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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

As reported on 29 January 2022: Update: Congolese authorities have sentenced 51 mostly militia members to death for their involvement in the murder of two UN experts and their interpreter in Kasai region in March 2017. However, the Democratic Republic of the Congo has declared a moratorium on executions and the sentences are reportedly likely to be reduced to life imprisonment. Human Rights Watch have called for further investigation to determine whether orders to kill the UN experts came from higher up the military chain of command. **Source:** [BBC](#)

02 February 2022: In Djugu town and territory, Ituri province, a CODECO militia machete attack at the Savo IDP Camp managed by UNHCR and partner Caritas led to 52 people, some of them children, killed and 36 more injured. Many of the site's 20,000 residents, including no less than 13,000 children, have fled to Bule town for safety. **Sources:** [Bdnews24](#), [France-Presse](#), [Channels Television](#), [News Central](#), [Twitter](#) and [UNHCR](#)

Ethiopia



Flash Analysis and Prediction by Vigil Insight: 28 January 2022

Ethiopian military threaten new offensive despite ceasefire broadly holding. Rising death toll from airstrikes against civilian targets. Click [here](#) for analysis of the current security situation and the implications for aid organisations working there, with predictions and mitigation measures.

18 January 2022: In Mao-Komo special woreda, Benishangul-Gumuz region, in the midst of fighting between federal forces and unidentified armed groups, a camp hosting 10,300 refugees was looted and burned. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

24 January 2022: In Serdo town, between Administrative Zones 1, 2 and 4, Afar region, a Tigray-bound 27-truck WFP convoy carrying 800 tonnes of food aid was reportedly stopped at a checkpoint by Afar troops until at least 27 January, despite clearance by federal authorities. **Sources:** [Garowe Online](#) and [The New Arab](#)

28 January 2022: Update: In Tigray region, as humanitarian aid access continues to be severely constrained, all INGOs working in the region reported completely running out of fuel, forcing them to deliver nutrition assistance only on foot. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Mali

28 January 2022: In Mopti region, two Malian aid workers working for INGOs were travelling between Bandiagara and Sevare when they were reportedly ambushed and kidnapped by armed perpetrators. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

South Sudan

As reported on 18 January 2022: In Eastern Equatoria state, over 50 employees of the G-Forest Demining Company launched a strike to protest high tax deductions and unequal pay between local and foreign staff, warning that the strike will not end until their demands are met. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

27 January 2022: In Walgak town, Akobo county, an off-duty NGO guard was repairing his home when he was shot and killed in a suspected revenge killing incident between clans. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹



New Dataset

At least 21 aid workers have been killed and 63 injured in South Sudan in 2021. Download this data on [HDX](#).

Asia

Bangladesh

02 January 2022: In Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, a fire of unidentified origin burned through an IOM-run health facility at the Rohingya refugee camp, badly damaging it. **Source:** [UN News](#)

Middle East North Africa

Israel

01 February 2022: Update: An Israeli judge agreed to the early release of a Spanish aid worker of the Union of Health Work Committees. The aid worker was imprisoned in November 2021 over accusations of illegally funding the Palestinian Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

As reported on 04 January 2022: In Arshani village, Idlib sub-district, district and governorate, unidentified perpetrators attacked a UNICEF-supported water station, cutting water supply to more than 241,000 people, many of whom are IDPs. **Source:** [UNICEF](#)

16 January 2022: In Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakah district and governorate, an Iraqi refugee who worked at the camp, setting up tents, was killed by suspected ISIS militants who shot him in the head and chest. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

28 January 2022: In Idlib governorate, unidentified perpetrators killed a member of the Syria Civil Defence while he was trying to extinguish a fire. **Source:** [The White Helmets](#)

The Americas

Colombia

27 January 2022: In Puerto Nuevo town, Guaviare department, aid workers of OCHA and NRC were forced out of a UN convoy by unidentified gunmen. Two of the three vehicles were set on fire. The aid workers returned to their officers unharmed. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Martin Griffiths](#) and [UN News](#)



Situation Report by Vigil Insight: Gang-related political violence and kidnappings

Gang-related political violence and kidnappings will continue despite Haitian groups meeting in the USA to discuss forthcoming elections. Interim Prime Minister Ariel Henry's term finishes 07 February, pressurising all attendees to consolidate a political deal. This [report](#) includes analysis, predictions and mitigation measures for aid organisations.

Previous editions: [Kidnappings](#); [Fuel and Looting](#); [Gangs and the Haitian state](#); [Security and Politics](#). Also available in French.

Haiti [website](#) and [mailing list](#). Haiti Aid Worker KKA data. Available on our website or [HDX](#).

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