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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. Past editions: [10-23 February](#) and [27 January-09 February](#)

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## Safety, security and access incidents

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

### Africa

#### *Central African Republic*

**February 2021:** At least 49 security incidents against humanitarian workers or property were recorded throughout February by UN-OCHA, including one NGO staff member who was killed in Bambari town, Ouaka prefecture, and another who was kidnapped for ransom in Kaga-Bandoro, Nana-Gribizi prefecture on undisclosed dates. The largest number of incidents were reported in Ouham prefecture. Theft, robberies and lootings represented 53% of incidents. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**23 February 2021:** In Mbuji Mayi city, Kasai-Oriental province, a male aid worker working with the Belgian INGO Enabel was killed in unknown circumstances by gunmen. The incident happened in the evening. **Source:** [Election-Net](#)

**01 March 2021:** At Lukongo village, Fizi territory, South Kivu province, five aid workers were reportedly abducted by an armed group. The perpetrators looted the aid workers' goods and released the victims hours later following the intervention of the FARDC. **Sources:** [Actualite I](#), [Actualite II](#), [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>, [La Prunelle RDC](#) and [NRC](#)

#### *Ethiopia*

**As reported on 02 March 2021:** In Tigray region, national and international sources on the ground reported looting of humanitarian supplies and the destruction of civilian infrastructure. Although more than 80 aid workers received clearances to enter the region after long delays in authorisation by the government, their permits are for short missions or only for personnel returning to Tigray. Permissions for needs assessment missions remained pending with the authorities. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

#### *Mali*

**02 March 2021:** In Dogo village, Youwarou cercle, Mopti region, three aid workers were abducted by unidentified perpetrators while on a mission in the locality. **Source:** [Studio Tamani](#)

#### *Nigeria*

**01 March 2021:** In Dikwa town and LGA, Borno State, as part of a targeted assault against the humanitarian community, ISWAP insurgents used explosives to breach the security of a UN Hub and then laid siege to the facility, forcing a group of 25 aid workers providing assistance to IDPs and guests to retreat to a fortified bunker. As they engaged in a fierce battle with troops, the perpetrators

abducted at least than seven aid workers, and torched or destroyed the UN facility and hospitals run by NGOs. In response, humanitarian support to nearly 100,000 people was suspended. **Sources:** [AFP](#), [Barron's](#), [France 24](#), [HumAngle I](#), [HumAngle II](#), [HumAngle III](#), [Nigeria INGO Forum](#), [OCHA](#), [Ripples Nigeria](#), [Sahara Reporters I](#), [Sahara Reporters II](#), [Sahara Reporters III](#), [Sahara Reporters IV](#), [Solidarites](#), [Twitter I](#) and [Twitter II](#)

## Asia

### *Myanmar*

**28 February 2021:** In Monywa town, Monywa township and district, Sagaing region, police and Myanmar military soldiers arrested and detained an unspecified number of aid workers. They remained detained as of 1 March. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 02 March 2021:** In an unspecified location, security forces have destroyed ambulances, medical equipment and internationally-recognised Red Cross flags, in addition to injuring medics, amid anti-military junta demonstrations. **Source:** [RFA](#)

**03 March 2021:** In North Okkalapa township, Yangon city and division, police stopped an ambulance belonging to the Yangon-based volunteer aid group Mon Myat Seik Htar, beat and kicked four medics on board as they were responding to a call, and shot out the vehicle's windows. The police then took the men to Insein Prison. **Source:** [RFA](#)

**03 March 2021:** In North Okkalapa township, Yangon city and division, police assaulted and detained two members of the aid group We Love, but later released them. The officers also damaged their vehicle's windshield and windows. **Source:** [RFA](#)

**04 March 2021:** In Monywa town, Monywa township, Monywa district, Sagaing region, police and Myanmar military soldiers arrested at least three aid workers who were working on a relief operation. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### *Afghanistan*

**Around 24 February 2021:** In Daykundi province, three aid workers from the INGO Afghanaid were attacked and wounded by gunmen, assumed to be militants **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## Europe

### *Italy*

**04 March 2021:** In Trapani, Sicily, after an investigation lasting almost four years, Italian prosecutors have charged 21 rescuers from three NGOs (Mediterranea, MSF and Save the Children), who were accused of collaborating with people smugglers after saving thousands of people from drowning in the Mediterranean Sea. **Sources:** [Mediterranea](#), [Reuters](#) and [The Guardian](#)

### *Ukraine*

**As reported on 02 March 2021:** In Luhansk oblast, the first UN-organised aid convoy, containing 133 tons of shelter material and other relief items, reached the non-government-controlled region via the Shchastia crossing point. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### *Islamic Republic of Iran*

**07 March 2021: Update:** In Tehran, a British-Iranian woman, formerly an employee of the charity Thomson Reuters Foundation, was released from prison after being held for five years over spying accusations. However, she was subsequently summoned to court on 13 March, charged with spreading propaganda. **Source:** [France 24](#)

### *Syrian Arab Republic*

**24 February 2021:** In Al-Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, unidentified perpetrators killed an MSF aid worker in the tent in which he or she lived. **Source:** [MSF International](#)

**26 February 2021:** In Al-Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, a fire of unidentified origin broke out in a tent at the camp and spread to adjoining tents. At least seven people were killed, including the daughter of an MSF employee. Around 30 people, including three MSF colleagues, were injured.  
**Source:** [MSF International](#)

## Aid Worker KKA data for countries selected by ReliefWeb

### Aid workers reportedly killed, kidnapped and arrested (KKA)

Data period: 01 January-09 March 2021

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	Aid Workers Killed	Aid Workers Kidnapped	Aid Workers Arrested	Total Aid Workers Affected	Total KKA Incidents
Afghanistan					
CAR	1	1		2	2
DRC	2	5		7	3
Iraq					
Mali		3		3	1
Nigeria		10		10	4
Somalia	2			2	2
South Sudan	7	1		8	5
Syria	2		1	3	3
Yemen					
Other countries	8		13	21	7
<b>Total affected</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>27</b>

## Key Definitions

**Aid worker:** An individual employed by or attached to a humanitarian, UN, international, national, or government aid agency.

**Killed:** Refers to a staff member being killed. Aid worker(s) killed while in captivity are coded as 'kidnapped'.

**Kidnapped:** Refers to a staff member being kidnapped, missing or taken hostage.

**Arrested:** Refers to a staff member being arrested, charged, detained, fined or imprisoned.

The classification is based on reported but not independently verified information. The Aid in Danger project makes no independent judgement about the legality of any reported arrest or detention. Data collection is ongoing, and data may change as more information is made available. Where the number of aid workers affected is unspecified, one is counted. The countries above have been selected by [ReliefWeb](#).

## Mozambique: Vigil InSight Situation Report

This [document](#) provides an analysis of the current situation in the Cabo Delgado region in Northern Mozambique and the implications for aid agencies working in the area. Listen to the [Vigil InSight Voiceover](#)

### Summary

- Insurgents, increasingly influenced by the Islamic State's 'Central Africa Province' (ISCAP), launched rocket and mortar attacks for the first time in 2020.
- Government security operations, supported by private security companies, have led to a drop in insurgents attacks in recent months.
- International human rights NGOs have accused government forces of violent attacks on civilians accused of collaborating with insurgents and foreign private military contractors of indiscriminate firing at civilians.
- The violence has increased humanitarian needs but puts key aid programmes related to food security, health and education in jeopardy.
- Aid agencies remain at risk from the counter insurgency and militants who may seek to maintain momentum and score propaganda successes drive out the remaining non-Muslim population.

Dataset: [2020 Threats and violence against aid delivery data](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 12 March 2021.