At least 233 incidents of conflict-related sexual violence so far in 2023
Insecurity Insight has identified at least 233 incidents of conflict-related sexual violence in 31 countries between 01 January-30 September 2023. High incident numbers were reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Sudan (92) This data is available to download on HDX. Registered HDX user? Follow us for the latest dataset updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

This Monthly News Brief bears testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence by state bodies or conflict actors. Most events of 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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Reporting Sexual Violence
By state bodies or conflict actors that particularly targets IDPs and refugees, aid, health workers or educators or students among others.

Africa

Central African Republic
As reported on 06 October 2023: In the villages of Krakoma and Kpata, Mbolo-Pata commune, Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture, an unspecified number of girls were raped by armed Coalition of Patriots for Change (CPC) soldiers during a six day raid in the two villages. Source: Corbeaunews and Radio Ndekeluka

As reported on 24 October 2023: In Ngolokpata commune, Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture, women are raped by armed groups who are regularly attacking their village. Source: Radio Ndeke Luka

Democratic Republic of Congo
01 October 2023: In Beni city, North Kivu province, according to internal documents from the United Nations mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO), reviewed by AFP news, eight peacekeepers were arrested on 01 October 2023, following their involvement in sexual exploitation and violence incidents. Source: Africa News

26 October 2023: In Kilamba sector, Gungu territory, Kwilu province, a 21-year-old girl was raped and killed by unidentified armed men. Source: Media Congo

Malawi
As reported on 03 October 2023: In Kachulu Police Unit, Zomba city, Zomba district, Southern region, a 14-year-old girl was raped by an officer whilst she was detained. The incident occurred in late August 2023. Source: The Times Group
Mali
15 October 2023: In between Lere camp, Lere town, Tombouctou region and Tichilit village, Goundam commune, Tombouctou region, an unspecified number of women were raped by armed Famas and Wagner soldiers. Source: Personal Communication

Nigeria
24 October 2023: In Tai Solarin University of Education, Ljalun village, Ijebu-Ode town, Ogun state, four female students were raped by armed men in their student hostels. Source: Daily Post

Somalia
12 October 2023: In Baidoa IDP Camp, Baidoa city, Bay region, South West state, three women were raped by unidentified gunmen whilst collecting firewood. Source: ACLED

Sudan

Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) in Sudan
This report discusses the patterns visible in the available information on occurrences of CRSV since the start of the current conflict. During this conflict, incidents of CRSV have been attributed to the RSF, SAF and the Sudan Liberation Army led by Minni Minawi (SLA-MM). The vast majority of incidents were allegedly perpetrated by RSF soldiers. RSF commanders have dismissed these accusations by calling them isolated incidents and claiming that they were unable to intervene.

The brief analyses give the reported details of where and how these incidents took place according to available information, and discuss patterns of situational context and perpetrator behaviour. The examination of patterns of reported sexual violence provides important insights into how some of this violence is carried out and the factors and elements that led to such acts. The report is based on an analysis of 82 incidents of reported CRSV between 15 April and 30 September 2023 which is available on HDX. Read more

Between 26 September and 10 October: In Zalingei town, Central Darfur state, five women were raped by unidentified militia. Source: ACLED

02 October 2023: In Khartoum city, Khartoum state, a woman was raped by armed Rapid Support Forces (RSF) members during a raid on a female volunteer for the emergency response team’s house. The female volunteer was shot and killed during the raid. Source: Sudan Tribune

As reported on 02 October 2023: In Bud Madani city, Al-Jazirah state, a female doctor was raped by RSF soldiers whilst on her way home. Source: Sudan Tribune

05 October 2023: In Al-Ailfoun village, Khartoum state, an unspecified number of women were raped by armed RSF whilst invading the village. Source: Personal Communication and Sudan Violations

As reported on 06 October 2023: In an unspecified location, a video showing three male detainees stripped nearly naked, bounded and blindfolded and forced to crawl into a shallow pit by armed Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) soldiers emerged. The detainees are believed to be RSF members. Sources: Middle East Eye

07 October 2023: On the road between Zalingei, Central Darfur and Dankoj, North Kurdufan, four girls were raped by RSF militias. Source: Sudan violations

As reported on the 11 October: In Al Fitahab, Omdurman city, Khartoum state, three women were raped at gunpoint by six RSF soldiers. The victims were accused of being SAF intelligence. Source: ACLED

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As reported on 14 October 2023: In Al-Alifoun area, Sharg An Neel, Khartoum state, an unspecified number of women, including children, were raped by armed RSF soldiers over a three day raid in the area. **Source:** Sudan Violations

Around 15 October 2023: In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, a woman was raped by a RSF soldier. **Source:** ACLED

18 October 2023: Outside Al-Hamidiya camp, Zalingei town, Centra Darfur state, an IDP was raped by a RSF soldier. **Source:** ACLED

As reported on 19 October: In Al-Hamidiyah camp, Zalingei town, Central Darfur state, since the beginning of the war up until the 11 October 2023, a total of 15 displaced women have been raped whilst exiting the camp by men wearing Rapid Support uniforms. **Source:** Radio Dabanga

As reported on 21 October: In El Geneina, West Darfur state, at least 15 girls were raped by RSF soldiers in public places or valleys. **Source:** Sudan Violations

**Asia**

**Bangladesh**

26 October 2023: In Manikchari upazila, Khagrachari district, Chittagong division, a woman from the Marma ethnic community was raped by Bengali settlers. When the victim went to report the crime the police kept her waiting for five hours to file the case. **Source:** New Age

**India**

02 October 2023: In Safidon city, Jind district, Haryana state, a young man was raped and physically assaulted by a police officer in the police station. The incident occurred after the victim was placed in custody following a minor family dispute. **Source:** Amar Ujala

04 October 2023: In Mukkombu park, Tiruchirapalli city, Tiruchirapalli district, Tamil Nadu district, a 17-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by four police officers, including a constable and sub-inspector. The incident, which lasted for around an hour, was recorded by the perpetrators. **Source:** Times of India

16 October 2023: In South Dinajpur district, Malda division, West Bengal state, a 13-year-old girl was raped by a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) panchayat member. **Source:** The Telegraph online

**Indonesia**

As reported on 18 October 2023: In Dekai town, Yahukimo Regency, Highland Papua province two Papuan female refugees were raped and killed by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** Papuan Voice

**Europe**

**Russia**

09 October 2023: In Kamyshin city, Volgograd Oblast, two 16-year-old girls were raped by a Wagner fighter. **Source:** Zona Media

**The Americas**

**Colombia**

As reported on 18 October 2023: In Chicamoque area, on the borders between El Barge town and Segovia town, Antioquia department, Andean region, three displaced women were raped by armed Gulf Clan members. **Source:** El Colombiano

**Dominican Republic**

As reported on 04 October 2023: In Anama’ area, Las Palmillas section, El Seibo city, El Seibo province a 28-year-old woman was raped by a gang of eight Haitians in front of her six-year-old daughter and her husband stabbed to death. **Source:** El Nacional
**Martinique**

**21 October 2023:** In Fort-de France police station, Fort-de France commune, Martinique and region, a woman was raped by a police officer. The incident occurred whilst the victim went to file a complaint on an unrelated matter at the police station. The police officer has since been detained. **Source:** France Info

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