

Reporting Sexual Violence

Monthly News Brief

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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 March 2025: In Kanenge hill, Kigwena zona, Rumonge commune and province, a 15-year-old girl was beaten by a member of the Imbonerakure in a palm grove, which was guarded by another Imbonerakure from the National Council for the Defense of Democracy – Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD) party. The perpetrator was transferred to a police cell in Rumonge pending further investigation whilst the girl was transferred to a medical centre. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

Central African Republic

19 March 2025: On Ndoutingai street, PK 13, Bangui city and prefecture, an unspecified number of young girls were ambushed and raped by a group of armed Wagner mercenaries. **Source:** [Corbeau News](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

13 March 2025: Between Lumamba and Kavundaganya village, BB Wamaza sector, Kabambare territory, Maniema province, a woman was raped during a land dispute. The woman was taken to the Wamaza health center for treatment. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Between 17-18 March 2025: In the Walikale territory, North Kivu province, incidents of sexual violence, and attacks on schools and hospitals, were reported during clashes in which dozens of people were killed. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

Between 17-23 March 2025: In Makana village, Walikale region, North Kivu province, two young girls resisted rape and were killed by unidentified armed men. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Ethiopia

Around 02 March 2025: In Gimbichu woreda, East Shewa zone, Oromo region, two women were raped by Oromia Regional state police during a nighttime raid. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

Mali

28 March 2025: In Iniskak village, Tessalit cercle, Kidal region, a woman was arrested and raped by FAMA and Wagner members after being taken to a temporary FAMA camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹



Niger

18 March 2025: In Tillaberi region, an unspecified number of people, primarily young men, were detained, tortured and had their clothes torn off by the Nigerien army on suspicions that they were linked to jihadist groups operating in the region. **Source:** [Actualites Sahel](#)

Nigeria

Around 18 March 2025: In Amarata farm, Yenagoa local government area, Bayelsa state, an elderly woman was raped on her farm by Fulani herders. **Source:** [Vanguard](#)

18 March 2025: In Okumagba layout, Warri city, Warri South local governmental area, Delta state, an 11-year-old female student was raped and stabbed by an unidentified armed group. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

South Sudan

11 March 2025: In al Diyum East neighbourhood, Khartoum city and state, four girls, including a 15-year-old, and a young man in his twenties were raped by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). Another managed to escape. Most residents in the area had been evacuated by special forces due to RSF-led crackdowns in their controlled areas. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

As reported on 15 March 2025: In Al-Haqina Al-Jalaba neighbourhood, Al Rahad city, Abu Dakna, North Kordofan state, an unspecified number of people had their clothes torn during a forced displacement by the RSF. **Source:** [Sudan War Updates](#)

In the week of 17 March 2025: In Al-Jiraif West neighbourhood, Khartoum city and state, two women were raped by RSF members. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

Between 12-19 March 2025: In Khartoum state, cases of sexual violence were reported when around 70 people, including 12 volunteers, were abducted by the Rapid Support Forces. The exact numbers remained unclear due to fear and social stigma. **Source:** [New Age](#)

As reported on 31 March 2025: In Soba city and district, Khartoum state, an unspecified number of detainees were stripped naked, beaten and subjected to degrading treatment whilst detained in a prison by the RSF from mid-2024 till present. **Source:** [France 24](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

Around 20 March 2025: In Sayab village, Bangi district, Takhar province, an 11-year-old girl was raped and stabbed to death by a 30-year-old member of the Taliban. The case was reportedly handed over to the group's judicial authorities. **Source:** [Rukhshana](#)

Bangladesh

17 March 2025: In Chandina upazila, Comilla district, Chattogram division, two NGO workers, one male and one female, were abducted by unidentified perpetrators who tortured them and extorted money. The female worker was stripped naked and filmed, while the male worker was tied to a pole and electrocuted. They were later rescued around 11:00 PM and taken to a healthcare facility. A case was filed at the local police station. The officer in charge, who did not reveal the identities of the perpetrators, stated that they are on the run. **Source:** [Daily Star](#)

India

08 March 2025: In Patoda town and taluka, Beed district, Maharashtra state, a woman was sexually assaulted by a police constable after he summoned her to attend a special Women's Day event. The perpetrator was arrested and suspended from his job. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Kazakhstan

28 March 2025: In Altai town, East Kazakhstan region, a girl was sexually assaulted by a police officer. The perpetrator was dismissed from his position. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Europe

Russia

08 March 2025: In Sizo-1 pre-trial detention center, Kirovsky district, Ufa city, Bashkortostan republic, a female inmate was subjected to two extrajudicial searches, one of which was carried out when she was naked in the shower room by a female prison guard. The victim, a journalist, was awaiting trial for spreading fake news about the Russian army. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

10 March 2025: In Sizo-1 pre-trial detention center, Kirovsky district, Ufa city, Bashkortostan republic, a female inmate was touched inappropriately during a search by a female prison guard. The victim, a journalist, was awaiting trial for spreading fake news about the Russian army. The perpetrator had previously sexually harassed a female inmate on the 08 March. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

14 March 2025: In Sizo-1 pre-trial detention center, Kirovsky district, Ufa city, Bashkortostan republic, a female inmate was touched inappropriately by a female prison guard. The victim, a journalist, was awaiting trial for spreading fake news about the Russian army. The perpetrator had previously sexually harassed a female inmate on the 08 and 10 March. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territory

10 March 2025: In Jenin city and governorate, two boys and their grandfather were stripped down to their underwear at gunpoint by Israeli forces during a raid on their house at 4:20am. They had their hands bound with plastic ties and were left outdoors in the cold for an hour. **Sources:** [Defense for Children Palestine](#) and [Quds News Network](#)

12 March 2025: In Tulkarem Refugee Camp, Tulkarem governorate, an unspecified number of people were forced to strip naked by Israeli forces at gunpoint, after their homes and shops were vandalised and looted. **Source:** [Wafa](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

15 March 2025: In Al-Shaniya village, Homs district and governorate, a 17-year-old boy and his brother, in his 20s, were found dead and naked inside a well. They had been kidnapped by unidentified individuals four days earlier. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

The Americas

Brazil

02 March 2025: In Piraporinha neighborhood, Diadema city and municipality, Sao Paulo metropolitan region and state, a woman was raped by two military police officers inside a police car after they gave her a ride home. The woman sent audios and videos to her mother denouncing the rape, but the policemen tried to make her delete the records. One of them took her cell phone before throwing her out of the car. The police officers were remanded in custody for failing to comply with their duty after leaving their posts and giving her a ride. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Haiti

13 March 2025: In Avenue Christophe, Port-au-Prince city, Ouest department, a 16-year-old girl, trying to escape an attack by Viv Ansanm gang members, was reportedly captured by one of them and sexually assaulted near the INAGHEI faculty of the State University of Haiti. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

20 March 2025: In Preval town, Savien region, Petite Riviere de L'Artibobite commune, Artibonite department, two women were kidnapped and raped by members of the Gran-Grif gang. **Source:** [Rezo Nodwes](#)

20 March 2025: In Magroise Ambroise avenue, a 70-year-old woman was raped by more than 10 members of an unspecified gang. The woman was transferred to a hospital for medical attention. **Source:** [Alter Presse](#)

Mexico

11 March 2025: In El Zacate locality, Dr.Coss municipality, Nuevo Leon state, three women were beheaded and found naked after being kidnapped in Comales town on 02 March. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Around 15 March 2025: In Colonia El Ranchito neighbourhood, Guadalupe municipality, Monterrey metropolitan area, Nuevo Leon state, a man was found killed and naked with signs of torture. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Around 24 March 2025: Under La Joya bridge, Ocuilzapotlan town, Centro municipality, Tasaco state, a man was found dead and naked with his head and arms amputated. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

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