

Aid in Danger

Bi-Weekly News Brief

Safety, security and access incidents affecting aid workers and aid delivery

15-28 July

Africa

Mali

21 July 2020: In Mopti region, a Malian aid worker was reportedly kidnapped by unknown perpetrators while traveling between Boni and Douentza towns. Information about the victim's whereabouts is currently unknown. **Source:** [AWS¹](#)

Niger: Correction: While there have been rumours that they were freed, the Nigerien aid workers from the Nigerien NGO Action and Impact Programme in the Sahel (APIS) - a partner of WFP - who were kidnapped on [24 June](#) are still being held, according to personal communication, received on 21 July 2020.

Nigeria

22 July 2020: Near Maiduguri, Borno state, five humanitarian workers taken hostage on June 29th were executed by ISWAP, as shown in an unofficial video released by the group. **Sources:** [Daily Platform](#), [Eons Intelligence](#), [ECHO](#), [Humangle](#), [Mimimefo Info I](#), [Mimimefo Info II](#), [Punch Nigeria](#), [Sahara Reporters](#), [Twitter I](#), [Twitter II](#) and [Twitter III](#)

24 July 2020: In Borno state, Boko Haram mounted a roadblock on the Monguno-Maiduguri road and fired at a vehicle belonging to an unspecified aid organisation. **Source:** [ACLED²](#)

South Sudan

17 July 2020: In Juba, Central Equatoria state, a WFP warehouse was looted and a large amount of food taken. **Sources:** [Twitter](#) and [WFP](#)

18 July 2020: Near Jebel Thiik, Jur River county, Bahr el Ghazal state, a South Sudanese aid worker travelling in a private vehicle was kidnapped along with eight civilians by an armed group active in the area. The victim's whereabouts are unknown. **Source:** [AWS¹](#)

20 July 2020: In the Bentiu PoC site, Unity state, a UN South Sudanese staff member was walking back from the market when he was assaulted and injured in a robbery attempt. He was taken to a INGO clinic for treatment. **Source:** [AWS¹](#)

22 July 2020: On the Budi-Kapoeta Road, Budi county, Eastern Equatoria state, a UN agency convoy was ambushed by unidentified perpetrators in an armed robbery. One staff member sustained gunshot injuries and was evacuated to Juba. **Source:** [AWS¹](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

Around 15 July 2020: In Idlib governorate, a male British aid worker who had been arrested on 22 June by Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham, was released on bail after spending more than three weeks in detention. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

The Americas

Colombia

15 July 2020: In San Vicente de Caguán town and municipality, Caquetá department, an Italian male UN volunteer was found dead at his residence. His family are questioning the Colombian authorities' claim that the death was a result of suicide. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

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¹ The Aid Worker Security Database (AWSDB) 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 publicised in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 31 July 2020.

² Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) database attribution policy. Accessed 3 August 2020