

01 January-31 May 2021 Aid Worker KKA is now available on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#). 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.

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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Central African Republic

24 June 2021: Near Batangafo town, Ouham prefecture, two motorcycle riders hired by MSF were caught in an armed ambush as they were accompanying a patient being transported by MSF staff. A female caretaker was shot and killed, and one motorcyclist, as well as two patients - a woman and her baby - were wounded. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [MSF Western & Central Africa](#)

Ethiopia

As reported on 17 June 2021: In Eastern zone, Tigray region, Eritrean troops seized three trucks belonging to an LNNGO and used them for military purposes. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

22 June 2021: In Togoga town, Southeastern zone, Tigray region, an aid volunteer ambulance was shot at twice by Ethiopian soldiers who held a doctor and his team for 45 minutes. **Sources:** [AP](#), [BBC](#), [The New York Times](#) and [Twitter](#)

24 June 2021: In Abiy Addi town, Central zone, Tigray region, three MSF staffers — namely the emergency coordinator, a Spanish woman; a coordination assistant, an Ethiopian man; and their driver, also an Ethiopian national — went missing while travelling. The next day they were found dead a few metres from their empty vehicle. **Sources:** [Doctors Without Borders](#), [France 24](#), [MSF](#), [South China Morning Post](#), [Tapei Times](#), [The Irish Times](#), [The New Arab](#) and [VOA](#)

Social Media Monitoring: Ethiopian government news agency accuses humanitarian NGOs of collaborating with TPFL rebels. [Read more](#)

Situation Report: The ceasefire following the fall of Mekelle means that violence will likely drop over the summer but the murder of three MSF staff shows that access for aid workers will remain difficult and communications limited. **Analysis, predictions and mitigations for aid organisations [here](#).** Subscribe to [updates](#).

26 June 2021: In Mai-Tsebri town, Tigray region, unidentified perpetrators blocked 120 trucks carrying WFP emergency food aid. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

28 June 2021: In Mekelle city, Tigray region, Ethiopian soldiers entered a UNICEF office and dismantled its VSAT equipment. As a result of the lack of communication, staff find it harder to work and deliver humanitarian aid. **Sources:** [UNICEF](#) and [UN News](#)

Mali

21 June 2021: In Toguere Coumbe commune, Mopti region, three NGO staff including a woman and two men were ambushed and abducted by Jama'at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin (JNIM) militants. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)² and [AWSD](#)¹

24 June 2021: In Kirchamba village, Dire circle, Tombouctou region, two male Malian INGO workers on a vaccination campaign were kidnapped. **Sources:** [ACLED](#) and [AWSD](#)¹

Nigeria

16 June 2021: In Maiduguri city, Borno state, the regional government suspended a French INGO for conducting a shooting training session in the Borno Hotel, where toy pistols and simulators were used. **Source:** [Eons Intelligence](#)

South Sudan

20 June 2021: In Machi town, Kapoeta South County, Eastern Equatoria state, gunmen shot and killed the security guard of a Save the Children school during a robbery, fleeing with learning kits and food items. **Sources:** [AWSD](#)¹ and [Save the Children](#)

Sudan

As reported on 14 June 2021: In Blue Niles and South Kordofan states, humanitarian organisations have been able to access five locations controlled by the SPLMN-N, where an estimated 800,000 people live, for the first time since 2011. WFP delivered 100 metric tons of nutritious biscuits for 25,000 children in 83 schools. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

19 June 2021: In Zalingei city, Zalingi locality, Central Darfur state, two INGO aid workers were shot and wounded in a suspected kidnapping or carjacking incident. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

Asia and Pacific

Afghanistan

08 June 2021: In Baghlan-e-Markazi district, Baghlan province, unidentified perpetrators killed ten and injured 16 humanitarian mine clearers. Many of the victims - all local men - belonged to the Hazara ethnic minority. The Afghan Government has blamed the Taliban for the attack, but the latter denied involvement. The Islamic State subsequently announced that it had carried out the attack. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [The Khaama Press](#), [The Telegraph](#) and [UN News](#)

28 June 2021: In Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province, two female Afghani aid workers travelling in a mini-bus were injured when an unknown perpetrator on a rickshaw threw a remote-controlled IED at the mini-bus. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

Australia

25 June 2021: The Australian Government announced new regulations that would empower the regulator to investigate NGOs engaging in promoting serious unlawful acts of trespass, vandalism, theft or assault and threatening behaviour. Critics warn that, on the basis of such rules, the regulator could deregister organisations for encouraging people to attend peaceful protests, including protests on public land. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Libya

As reported on 22 June 2021: In Tripoli, persistent violent incidents against asylum seekers and refugees by guards at the Mabani and Abu Salim detention centres, as well as the risk to staff safety led MSF to temporarily suspend its services at the facilities. **Sources:** [MSF](#), [The Guardian](#), [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

As reported on 25 June 2021: In an unspecified location, Israeli forces shot at a clearly marked Palestinian Red Crescent Society ambulance, smashing the driver's window and injuring a paramedic. **Sources:** [PRCS](#) and [Twitter](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

19 June 2021: In Qastoun village, All-Ziyarag sub-district, Al-Suqaylabiyah district, Hama governorate, Syrian and Russian shelling destroyed parts of a Syrian Civil Defense (SCD) centre, killing one volunteer paramedic and injuring three more. The facility was put out of service. **Sources:** [The New Arab](#) and [The White Helmets](#)

The Americas

Haiti

26-27 June 2021: In Martissant neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince, gang members fired several shots in the direction of an MSF emergency centre. In response, MSF evacuated its staff and patients, and immediately suspended activities for the subsequent week. **Source:** [Miami Herald](#)

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¹ The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWSD) 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 01 July 2021.

² Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 01 July 2021.