](#)

The Americas

Mexico

22 February 2022: In Tapachula city, Chiapas state, along the Mexico-Guatemala border, about 100 migrants from Haiti, Cuba and African nations blocked the entrances to an immigration office, and threw stones and sticks at Mexican National Guard troops and immigration agents, as they protested that claims for international protection and humanitarian visas take too long to process. The migrants also burned tires and trash, and blocked a nearby road for hours. This conflict could increase tensions between migrants and local residents. **Source:** [AP](#)

Haiti



Situation Reports by Vigil Insight

Thanks to funding from the H2H Network we have produced aid-sector tailored predictive situation analysis on Haiti to support aid agencies' strategic security decision-making. All the resources are free to access below. Also available in French on our Haiti [website](#). Join our [mailing list](#). Haiti Aid Worker KKA data is available on [HDX](#).

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¹ 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 10 March 2022.

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