

Asia NGO Security Incident Analysis: July-September 2017

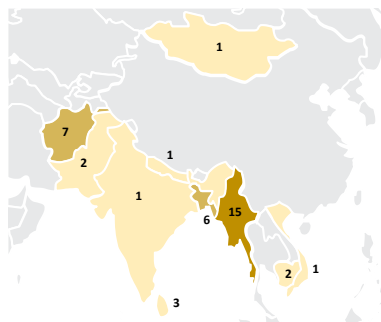
Aid in Danger partner agency incidents. Partner agencies operate in 22 countries. Partner agencies reported 39¹ incidents in ten countries and 13 security measures taken to protect staff, assets and programmes in three countries. The total number of reported incidents below reflects the willingness of agencies to share information. It is not a complete count nor representative. For other incidents recorded by the Aid in Danger project, including from open sources, please see [NGO Security Incident Overview](#).



Total incidents (39); agencies in country; incident rates²

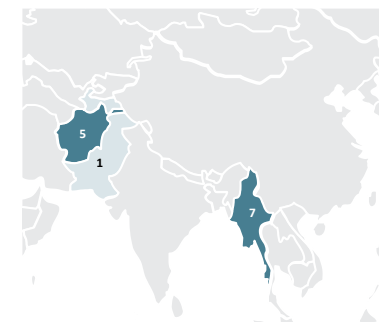
Incident hotspot
Myanmar (15)

Rate hotspot²
Myanmar (1.2)



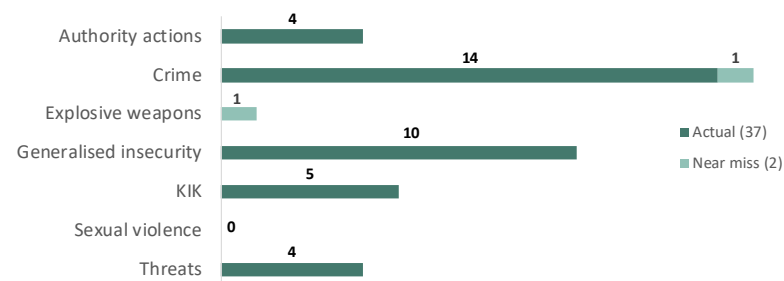
Myanmar Incidents: 15 Agencies: 13 Rate: 1.2	Afghanistan Incidents: 7 Agencies: 13 Rate: 0.5	Bangladesh Incidents: 6 Agencies: 8 Rate: 0.75
Sri Lanka Incidents: 3 Agencies: 6 Rate: 0.5	Cambodia Incidents: 2 Agencies: 7 Rate: 0.3	Pakistan Incidents: 2 Agencies: 8 Rate: 0.25
India Incidents: 1 Agencies: 9 Rate: 0.1	Mongolia Incidents: 1 Agencies: 1 Rate: 1	Nepal Incidents: 1 Agencies: 8 Rate: 0.1
Vietnam Incidents: 1 Agencies: 6 Rate: 0.2		

Reported security measures (13)



Myanmar Ongoing monitoring (4) Staff relocation (3)
Afghanistan Ongoing monitoring (2) Restricted movement (2) Programme suspension (1)
Pakistan Restricted movement (1)

Quarterly incident totals, by incident type (39)



Authority actions: Male NGO staff member arrested: Nepal.

Crime: Burglary, robbery or theft of NGO property: Nepal, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Myanmar (6, 2, 2, 2).

Explosive weapons: No incidents directly affected an agency, however, airstrikes and insurgent fired RPGs led to restricted NGO staff movement: Afghanistan.

Generalised insecurity: Two non-partner agency NGO staff members killed and one kidnapped: Afghanistan.

KIK: In most incidents the perpetrators were unarmed. One incident involved firearms and one a knife.

Sexual violence: No incidents were identified.

Threats: NGO informed that Pakistani Taliban had threatened to attack NGO: Afghanistan. Former staff members threatened NGO staff member by phone: Sri Lanka.

Near miss: Attempted robbery at NGO health centre: Bangladesh.

Killed, injured, kidnapped (KIK) incidents (5)

2017-07	Sri Lanka: Location unknown	Female contractor physically assaulted by male NGO staff member. No further information available.
2017-08	Cambodia: Phnom Penh	Female NGO staff member physically assaulted by an unarmed male in a daytime street robbery.
2017-08	Myanmar: Sagaing-Mandalay highway	Female NGO staff member physically assaulted by an unarmed male in a daytime street robbery.
2017-08	Sri Lanka: Kalutara District	Male NGO staff member attacked by male beneficiary armed with a knife. Minor cuts reported.
2017-09	India: Location unknown	NGO staff member attacked in an armed house robbery by three males. Threats of sexual violence made to his wife. Minor injuries reported.

Authority actions: Direct or indirect actions taken by a state or non-state actor that impede the delivery of aid. Includes: arrest, abuse of power, access denied, accusations, charges laid, checkpoint set up, denial of visa, detention, expulsion, fined, forced closure, imprisoned, indirect government action, introduction of laws, investigation, property entry search, and regulations imposed.

Crime: Criminally motivated incidents that affect an agency or staff property. Includes: armed robbery, arson, blackmail, break-in, burglary, car-jacking, cyber attack, extortion, fraud, intrusion, looting, piracy, property damage, robbery, theft, and vandalism.

Explosive weapons: Incidents in which explosive weapons affect an agency or the delivery of aid. Includes: aerial bomb, cluster bomb, hand grenade, landmine, other, RCIED, surface launched, SVIED, and VBIED.

Generalised insecurity: Incidents causing insecurity and directly or indirectly affecting the delivery of aid. Includes: active fighting, armed activity, attack, attack on another agency, civil unrest, conflict, criminal unrest, demonstration, natural disaster, political unrest, riot, shooting, strike causing staff no-show, UXO discovery, war, and wrong-time wrong-place incident.

KIK: Any incident that resulted in a staff member being killed, injured or kidnapped. Includes: beaten, kidnapped, killed, missing, tortured, and wounded.

Near miss: Incidents that could have caused harm or otherwise affected the delivery of aid. Includes: crime near miss, explosive-weapon near miss, and KIK near miss.

Sexual violence: Any incident in which a staff member experienced any form of SGBV. Includes: aggressive sexual behaviour, attempted sexual assault, other, rape, sexual assault, unwanted sexual comments, and unwanted sexual touching.

Threats: Direct or indirect threats made by a state or non-state actor that impede the delivery of aid. Includes: face-to-face harassment, intimidation, and/or threats; remote threat against agency; reputation risk; threat of closure; and threats to staff witnesses of crime.

Security measures: Actions taken by agencies in response to generalised insecurity or a security incident. Includes: hibernation, moving of assets, office closure, ongoing monitoring, programme change, relocation of staff, remote control, restriction of movement, security advisories issued, and programme suspension.

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¹ In 13 incidents security measures were taken after a direct incident.

² The incident rate shows the number of reported incidents divided by the number of partner agencies present in the country.