

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. **We are currently in the process of completing data entry for 2020 events and will switch over to showing the counts for 2021 as soon as this work is completed. Access the data via our [website](#) or on [HDX](#).**

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Safety, security and access incidents

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

Africa

Cameroon

04 February 2021: In Muyuka town, Fako division, Southwest province, gunmen fired at an MSF ambulance responding to an emergency call, critically injuring a nurse on board. The victim was picked up by a second ambulance and rushed to hospital. **Sources:** [HumAngle](#) and [MSF](#)

As reported on 04 February 2021: Along the main supply road to the Central African Republic, attacks by the Coalition of Patriots for Change rebels continued to block over 100 trucks transporting WFP food, WHO medicine and other aid bound for Central African Republic beneficiaries from UNHCR, UNICEF and several unnamed NGOs. **Sources:** [AA](#), [ABC](#) and [HumAngle](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

As reported on 09 February 2021: In Butembo city, North Kivu province, concerns have arisen around the ability to respond to a new Ebola outbreak due to community mistrust, a lack of acceptance and ownership of the response and the continually rising numbers of COVID-19 cases across the country. **Source:** [Mercy Corps](#)

Ethiopia

06 February 2021: The Ethiopian Federal Government and the WFP reached a deal to expand access for aid workers and scale up humanitarian operations in the Tigray region. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

Nigeria

29 January 2021: Along the road from Damasak town, Mobbar LGA, to Gubio town and LGA, Boko Haram and ISWAP insurgents blocked a road with six cars, snatched a Hummer vehicle and abducted a UN aid worker. IS claimed via their news outlet al-Naba responsibility. **Sources:** [Eons Intelligence](#) and [Twitter](#)

02 February 2020: In Gada Blu, Borno state, IS claimed via their news outlet al-Naba responsibility for burning an aid aid volunteer vehicle. **Source:** [Twitter](#)

Somalia

31 January 2021: In Mogadishu, indiscriminate attacks of unidentified origin led to the death of the Finance Coordinator for NRC's Somaliland Area Office. **Source:** [NRC](#)

South Sudan

Around 25 January 2021: In Langchok locality, Thiik County, a humanitarian convoy of five trucks carrying food supplies destined for the Luachjang area was ambushed and looted by an armed group. Both the trucks and drivers were released after the cargo was robbed. This ambush was reportedly in retaliation for a previous looting of another convoy carrying food to the Thiik area. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuji](#)

25 January 2021: Between Banyjur and Lankien, an NGO aid worker was traveling to an unnamed destination when he was shot and wounded in the crossfire of an unspecified conflict. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

25 January 2021: In Hai Ngarwalem, Pibor town, an NGO aid worker was assaulted, robbed and injured by youths. The victim required treatment for the injuries. **Source:** [AWSD](#)¹

30 January 2021: Between Kuerguini and Bentiu, an NGO vehicle was ambushed by armed youths who killed one aid worker and wounded another in the leg. The motive for the attack is unknown. **Sources:** [AWSD](#)¹, [Garda World](#) and [South Sudan NGO Forum](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

Around 25 January 2021: In Ghazni province, two aid volunteers were wounded in an armed attack. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

11 February 2021: In the Tang-e Habreshim area, Sarubi district, Kabul province, gunmen attacked an Afghan Directorate of Protection Service vehicle escorting a UN convoy, killing five Afghan security force members. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

Myanmar: Vigil InSight Update

- The Myanmar coup will likely lead to escalating civil resistance and a consequent heavy-handed military response.
- The military will continue to expand control over the internet – leading to frequent “blackouts”
- Monitoring the human rights situation as well as providing aid and development support will become increasingly difficult in the months ahead.

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Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

01 February 2021: In Humsa Al-Bqai’a community, Jordan Valley, West Bank, the IDF confiscated 25 tents donated by INGOs to Palestinian Bedouins on the alleged basis that they lacked an Israeli building permit for construction in Area C. **Sources:** [NRC](#) and [OCHA](#)

03 February 2021: In Humsa Al-Bqai’a community, Jordan Valley, West Bank, the IDF confiscated a further 21 tents donated by INGOs to Palestinian Bedouins on the alleged basis that they lacked an Israeli building permit for construction in Area C. As a result of this incident and that of February 01, 60 Palestinians were displaced, including 35 children, and their belongings were seized or destroyed. **Sources:** [NRC](#) and [OCHA](#)

The Americas

El Salvador

31 January 2021: In Reparto Las Canas neighbourhood, Ilopango town, San Salvador department, an armed gang forced a doctor and an assistant nurse aboard an MSF ambulance to stop and get out of the vehicle, as they were on their way to respond to an urgent call. The crew was interrogated and threatened with guns, before managing to escape. Both sought medical attention for minor injuries and bruises, as well as psychological assistance. In response, MSF suspended its activities in areas dominated by gangs near San Salvador, until the reason behind this incident is clarified and the safety of staff is guaranteed. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [AP](#), [Doctors Without Borders](#), [MSF](#) and [Reuters](#)

United States of America

04 February 2021: Update: A US missionary, who sexually abused four girls on multiple occasions while running the Dow Family Children's Home in Kenya between 2013 and 2017, has been sentenced to 15 years in federal prison. He was also ordered to pay USD16,000 in restitution to cover the victims' mental health treatment. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#)

Venezuela

12 January 2021: In Maracaibo city and municipality, Zulia state, agents of the Directorate of Military Counter Intelligence arrested and detained five aid workers of the NGO Azul Positivo over charges related to the Computer Crime Law and the Law against Organised Crime and the Financing of Terrorism. A sixth aid worker was also arrested but was later released without charges. Following this incident, on January 20, the UN announced that it has suspended activities that provide cash transfers to vulnerable people via NGOs. **Sources:** [Amnesty International I](#), [Amnesty International II](#), [Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect](#) and [Reuters](#)

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¹ The [Aid Worker Security Database](#) (AWSDB) does not include the names of individual victims or the agencies affected by an incident. This is done in consideration of the victims and their families who may not wish to have the names published in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available. Accessed 11 February 2021.