

# Reporting Sexual Violence

## Monthly News Brief

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This Monthly News Brief bears testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence by state bodies or conflict actors. Most events of sexual violence are never reported. This compilation is neither complete nor representative of the extent or nature of sexual violence in general. It brings together dispersed accounts about survivors from around the world who broke the silence.

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By state bodies or conflict actors that particularly targets IDPs and refugees, aid, health workers or educators or students among others.

### Africa

#### *Burundi*

**03 September 2023:** In Buhiga commune, Karuzi province, a 13-year-old girl was raped by a member of the National Council for the Defense of Democracy - Forced of the Defence of Democracy (CNDD FDD) party. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

#### *Cameroon*

**17 September 2023:** In Nkwi quarter, Gom village, Donga Mantung department, North West region, a man was attacked and had his genitals cut by Fulani militia. **Source:** [Cameroon News Agency](#)

#### *Central African Republic*

**As reported on 08 September 2023:** In an unspecified location, an ex-military chief of the Popular Front for the Rebirth of Central African Republic (FPRC) was charged with several crimes committed against Muslim civilians, including rape, between 2013 and 2014. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

**As reported on 21 September 2021:** In Boyo village, Bambari sun-prefecture, Ouaka Prefecture, an anti-Balaka general was charged with crimes against humanity, including rape, targeted towards civilians due to their religious views, committed between 6 and 13 December 2021. **Source:** [CNC](#)

#### *Chad*

**10 September 2023:** In Gaga refugee Camp, Ouara city, Ouara department, Ouaddai region, an unspecified number of Sudanese refugee women were beaten and sexually assaulted by four armed men. **Source:** [ACLED](#)



**Around 25 September 2023:** In Michi Refugee Camp, Assoundha department, Ouaddai region, a Darfuri girl was raped by unidentified perpetrators after leaving the camp to collect firewood. She was with two other girls who were kidnapped and still have not been found. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

### ***Democratic Republic of the Congo***

**As reported on 11 September 2023:** In Mulongwe Refugee Camp, Mulongwe suburb, South Kivu province, female Burundian refugees are reportedly been raped by armed men whilst fetching firewood from forests. **Source:** [SOS Media Burundi](#)

### ***Ethiopia***

**02 September 2023:** In Tilili town, Agew Awi zone, Amhara region, an unspecified number of nuns were gang raped by Ethiopian National Defence Force (ENDF) soldiers. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**16 September 2023:** In an unspecified village, Western zone, Tigray region, a 24-year-old woman was raped and killed by a high ranking member of the Welkait Asmelash Committee. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**18 September 2023:** In Debre Markos city, East Gojam zone, Amhara region, two women were raped by an unidentified group militia. The perpetrator may either be ENDF or Fano militia as they were in conflict with each other in the area. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 28 September 2023:** In Gijet town, Sharati Samre district, Tigray region, a Tigrayan woman was raped by Eritrean forces. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

### ***Ghana***

**23 September 2023:** In both the Namolgo community, Talensi district and Yarkoti community, Nabdam district, women shea nut pickers are regularly threatened with rape by Fulani herdsmen. **Source:** [Access Agric](#)

### ***Nigeria***

**05 September 2023:** In Aduramigba community, Ado Ekiti city, Ekiti state, a woman was sexually assaulted and stripped naked by a group of people after accusing her of stealing tubers of yam. The assault was recorded and shared on social media. **Sources:** [Daily Post](#) and [News Now Nigeria](#)

**As reported on 13 September 2023:** In Ekakpamre village, Ughelli South LGA, Delta state, five women were raped by armed Fulani militia in their farms. **Source:** [Vanguard](#)

### ***Sudan***

**04 September 2023:** In Omdurman city, Omdurman district, Khartoum state, a journalist was assaulted by Rapid Support Forces (RSF) members inside her home. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**04 September 2023:** In Khartoum city, Khartoum North city, Omdurman city, Kathroum state, a report issued by Emergency Lawyers found that men and women have been sexually assaulted and raped within both temporary and permanent detention centres affiliated by either RSF or the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF). **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

**04 September 2023:** In Al Hasahisa IDP Camp, Wadi Azum Valley, Al Jazirah state, two girls aged 15 and 17 years old were raped by an unspecified number of RSF members. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**06 September 2023:** In Khartoum city, Khartoum state, a 15-year-old girl and 29-year-old women were raped by unspecified forces. They sought medical assistance from Bashair Hospital. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**As reported on 08 September:** In an unspecified location, two girls were raped by RSF soldiers in a RSF detention centre. **Source:** [Middle East Eye](#)

**As reported on 08 September 2023:** In a RSF detention centre, Shambat Al Aradi neighbourhood, Khartoum state, a male detainee was forced to take off his clothes and threatened with rape

throughout his detention by RSF soldiers. **Sources:** [Emergency Lawyers Report](#) and [Middle East Eye](#)

**11 September 2023:** In Nasir Extension area, Khartoum city, Khartoum State, three individuals (gender unspecified) were raped by RSF members. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**13 September 2023:** In Burri Al Sharif district, Khartoum city, Khartoum state, a nine-year-old girl was raped by RSF. The Violence Against Women and Children Unit initiated contact with the family of the victim to provide necessary health care and treatment. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

**As reported on 22 September 2023:** In Al Junaynah city, Dar Masalit region, West Darfur state, a 15-year-old girl and her friend were locked in her room and raped by five RSF members. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**23 September 2023:** Near Zamzam IDP Camp, near El Fasher city, North Darfur state, a 21-year-old displaced woman was raped and later stabbed by four gunmen. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

**As reported on 25 September 2023:** In a RSF detention centre, Riyadh neighbourhood, Khartoum state, a woman and her daughter were repeatedly sexually assaulted by RSF soldiers. **Sources:** [Emergency Lawyers Report](#) and [New Arab](#)

**27 September 2023:** In Bahri city, Khartoum state, a female volunteer in the emergency room was raped by armed RSF militia whilst she was conducting a survey on the humanitarian needs of those trapped in the area. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**As reported on 29 September 2023:** In Al-Fatihab neighbourhood, Omdurman, Khartoum state, a young girl was raped by five RSF members. **Source:** [Dabanga](#)

### **Zimbabwe**

**As reported on 18 September 2023:** In an unspecified location, outside of Harare city, Harare province, two men linked to the main opposition party, were shot with a stun gun, kidnapped by unidentified men suspected to be linked to the ZANU-PF party. They were assaulted, questioned about their political party, stripped naked and later freed. **Source:** [ABC news](#).

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan**

**05 September 2023:** In Qareldi village, Khwaja Bahuddin district, Takhar province, two Taliban men attempted to rape a girl inside her home. The girl's father seized one of the men's weapons and shot them. The girl's brother was killed and another brother arrested on charges of murdering the two men. **Source:** [Kabul Now](#)

**13 September 2023:** In an unspecified village, Kohistan district, Faryab province, the bodyguard of a Taliban governor was arrested by local citizens for attempting to sexually assault a 13-year-old girl after breaking into her residence. The man was handed over to the Taliban, however sources suggest that he has since been released. **Source:** [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

**17 September 2023:** In Kabul city, Kabul province, the Taliban military court acquitted a Taliban official of charges related to sexual assault against his 21-year-old bodyguard. The incident was recorded and released online on 23 August 2023 and occurs in light of several accusations of sexual assault and rape by Taliban officials. **Source:** [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

**As reported on 24 September 2023:** In a private prison, Kapisa province, former military personnel are subjected to torture including binding stones to their genitals. **Source:** [Hash-e-Subh](#)

### **Bangladesh**

**03 September 2023:** In Kaptai upazila, Rangamati district, Chittagong division, a girl was raped by six security forces officers in plain clothes. **Source:** [New Age](#)

**03 September 2023:** In Ramgarh upazila, Khagrachari district, Chattogram division, a woman of unspecified ethnic minority was sexually harassed by a Bengali settler. **Source:** [New Age](#)

**18 September 2023:** In Tanore upazila, Rajshahi district, Rajshahi division, a girl belonging to an unspecified ethnic minority was raped by a group of unidentified assailants whilst she was cutting grass in the field. Her 10-year-old brother was tied to a tree during the incident. **Source:** [New Age](#)

### **India**

**07 September 2023:** Haveli Kharagpur village, Bihar Munger district, Bihar state, a 25-year-old woman was gang raped by six people, five of whom have been arrested. **Source:** [Daiji World](#)

**18 September 2023:** In Agra city, Agra district, Uttar Pradesh state, a 20-year-old woman was raped by a police official after he broke into her house. The perpetrator had been molesting her for the last two months. After being caught by the family the police officer was then tied to a tree, stripped and beaten. **Source:** [News9Live](#) and [Times of India](#)

**21 September 2023:** In Sarai Mamrej Police Station, Handia town, Prayagraj district, a Dalit woman was raped by a sub-inspector after she was called by the perpetrator for her to come to the police station for a separate case. **Source:** [Deccan Herald](#)

**As reported on 24 September 2023:** In St Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli city, Tiruchirappalli district, Tamil Nadu state, an undergraduate female student was raped by her professor on school grounds. Initially, the case was covered up by the college management, however after the victim attempted suicide an investigation took place. **Source:** [Hindu Post](#)

### **Myanmar**

**16 September 2023:** Near Panphawpyin village, Rathedaung township, Rakhine state, a 37-year-old teacher was raped and killed by an armed group. **Sources:** [Development Media Group](#) and [Narinjara News](#)

### **Pakistan**

**As reported on 05 September 2023:** In Bin Qasim town, Karachi division, Sindh province, an unspecified number of women were raped and blackmailed by a private school principal. The principal lured them to the school with a job prospect, before raping them on camera and threatening to share the footage. He was arrested after the videos were shared on social media and went viral. **Source:** [Dawn](#)

## **Europe**

### **Russia**

**22 September 2023:** In Gukovo town, Rostov Oblast, a male civilian was raped with a broomstick and struck with a knife by a Wagner Group fighter. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### **United Kingdom**

**As reported on 20 September 2023:** In Brook House, near Gatwick Airport, London, asylum seekers and migrants were forcibly moved while naked or almost naked by security staff over a period of five months in 2017. This information was revealed following a BBC Panorama investigation. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [The Guardian](#), and [Inews](#)

## **Middle East and North Africa**

### **Libya**

**As reported on 30 August 2023:** In Abu Salim district, Tripoli city, Tripolitania region, an unspecified number of female asylum seekers were repeatedly raped at gunpoint by security guards whilst in the centre. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [InfoMigrants](#)

### **Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**As reported on 05 September:** In Hebron city and governorate, West Bank territory, a 24-year-old woman was forced to strip naked in front of her children by two masked female Israeli soldiers. She was threatened that attack dogs would be released on her if she refused. The incident occurred on 10 July 2023. **Source:** [B'Tselem](#), [Middle East Monitor](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**As reported on 05 September:** In Hebron city and governorate, West Bank territory, a 17-year-old girl was ordered to undress in front of female Israeli soldiers. She was threatened that attack dogs would be released on her if she refused. This incident occurred on 10 July 2023. **Source:** [B'Tselem](#)

**As reported on 05 September:** In Hebron city and governorate, West Bank territory, three women were stripped naked by female Israeli soldiers. The incident occurred on 10 July 2023. **Source:** [B'Tselem](#)

## The Americas

### *Colombia*

**As reported on 01 September 2023:** In Tumaco city, Tumaco municipality, Narino department, ten girls were sexually exploited by the Ivan Rios FARC dissident group after being kidnapped for several weeks to months. The victims were rescued by police forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**11 September 2023:** In Bocas del Manso village, Tierralta municipality, Cordoba department, an Embera Indigenous woman was sexually assaulted by armed military men who posed as guerrillas from the Fifth Front of the Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). **Source:** [Euro.ES and Cambio](#)

### *Haiti*

**As reported on 04 September 2023:** At Venisia Beach, in Gressier, Port-au-Prince, Ouest department, an unspecified number of women were raped by approximately ten armed men who stormed the beach hotel, boarded a yacht, killed the staff and stole belongings. **Source:** [Amerique.Info7](#)

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