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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Ethiopia

Reported on 23 April 2021: In Tigray region, Eritrean troops looted food and supplies from humanitarian distribution points. **Source:** [AFP](#)

As reported on 23 April 2021: In Tigray region, Eritrean troops prohibited humanitarian organisations to distribute aid in multiple parts of the region, including Samre and Gijet towns, Dehub Misraqawi zone. **Source:** [AFP](#)

Somalia

Reported on 08 April 2021: Insecurity caused by armed groups continues to restrict humanitarian access. **Source:** [ECHO](#)

South Sudan

24 April 2021: In Pibor county, Jonglei state, a South Sudanese aid worker was assaulted and injured during a robbery at an unspecified public location. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

25 April 2021: Along the Waat-Bor road, Nyirol county, Eastern Bieh state, a South Sudanese aid worker travelling with his family in a commercial minibus was abducted and killed in an ambush by unknown perpetrators. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

24 April 2021: In Jamjang county, Unity state, up to 20 youths stormed the IRC compound and attacked staff, resulting in multiple injuries. One aid worker was airlifted to a hospital in Juba. UN peacekeepers were deployed to the area to protect aid workers and prevent further violence. **Sources:** [IRC](#) and [OCHA](#)

28 April 2021: In Torit city, Eastern Equatoria state, a group of youths stormed one UN and one INGO compound and assaulted staff, many of them South Sudanese, prompting some humanitarian organisations to relocate their staff to safer areas and suspend their activities, including critical assistance related to health and nutrition. **Sources:** [ECHO](#) and [OCHA](#)

The above two incidents come amidst high levels of youth unemployment in the country, and claims - as noted in our previous [News Brief](#) - that humanitarian organisations discriminate against youths from specific ethnic groups in terms of job opportunities.

03 May 2021: In Karic, Lakes state, a mobile medical team on route to Amongpiny was ambushed and assaulted by soldiers. An INGO health worker was injured. **Source:** [AWS¹](#)

Asia

Thailand

As reported on 29 April 2021: The Thai Government has proposed a new law that would require civil society organisations to register with the Interior Ministry, declare funding sources, and disclose financial reports. Critics have slammed the draft law, warning that it would allow authorities to restrict foreign funding for NGOs, prohibit their activities, render unregistered NGOs illegal, and jail their representatives. **Source:** [DW](#)

Europe

Ukraine

As reported on 23 April 2021: Restrictions on humanitarian access to non-government-controlled areas continue to impact the capacity of the UN and aid organisations. **Source:** [UN News](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Syrian Arab Republic

As reported on 23 April 2021: At the Bab al-Hawa Border Crossing, along the Syria-Turkey border, capacity limitations continued to prevent the entry of hundreds of humanitarian convoys into Idlib governorate, resulting in long lines, long delays, and less aid relief to Syrians. The Bab al-Hawa crossing is the last of four border crossings into Syria which had been previously authorised by the UN Security Council to bring emergency aid into the country. The re-authorisation of the three previous crossings - from Turkey, Iraq and Jordan - were vetoed by Russia and China in 2020, leaving NGOs struggling to fill the gaps in supplies and staffing. In July 2021, the Security Council will again debate whether to re-authorise humanitarian cross-border aid through this route, with aid agencies around the world expressing concern that the last entry point to millions of Syrians reliant on humanitarian aid in opposition territory will be closed. **Source:** [Devex](#)

The Americas

Venezuela

Since 23 April 2021: In La Victoria city, José Félix Ribas municipality, Aragua state, aid agencies, with the exception of the Red Cross Movement, have been prevented from entering the area amidst attacks by the 10th Front of the ex-Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia targeting Venezuelan military forces. **Source:** [ECHO](#)

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¹ The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWS¹) 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 5 May 2021.