

01 January-20 April 2021 Aid Worker KKA is now available on our [website](#) or [HDX](#). Insecurity Insight continuously updates data on aid workers killed, kidnapped or arrested (KKA). Updated data includes new and historic reports identified in open-sources and verified security incidents submitted by Aid in Danger partner agencies.

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## Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence affecting aid workers and aid delivery.

### Africa

#### *Cameroon*

**11 May 2021:** MSF began negotiations with the Ministry of External Relations to relaunch activities in the Northwest region after its operations were suspended in December 2020 over accusations of aiding armed groups. After two weeks of discussion, no agreement was reached. **Source:** [HumAngle](#) and [MSF](#)

#### *Central African Republic*

**19 May 2021:** Along the Mboki-Obo highway, Haut-Mbomou prefecture, eight heavily armed Union for Peace in Central African Republic (UPC) fighters fired gunshots at random, forcing a WFP convoy to stop, as well as fatally wounding the driver and his assistant. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup> and [HumAngle](#)

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**Around 18 May 2021:** In Kakenge and Runundu Cepac villages, Fizi territory, South Kivu province, two INGO aid workers were kidnapped by Mayi Mayi fighters. **Sources:** [Actualité](#)

**19 May 2021:** In Uvira territory, South Kivu province, one male and one female aid worker travelling via motorbike were kidnapped by Mayi Mayi Buhirwa. Their motorbike was found by FARDC but the location of the staff members remains unknown. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Actualité](#), [Journal des Nations](#), [La Prunelle](#) and [Kivu Times](#)

#### *Ethiopia*

**28 April 2021:** In Tigray region, an aid worker and USAID partner was killed by Ethiopian and Eritrean troops. **Sources:** [Ahran Online](#), [All Africa](#) and [USAID](#)

**As reported on 13 May 2021:** In Central zone, Tigray region, Eritrean soldiers at checkpoints - some reportedly disguising themselves in old Ethiopian military uniforms - have obstructed and occupied critical aid routes on multiple occasions. **Source:** [CNN](#)

**As reported on 13 May 2021:** On the outskirts of Adigrat city, Eastern zone, Tigray region, Ethiopian troops occupied a former USAID distribution centre and stopped several trucks carrying humanitarian aid. **Sources:** [CNN](#) and [Foreign Policy](#)

**16 May 2021:** In Shire district, Tigray region, heavy fighting restricted the movement of humanitarian actors from Mekelle city via Abiy Addi town. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

**29 May 2021:** In Adigrat town, Tigray region, an Ethiopian aid worker was hit in the head by a stray bullet. He died the following day. **Source:** [Ahram Online](#)

### ***Nigeria***

**As reported on 04 May 2021:** In Nigeria's northeast, ISWAP fighters have mounted checkpoints along several roads to screen passengers, where they target non-Muslims, security officials and aid workers for abduction or execution. **Source:** [HumAngle](#)

### ***South Sudan***

**During the first two weeks of May 2021:** In Gumuruk locality, Pibor administrative area, unidentified perpetrators looted approx. 550 metric tons of food from WFP storage facilities. Other stores were destroyed. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

**21 May 2021:** In Ganyiel Payam village, Panyijar county, Unity state, unidentified perpetrators killed a South Sudanese doctor working at an IRC-supported health centre. In response, the IRC suspended activities in the area. **Sources:** [Alarabiya](#), [Eye Radio I](#), [Eye Radio II](#), [Eye Radio III](#), [Eye Radio IV](#), [Eye Radio V](#), [GCR2P](#) and [Sudan Tribune](#)

**21 May 2021:** In Koch county, Unity state, unidentified perpetrators attacked a humanitarian convoy, including an ambulance. **Source:** [GCR2P](#)

## **Asia**

### ***Azerbaijan***

**As reported on 13 May 2021:** In the Artsakh area, Nagorno-Karabakh enclave, Azeri authorities failed to authorise humanitarian access for a UN humanitarian mission. **Source:** [Armen Press](#)

### ***China***

**As reported on 27 May 2021:** In Xinjiang region, a Chinese-speaking hacking group posing as the UN set up a fake website for an advocacy group in an attempt to identify high-profile members of the Uyghur Muslim community. The Uyghurs targeted were those who were attempting to read UN documents about human rights violations against the Uyghur people. **Source:** [Vice](#)

### ***India***

**06 May 2021:** In Srinagar city, Jammu and Kashmir region, the District Magistrate directed oxygen manufacturing units to supply oxygen only to designated hospitals and clinics, and to exclude NGOs and private users, except with his approval. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

### ***Myanmar***

**21 May 2021:** The Japanese Government — a top donor to Myanmar — warned it would expand its suspension of aid towards the country as a result of the ongoing civil unrest following the military coup. **Source:** [New Age](#)

## **Europe**

### ***Russian Federation***

**26 May 2021:** Under the Foreign Agent Law, the Prosecutor General designated three German NGOs — the Forum of Russian-Speaking Europeans, the Center for Liberal Modernity and the German-Russian Exchange — as “undesirable” on the alleged basis that they threaten the foundations of the constitutional order and security of the Russian Federation. The designation follows the recent imposition of a law requiring NGOs which receive foreign funding to register as “foreign agents”. **Source:** [DW](#)

### ***Ukraine***

**05 May 2021:** Near Donetsk city and oblast, four shell strikes of unidentified origin hit the territory and buildings of a treated water storage and a pumping facility, leading to disruptions in water supply, with serious risks for schools and hospitals. **Source:** [UNICEF](#)

## Middle East and North Africa

### Israel

**18 May 2021:** Along the Israeli-Palestinian border, rockets of Palestinian origin were fired at the Erez and the Kerem Shalom Crossing where aid was being brought into the Gaza Strip, forcing both to close. **Source:** [AP](#)

### Occupied Palestinian Territories

**As reported on 13 May 2021:** In Tel al-Hawa neighbourhood, Gaza city, missiles launched by the Israeli Defence Forces struck a security location near the ICRC offices, damaging a nearby UNRWA school. **Source:** [The Electronic Intifada](#)

**16 May 2021:** In Gaza city, an aerial attack by the IDF hit an MSF trauma and burn clinic, rendering a sterilisation room unusable and damaging its waiting area. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera I](#) and [Al Jazeera II](#)

**17 May 2021:** In Gaza city, an aerial attack by the IDF hit the offices of the Qatari Red Crescent, killing two Palestinians, and injuring ten others. **Source:** [Qatari Red Crescent](#)

### Yemen

**24 May 2021:** In al Habilayn city, Lahij governorate, two INGO aid workers and a contracted driver were injured when their vehicle came under small arms fire at a checkpoint. One of the aid workers, a Yemeni citizen, died on 25 May. **Sources:** [CIMP](#), [Oxfam](#) and [Twitter](#)

## The Americas

### Nicaragua

**20 May 2021:** In an unspecified location, police raided the offices of an NGO and an independent news outlet - both linked to children of a former president - as the Nicaraguan Government continued to clamp down on critical voices in advance of the November Presidential Election. **Source:** [AP](#)

### United States of America

**As reported on 28 May 2021:** Russian intelligence operatives of the SolarWinds campaign gained access to an email marketing account used by the USAID as part of a cyberattack targeting NGOs, government agencies, think tanks and consultants. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#) and [Euro News](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 02 June 2021.