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Safety, security and access incidents

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

As reported on 23 October 2021: According to an MSF report, the provision of health and aid in Afghanistan, Iraq and Nigeria has been undermined by attempts to abide by the counter-terror measures of the USA and other states. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Africa

Burkina Faso

23 October 2021: In Ganyela village, Fada N'gourma city and department Gourma province, suspected Jama'a Nusrat ul-Islam wa al-Muslimin (JNIM) militants kidnapped three INGO health workers and seized their vehicle. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Central African Republic

As reported on 28 October 2021: Aid workers, peacekeepers, journalists and minorities are being harassed by personnel of the Russian Government-linked paramilitary organisation known as the Wagner Group, who work closely with the CAR national army and police force. **Source:** [France 24](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

28 October 2021: In Bambu village, Djugu town, Ituri province, suspected Coopérative de développement économique du Congo (CODECO) rebels ambushed an MSF vehicle with five staff members on board, leaving two injured with gunshot wounds. Following the incident, MSF temporarily suspended its activities in the Bambu health zone. **Sources:** [Actualité I](#), [Actualité II](#), [La Prunelle I](#), [La Prunelle II](#), [La Prunelle III](#), [MSF Western & Central Africa](#), and [Radio Okapi](#)

Ethiopia

As reported on 22 October 2021: In Afar region, some 14 Tigray-bound fuel trucks have remained stranded despite being granted government permission to proceed, forcing some aid groups to suspend or reduce their operations, including food distribution, in Tigray, where hundreds of thousands of people are at risk of famine. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

As reported on 22 October 2021: In Addis Ababa, a UNHAS Mekelle-bound flight with 11 passengers that had been cleared by federal authorities received instructions from the Mekelle Airport control tower to abort landing due to government airstrikes, forcing it to return to the capital. **Sources:** [AP](#), [UN OCHA](#), and [Twitter](#). Read [Flash Analysis and Prediction](#) by Vigil Insight

08 November 2021: The new opposition alliance remains capable of further advances towards Addis Ababa but a desire for international legitimacy means an assault on the city is unlikely in the short term; longer term the government is likely to be forced to change. Read [Flash Analysis and Prediction](#) by Vigil Insight

↓ Download data on aid workers killed in Ethiopia on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#). At least 24 aid workers have been killed since the Tigray conflict began in November 2020.

South Sudan

Between 11 and 17 October 2021: In Tambura town and county, Western Equatoria state, an eruption of heavy fighting forced aid organisations providing health care and food assistance - including World Vision, WFP and UNICEF - to suspend operations and relocate their staff out of South Sudan. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

Sudan

25 October 2021: Following a military coup, the US Government suspended USD 700 million in aid to Sudan, urging the immediate restoration of a civilian government. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Asia

Myanmar

16 October 2021: In Sagaing town, township, district and region, State Administration Council (SAC) forces reportedly raided the house of aid workers from the faith-based INGO SERT, seizing a laptop, motorcycle and other household properties. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

As reported on 20 October 2021: The SAC is reportedly blocking aid from getting into certain areas by deliberately creating bureaucratic impediments, such as delays in travel authorisation and visa, at checkpoints. As a result, thousands of IDPs face shortages of food, drinking water, shelter, and health care. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

23 October 2021: In Ngapali town, Thandwe township, Thandwe district, Rakhine state, SAC forces reportedly arrested an aid worker. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

29 October 2021: In Thantlang town, Thantlang township, Chin state, a Save the Children office was reportedly deliberately set ablaze along with dozens of other buildings, during a military offensive in the area. **Source:** [Save the Children](#)

↓ Download data on aid workers arrested in Myanmar on our [website](#) or on [HDX](#). At least 51 aid workers have been arrested and four others killed in Myanmar since the military coup in February.

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

22 October 2021: The Israeli Government has designated six Palestinian NGOs — including the Defence for Children Palestine, Addameer, and the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees — as terrorist organisations over alleged ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), effectively banning them. Some of these NGOs had collaborated considerably with Amnesty International, Oxfam, Save the Children and UN entities. **Sources:** [Al-Haq](#), [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

26 October 2021: Near Burin town, Nablus Governorate, Israeli settlers attacked ICRC staff with pepper spray during a joint field visit with Palestinian farmers and IDF officials. ICRC staff were subsequently escorted by IDF officials to a military base, where they were provided with first aid. **Source:** [ICRC](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 29 October 2021.