

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.

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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

20 January 2026: In Rwuya hill, Mbuye zone, Muramvya commune, a 14-year-old girl was raped in a bush by a member of the Imbonerakure of the CNDD-FDD at around 1900hrs. The girl was taken to a health centre whilst the perpetrator escaped. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

Cameroon

24 January 2026: In PontVert neighbourhood, Maroua city, Diamare department, Far North province, a 25-year-old girl was raped and left unconscious by unidentified men. She was found by firefighters and taken to hospital. **Source:** [Humanity Purpose](#)

Central African Republic

Around the first week of January 2026: In N'dele city, Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture, a woman was tortured by police officers after refusing the sexual advances of an investigator. The incident occurred after she and a neighbour went to the police to report a dispute. Although she required urgent medical attention, the police did not take her to a hospital, and her family was unable to do so due to lack of financial resources. A case was opened. **Source:** [Corbeau News](#)

18 January 2026: In N'dele sub prefecture, Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture, two young girls were kidnapped and raped by Wagner Group members. Both were released the following morning around 0400hrs. **Source:** [Corbeau News](#)

Chad

16 January 2026: Near Kounoungo Refugee Camp, Guereda town, Wadi Fira region, at least 12 Sudanese girls were raped by unidentified men after they left the camp to gather firewood. Eight of the girls were treated at the camp's medical centre whilst four were transferred to Guereda Hospital for intensive medical care. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Between 14-15 January 2026: In Nyamyanda and Kimanga neighbourhoods, Uvira city and territory South Kivu province, an unspecified number of women were raped by M23 fighters. **Source:** [Echos Publics](#)

16 January 2026: In Biakato town, Ituri province, a 29-year-old was raped while being held in Biakato military regiment cell. The NSCC (New Congolese Civil Society) requested that both the S2 and regiment commander be arrested. **Source:** [Personal Communication](#)

As reported on 20 January 2026: In Uvira city and territory, South Kivu province, a woman was raped by Wazalendo fighters after she gave them food. **Source:** [SOS Medias Burundi](#)

Kenya

20 January 2026: In Rhonda police post, Nakuru West subcounty, Nakuru county, two girls were sexually abused by a police officer after being placed in police custody for care and protection. The perpetrator was arrested. **Source:** [MTAA Wangu](#)

Nigeria

03 January 2026: In Hayin Kastinawa community, Gora ward, Birnin Magaji local government area, Zambara state, an unspecified number of women were raped by armed bandits during a raid. **Source:** [Bakatsine](#)

South Sudan

25 January 2026: In Mirikiyo boma, Rokon payam, Juba county, a 46-year-old woman was physically assaulted and raped by armed cattle herders. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Sudan

06 January 2026: In Deleig village, Wadi Salih locality, East Darfur state, an unspecified number of girls and women were sexually assaulted by RSF fighters. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

23 January 2026: In Abu Zabad town, West Kordofan state, a girl was raped and killed by RSF fighters. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

24 January 2026: In Um Layouna area, Kutum town, North Darfur, three RSF fighters attempted to rape a girl, but her brother resisted and killed two of the soldiers before being killed himself. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Asia

India

05 January 2026: In Sachendi locality, Kanpur city, Panki zone, Uttar Pradesh state, a 14-year-old girl was kidnapped near the Sachendi police station area and raped by two men, inside a police vehicle. She was abandoned outside her village and returned home at midnight the same day. The inspector involved was suspended, while the office-in-charge, the assistant commissioner of police and other local police officers were respectively suspended, transferred or placed under investigation for negligence and delays. **Source:** [Live Hindustan](#)

08 January 2026: In Bankimongra region, Korba city, Chhattisgarh state, a 19-year-old girl was kidnapped and raped in a deserted house by five men, including the driver of police's emergency response service vehicle. The girl was taken to the medical college hospital. Two of the perpetrators, including the driver of Dial 112, were detained. **Source:** [The Hitavada](#)

08 January 2026: In Hooghly district, Burdwan division, West Bengal state, a 16-year-old girl was raped by four individuals in an abandoned factory, one of whom is a youth leader of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) party. Two of the perpetrators were arrested, while authorities searched for the other two. **Source:** [Amarujala](#)

Indonesia

13 January 2026: In Meningimte village, East Beoga district, Puncak Papua regency, Central Papua province, a 48-year-old woman was stopped by 12 armed forces (TNI) members from Dambet post at gunpoint and raped at 1030hrs. The woman was left unconscious and was then taken for medical treatment. **Source:** [Suara Papua](#)

Myanmar

06 January 2026: In Kam Phyu village, Wetlet township, Shwebo district, Sagaing region, nine women were raped by about 100 soldiers of Myanmar military. The women were given contraceptives before being released. **Source:** [Khit Thit Media](#)

Pakistan

In the week of 12 January 2026: In Thal tehsil, Jacobabad district, Sindh province, a girl was raped by six police officers for six days whilst detained. The officers were arrested and a case registered against them. **Source:** [AAJ](#)

Europe

Russian Federation

As reported on 12 January 2026: In Military Unit 21634, Sergeyevka town, Pogradichny district, Primorsky krai, Russian soldiers who went absent without leave were placed in makeshift cages and reportedly subjected to sexual violence by Russian commanders in order to force them to hand over their combat pay, according to relatives and lawyer Maxim Chikhunov. Videos and social media posts cited in the report suggest that those who resisted faced threats of further abuse, including being sent to Ukraine or killed. **Source:** [The Moscow Times](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Iran

Around 05 January 2026: In Yazd city, county and province, at least two women were threatened with rape by Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) agents during their arrest. **Source:** [Iran Wire](#)

09 January 2026: In Rasht city and county, Gilan province, a brother and two sisters, one of which was 14-years-old, were forced naked and searched by security forces who raided their home. **Source:** [Amnesty](#)

As reported on 19 January 2026: In Kermanshah city, county and province, two females, one a 16-year-old girl, were sexually assaulted with batons by riot police during their arrest. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

As reported on 21 January 2026: In an undisclosed location, an unspecified number of detained protesters were stripped and left naked by prison officers while at various Iranian jails. **Source:** [India Today](#)

As reported on 31 January 2026: In an undisclosed location, a detained protester was blindfolded, stripped, and touched by Iranian authorities. **Source:** [Hengaw Organisation](#)

The Americas

Mexico

As reported on 15 January 2026: At the intersection of 600th Street and 29th Street, Tetabiate ejido, San Ignacio Río Muerto municipality, Sonora state, a man was found dead and naked with a gunshot to the head. **Source:** [Entorno Informativo](#)

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