

01 January-30 September 2021 Aid Worker KKA is now available for download 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

Burkina Faso

27 September 2021: The Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Humanitarian Action ordered the NRC to suspend all operations until further notice. The suspension is linked to media coverage of NRC's press release of 13 September, which reported that a critical shortage of aid funding, combined with a lack of capacity on the part of local authorities, has been preventing aid organisations from responding in a timely manner. The NRC has complied with the directive and suspended all of its operations pending dialogue with the Burkinabe Government. **Source:** [NRC](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

23 September 2021: In Bogio village, Ituri province, suspected ADF militia kidnapped an aid volunteer during an attack on the village and a FARDC military camp. **Source:** [Actualité](#). At least eight aid workers have been reportedly kidnapped in the DRC since the start of this year. This data is available on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).

Ethiopia

30 September 2021: Two days after the UN's aid chief warned that northern Ethiopia is sliding into famine as a result of the Ethiopian Government blocking aid deliveries, the Foreign Ministry ordered the expulsion, within 72 hours, of seven senior UN officials: five members of OCHA, a representative of UNICEF and a team leader from OHCHR. The officials had all been tasked with coordinating aid activities and reporting on the humanitarian crisis in Tigray. The Ethiopian Government accused them of meddling in internal affairs and declared them persona non grata. **Sources:** [Reuters](#), [The New Arab](#), [The New York Times](#), [UN Secretary-General](#), [UN News I](#) and [UN News II](#)

12 October 2021: EDF launch new offensive against the Tigrayan forces in Amhara. Read Vigil Insights [Flash Analysis and Prediction](#).

Mali

24 September 2021: Between Ourikela and Karangana, Yorosso circle, Sikasso region, an NGO worker was abducted and robbed by suspected Katiba Macina (JNIM) militants). The NGO worker was later released. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹. At least eight 44 workers have been reportedly kidnapped in Mali since the start of this year. This data is available on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).

South Sudan

17 September 2021: Between Yei and Morobo counties, Central Equatoria state, National Salvation Front members reportedly attacked a WFP convoy of three vehicles along the Yei-Morobo Road, where one person was killed, and three more were kidnapped. The chief of the militant group denied any responsibility for the attack, stating that the group has neither presence nor a base in the location of the incident. **Source:** [Sudan Post](#)

05 October 2021: In Pibor county and administrative area, a letter reportedly from a youth group in Pibor was issued, demanding at least 30 aid workers leave the area within 72 hours. The youth group accused humanitarian personnel from other parts of the country of occupying positions that they say belong to the local community. In response, 78 aid workers, including three international staff, were airlifted to Juba aboard four UN humanitarian helicopters. **Source:** [Radio Miraya](#) and [UNOCHA](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

12 October 2021: Internal tensions within the senior Taliban leadership team will be presented as a united face. Read Vigil Insights [Flash Analysis and Prediction](#).

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

22 September 2021: In Beita, a Palestinian Red Cross volunteer was shot with rubber-coated steel bullets causing injuries to the chest and shoulder, and another volunteer was beaten while they were responding to wounded people at a demonstration. **Source:** [MAP](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

As reported on 27 September 2021: In Rukban area, five trucks entered the Rukban IDP camp, where they were sent to bring Syrian IDPs who had allegedly registered to be brought to a COVID-19 quarantine camp in Syrian Government-controlled Homs as part of a mission supported by the government-linked Syrian Arab Red Crescent, as well as the UN. When the trucks reached the IDP camp, the drivers were met by an angry group of IDPs, who attacked them and pelted the vehicles with rocks. The convoy left with no passengers. **Source:** [The National News](#)

Yemen

04 October 2021: In Dhi As Sufal, Lahij governorate, a male MSF nurse was ambushed, robbed of his personal belongings and killed in the late evening by armed individuals during a private trip with friends to Aden. **Source:** [AWSD²](#) and [MSF](#)

The Americas

Haiti

30 September 2021: Vigil Insight Situation Report. Analysis of the current situation and the implications for aid agencies working there. Available in [English](#) and [French](#).

Between January 2010-September 2021: At least 16 aid workers have been kidnapped and six others killed in Haiti since 2010. This data is available on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).

This Bi-Monthly News Brief comprises threats and incidents of violence affecting the delivery of humanitarian assistance. It is part of the Aid in Danger project, by Insecurity Insight. It is prepared from information available in local, national and international news outlets and online databases.

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 04 October 2021.

² 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 08 October 2021.