

# Aid in Danger

## Bi-Weekly News Brief

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

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### Africa

#### Cameroon

**As reported on 10 December 2020:** In Bamenda town, Mezam department, Northwest region, the provincial government reportedly suspended partnerships between an INGO and Santa Maria Soledad Catholic Hospital Bamenda, as well as other health facilities across the region. The government stated that the reason for suspending the INGOs partnerships was that the Ministry of Public Health was awaiting “the definition of the framework of activities”. **Source:** [Mimi Mefo Info](#)

#### Ethiopia

**As reported on 05 December 2020:** In Tigray region, in the context of the conflict between the Ethiopian Federal Government and the regional ruling TPLF, [at least five aid workers](#) have reportedly been killed and more than 100 remain unaccounted for. **Source:** [ABC](#)

**As reported on 05 December 2020:** In Tigray region, continued fighting between the Ethiopian Federal Government and the TPLF has complicated efforts to deliver aid, despite an Ethiopia-UN agreement signed on 29 November allowing the UN to administer aid in territory under federal control. **Source:** [New Age](#)

**06 December 2020:** Near Shire town, North Western zone, Tigray region, the Ethiopian National Defence Force fired at a UN team working in the region despite an Ethiopia-UN agreement signed on 29 November allowing the UN to administer aid in territory under federal control. The ENDF also detained some of the UN team members, claiming that they had ignored instructions and driven through two federal government checkpoints without permission. The said UN team was on its way to visit a camp for Eritrean refugees. **Sources:** [Africa News](#), [BBC](#), [Eons Intelligence](#), [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

**As reported on 08 December 2020:** In Tigray region, the instability caused by the conflict between the Ethiopian Federal Government and the TPLF has continued to prevent UNHCR from reaching some 96,000 Eritrean refugees. **Source:** [New Age](#)

**12 December 2020:** In Mekelle city and special zone, Tigray region, the first international aid convoy since the conflict between the Ethiopian Federal Government and the regional ruling TPLF broke out on 04 November arrived in Mekelle, comprising seven trucks carrying medicine, medical equipment, and other relief supplies. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

#### Nigeria

**30 November 2020:** In Wakilti village, between Karetu and Gubio LGAs, Borno state, ISWAP militants manning a checkpoint stopped and abducted a Red Cross aid worker along with two local state officials. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#) and [Punch](#)

**09 December 2020:** Along the Damaturu-Maiduguri road, Borno state, ISWAP militants reportedly abducted two aid workers at a checkpoint near Jakana town, as the two returned from a wedding in neighbouring Adamawa state. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#), [Nigeria Security Tracker](#), [Radio Television Suisse](#) and [Vanguard](#)

## **Sudan**

**08 December 2020:** In Al Fashir city, North Darfur state, unidentified gunmen stole a Sudanese Red Crescent Society vehicle, after forcing those on board - including a member of the Central Steering Committee of the NGO - to get out of the car at gunpoint. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

## **Asia**

### **Indonesia**

**05 December 2020:** The Social Affairs Minister has allegedly taken USD1.2 million in bribes linked to food aid intended for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading anti-corruption agents to arrest him on 06 December. **Source:** [AFP](#)

## **Middle East and North Africa**

### **Egypt**

**05 December 2020: Update:** In Cairo, the Cairo Appeals Court ordered the closure of an investigation into 20 NGOs, which has been going on since December 2011, over accusations that they had been illegally receiving foreign funds. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

**As reported on 13 December 2020:** In Afrin city, sub-district and district, Aleppo governorate, unidentified gunmen kidnapped, robbed, and severely beat an aid worker, leaving him in a farm in the suburbs. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

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Each month we release the latest available data on aid workers [killed, kidnapped, or arrested \(KKA\)](#). It is continually updated and includes new and historic reports identified in open-sources and verified security incidents submitted by Aid in Danger partner agencies. Data collection is ongoing, and data may change as more information is made available. Join our [mailing list](#) to receive monthly reports on insecurity affecting the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Visit our website to download previous [News Briefs](#).

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