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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Iraq, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Ukraine and Yemen

As reported on 09 June 2021: Multiple NGOs report an increase in intentional attacks on WASH facilities, with significant consequences for the health, education, and economic prosperity of those who rely on them. **Source:** [DEVEX](#)

Africa

Central African Republic

27 June 2021: In Kadiol locality, Togoro Kotya commune, Mopti region, a male aid worker was abducted by armed men while on board a transport truck. **Source:** [L'essor mali](#)

04 July 2021: In Abakar quartier, Kaga-Bandoro city, Nana-Grébizi prefecture, an NGO national aid worker contracted by a UN agency was shot and wounded by FACA (Central African Armed Forces) allegedly for not complying with instructions at a checkpoint. **Source:** [AWSO](#)¹

05 July 2021: Near Tale, Nana Markounda commune, Ouham prefecture, a World Food Programme (WFP) convoy carrying food supplies was ambushed by Coalition of Patriots for Change (CPC) rebels. Money was also reportedly stolen and eight motorbikes were set on fire during the attack. **Source:** [Corbeau News](#)

Ethiopia

Vigil Insight Situation Report: The current ceasefire remains fragile as the Ethiopian government looks to reinforce defences around Tigray and the country's borders while the TDF seek to keep fighting to gain ground, adding to the complexity of aid access. This [document](#) from the 14 July provides an analysis of the current situation and the implications for aid agencies working there. This [document](#) from the 16 July provides an update in the conflict. Since fighting began, 12 aid workers have been killed and five arrested. Access this data on [HDX](#).

07-09 July 2021: In Filakit Gergera town, North Wollo zone, Amhara region, nine WFP trucks were blocked by local communities, forcing them to park for three days before returning on 9 July. According to the Meket woreda administrator, the trucks were blocked by youths who wanted to distribute the food amongst IDPs in the region. The administrator further stated the local authorities subsequently stopped and parked the trucks at the police station for safety reasons. Another woreda official however said that the North Wollo zone Peace and Security bureau instructed the

administration to hold the vehicles until further notice, a statement which was subsequently denied by the woreda administrator. **Source:** [Addis Standard](#) and [Reuters](#)

Kenya

03 July 2021: In Keiyo Valley village, Keiyo North constituency, Elgeyo Marakwet county, an aid worker and a civilian were shot and killed by Pokot militia in what was reported as a retaliatory attack. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

Mali

30 June 2021: Near Bara town, Ansongo commune, Gao region, a truck transporting food supplies for MINUSMA was attacked and damaged by armed perpetrators. Passengers in the truck were robbed. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

03 July 2021: On the road between Diallassagou and Bankass, Bankass commune, Mopti region, two INGO aid workers and their driver were abducted by suspected Katiba Macina militants. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)², [L'essor Mali](#) and [Malijet](#)

07 July 2021: In Diallassagou town, Bankass commune, Mopti region, INGO offices were vandalised by suspected Katiba Macina militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

South Sudan

01 July 2021: In the Dolwaak area, Koch county, Unity state, aid workers from the LINGO Universal Intervention Development Organisation were robbed by armed perpetrators whilst travelling from Leer to Bentiu airport after their vehicle was ambushed. No injuries were reported but personal belongings were stolen, including US dollars and phones. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

06 July 2021: Near Nestiu town, Juba county, two South Sudanese aid workers (one female staff from an INGO and one male staff from a partner NGO) were wounded when their group was ambushed and assaulted by unspecified perpetrators. **Source:** [AWSO](#)¹

06 July 2021: Between Ngop payam and Cueibet town, Cueibet county, a NGO community health worker was shot and wounded by a group of unknown youths. **Source:** [AWSO](#)¹

08-09 July 2021: In Marial Lou, Tonj North county, Warrap state, a WFP warehouse storing food supplies was looted after fighting broke out between youth groups on 8 July. Health centers, schools and churches were vandalised, shelters were burned down, and more than 5000 people were reportedly displaced. **Sources:** [Reliefweb](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

Asia

China

06-07 July 2021: Amidst concerns that the Chinese Government is targeting LGBTQ+ online content and activism, the social media platform WeChat deleted dozens of accounts belonging to LGBTQ+ NGOs at universities, reportedly because they had broken laws and regulations governing online content. Others were suspended for alleged regulatory violations. **Source:** [RFA](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Libya

As reported on 01 July 2021: In Al Birkah district, Benghazi, Cyrenaica region, armed perpetrators attacked an unspecified number of Libyan Red Crescent Society volunteers. The perpetrators were subsequently pushed back by security forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)²

Occupied Palestinian Territories

12 July 2021: In Um Qusa, South Hebron province, Israeli authorities confiscated a trailer that served as a clinic operated by MSF and which provided mental health services to residents of the community. **Sources:** [MSF](#) and [Twitter](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

06 July 2021: At the UNSC, Russia failed to participate in negotiations on a draft UN resolution which would have authorised the delivery of aid into Syria via two new border crossings, including the Al-Yaroubiya crossing from Iraq to the mainly Kurdish-controlled northeast, in addition to re-authorising the Bab al-Hawa crossing on the Turkish border in the northwest. China rejected the draft proposal on 7 July. An amended proposal suggested the delivery of humanitarian aid solely through the Bab al-Hawa crossing, for which the UNSC is expected to vote on 16 July. Kurdish authorities and INGOs have slammed the UNSC for failing to reopen the crossing. **Sources:** [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

The Americas

Venezuela

02 July 2021: In Santa Ana de Coro, Falcon state, Bolivarian National Intelligence Services (SEBIN) forces arrested three male LNGO workers. Their whereabouts remained unknown for 24 hours and they were later charged with terrorism charges. A fourth male worker of another LNGO was also arrested, but was released eight hours later. The arrest came after the director reported harassment by alleged intelligence service and local police agents to the Attorney General's office. **Sources:** [Amnesty International](#) and [DW](#)

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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 15 July 2021.

² Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 15 July 2021.