

Reporting Sexual Violence

Monthly News Brief

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Insecurity Insight documented 42 publicly reported incidents of conflict-related sexual violence between 01 January and 28 February 2025 in 14 countries and territories. Almost half of these incidents were attributed to non-state armed groups, including the Rapid Support Forces in Sudan and the members of the Wagner group in the Central African Republic. Over two-thirds of incidents were attributed to members of state forces, with members of the police forces often named. Download the [data](#). The dataset no longer includes event descriptions due to [HDX policy](#). Data is [updated](#) every Monday. [Follow us](#) on HDX for the latest updates. Numbers may change if or when further information is made available.

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

07 March 2025: In Mugerama hill, Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province, an eight-year-old girl was raped by a member of the Conseil National Pour la Défense de la Démocratie–Forces pour la Défense de la Démocratie (CNDD-FDD) party. The girl was medically assessed at a hospital and the perpetrator was detained for investigation purposes. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

21 March 2025: In Buheka hill, Nyanza-lac commune, Makamba province, a nine-year-old girl was raped by a member of the Imbonerakure youth league. Administrative officials intimidated the family to not report the perpetrator due to his membership. When reported, he was not arrested. The girl did not seek medical attention but suffered from discharge in the genital area. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

12 April 2025: In Swahili neighbourhood, Rumonge town and province, a 16-year-old girl was raped and threatened to be killed by a member of the Imbonerakure member from the CNDD-FDD party. The perpetrator was arrested and detained at the police station in Rumonge. The girl was taken to a health centre for medical and psychological care. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

24 March 2025: In Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, three girls were raped and abducted by armed men. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

25 March 2025: In Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, two women were abducted and raped, and another killed, by armed men. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

Between 29-30 March 2025: In Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, four women and girls were abducted and raped by armed men. While three survivors received medical care, a fourth could not access adequate treatment due to depleted medical stocks. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

05 April 2025: In Bwanasura village, Irumu territory, Ituri province, a woman around 20-years-old was nearly raped by a FARDC soldier at night. The woman and her two-year-old baby were shot and killed after she resisted his attack. The perpetrator was arrested by military authorities. **Source:** [The Voice of Congo](#)

06 April 2025: In Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, armed men abducted and raped two women. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

11-12 April 2025: In Kyeshero and Lac Vert neighbourhoods, Goma city, North Kivu province, 72 rapes were recorded overnight during clashes between the M23 rebels, and young Wazalendo militia allied with the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FARDC). **Source:** [The Voice of Congo](#)

20 April 2025: On national road no.4, near Kisangani city, Ubundu territory, Tshopo province, a woman who had just given birth was stripped of her clothes by suspected armed Wazalendo members. The men were looking for proof of the caesarean delivery after they ambushed a bus driving from Isiro to Kisangani at 9pm. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

As reported on 29 April 2025: In Kalehe territory, Minova Hospital reported multiple cases of rape and physical assault in recent days amid deteriorating security conditions. **Source:** [OCHA News](#)

As reported on 30 April 2025: In an unspecified location, a man was stripped naked, forcibly restrained and beaten with a stick by Wazalendo militiamen while the incident was recorded. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

Ethiopia

04-07 April 2025: In Mender 25 kebele, Abe Dongoro woreda, Horo Guduru Wollega zone, Oromia region, an unspecified number of Amhara women were sexually assaulted and raped by Oromia Special Forces. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

10 April 2025: In 02 Kebele, Atse Zera-Yakob sub-city, Debre Birhan city, Basona Werana woreda, North Shewa zone, Amhara region, a young girl was raped by a member of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) during a house raid. During the house raids, the perpetrator had pre-informed the other soldiers of his intentions and they worked together to arrange it. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

26 April 2025: In Shina Mado village, Libo Kemkem woreda, South Gondar zone, Amhara region, a young man had his body mutilated and parts of his genitalia cut off by the ENDF. **Source:** [Amhara War Updates](#)

Kenya

20 April 2025: In Mandera town, Mandera county, five Darood Marehan women, including a 15-year-old, were raped at gunpoint by at least 10 Kenya Defence Forces members after they followed and trapped them near the Kenyan border at 4pm. Four of the women sought medical treatment. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

Mozambique

As reported on 25 April 2025: In Zambezia province, some of the 280 women and children rescued by the army had been subjected to repeated sexual violence while held captive for at least two weeks by Naparama paramilitaries at a former guerrilla base. **Source:** [Anadolu Agency](#)

Niger

26 April 2025: In Niamey city, Niamey I commune, Niamey Urban Community region, the rector of the Islamic University for Girls was stripped of their clothing when the university was invaded by members of the USN gang (Union of Nigerian Students) under the pretext that an order had not been respected. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

South Sudan

10 April 2025: In Kupera village, Lainya county, Central Equatoria state, a 46-year-old woman was raped by herdsmen around midday and required medical treatment following the attack. **Source:** [Wikirumours](#)

26 April 2025: In Kor Jamus village, Jur River county, Wau Bai Payam, Western Bahr El Ghazal state, a woman was raped by three Sudan People's Liberation Movement-In-Opposition (SPLM-IO) members at 2:50pm. **Source:** [Wikirumours](#)

Sudan

As reported on 01 April 2025: In Um Jamjam village, Ed Al Baeda, Kelemando locality, North Darfur state, four women, three of which were minors, were raped by Rapid Support Forces (RSF) militia. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

13 April 2025: In Zamzam Refugee Camp, Al Fasher city, North Darfur state, eight women were raped by RSF militia when they raided the camp. **Source:** [SIHA Network](#)

As reported on 23 April 2025: In Karai Drir Forest, near the Atbara River, Kassala State, 144 migrants from various countries, including 20 girls, were abducted by armed human-trafficking gangs. The victims were tortured, beaten, and an unspecified number of women were raped. They were rescued by Sudanese authorities. **Source:** [Al Sudani News](#) and [Sudan Akhbar](#)

As reported on 26 April 2025: In Zamzam Refugee camp, El Fasher city, North Darfur state, an unspecified number of women, girls and boys were raped by RSF militia inside the camp or whilst trying to flee from the attack. **Source:** [Darfur 24](#)

As reported on 29 April 2025: In an unspecified location, a girl from Western Sudan was kidnapped and raped by RSF militia, who attempted to smuggle her to Libya. **Source:** [Sudan War Updates](#)

Asia

Indonesia

Between 04 and 06 April 2025: In Pacitan regency, East Java province, a 21-year-old female detainee was raped repeatedly by a police officer inside a cell of the Pacitan police station without CCTV surveillance. The police officer was dismissed from his position and detained. **Source:** [Bangka Tribun News](#)

Kyrgyzstan

As reported on 16 April 2025: In Bishkek city, Oktaybr district, a 15-year-old girl was sexually abused by a police officer. The perpetrator was arrested, and a criminal investigation was launched. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Myanmar

05 April 2025: In Seinsinwa village, Paletwa township Chin state, a woman was raped by two Arakan Army members, who also attempted to kill the woman, at around 17:50. The perpetrators were arrested and placed under investigation. **Source:** [Arakan Bay News](#)

The Americas

Haiti

As reported on 11 March 2025: In Kenscoff commune, Port-au-Prince arrondissement, Ouest department, a 16-year-old girl and her mother-in-law were beaten and raped in their home by seven armed members of the coalition of Viv Ansanm. **Source:** [UN Report](#)

Mexico

As reported on 14 April 2025: On El Tunel street, Nacajuca municipality, Tabasco state, the body of a woman was found injured, stabbed, shot in the head and naked. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

As reported on 14 April 2025: In Acapulco de Juarez city, Guerrero state, a woman was found dead and naked, with a tourniquet on her body. **Source:** [ACLED¹](#)

Between 19-20 April 2025: In Playa Brujas locality, Paraiso municipality, Tabasco state, three women were abducted and physically and sexually assaulted by unidentified individuals. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

As reported on 26 April 2025: In Acapulco de Juarez city, Guerrero state, a man was found decapitated and chained by his feet, and his upper torso stripped of clothing. **Source:** [El Sol de Acapulco](#)

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