# Aid in Danger

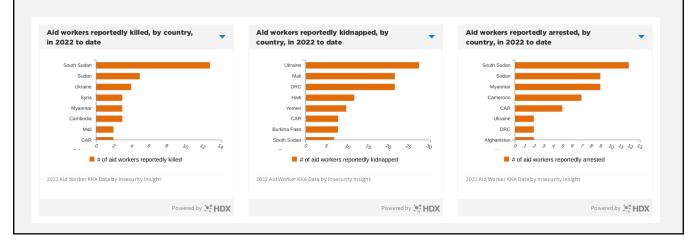
Bi-Monthly News Brief

### Webinar: Professionalisation of Security Risk Management in the NGO Sector

Join us, INSSA, GISF and DisasterReady to explore professional development opportunities in NGO Security Risk Management, whether you're a security expert or are new to the sector. This free webinar will take place on Wednesday 31 Aug 2022 at 1400-1530 BST time. It's not too late to <a href="register">register</a>! Take a look at our <a href="Mobile Guide for Staff">Mobile Guide for Staff</a> which explains why it is important to report safety and security incidents, key steps to take during the incident-reporting process and reporting do's and don'ts

#### **Latest Aid Worker KKA Data**

The 01 January - 31 July 2022 data on incidents of where aid workers were killed, kidnapped or arrested (KKA) is now available for download on HDX and our website. Since the start of the year until 31 July, at least 42 aid workers have been killed, 138 kidnapped, 58 arrested and 75 injured. Attacking humanitarians is a violation of International Humanitarian Law. Note: This dataset does not include incidents included in this News Brief.



Past editions: 27 July-09 August; 13-26 July; 29 June-12 July; 15-28 June; 01-14 June; All.

Help support our work by sharing this resource. Copy and paste this link: https://bit.ly/10-23Aug2022AidBMNB

Join our mailing list. Get in touch to report an incident or have additional information on an incident.

# Safety, security and access incidents

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

#### **Africa**

#### Ethiopia

**15 August 2022:** In Dedebit town, North Western zone, Tigray region, government forces ambushed TPLF positions with heavy artillery and tanks, thereby violating a truce meant to allow humanitarian aid into the region. **Source:** The East African

#### South Sudan

**08 August 2022:** In Ikotos county, Eastern Equatoria state, armed youth shot at a clearly marked humanitarian vehicle, killing a South Sudanese WASH programme manager from Caritas Luxembourg and a WASH promoter. Others, including a teacher, got injured. **Sources: Eye Radio**, **Radio Tamazuj I and Radio Tamazuj II** 



**13 August 2022:** In Imehejek locality, Lafon county, Eastern Equatoria state, an armed man fired at the premises of the Imehejek Hospital, causing no reported deaths or injuries. In response, the humanitarian and development organisation Health Link evacuated its staff from the facility. The hospital remained functional as other health workers were not evacuated. **Source:** Radio Tamazuj

# Asia

## Myanmar

- **08 August 2022:** In Nawnghkio town and township, Kyaukme district, Shan state, the Myanmar military arrested four LNGO volunteer aid workers accusing them of supporting local defence forces. This incident follows the arrest of the two LNGOs aid workers on 07 August 2022. **Source: Voice of Myanmar**
- **09 August 2022:** In Sezin village, Hawng Par village tract, Hpakan township, Mohnyin district, Kachin state, a Myanmar military airstrike damaged 400 houses including staff housing of an NGO which offered health care in the area. **Source:** <u>Voice of Myanmar</u>
- **14 August 2022:** In Pu Htoe Thar village and village tract, Pale township, Yinmabin district, Sagaing region, the Myanmar military torched civilian houses including the building of the LNGO Western Chindwin Association. Six medicine boxes amounting to 10,600,000 Myanmar kyats (~ 5100 USD) were damaged along with an ambulance belonging to another LNGO. **Sources:** Facebook, Facebook II, Facebook III and Myanmar Now
- **16 August 2022:** Near Tha Yae Kone Baung village, Manungdaw township, Rakhine state, the Myanmar military refused an ambulance belonging to the LNGO Karina-kun-yet with a patient onboard to pass a checkpoint despite the LNGO having travel approval from the local authorities. Following recent clashes between the Myanmar military and Arakan Army, the roads between Maungdaw and Sittwe towns have been guarded and blocked.
- **18 August 2022:** In Htee Saung village and village tract, Myinmu township, Sagaing district and region, a male volunteer aid worker was shot dead by gunmen. **Source:** <u>Voice of Myanmar</u>
- **19 August 2022:** In Mohnyin town, township, and district, Kachin state, the Myanmar military sealed and seized the property of a male volunteer aid worker from the LNGO Metta-Mon. **Source:** Facebook
- **22 August 2022: O**n the highway connecting Indaw town and Katha town, Sagaing region, four male volunteer aid workers from the LNGO Phyu-sin-metta have gone missing. **Source:** <u>Voice of Myanmar</u>
- **22 August 2022:** On Myawaddy Kawkareik highway, in Kawkareik township and district, Kayin state, an armed group opened fire at an ambulance belonging to the LNGO Myawaddy with a patient onboard, damaging the vehicle. **Source:** Than Lwin Times
- **23 August 2022:** In Mayangone town and township, Yangon West district, Yangon region, the Myanmar military sealed and seized the property of the president of an LNGO which offered free funeral service, ambulance service, and ran charity clinics. **Sources:** Eleven Media, Democratic Voice of Burma, Mizzima and Myanmar Now

# Middle East North Africa

#### Svrian Arab Republic

As reported on 09 August 2022: In Rukban area, along the Syria-Jordan border, Rif Dimashq governorate, around 10,000 IDPs at the Rukban Camp continued to suffer as a result of the Syrian Government siege and the prevention of humanitarian aid from crossing into the are from the Jordan border. Moreover, the little amount of water pumped into the camp from a UNHCR-operated well situated in Jordan is contaminated. Source: The New Arab

**18 August 2022:** In Hasakah governorate, a drone targeted a UN-supported learning centre for girls, killing four and injuring several others. **Source:** Rudaw

#### Occupied Palestinian Territories

- **14 August 2022:** In Gaza, Gaza Strip, the Head of the OCHA was removed from her post and reassigned to a new role over a Tweet regarding a 66-hour conflict that saw 1,100 rockets fired by the militant group Hamas towards Israeli population centres. **Source: Breitbart**
- **18 August 2022:** In Ramallah city, Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate, West Bank, during a raid, Israeli forces sealed the office door of the Al-Haq rights group with a metal sheet, and used teargas canisters along the street outside, as they allegedly responded to rocks and Molotov cocktails being thrown at them. **Source:** The New Arab
- 18 August 2022: In Ramallah city, Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate, and other undisclosed locations, West Bank, Israeli forces raided and sealed the offices of seven Palestinian civil society groups, confiscating computers and equipment, before sealing off their entrances. Six (the Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, the Al-Haq rights group, the Union of Palestinian Women Committees, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, the Bisan Center for Research and Development, and the Palestine chapter of the Geneva-based Defence for Children International Palestine) were designated by Israel as terrorist groups in October 2021, and accordingly outlawed over accusations of ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The seventh organisation raided was the Union of Health Work Committees, which runs hospitals and clinics. Sources: Al Jazeera I, Al Jazeera II, All Africa, Middle East Eye I, Middle East Eye II, The New Arab II, The New Arab III, The New Arab IV, The New Arab VI and The New Arab VII
- **21 August 2022:** In Ramallah city, Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate, West Bank, the Director of the Al-Haq rights group received a five-minute call from an Israel Security Agency officer, summoning him for questioning at the Ofer Military Prison, and threatening him with arrest, interrogation, and other unspecified consequences if he did not comply. **Source:** The New Arab
- **21 August 2022:** Near Ramallah city, Ramallah/al-Bireh governorate, West Bank, the Israel Security Agency detained and interrogated without legal counsel the Director of the Defence for Children International Palestine for hours at the Ofer Military Prison. **Source:** The New Arab

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. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of aid delivery and have not been independently verified. All decisions made, on the basis of, or with consideration to, such information remains the responsibility of their respective organisations. Insecurity Insight continues to update data on aid workers killed, kidnapped or arrested (KKA) and figures may change. Updated data includes new and historic reports identified in open-sources and verified security incidents submitted by Aid in Danger partner agencies.

Insecurity Insight. 2022. Aid in Danger Bi-Monthly News Brief, 10-23 August 2022. Geneva: Insecurity Insight. https://bit.ly/10-23Aug2022AidBMNB

