

# Protection in Danger

Monthly News Brief

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## Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings

### Africa

#### *Burundi*

**20 July 2019:** In Mubanga, Ruhororo district, Ngozi province, Imbonerakure militia looted property and physically assaulted a group of female residents at an IDP camp. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**01 July 2019:** In Kafe, Djugu district, Ituri province, an unidentified armed group killed three IDPs with machetes. No further information available. **Source:** [HTH Travel Insurance](#)

**01 July 2019:** In Mboge, Djugu district, Ituri province, an unidentified armed group killed an IDP. **Source:** [HTH Travel Insurance](#)

**02 July 2019:** In the Rural Djugu area, Djugu district, Ituri province, an unidentified armed group killed 5 IDPs with machetes. **Source:** [HTH Travel Insurance](#)

**02 July 2019:** In Mboge, Djugu district, Ituri province, an unidentified armed group killed a 12-year-old IDP. **Source:** [HTH Travel Insurance](#)

#### *Ethiopia*

**12 July 2019:** In Gambela region, members of the host community stabbed to death a South Sudanese refugee near the Jewi Refugee Camp and injured two others, against the backdrop of mounting tensions between two Ethiopian communities. **Source:** [Radio Tamazu](#)

#### *Kenya*

**10 July 2019:** In Kakuma, Turkana West, Turkana province, an unidentified armed group attacked a family of Ethiopian refugees at their residence. Four family members were wounded, one of whom died later as a result of injuries. **Source:** [Borkena](#)

#### *Niger*

**03 July 2019:** In Bague, Toumour district, Diffa province, suspected ISWAP/Boko Haram militants abducted two male IDPs. No further information available. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)<sup>1</sup>

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**15 July 2019:** In the village of Kilbouwa, commune of Bosso, Diffa province, suspected ISWAP/Boko Haram militants abducted three women among the displaced population. **Source:** [Urgence Diffa](#)

## **Nigeria**

**26 July 2019 (DOA):** In Maiduguri city, Borno state, after burning a nearby military base, suspected Boko Haram insurgents attacked the Dalori IDP camp, killing two residents and looting food supplies, whilst forcing hundreds of residents to flee their homes. Meanwhile, Nigerian Air Force helicopters hovered over the University of Maiduguri and Dalori. **Sources:** [All Africa](#) , [Sahara Reporters](#) and [The Defense Post](#)

## **South Sudan**

**06 July 2019:** In Juba, an IDP from the UN Protection of Civilians site 3 went missing amid mysterious circumstances after he left the camp to buy goods in town. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

**15 July 2019:** In Bentiu, Upper Nile state, three UN contracted staff were seriously injured during a fight between two groups of IDPs at a humanitarian cafeteria in Bentiu. **Source:** [AWS<sup>2</sup>](#)

**23 July 2019:** At Doro IDP camp, Maban, Upper Nile state, two national aid workers of an INGO were assaulted and injured by beneficiaries after a dispute about the distribution of solar lamps. Local and regional authorities reportedly had to intervene when a group of community members would not let six INGO staff leave until they all received solar lamps. A resolution was achieved with those receiving lamps later and all staff were released. **Source:** [AWS<sup>2</sup>](#)

## **Asia**

### **Myanmar**

**03 July 2019:** In Nam Sung Village, in Kutkai Township, Shan State, a Kachin IDP and mother of two children was strangled to death by the Myanmar military soldiers from LIR 261. There were also signs that she was raped before she was killed by the soldiers. **Source:** [Irrawaddy](#) and [Kachinland News](#)

## **Europe**

### **Italy**

**02 July 2019: Update:** In Agrigento city and province, Sicily region, an Italian court found the German captain of the Sea-Watch refugee rescue vessel not guilty of endangering lives, after her ship allegedly struck a patrol boat whilst she tried to dock whilst carrying 54 refugees in life-threatening condition without permission. **Source:** [BBC](#)

**09 July 2019:** In Mineo town and commune, Catania metropolitan city, Sicily region, the Italian Government officially shut down the Mineo Migrant Reception Centre, after a significant decline in the number of asylum seekers residing there. **Source:** [BBC](#)

### **Norway**

**04 July 2019:** A Norwegian court sentenced a senior politician to five years imprisonment for abusing his power and compelling three male asylum seekers to have sex with him between 2011 and 2017, whilst giving them the false impression that he can deport them or secure their permanent residency in Norway. **Source:** [Independent](#)

## **Middle East and North Africa**

### **Iraq**

**06 July 2019:** In Nineveh governorate, 30 kilometres south of Mosul city, security forces and local police entered the Hammam al-Alil 1 IDP Camp, where they occupied a school currently closed for summer

recess, and questioned thousands of residents about the actions and whereabouts of their relatives who are suspected of Islamic State affiliation, causing widespread fear of arrest and sexual exploitation.

**Source:** [Human Rights Watch](#)

### ***Lebanon***

**01 July 2019:** In Arsal town, Baalbek district, Baalbek-Hermel governorate, members of the Lebanese Armed Forces started to demolish concrete settlements of Syrian refugees in three unnamed refugee camps, leaving hundreds of families without shelter and in distress. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Reuters](#) and [VOA](#)

### ***Libya***

**03 July 2019:** In Tajura town and district, Tripolitania region, an airstrike launched by Khalifa Haftar forces pounded the Tajura Migrant Centre in what appears to have been an attack on a neighbouring arms depot, killing at least 53 migrants, nine of whom were South Sudanese, and injuring a further 130. **Sources:** [AP](#), [Huffpost](#), [Human Rights Watch](#), [Info Migrants](#), [IOM](#), [Punch](#), [Radio Tamazuj](#), [The New Arab \(a\)](#) and [The New Arab \(b\)](#)

**21 July 2019:** MSF announced the resumption of its refugee search and rescue operations in the Central Mediterranean in partnership with SOS Méditerranée by late-July. **Source:** [MSF](#)

### ***Occupied Palestinian Territories***

**08 July 2019:** In Jenin, West Bank, Israeli forces carried out an arrest raid at the refugee camp and fired tear-gas canisters at Palestinian residents. Several Palestinians suffered from tear-gas inhalation as a result. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**19 July 2019 (DOA):** In West Bank, the Israeli Government plans to demolish Palestinian-owned housing properties in the Israeli-occupied Sur Baher neighbourhood, affecting 367 Palestinians. **Source:** [UPI](#)

**25 July 2019:** In Jenin, West Bank, Israeli military forces attacked civilians at the refugee camp, firing live and rubber bullets and injuring 1 civilian. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### ***Syrian Arab Republic***

**04 July 2019:** In Al Hawl town and sub-district, Al-Hasakah district and governorate, the reluctance of western governments to repatriate their nationals and family members of suspected jihadists continued to subject approximately 11,000 people in Al Hawl IDP Camp and its surrounding areas to a legal limbo. **Source:** [France 24](#)

**04 July 2019:** In Abu Hardoub town, Al Mayadin district, Deir-ez-Zor province, QSD forces detained a Syrian IDP and an Iraqi man in a house near the al-Safa mosque. In addition, they confiscated his internet device, generator, and car. **Source:** [Syriahr](#)

**09 July 2019:** In Deir Sharqi village, Maarrat al-Nu'man sub-district and district, Idlib governorate, Syrian Government warplanes fired missiles on a gathering of tents of IDPs, killing at least three inhabitants. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**10 July 2019:** In Maara Hrema, Aleppo governorate, a national volunteer of an LNGO was reportedly killed in his home inside an IDP camp during Russian-Syrian military airstrikes. **Source:** [AWSD](#)<sup>2</sup>

**10 July 2019:** In Maarrat al-Nu'man city, sub-district and district, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired missiles on houses of IDPs, supported by the al Huda Charitable Association, causing severe damages to them and an unspecified number of casualties. **Sources:** [SNHR \(a\)](#) and [SNHR \(b\)](#)

**13 July 2019:** In Nabul, A'zaz, northern Aleppo, members of the regime intelligence targeted, likely with small arms fire, an IDP bus full of Kurdish civilians. As a result, 5 civilians were killed and several others were wounded. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**13 July 2019:** In Khan Sheikhoun town, Maarrat al-Nu'man city, sub-district and district, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired missiles on a cave turned into shelter, killing at least nine IDPs. **Sources:** [SNHR \(a\)](#) and [SNHR \(b\)](#)

**16 July 2019:** In Al-Ghassaniya town, Al-Qusayr sub-district and district, Homs governorate, Syrian Government forces fired shells as part of an assault on the area, killing an IDP. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**19 July 2019:** In Hesh town and sub-district, Maarrat al-Nu'man district, Idlib governorate, Syrian Government helicopters dropped barrel bombs on the Rahma residential area for IDPs, causing an unspecified number of casualties and partial damages to an unspecified number of houses. **Sources:** [SNHR \(a\)](#) and [SNHR \(b\)](#)

**23 July 2019:** In Jbala village, Idlib governorate, Syrian Government helicopters dropped several barrel bombs as part of an assault on the entire area, killing an IDP. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**26 July 2019:** In Hesh town and sub-district, Maarrat al-Nu'man district, Idlib governorate, Syrian Government warplanes bombed near a car belonging to an IDP, killing its owner. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

## The Americas

### *United States of America*

**19 July 2019:** In Brownsville city, Cameron county, Texas state, the US Government announced that it will implement its Migrant Protection Protocols across the US-Mexico border, under which asylum seekers would be processed and given a date to return for an immigration court hearing before being sent back to Mexico. **Source:** [AP](#)

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

<sup>2</sup> The AWSD database 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 publicised in this format and to afford equal respect to the many victims for whom this information is not available.