

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. **We are currently in the process of completing data entry for 2020 events and will switch over to showing the counts for 2021 as soon as this work is completed. Access the data via our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).**

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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Cameroon

As reported on 18 January 2021: In Garoua-Boulay town and commune, Lom-et-Djerem department, East region, members of the CPC rebel group attacked an INGO convoy composed of approximately 30 trucks, as well as other commercial vehicles, as they tried to cross the border into the Central African Republic. **Source:** [Eons Intelligence](#)

Central African Republic

18 January 2021: Near Bangassou city, Mbomou prefecture, members of the UPC and anti-Balaka armed groups attacked a MINUSCA convoy, killing two peacekeepers. **Source:** [UN News](#)

As of 15 January 2021: Humanitarian organisations have been unable to deliver aid to 2.8 million people due to a growing military offensive launched by an array of armed groups. UNHCR was reported to be assessing how to mobilise more resources and airdrop supplies to key areas of humanitarian need. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Reuters](#)

Ethiopia

15 January 2021: In Tigray region, in the absence of humanitarian access, the EU announced its decision to stop sending development support directly to the Ethiopian Federal Government. Funding channelled through NGOs and humanitarian programmes, will continue. **Source:** [Devex](#)

Mali

13 January 2021: In Bambara-Maoudé village and commune, Gouma-Rharous cercle, Timbuktu region, a MINUSMA vehicle struck a roadside bomb, after which gunmen opened fire, killing at least four peacekeepers, including three Ivorians, and wounding six more. The perpetrators fled the scene following an armed response by the peacekeepers. **Sources:** [AFP](#), [Garda World](#) and [Twitter](#)

15 January 2021: In Tessalit commune and cercle, Kidal region, a MINUSMA vehicle hit an explosive device of unidentified origin, killing an Egyptian peacekeeper, and seriously injuring another. **Sources:** [Ghana Business News](#), [Global News](#) and [Twitter](#)

Mozambique

26 January 2021: The districts of Quissanga, Macomia, Meluco, Mocímboa da Praia, Muidumbe and Nangade, remain inaccessible to UN agencies and aid organisations due to ongoing insecurity, the presence of armed groups and police and military operations. **Source:** [Club of Mozambique](#)

South Sudan

As reported on 12 January 2021: In Maban county, Upper Nile state, armed clashes involving Mabanese youth and in-opposition forces have forced humanitarian organisations to cease all activities until further notice. **Source:** [ECHO](#)

19 January 2021: In Akobo town, Jonglei state, an INGO guard was shot and killed by an armed perpetrator while walking near an INGO warehouse. The killing is allegedly due to a personal revenge. **Source:** [AWS¹](#)

Sudan

16 January 2021: In several locations in El Geniena and Krinding IDP Camp adjacent to the city, West Darfur state, three aid workers were among a total of up to 200 people killed during four attacks carried out by Rizeigat militiamen against Masalit IDPs over two days. One of the aid workers was a male working for the NGO Lakarmissionen/ International Aid Services Sudan. The perpetrators looted and torched several houses - around 300 people were wounded and about 90,000 are reported to have been displaced. **Sources:** [Lakarmissionen](#), [OCHA](#), [Reliefweb I](#), [Reliefweb II](#), [The New Arab](#), [The New Humanitarian](#) and [UN News](#)

Asia

China

14 January 2021: In Singapore, Singaporean authorities blocked two members of a WHO team investigating the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic from flying to China after testing positive for a Coronavirus IgM antibodies test, despite the fact that they had previously been tested and found negative for the virus multiple times, thereby delaying their deployment. **Source:** [CNN](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Yemen

25 January 2021: Update: The new US Government froze US sanctions on dealing with the Houthi movement for one month, as it reviews the decision of the former administration concerning the designation of the Houthis as a terrorist group. Despite special exemptions for humanitarian organisations, the UN, and the export of agricultural commodities, medicine and medical devices, aid groups still warn that such classification could severely affect the finance and banking sector in the country and investment to organisations within the country - thereby aggravating the longstanding humanitarian crisis. **Sources:** [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

The Americas

Venezuela

12 January 2021: In Maracaibo city and municipality, Zulia state, agents of the Directorate of Military Counterintelligence arrested and detained five aid workers of the NGO Azul Positivo over charges related to the Computer Crime Law and the Law against Organised Crime and the Financing of Terrorism. A sixth aid worker was also arrested but was later released without charges. **Source:** [Amnesty International](#)

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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 published in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 28 January 2021.