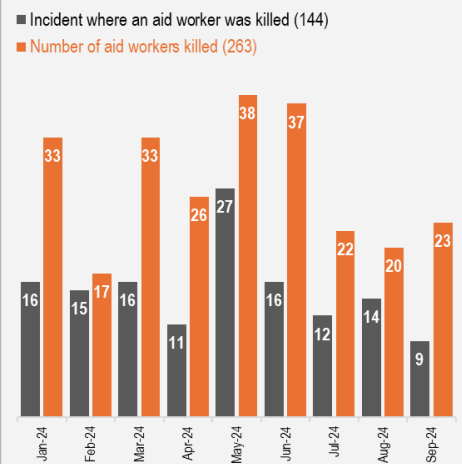


**Insecurity Insight identified 144 incidents in 20 countries and one territory where aid workers\* were killed between 01 January and 30 September 2024.** In these incidents, at least 263 aid workers were killed inside their homes, while travelling to and from work, inside health facilities and schools, at IDP/refugee camps and during wider attacks on civilians.

High numbers of aid worker killings continue to be recorded in the oPt, followed by Sudan. Since September, incidents in Lebanon have quadrupled. In May, reports increased with 38 aid workers killed across Lebanon, Niger, the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), South Sudan, Sudan, and Ukraine.

The data with details on location, reported conflict party, weapon used, the type of organisation and programme affected as well as anonymised available details about the affected staff and brief description is available [here](#) for download. The dataset does not yet include incidents reported in this News Brief. Data is updated on [HDX](#) every Monday. Follow [us](#) on HDX for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

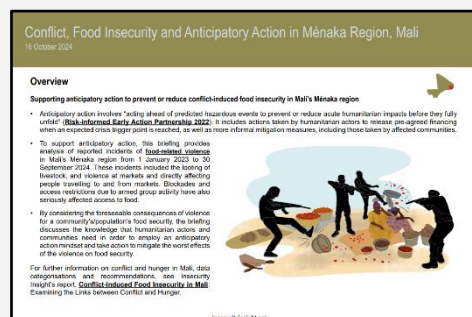
Aid workers killed, January-September 2024



## Conflict, Food Insecurity and Anticipatory Action in Ménaka Region, Mali

- Anticipatory action involves “acting ahead of predicted hazardous events to prevent or reduce acute humanitarian impacts before they fully unfold” ([Risk-informed Early Action Partnership 2022](#)). It includes actions taken by humanitarian actors to release pre-agreed financing when an expected crisis trigger point is reached, as well as more informal mitigation measures, including those taken by affected communities.
- To support anticipatory action, this briefing provides analysis of reported incidents of [food-related violence](#) in Mali’s Ménaka region from 1 January 2023 to 30 September 2024. These incidents included the looting of livestock, and violence at markets and directly affecting people travelling to and from markets. Blockades and access restrictions due to armed group activity have also seriously affected access to food.
- By considering the foreseeable consequences of violence for food security, the briefing discusses the knowledge that humanitarian actors and communities need in order to employ an anticipatory action mindset and take action to mitigate the worst effects of the violence on food security. Available in [English](#) and [French](#).

For further information on conflict and hunger in Mali, data categorisations, and recommendations, see Conflict-Induced Food Insecurity in Mali: Examining the Links between Conflict and Hunger, available in [English](#) and [French](#) and Conflict, Food Insecurity and Anticipatory Action in Mopti Region, available in [English](#) and [French](#).



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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*

**02 October 2024:** In Bilulu village, Bapere district, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, an unspecified number of Red Cross members were shot and killed by the ADF. **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

### *Sudan*

**04 October 2024:** In Omdurman city, Khartoum state, an on-duty female aid volunteer was killed when residential neighbourhoods were shelled by the RSF. **Sources:** [AWSD<sup>2</sup>](#) and [Sudan Violations](#)

**08 October 2024:** In El Fasher city, North Darfur state, an Emergency Room volunteer was shot and wounded by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

**As reported on 10 October 2024:** In an unspecified location, an aid worker was reportedly kidnapped and tortured by the RSF. He died on or before 10 October 2024. **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

**10 October 2024:** In Zamzam Refugee Camp, El Fasher city, North Darfur state, MSF announced that it would stop providing services to thousands of malnourished children in the camp, as its supplies ran out and the parties to the conflict obstructed the arrival of more. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

## Europe

### *Ukraine*

**14 October 2024:** In Kherson oblast, a Red Cross office was damaged during suspected Russian shelling at 4 am. Windows were shattered and shrapnel damaged three vehicles. **Source:** [Ukrainian Red Cross](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### *Lebanon*

**02 October 2024:** In Rashidieh Refugee Camp, Tyre city and district, South governorate, UNRWA suspended its operations in the camp, one of the three Palestinian camps in the region. **Source:** [UNRWA Report 04](#)

**02 October 2024:** In El Buss Refugee Camp, Tyre city and district, South governorate, UNRWA suspended its operations in the camp, one of the three Palestinian camps in the region. **Source:** [UNRWA Report 04](#)

**02 October 2024:** In Burj Shemali Refugee Camp, Tyre city and district, South governorate, UNRWA suspended its operations in the camp, one of the three Palestinian camps in the region. **Source:** [UNRWA Report 04](#)

**03 October 2024:** In Taybeh town, Marjayoun district, Nabatieh governorate, five medics were injured when a Lebanese Red Cross convoy was hit by Israeli artillery shells. **Source:** [El Nashra](#)

**05 October 2024:** In the Jiye area, an UNRWA staff member sustained a head injury requiring stitches as a result of a suspected Israeli airstrike. **Source:** [UNRWA Report 05](#)

**05 October 2024:** In Baalbek city and district, Baalbek-Hermel governorate, a female NRCS aid worker was killed during a bombardment. **Source:** [AWSD<sup>2</sup>](#)

**09 October 2024:** In Derdghaya town, Tyre district, South governorate, five civil defence workers were killed in an attack on the Risala Scouts civil defence centre. **Source:** [OCHA Update 34](#)

**09 October 2024:** In Kfar Joz area, Nabatieh district and governorate, an educational centre of Amal Association was heavily damaged during an attack by suspected Israeli forces on a neighbouring health centre. The centre was providing psychological support and education for over 400 children and is currently not operational due to the damage. **Source:** [OCHA Update 34](#)

**Between 10-11 October 2024:** In Naqoura city, Tyre district, South governorate, UNIFIL's headquarters and nearby positions were repeatedly hit by the Israeli army, injuring at least two peacekeepers, damaging vehicles and a communications system, and disabling monitoring cameras. **Source:** [OCHA Update 34](#)

**Between 11-13 October 2024:** In Ramyah, Bint Jbeil district, Nabatieh governorate, the Israeli army crossed the Blue Line. Two tanks forcibly entered a UNIFIL peacekeeping position, destroying the main gate and ordering the base to turn off its lights before departing after UNIFIL raised concerns. Shortly thereafter, peacekeepers reported rounds fired nearby, resulting in smoke exposure that affected fifteen personnel, who received medical treatment. **Source:** [OCHA Update 34](#)

**13 October 2024:** In Serbine village, Bint Jbeil district, Nabatieh governorate, four Lebanese Red Cross paramedics were injured in a double tap Israeli airstrike while responding to victims of a previous bombing after a home was hit by an airstrike. Additionally, the two ambulances deployed to the site were damaged. **Sources:** [LBC](#), [Lebanese Red Cross](#) and [OCHA Update 35](#)

**14 October 2024:** On the Hermel Highway, Al-Ain city, Baalbek district, Baalbek-Hermel governorate, a national convoy of relief items, accompanied by the Lebanese Red Cross, was damaged by an airstrike by suspected Israeli forces on a nearby house. Despite this, the convoy continued its mission to distribute the items and returned safely. **Source:** [OCHA Update 35](#)

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

#### ***Gaza Strip***

**Between 02-12 October 2024:** In North Gaza governorate, no humanitarian food assistance entered as all crossings were closed. All kitchens, bakeries, and food distribution points were forced to shut down due to Israeli airstrikes, military ground operations, and evacuation orders. **Source:** [OCHA Update 229](#)

**06 October 2024:** In North Gaza city and governorate, four PRCS clinics halted operations due to ongoing Israeli military operations in the area. Many staff members were forced to evacuate their homes, resulting in the suspension of medical services. **Source:** [WAFA](#)

**08 October 2024:** In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza, the head of UNRWA was killed in an Israeli airstrike. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**08 October 2024:** In Jabalia city, North Gaza governorate, an MSF driver was injured on his legs and chest by shrapnel. He received care at Al Awda Hospital for his injuries before being moved to Kamal Adwan Hospital, where he could not get adequate care. He died from his injuries on 10 October: **Sources:** [MSF I](#) and [MSF II](#)

**08 October 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, the WHO were unable to reach Kamal Adwan Hospital to evacuate patients, likely due to Israeli restrictions. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**09 October 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, for the second day in a row, the WHO were unable to reach Kamal Adwan Hospital to evacuate patients after Israeli authorities ordered its immediate evacuation. After receiving a green light from the Israeli authorities for the mission, the team was forced to wait at the Netzarim checkpoint for many hours. Ultimately, the mission had to be aborted. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [UN News](#)

**09 October 2024:** In Ma'an, Khan Yunis governorate, at least three aid security personnel were killed and an unspecified number injured when a vehicle was hit by Israeli aircraft. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**11 October 2024:** In Beit Lahia city, North Gaza governorate, PRCS ambulances were prevented from reaching Kamal Adwan Hospital to evacuate patients after Israeli authorities ordered its immediate evacuation. **Source:** [PRCS](#)

**12 October 2024:** In an unspecified location in the Gaza Strip, humanitarian aid was destroyed in schools by Israeli forces after they forcibly evicted displaced families sheltering inside. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

**12 October 2024:** In Nuseirat Refugee Camp, Deir al-Balah governorate, the NGO-supported Al-Awda Hospital was fired at by an Israeli Quadcopter. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Suppressed News](#)

**13 October 2024:** In Deir al Balah and Khan Younis governorates, five bakeries were forced to close due to the shortage of flour. **Source:** [OCHA Update 229](#)

**14 October 2024:** In Jabalia Refugee Camp, North Gaza governorate, at least ten people were killed and more than 40 people injured when Israeli troops hit a UNRWA distribution centre at about 10:00, where dozens of people were standing in line for food distribution. **Sources:** [OCHA Update 229](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

**14 October 2024:** In Rafah city and governorate, civil defence teams were hit by Israeli forces artillery while they recovered casualties from a previous airstrike. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

### ***Syrian Arab Republic***

**06 October 2024:** In Hasiya city, Homs governorate, three vehicles carrying medical and relief supplies were hit by Israeli drone strikes, causing material damage. **Sources:** [PressBee](#), [Reuters](#) and [Watan News](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 17 October 2024

<sup>2</sup> The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWSD) does not include the names of individual victims or the agencies affected by an incident. This is done in consideration of the victims and their families who may not wish to have the names published in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 17 October 2024

