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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**As reported on 03 August 2021:** In Northwest region, MSF has withdrawn its teams amidst fighting between security forces and separatist groups. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#) and [Mimi Mefo](#)

#### Democratic Republic of the Congo

**Around 29 July 2021:** Near Luberizi town, Uvira territory, South Kivu province, a vehicle carrying INGO aid workers and donors was ambushed by armed perpetrators. Money, mobile phones and other valuables were stolen. The group was conducting a work visit in the area when they were attacked. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

#### Ethiopia

**04 August 2021:** The Agency for Civil Society Organisations of Ethiopia announced the three-month suspension of MSF Holland, the Norwegian Refugee Council and the AI Maktoume Foundation. The former two have been accused of disseminating misinformation on social media. MSF Holland allegedly illegally imported and used satellite radio equipment not authorised by authorities. The AI Maktoume Foundation was accused of violating COVID-19 protocol, misusing its budget and mismanaging staff. **Sources:** [Fana](#), [Garowe Online](#), and [Journal de Bangui](#)

#### Nigeria

**01 August 2021:** In Biu LGA, Borno state, ISWAP fighters abducted two staff members of the Primary Health Care Department and volunteers of an inter-governmental organisation, as they were carrying out activities linked to a cholera immunisation campaign. The victims were released following intervention by locals. **Source:** [Eons Intelligence](#)

#### South Sudan

**01 August 2021:** Near Aru junction on the Juba-Nimule road, Juba, an INGO contracted convoy was attacked by gunmen. A driver was killed. **Source:** [AWSD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 02 August 2021:** In light of several attacks against humanitarian actors in East Equatoria, Lakes and Warrap states, UNMISS and the South Sudanese Government resolved that peacekeepers will accompany and protect humanitarian workers and warehouses across South Sudan. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

**03 August 2021:** On the Yambio-Tambura road, Ezo county, Western Equatoria state, an NGO aid worker travelling on his motorcycle was stopped, assaulted and robbed. **Source:** [AWSD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**06 August 2021:** In New Fangak County, Jonglei state, an INGO compound was raided by unknown perpetrators. A guard was seriously beaten, another guard was able to activate the alarm causing the perpetrators to flee. Nothing was taken. **Source:** [AWSD](#)<sup>1</sup>

## Asia

### *Afghanistan*

**30 July 2021:** In Herat city and province, anti-government elements attacked the UNAMA compound with guns, rocket shells and grenades, killing an Afghan security forces guard and the injury of other officers. No UN personnel were harmed. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [Khaama Press](#), [New Age](#), [Reuters](#), [The New Arab](#) and [UN Secretary-General](#)

**05 August 2021:** In Lashkargah city, Helmand province, an aerial bomb hit the offices of Action Against Hunger, causing damage to the building and equipment. All staff present were safe in the office bunker. **Sources:** [Action Against Hunger](#), [Mail Online](#) and [New Age](#)

**06 August 2021:** In Maidan Shahr city, Maidan Wardak province, bullets hit the INGO Emergency's First Aid Post amid heavy fighting in the area. On 09 August, shrapnel and bullets once again struck the facility, which closed shortly beforehand to ensure protection of its staff. **Source:** [Emergency](#)

**09 August 2021:** In Lashkargah city, Helmand province, a rocket exploded in a hospital run by the INGO Emergency. The MSF-run Boost Hospital next door was also hit. **Source:** [Emergency](#)

### *Myanmar*

**26 July 2021:** Near Bant Bway village, Yinmarbin township, Yinmarbin district, Sagaing region, an NGO ambulance driver was arrested by security forces at Bant Bway checkpoint while driving a pregnant woman to Monywa hospital. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>2</sup>

**27 July 2021:** In Nawngkhio township, Kyaukme district, Shan North region, an aid worker providing support to COVID-19 patients was hit in the chest with the butt of a rifle by People's Militia Force members. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>2</sup>

**28 July 2021:** In Taungoo, Taungoo district, Bago East region, five students volunteering for a charity organisation to transport oxygen tanks for COVID-19 patients were arrested by Myanmar military forces while on their way to Yangon. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>2</sup>

## Europe

### *Italy*

**02 July 2021:** In Augusta city, Sicily region, Italian authorities detained an MSF rescue ship on administrative grounds, following a periodic inspection required for foreign ships docking in Italian ports, which reportedly highlighted technical irregularities that could compromise the safety of crew and passengers. The ship allegedly did not have a sufficient amount of life saving equipment on board, such as rafts and life belts. Whilst MSF stated that it is ready to make the necessary adjustments, it also claimed that inspections of NGO vessels in Italy are long and thorough, intended to find irregularities in order to prevent such ships from operating. **Source:** [CNN](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### *Occupied Palestinian Territories*

**29 July 2021:** In Sateh Marhaba neighbourhood, Al Bireh city, Ramallah and al-Bireh governorate, West Bank, Israeli forces stormed the main office of the NGO Defence for Children International, and confiscated six computers, two laptops, hard drives and files of beneficiaries, many of whom are Palestinian children detained in Israeli military courts. The CCTV feed was cut 17 minutes into the raid. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

## **Syrian Arab Republic**

**05 August 2021:** In Hazwan village, near al Bab city, Aleppo governorate, Syrian Democratic Forces reportedly fired a guided missile at a Syrian Civil Defence team who had arrived at the site to extinguish a vehicle fire caused by a previous strike. An SCD member was injured and an SCD ambulance was destroyed. **Source:** [Airwars](#), [Syria Civil Defence](#) and [SNHR](#)

## **The Americas**

### **Haiti**

**02 August 2021:** In Martissant neighbourhood, Port-au-Prince, gang violence forced an MSF clinic that served a community of 300,000 people to close. **Source:** [AP](#)

### **United States of America**

**03 August 2021:** In New York city, an unidentified organisation made threats against Myanmar's Ambassador to the UN, who publicly criticises the current junta rule in Myanmar. After reporting the threat to the police, a Myanmar national on a visitor's visa was held for questioning by US officials, and the ambassador was put under heightened security. **Source:** [RFA](#)

**06 August 2021:** Near New York city and state, two Burmese men have been arrested for allegedly plotting to kill or injure Myanmar's Ambassador to the UN by tampering with his vehicle's tires to cause a crash while he was inside. **Source:** [RFA](#)

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<sup>1</sup> 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 13 August 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 10 August 2021.