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Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings

This monthly digest comprises threats and incidents of violence affecting protection of IDPs and refugees.

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Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

06 July 2020: In Litsho village, near Drodro, Djugu territory, Ituri province, two IDPs working in the fields near to Drodro camp were shot dead and another seriously injured and hospitalised by Coalition of Congolese Democrats (CODECO) militiamen. Other IDPs fled into the forest. **Source:** [Bunia Actualite](#)

08 July 2020: In Reta village, near Drodro, Djugu territory, Ituri province, an IDP was shot dead by CODECO militiamen during an attack on the village. Other IDPs managed to escape. **Source:** [Bunia Actualite](#)

09 July 2020: In Boba village, near Bule, Djugu territory, Ituri province, at least two IDPs working in the fields were killed in another attack by CODECO militiamen, who subsequently looted 130 cows from the local population. **Sources:** [Bunia Actualite](#), [La Prunelle](#) and [MNCTV Congo](#)

Mozambique

14 July 2020: In Pemba city, Cabo Delgado province, 15 IDPs arriving by *dhow* (sailing ship) were arrested by Mozambican marines and held in police custody until they confessed to being members of the insurgency. They were freed the next day after reports reached the press that they had been tortured into their confessions, including being bitten by dogs. After not responding to the accusations of torture for one week, the police denied that they had tortured the IDPs. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Nigeria

21 July 2020: In Dikwa town, Borno state, Flatari IDP camp was attacked by Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'adati wal-Jihad (JAS) militia. Three people were killed. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

Rwanda

03 July 2020: In Mahama Refugee camp, Kirehe district, Eastern Province, two Burundian refugees were shot dead by Rwandan police officers who accused them of smuggling drugs. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [UNHCR](#)

South Sudan

19 July 2020: In Unity state, sexual violence, including rape, is reportedly occurring more and more frequently inside Yida Refugee camp. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

24 July 2020: In Pibor town and county, Boma state, thousands of displaced people sought sanctuary at the UN base due to continued attacks. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Sudan

01 July 2020: At an unspecified location around the north-east of Nertiti, Central Darfur state, an IDP farmer was abducted. His body was found in the Gurni area on 10 July. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

08 July 2020: In Kabkabiya district, North Darfur state, a male IDP from Kakabiya IDP camp was killed at his farm by eight janjaweed militia members. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

13 July 2020: In Kutum town, North Darfur state, armed men attacked the Fata Borno IDP camp, killing at least nine IDPs and injuring 20. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [IOM Sudan](#), [Dabanga Sudan I](#), [Dabanga Sudan II](#), [UNOCHA Sudan I](#), [UNOCHA Sudan II](#) and [UNAMID](#)

14 July 2020: Near Kereinik town, West Darfur state, two male IDP farmers were shot dead by gunmen when returning to Sese IDP camp. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

17 July 2020: In Kutum locality, North Darfur state, two female IDPs were raped by militiamen north-east of Kassab IDP Camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

24 July 2020: In El Salam locality, South Darfur State, two displaced farmers were killed by three gunmen while they were tilling their farm in Hillet Temebto. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

20 July 2020: In Kadugli, South Kordofan state, clashes between Arabs and Nuba tribesmen killed and wounded an unconfirmed number of people and displaced about 6,350 people from Kulba, Marta North, Marta East and Hila Al Gadeeda. **Source:** [IOM Sudan](#)

23 July 2020: In the east of Nierteti, Central Darfur state, an IDP farmer was shot dead by gunmen on his way to the Nierteti Southern camp. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

Tanzania

23 July 2020: In Mtendeli Refugee Camp, Kigoma region, six Burundian refugees (one woman and five men) were kidnapped by armed men, some wearing Tanzanian police uniforms. The victims were reportedly threatened not to cry for help. The police denied the event. **Source:** [SOS Medias](#)

Uganda

15 July 2020: At Palorynia Refugee Camp, West Nile Region, three residents were killed, and several houses burnt during a confrontation between South Sudanese refugees. **Source:** [Radio Miraya](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

July 2020: In Bhasan Char island, Sandwip upazila, Noakhali district, Chittagong division, Bangladeshi authorities prevented hundreds of Rohingya refugees - who were relocated to Bhasan Char this year after being taken from two boats that were attempting to bring them to Malaysia - from leaving the island unless they agreed to return to Myanmar. Bhasan Char is a flood-prone island made entirely of silt which sits in the path of cyclones where the Bangladeshi authorities plan to eventually relocate up to 100,000 Rohingya refugees. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Europe

Germany

11 July 2020: A German human rights award winner and Alarm Phone member faces trial in Germany for allegedly inciting criminal acts after he asked the public to help and/or hide those threatened by deportation. **Source:** [Alarm Phone](#)

Greece

01 July 2020: A report published by the Greek Refugee Council and Oxfam highlighted how the reformed Greek law on international protection which came into force on 01 January 2020 and which was later amended in May, exposes asylum seekers to abuse and exploitation. **Source:** [Oxfam](#)

10 July 2020: At an unspecified location, a teacher suffered a disciplinary procedure by the local education authorities for expressing solidarity with refugees in two Facebook posts. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

13 July 2020: Near Moria Camp, Lesbos island, MSF will be fined 35,000 euros by the municipality for erecting a structure to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. The structure was inaugurated in May by the Minister of Migration. The operations will be suspended. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

Italy

13 July 2020: In the Mediterranean Sea, an Italian coast guard vessel did not rescue refugees in a wooden boat that was drifting one nautical mile away from its own position. **Source:** [The Civil Fleet](#)

23 July 2020: In Sicily, an Ocean Viking ship was seized after 11 hours of inspection by the Italian Coast guard for allegedly carrying more “passengers” than certified to carry. It is the 4th NGO refugee rescue ship impounded by the Italian authorities. **Sources:** [The Civil Fleet I](#) and [The Civil Fleet II](#)

Malta

14 July 2020: In the Maltese search and Rescue Zone, 23 Libyan refugees escaping from Zuwara had their boat engine stopped and were drifting on the sea while asking the Maltese and Italian authorities for a rescue operation. After several hours, the engine restarted, and the refugees were closer to Lampedusa but MRCC Rome refused responsibility and RCC Malta did not answer the calls. The refugees landed in Lampedusa after 40 hours adrift. **Sources:** [Alarm Phone I](#), [Alarm Phone II](#), [Alarm Phone III](#), [Alarm Phone IV](#), [Alarm Phone V](#), [The Civil Fleet I](#) and [The Civil Fleet II](#)

22 July 2020: In the Maltese Search and Rescue Zone, eighty-three people, including two pregnant women, on a boat in distress await rescue. Authorities were informed. **Source:** [Alarm Phone](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

04 July 2020: In the outskirts of Azaz city, Aleppo governorate, the body of a displaced man from Douma, Eastern Ghouta was found. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

18 April 2020: On the outskirts of Sahbka city, Deir-ez-Zour governorate, an IDP camp was raided in the early morning by Syrian Defence Forces backed by International Coalition’s aircraft. Several young people from the camp were arrested. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

19 April 2020: In Hama governorate, a missile allegedly launched by Syrian regime ground troops killed a displaced civilian during the shelling of Tal Waset village. **Sources:** [Air Wars](#) and [SNHR](#)

23 July 2020: In Afrin district, Aleppo governorate, a vehicle carrying IDPs from Maarrat Al-Nu’man city was shot at by members of al Sham Corps managing a checkpoint which separates their area of control from the HTS area, while attempting to cross into Idlib. No casualties reported. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

25 July 2020: In Tal’ada village, Idlib governorate, a male displaced civilian was killed by a stray gunshot during clashes between Hay’at Tahrir al Sham and gunmen. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

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