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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Burkina Faso

13 October 2021: On the road between Dori and Goudebo towns, Séno province, Sahel region, around twenty armed men on motorbikes ambushed a Christian Relief and Development Organisation vehicle carrying six people on the way back from a visit to a refugee camp in Goudebo. The driver was injured by the gunshots as the NGO vehicle successfully turned back to escape the ambush and the rest of the people onboard escaped without injury. **Source:** [Minute](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

05 October 2021: In Kalongwe town, South Kivu province, armed men ambushed and kidnapped four people, including three INGO health workers. All three were freed on 09 October. **Source:** [Actualité I](#), [Actualité II](#), and [La Prunelle](#)

07 October 2021: In Kingarame village, Nyiragongo territory, North Kivu province, an armed group abducted four people reportedly traveling in an NGO vehicle. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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Ethiopia

As reported on 09 October 2021: A de facto blockade has been preventing most humanitarian aid from getting into the Tigray region. Whilst the Ethiopian Government blames the TPLF for obstructing deliveries, the US Government has stated that access to essential supplies and services is being denied by the Ethiopian Government. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

26 October 2021: UN air flights into Mekelle will be suspended due to the risk to aircraft from indiscriminate fire as the Ethiopian government steps up airstrikes, further stretching humanitarian support in Tigray. **Read Vigil Insights** [Flash Analysis and Prediction](#)

Nigeria

As reported on 11 October 2021: In Nguma village, Umuapu district, Ohaij Egbema LGA, Imo state, ISWAP militants reportedly kidnapped an aid worker. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

↓ **Download data on aid workers kidnapped in Nigeria** on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#). At least 16 aid workers have been kidnapped in Nigeria so far this year.

South Sudan

30 September 2021: Officials from the National Security Service arrested the Country Director of Oxfam International, a male Sudanese national. The authorities did not provide any information about the charges against the aid worker, citing ongoing investigations. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

12 October 2021: In Hai-Nyakama area, Yei River state, an INGO aid worker was reportedly killed in his residence with a metal object. A number of suspects were apprehended by the authorities. **Source:** [Wiki Rumours](#)

As reported on 15 October 2021: In Tambora town, Tambora county, Western Equatoria state, renewed fighting between government forces and armed elements resulted in the withdrawal of INGOs from the area. World Vision and the World Food Program have moved their staff to Yambio city and county. **Sources:** [Radio Miraya](#) and [Radio Tamazuji](#)

↓ **Download data on aid workers killed in South Sudan** on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#). At least 14 aid workers have been killed in South Sudan so far this year.

Asia

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

As reported on 07 October 2021: Several humanitarian organisations — including the Norwegian Red Cross and the First Steps Health Society — have reported difficulty in sending COVID-19 aid to North Korea. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

Myanmar

04 October 2021: In Hlegu township, Yangon region, junta forces arrested a Muslim aid worker and tortured him at an interrogation centre at the Hlegu Township Stadium. The victim was reportedly slapped, beaten, had his legs crushed with an iron rod and his teeth pulled out during the interrogation. He was eventually shot in the head. An Islamic aid group reportedly tried to retrieve his body from the hospital to carry out religious rites but was blocked from doing so. His body was cremated by junta forces. **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

Europe

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

07 October 2021: Update: The Muslim charity Human Aid has lost valuable resources that could have been used to assist those in need in conflict areas as a result of a two-year investigation conducted by the Charity Commission, which the former claims was based on institutional Islamophobia. The inquiry was prompted in July 2019, when border police stopped Human Aid UK workers at Heathrow Airport under Schedule 7 Counterterrorism Act 2008 while they were on their way to the Gaza Strip with GBP9,200 in their possession. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Saudi Arabia

As reported on 07 October 2021: Update: A Saudi appeals court has upheld the sentence given to a Red Crescent Society aid worker of 20 years in prison followed by a 20-year travel ban, first given to the aid worker through a counterterrorism court in early 2021. **Source:** [Reuters](#) and [The New Arab](#)

Yemen

19 October 2021: At Al Arish area, Khur Maksar district, Aden governorate, an IOM warehouse was damaged by an IED explosion. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

The Americas

Haiti

16 October 2021: In Port-au-Prince, seven female and five male aid workers working for Christian Aid Ministries, along with five children, were all kidnapped when returning from a visit to an orphanage. They were reportedly traveling in a bus from an orphanage to the airport when the attack occurred. They are believed to have been kidnapped by the 400 Mawozo gang. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [GardaWorld](#) and [WSJ](#)



Download data on aid workers kidnapped in Haiti on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#). At least 25 aid workers have been kidnapped and six others killed in Haiti since 2010.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 22 October 2021