

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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Developments in April 2026

Burundi: Reports from Buhumuza and Butanyerera province documented sexual violence against two girls by a National Council for the Defense of Democracy–Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD) member and a soldier. See *Burundi* section for more details.

Ethiopia: Reports from Amhara region documented sexual violence against women by Ethiopian National Defence Force, a Prosperity Party militia member and armed associates and affiliated armed actors. Women were raped, abducted and killed. See *Ethiopia* section for more details.

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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 April 2026: In Rusuguti hill, Ngozi zone and commune, Butanyerera province, a ten-year-old girl was raped by a member of the National Council for the Defense of Democracy–Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD). The girl was taken to hospital whilst the perpetrator was arrested. He escaped from jail the same day. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

16 April 2026: On Nyakerera hill, Minyara area, Cankuzo commune, Buhumuza province, an 11-year-old girl was raped by a soldier. The incident was reported by her father; however, another officer attempted to settle the matter in exchange for money. The father refused and insisted on pursuing the complaint. On 18 April 2026, the father was detained by a colonel in an apparent attempt to intimidate him. He was released later the same day. The officer who attempted to bribe the family was arrested for complicity in concealing the perpetrator, who remains at large. **Source:** [Ligue Iteka](#)

Cameroon

06 April 2026: In Dourga, Far North region, a girl was reportedly abducted, raped by unidentified individuals and was later found dead. **Source:** [Humanity Purpose](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Between 15 and 16 April 2026: In Ekuta village, Babila Babombi chiefdom, Mambasa territory, Ituri province, five women, including a girl, were raped by unidentified armed men. **Source:** [Bunia Actualite](#)

Ethiopia

04 April 2026: In Angot kebele, Libo Kemkem woreda, South Gondar zone, Amhara region, a woman was raped by an unspecified number of ENDF soldiers in front of her husband and children while they were held at gunpoint. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)



13 April 2026: In Yeduha town, Shebel Berenta woreda, North Shewa zone, Amhara region, a woman was sexually harassed and killed after she rejected the advances of an ENDF member. **Source:** [Amhara Association of America](#)

14 April 2026: In Bahir-Dar city, 05 kebele, Amhara region, a woman was abducted, raped and killed by a member of the Prosperity Party militia, accompanied by five armed men. The perpetrator was not arrested. **Sources:** [Amhara Association of America](#) and [Personal Communication](#)

Madagascar

02 April 2026: In Marofinaritra village, Antalaha district, Sava region, a young woman was arrested and raped by Gendarmes whilst in detention. **Source:** [News Mada](#)

Nigeria

Around 04 April 2026: In Janjala community, Kagarko local government area, Kaduna state, two girls who were abducted on 01 March 2026 by armed bandits were killed after resisting attempted sexual assault by members of the group. Following their refusal, the gang leader allegedly ordered that they be shot on the spot. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Voice of Borgu](#)

Tanzania

19 April 2026: In Nduta camp, Kasulu city, Kigoma region, an unspecified number of women who were collecting firewood were raped by youths from the CCM party including the camp manager. The women were taken to MSF hospital. **Source:** [African Public Radio](#)

Asia

Thailand

14 April 2026: On Khao San road, Phra Nakhon district, a girl was raped and threatened by a soldier from the First Military Region during the Thingyan festival at approximately 2300hrs. The girl filed a complaint at the police station, and the perpetrator was arrested. **Source:** [Mizzima News](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territory

18 April 2026: In Masafer Yatta, Hebron governorate, a Palestinian activist was sexually harassed by an Israeli settler while she was documenting an attack on Palestinian farmers working on their land. **Source:** [Quds News Network](#)

The Americas

Brazil

As reported 17 April 2026: On the AM-010 highway, Zona leste, Manaus city, Amazonas state, a woman was raped inside a room at a police checkpoint by a lieutenant of the Amazonas Military Police. The perpetrator was arrested, and the woman received psychosocial support. **Source:** [Portal Do Holanda](#)

Chile

04 April 2026: In Valparaiso commune, province and region, a woman was sexually abused by a police officer during a police procedure. The perpetrator was arrested, and a second officer was also detained for his suspected involvement. The woman was taken to hospital. **Source:** [La Tercera](#)

Honduras

11 April 2026: In the Colonia Nora de Melgar neighbourhood, Comayagüela area, Tegucigalpa metropolitan area, Francisco Morazán department, a man was found decapitated, naked, and with his genitals severed. **Source:** [El Heraldo](#)

Mexico

12 April 2026: In Alseseca riverbed, San Francisco Totimehuacan subdivision, Puebla city and state, the body of a man was found in a decomposed state, naked and with a gunshot wound. **Source:** [Puebla Online](#)

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