

# Reporting Sexual Violence

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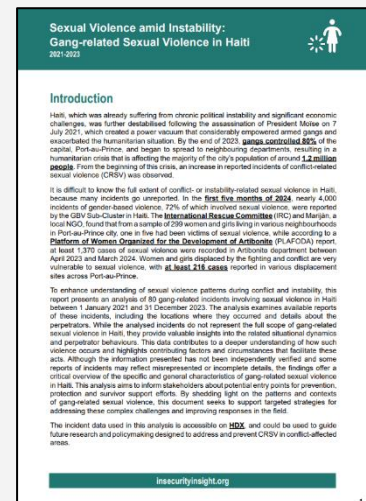
**Insecurity Insight documented 296 publicly reported incidents of conflict-related sexual violence between 01 January and 31 August 2024 in 47 countries and territories.** In 43% of these incidents, members of state forces were named as perpetrators, with members of the police forces often named. Non-state armed groups were named as perpetrators in 42% of incidents with some of these perpetrators being members of the RSF and the CNDD-FDD (National Council for the Defense of Democracy - Forces for the Defense of Democracy) (Burundi). The data with details on location, reported conflict party, a brief description as well as anonymised available details about the affected victim/survivor is available [here](#) for download. Data is updated on [HDX](#) every Monday. Registered HDX user? [Follow us](#) for the latest dataset updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available

A recently published [UN independent international commission of inquiry](#) on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel has found that Palestinian detainees have been subjected to rape and other forms of sexual violence by Israeli Defence Forces. Since 07 October 2023, Insecurity Insight has documented at least **44 incidents** of publicly reported incidents of CRSV carried out by the IDF against Palestinians. Almost all these incidents occurred whilst Palestinians were being detained following Israeli security operations or military offensives or inside Israeli detentions facilities. In almost three-quarters of these incidents, Palestinians were stripped naked, blind folded and held for several hours without clothes in a humiliating and degrading treatment. They were also subjected to sexual harassment and assault, tortured in their genitals and in at least five incidents raped.

## Sexual Violence amid Instability: Gang-related Sexual Violence in Haiti

Haiti, which was already suffering from chronic political instability and significant economic challenges, was further destabilised following the assassination of President Moïse on 7 July 2021, which created a power vacuum that considerably empowered armed gangs and exacerbated the humanitarian situation. By the end of 2023, [gangs controlled 80% of the capital](#), Port-au-Prince, and began to spread to neighbouring departments, resulting in a humanitarian crisis that is affecting the majority of the city's population of around **1.2 million people**. From the beginning of this crisis, an increase in reported incidents of conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) was observed.

It is difficult to know the full extent of conflict- or instability-related sexual violence in Haiti, because many incidents go unreported. In the [first five months of 2024](#), nearly 4,000 incidents of gender-based violence, 72% of which involved sexual violence, were reported by the GBV Sub-Cluster in Haiti. The [International Rescue Committee \(IRC\) and Marijàn](#), a local NGO, found that from a sample of 299 women and girls living in various neighbourhoods in Port-au-Prince city, one in five had been victims of sexual violence, while according to a Platform of Women Organized for the Development of Artibonite (PLAFODA) [report](#), at least 1,370 cases of sexual violence were recorded in Artibonite department between April 2023 and March 2024. Women and girls displaced by the fighting and conflict are very vulnerable to sexual violence, with [at least 216 cases](#) reported in various displacement sites across Port-au-Prince. [Read more](#)



This 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. Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in curated datasets, if you have made a public statement that you would like us to include in our News Brief, to report an incident or if you have additional information on an incident we have reported on. Visit our [website](#), join our [mailing list](#).

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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*

**04 September 2024:** In Kinyinya III hill, Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura province, a 12-year-old girl was raped by a member of the CNDD-FDD party. The girl was taken for medical treatment whilst the perpetrator was arrested but then released. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

**05 September 2024:** In Rwantsinda hill, Bukeye commune, Muramvya province, an eight-year-old was raped by a soldier and a former CNDD-FDD member whilst she was collecting firewood. The girl was threatened to be killed if she did not allow him to rape her. The perpetrator was arrested by other soldiers and taken to the police station, whilst the girl was taken for a medical check-up. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

**09 September 2024:** In Rwingoma hill, Buhiga zone and commune, Karuzi province, a 13-year-old girl was raped by two members of the Imbonerakure party and CNDD-FDD party. One of the perpetrators was arrested whilst the other fled. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

**11 September 2024:** In Mugara hill, Rumonge commune and province, a 13-year-old girl was nearly raped by a member of the CNDD-FDD party after he took her to an abandoned house. The victim was taken to hospital for a medical check-up and the perpetrator arrested. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

### *Burkina Faso*

**12 September 2024:** In Seytenga area, Seno province, Sahel region, five women were kidnapped and two of them raped by IS Sahel militants. All five were released two days later. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### *Cameroon*

**08 September 2024:** In Noble Man neighbourhood, Bamenda city, Mezam department, Northwest region, two women were forced to undress at gunpoint by government forces during a raid in the neighbourhood. **Source:** [Cameroon News Agency](#)

### *Chad*

**As reported on 24 September 2024:** Near Adre transit camp, Assoungaha department, Ouaddaï region, four Sudanese refugee women, including a 16-year-old, were raped and assaulted by unidentified gunmen when they went to collect firewood. The 16-year-old suffered a hand fracture as a result of being beaten. **Source:** [Darfur 24](#)

### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**02 September 2024:** In Salamabila area, Kabambare territory, Maniema province, a woman's buttocks was exposed whilst being beaten by alleged Wazalendo militia. The incident was recorded and posted on social media. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

**14 September 2024:** In Pitso town, Djugu territory, Ituri Region, four Hema girls were kidnapped, raped and killed by Cooperative for the Development of the Congo (CODECO) members. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)

**Between the night of 28 and 29 September 2024:** In Selembao commune, Kinshasa city and province, Liberation district, two women and a 15-year-old girl were raped by armed men in their house. The perpetrators also fired their guns prior to the act. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

### *Ethiopia*

**08 September 2024:** In Kore Kokir kebele, Sayo Nole woreda, West Welega zone, Oromia region, three girls were kidnapped and raped by suspected members of the Oromia regional state police after they were taken to their camp. The perpetrators killed their brother when he tried to intervene. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**10 September 2024:** In Gishen Debre Kerbe church, Ambassel Woreda, South Wollo zone, Amhara region, five monks were sexually assaulted by Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) soldiers. **Source:** [Amhara War Update](#)

**13 September 2024:** In Drir town, Efratana-Gidim woreda, Semien Shewa zone, Amhara region, a woman was raped by four ENDF soldiers. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

**13 September 2024:** In Drir town, Efratana-Gidim woreda, Semien Shewa zone, Amhara region, a woman was nearly raped by ENDF soldier. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

### **Ghana**

**02 September 2024:** In Soe suburb, Bolgatanga municipality, Upper East region, an 18-year-old woman was raped by a military officer in a guest house after he threatened to stab her if she did not comply. The soldier took photos of her following the assault. He was arrested by other military personnel. **Source:** [Pulse](#)

### **Kenya**

**12 September 2024:** In Miritini suburb, Changamwe constituency, Mombasa county, a 25-year-old man was kidnapped by 20 county officers, physically assaulted and raped by at least two of the men. Following the incident he was then dumped near the Mwakirunge dumpsite. **Source:** [Citizen Digital](#)

**20 September 2024:** In Eldoret city, Uasin Gishu county, a 16-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by a police officer whilst in police protection and care near the Moiben police station. **Sources:** [ACLEDD<sup>1</sup>](#) and [Nation](#)

### **Lesotho**

**As reported on 16 September 2024:** In Makhoroana division, Berea region, a man was forced to kiss other men against his will by soldiers. **Source:** [Lesotho Times](#)

### **Somalia**

**29 September 2024:** In Mogadishu city, Banaadir region, a five-year-old girl was raped by a Somali soldier and succumbed to her injuries the next day in hospital. The perpetrator was arrested but then released by Mogadishu police. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

### **South Africa**

**13 September 2024:** In Nelson Mandela Bay's municipality, Eastern Cape province, a woman was sexually harassed by the police's National Intervention Unit (NIU) in front of her family after they forced their way into their house. The perpetrators wore balaclavas, physically assaulted the family and pointed their guns in their faces. **Source:** [News 24](#)

### **South Sudan**

**As reported on 13 September 2024:** In Qorom Refugee Camp, Central Equatoria State, three girls were raped inside the camp. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

### **Sudan**

**07 September 2024:** In Zalingei neighbourhood, Central Darfur state, a 17-year-old boy was kidnapped and physically and sexually abused by RSF soldiers. He was released after two days and later died from his injuries. **Source:** [Darfur Network for Monitoring and Documentation](#)

**As reported on 16 September 2024:** In Al Geneina city, West Darfur state, a man raped a girl in the middle of the street, at the intersection of one of the main streets near the Zahraa Interior Ministry. Seven armed men were reported to be near him, standing on motorcycles and watching. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

**24 September 2024:** Between Kadarik and Tabit town, North Darfur state, two girls, aged 14-years-old and 17-years-old, were sexually assaulted by a group of armed men. A man who tried to help the girls was killed by the perpetrators. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

**30 September 2024:** In Wad Madani city, Al Jazirah state, a woman was raped by six RSF soldiers after they broke into the family home. The woman suffered from a uterine rupture as a result of the attack. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

## Asia

### *Afghanistan*

**Around 09 September 2024:** In Shuhada district, Badakhshan province, a 22-year-old girl was forced to have sex by a Taliban member. The girl committed suicide after the incident. The perpetrator went to the family's house to threaten them to not report the issue. **Source:** [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

**Around 09 September 2024:** In Farkhar city and district, Takhar province, two women were sexually assaulted by the Taliban's district criminal director. A video of the assault was published online and the women and the perpetrator were arrested. Taliban officials are attempting to facilitate the release of the perpetrator. **Sources:** [ACLEDD<sup>1</sup>](#), [Hasht-e-Subh I](#) and [Hash-e-Subh II](#)

**As reported on 13 September 2024:** In Zarmat district, Paktia province, two boys were arrested by the Taliban after they refused the sexual advances of a Taliban commander. **Source:** [Hasht-e-Subh](#)

**As reported on 23 September 2024:** In an unspecified location, a boy was raped by at least three Taliban commanders. The boy was killed by the Taliban after he named three of the perpetrators on a video. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

### *India*

**Between 04 and 05 September:** In Chandkhuri village, Raipur city and district, Chhattisgarh state, a woman was raped by a police constable on two consecutive days. The perpetrator was arrested. **Source:** [The Indian Express](#)

**15 September 2024:** In Bharatpur police station, Bhubaneswar city, Khordha district, Odisha state, a 32-year-old woman was stripped, sexually assaulted, and threatened with rape multiple times by a group of police officers after she and her fiancé went to report a crime. Seven men were arrested by the police and released on bail. **Source:** [The Star](#)

### *Pakistan*

**11 September 2024:** In Allah Baksh Jakhrani village, Jacobabad district, Sindh province, a female polio worker was raped by two unidentified armed men at gunpoint, while deployed on a vaccination campaign. **Source:** [ACLEDD<sup>1</sup>](#)

## Europe

### *Russian Federation*

**Around 14 September 2024:** In Goncharovka village, Fyodorovsky district, Bashkortostan region, a woman was raped and killed by Ukrainian soldiers after they found out that the woman's son was a member of Russian Armed Forces. **Source:** [ACLEDD<sup>1</sup>](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### *Egypt*

**Around 05 September 2024:** In Sider Gaber neighbourhood, Alexandria city and governorate, a 24-year-old man was physically and sexually abused by a police officer whilst in custody. The man was also threatened that he would be framed for other crimes if he refused to comply with the policeman's demands. **Source:** [New Arab](#)

### *Israel*

**As reported on 06 September 2024:** In Ktzi'ot prison, Negev desert, Southern District district, a Palestinian man was repeatedly sexually abused by Israeli guards whilst in prison, since October 2023, including being stripped and having items inserted into his body. **Source:** [New Arab](#)

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

**20 September 2024:** In Kobani city, Ayn al-Arab district, Aleppo governorate, a 23-year-old woman was raped and beaten by members of the Turkish Intelligence whilst trying to enter Turkish territory.

**Source:** [SOHR](#)

**20 September 2024:** In Kobani city, Ayn al-Arab district, Aleppo governorate, a woman was stripped naked by members of the Turkish Intelligence whilst trying to enter Turkish territory. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

### ***Tunisia***

**As reported on 19 September 2024:** In Sfax city and governorate, a 22-year-old migrant from Ivory Coast was nearly raped by four Tunisian national guard officers. The incident occurred in May 2024.

**Source:** [The Guardian](#)

## **The Americas**

### ***Brazil***

**22 September 2024:** In Rio das Cobras Indigenous land, Nova Laranjeira municipality, Parana state, Central region, a 22-year-old Kaingang woman was raped and killed by at least 15 men. **Source:**

[Correio do Brasil](#)

**27 September 2024:** In Sorriso municipality, Mato Grosso state, Central West region, a 46-year-old woman was kidnapped and almost raped by two men. The perpetrators, who were arrested, recorded the incident and stated that they were ordered by drug traffickers to carry out the act.

**Source:** [Gazeta Digital](#)

### ***Colombia***

**16 September 2024:** In Puerto Colombia town and municipality, Atlantico department, Caribbean region, a woman was sexually harassed by a National Police officer after being forced into a police vehicle during a protest. **Source:** [El Colombiano](#)

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