

# Reporting Sexual Violence

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**Insecurity Insight has documented 219 publicly reported incidents of conflict-related sexual violence between 01 January and 30 July 2024.** In 43% of these incidents, members of state forces were named as perpetrators, with police forces often named. Non-state armed groups were named as perpetrators in 40% of incidents with some of these perpetrators being members of the Rapid Support Forces (Sudan) and the CNDD-FDD (National Council for the Defense of Democracy - Forces for the Defense of Democracy) (Burundi).

80% of the 219 incidents affected women and girls, however men were also affected in at least 16% of these incidents. This number is likely to be an underrepresentation of the actual figures, particularly due to the associated stigma and shame with such attacks and which might prevent survivors from reporting an attack. Survivors of conflict-related sexual violence were attacked inside their homes during home invasions, whilst carrying out a livelihood activity, inside refugee or IDP settlements, and whilst in captivity or in police detention.

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During August, identified incidents increased in Ethiopia's Amhara region from two in July to ten in August. Among the named perpetrators were soldiers from the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF), some of whom were reportedly Oromo, and Fano militia, an Amharic militia group. See below for more information.

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

### Africa

#### **Burundi**

**13 August 2024:** In Gakenke hill, Ryarusera zone, Muramvya commune and province, a 15-year-old girl was raped in a field by a member of the Imbonerakure militia. The girl was taken for a medical assessment whilst the perpetrator fled when he found out he was wanted. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

#### **Central African Republic**

**30 August 2024:** On the road of Carnot city, between Pati and Samba village, Mambere prefecture, two women were raped and kidnapped by unidentified armed men. **Source:** [Corbeau News](#)

#### **Chad**



**28 August 2024:** Near Metche Refugee Camp, Ouaddai region, an 18-year-old female Sudanese refugee was raped by unidentified gunmen. The woman was with her sister, who was shot, whilst they were collecting firewood. Both were taken to a clinic in the camp. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

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

**Between 05 to 07 August:** In Kameru 2 village, Katsa group, Kaliko-omi chiefdom, Aru territory, Ituri province, a girl was raped by a soldier from the South Sudanese army. **Source:** [Bunia Actualite](#)

**13 August 2024:** In an unspecified location, a woman's buttocks were exposed after being beaten. The incident was recorded and added on social media. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

### ***Ethiopia***

**05 August 2024:** In Kemir Dingay village, Debre Tabor town, South Gonder zone, Amhara region, an unspecified number of Amhara girls were raped by Oromo Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) soldiers. **Source:** [Xotrinx](#)

**07 August 2024:** In Jawi woreda, West Gojjam zone, Amhara region, seven Amhara girls were raped by Oromo ENDF soldiers. **Source:** [Xotrinx](#)

**Between the 12 and 18 August 2024:** In Tulu-Gana town, Abe Dongoro woreda, Honor Guduru Wollega zone, Oromia region, a woman was detained by Oromo ENDF soldiers then given to the custody of the Oromia Region Special Forces, who repeatedly raped her before abandoning her in the street. The woman was prevented from communicating with others. **Sources:** [Amhara Association of America](#) and [Amhara War Updates](#)

**Between the 12 and 18 August 2024:** In Wogdi town, Amhara region, two girls were raped by ENDF soldiers. When the families reported the incident to the commander of the troop they were told that the girls should have consented to his soldiers. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**17 August 2024:** In Andabet town, Estie woreda, Debub Gondar zone, Amhara region, 13 women were raped by Fano fighters. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**17 August 2024:** In Andabet town, Estie woreda, Debub Gondar zone, Amhara region, an unspecified number of priests were raped by Fano fighters. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

**18 August 2024:** In Merahbete town, North Shewa zone, Amhara region, a 14-year-old Amhara girl was kidnapped and raped by Oromo ENDF soldiers. **Source:** [Xotrinx](#)

**Around 19 August 2024:** In Masha town, Mekdela Woreda, South Wollo zone, Amhara region, a 10-year-old girl was raped by an ENDF soldier. The girl has been admitted in hospital due to the injuries she sustained. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

**As reported on 25 August 2024:** In Bahir Dar city, Amhara region, a seven-year-old girl was raped, tortured and killed by ENDF soldiers. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**28 August 2024:** In Kebele 01 village, Debre Sina town, Tarma Ber woreda, North Shewa zone, Amhara region, an elderly woman was raped and killed by an Oromo ENDF member. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

### ***Nigeria***

**27 August 2024:** Along Kerawa and Pulka road, Pulka town, Pulka Bokko Ward, Gwoza local governorate area, Borno state, a young woman was raped and killed by BokoHaram militants. **Source:** [Sembe TV](#)

### ***Sudan***

**As reported on 02 August 2024:** In the villages of Al-Farish and Kamrab Rizeigat, eastern Al-Dinder, an unspecified number of girls were raped by around 50 RSF soldiers who stormed the villages with the intention of stealing and looting. **Source:** [Sudan Violations](#)

**As reported on 19 August 2024:** In an unspecified number of villages, Sennar state, at least 21 minor girls were raped by members of the Rapid Support Forces soldiers during attacks on their villages. **Source:** [Sudan Violations](#)

**As reported on 19 August 2024:** In Wadi Halib area, Mershing city, South Darfur state, a woman was almost raped by six armed men in military uniforms. She was shot as a result of resisting the rape, and left behind. Other civilians found and assisted her. The woman was with a group of other women however they had managed to escape the attack. **Source:** [Darfur 24](#)

**20 August 2024:** In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, an entire family, parents and three or four daughters, were raped and killed by RSF soldiers. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**As reported on 23 August 2024:** In Abu Karinka IDP camp, East Darfur state, an unspecified number of refugee women were sexually assaulted by armed men. The armed men forced the refugees to leave the camp but the local community intervened and returned them. Three perpetrators have been arrested, convicted and transferred to prison. **Source:** [Darfur 24](#)

### **Tanzania**

**05 August 2024:** In Yombo Dovyva village, Dar es Salaam city and region, a woman was raped by armed Tanzania People's Defense Force soldiers. The perpetrators recorded the incident and published it on social media. **Source:** [Africa News](#); [BBC](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

## **Asia**

### **Afghanistan**

**23 August 2024:** In Daykundi province, Khadir province, a young girl was raped by a Taliban official after she was forced into a hidden area. The girl's family was threatened if they reported the incident. **Source:** [Kabul Now](#)

### **India**

**10 August 2024:** In Saring village, Longchen circle, Mokokchung district, Nagaland state, a 3-year-old girl was raped by a sergeant of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) militant. The perpetrator was fired and arrested by the police. **Source:** [Nagaland Post](#)

### **Kazakhstan**

**Around 06 August 2024:** In Shymkent city, a 15-year-old girl and a 21-year-old girls was raped by a group of men, including an officer of the Ministry of Interior and a group of men. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### **Myanmar**

**As reported on 22 August 2024:** In Dai Oo Prison, an unspecified number of female political prisoners were subjected to full-body searches, including invasive searches of their genitals, conducted by male prison staff. The women who refused these searches were beaten. **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

**31 August 2024:** In Ko That Kyaktaung Monastery, Min hla township, Tharayawati district, a 30-year-old woman was gang-raped and beaten by three soldiers. The woman is receiving medical treatment in hospital. **Source:** [Mizzima](#)

## **Middle East and North Africa**

### **Israel**

**As reported on 09 August 2024:** In Sde Teiman detention facility, Negev desert, Southern Israel, a Palestinian detainee was raped by armed Israel Defence Forces (IDF) soldiers. The man was forced to the side and three soldiers used shields to block the incident from being caught on the security camera. The man was taken to hospital and is in life-threatening condition. Nine suspects have been detained for questioning. The incident is said to have occurred in July. The Israeli soldiers who were detained due to their involvement in this sexual assault were released by the Israeli military court on August 13th. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera CNN](#), [Quds News Network](#) and [Sky News](#)

**As reported on 26 August 2024:** In an unspecified location, a Palestinian detainee was raped with an M16 assault rifle before being placed in Al-Naqab detention centre, in Southern Israel in November 2023 by three Israeli soldiers. **Source:** [Human Rights Watch](#)

### ***Occupied Palestinian Territory***

**As reported on 03 August 2024:** In an unspecified Israeli detention centre, a male Palestinian recently released from the centre, reported how five Israeli soldiers beat and tortured him with electricity in his genitals. One soldier reportedly said “I don’t want you to have children anymore”. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**17 August 2024:** In Tamar checkpoint, Tel Rumeida neighbourhood, Hebron city and governorate, a Palestinian woman was sexually harassed by an Israeli soldier who exposed himself to her after whilst crossing the checkpoint. Israeli forces said they have launched an investigation into the incident. **Source:** [Middle East Eye](#)

### ***Yemen***

**24 August 2024:** In Rada’a prison, Al Bayda governorate, a 12-year-old boy was raped by a Houthi member whilst he was visiting his brother in the prison. **Sources:** [Khabar Agency](#), [Personal Communication](#) and [Yemen Shabab](#)

## **The Americas**

### ***Colombia***

**Around 13 August 2024:** In El Progreso village, Puerto Rondon municipality, Arauca department, a woman was sexually assaulted by a group of military soldiers who broke into her home. The army is investigating the incident. **Source:** [El Colombiano](#)

### ***Mexico***

**As reported on 06 August 2024:** Near Celio river, Jacona de Plancarte city and municipality, Michoacan state, a man was found decapitated and naked. **Source:** [La Voz De Michoacan](#)

**Around 08 August 2024:** In Constituents of 57 Colony, Monterrey city, Nuevo Leon state, a man was found dead and naked with his feet tied up. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**Around 09 August 2024:** In Tlapa de Comonfort city, Guerrero state, a man was stripped naked and forced to walk around with a piece of cardboard after being caught stealing by a group of armed men. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**Around 12 August 2024:** In Amozoc de Mota city, Puebla state, two men were found dead with signs of torture and naked. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**Around 17 August 2024:** On the KM 32 Villahermosa-Teapa highway, Teapa municipality, Tabasco state, two men were found dead with signs of torture and fully naked. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 17 August 2024:** On the Morelia-Salamanca highway, Morelia municipality, Michoacan state, a man between the age of 35 and 40, was found dead and half naked with signs of torture. **Source:** [La Voz De Michoacan](#)

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