

Safety, security and access incidents in refugee and IDP settings

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Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

20 March 2021: In Masenze village, Beni territory, North Kivu province, six Congolese IDPs were killed by ADF forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

20 March 2021: At Taubamba and Mayalibo villages, Irumu territory, Ituri province, at least 11 Congolese IDPs were killed by the ADF, causing community displacement. An unspecified number of people were kidnapped. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹, [All Africa](#), [GARDA](#), [7 sur 7](#) and [Radio Okapi](#)

Ethiopia

30 March 2021: Near Dima area, between the Hamdayat camp in Sudan and Humera city, Western Tigray region, two Ethiopian refugees were killed and two others wounded by Eritrean soldiers who shot at the refugees as they attempted to cross the border back into Ethiopia. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Mozambique

24 March 2021: In Quitunda village, Cabo Delgado province, thousands of people displaced due to an IS attack in Pemba have sought refuge near the Total gas project site. **Sources:** [Club of Mozambique I](#), [Club of Mozambique II](#) and [Club of Mozambique III](#)

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Niger

21 March 2021: At Wirsnat village, Tillia commune, Tahoua region, three people from the Tuareg community, some of whom were IDPs, were reportedly killed when gunmen on motorbikes - likely ISGS - raided the village. One other was wounded. The assailants also attacked several nearby villages, hamlets, and camps. **Sources:** [AA](#), [ACLED](#)¹, [Africa News](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [BBC](#), [GARDA](#), [France 24](#), [Le Figaro](#), [Libération](#), [The Guardian](#), [UNHCR](#) and [UN News](#)

21 March 2021: At Intazeyene village, Tillia commune, Tahoua region, at least 15 people from the Tuareg community, including internally displaced persons, were killed and two were severely wounded when suspected ISGS gunmen on motorbikes raided the village. The perpetrators destroyed the main water station and pipes, as well as the phone tower, cutting communication and water supply to the displaced population and host communities. **Sources:** [AA](#), [ACLED](#)¹, [Africa](#)

[News](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [BBC](#), [France 24](#), [GARDA](#), [Le Figaro](#), [Libération](#), [The Guardian](#), [UNHCR](#) and [UN News](#)

21 March 2021: At Bakorat village, Tillia commune, Tahoua region, at least 126 people from the Tuareg community, including internally displaced persons, were killed by suspected ISGS militants. Additional unidentified numbers were also injured in the attack. The perpetrators set fire to the village and seized a large amount of livestock. The assailants also attacked several nearby villages, hamlets, and camps. **Sources:** [AA](#), [ACLED](#), [Africa News](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [BBC](#), [GARDA](#), [France 24](#), [Le Figaro](#), [Libération](#), [The Guardian](#), [UN News](#) and [UNHCR](#)

Nigeria

01-02 March 2021: In Dikwa town, Borno state, an attack launched by alleged ISWAP insurgents against the area forced 75,470 IDPs to flee their homes and seek safety elsewhere. **Source:** [AFP](#)

07 March 2021: In Maiduguri city, Borno state, 650 households out of 1,100 at an IDP camp located at the Mohammed Goni College of Islamic Legal Studies were allegedly found to be posing as IDPs, arriving during the day when food is distributed and leaving for their private homes at night. **Source:** [Sahara Reporters](#)

South Sudan

28 March 2021: In Budi county, Eastern Equatoria state, Camp 15 was stormed by gunmen who attacked Boya ethnic group civilians, killing at least 15 (one of whom died later of their wounds; one report states 17 were killed), and wounding between four and seven others. The wounded were transferred to Kapoeta Hospital. At least 12 of those killed were women. Several dwellings were also burned down. Investigations are ongoing. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹, [Radio Tamazuj I](#) and [Radio Tamazuj II](#)

Sudan

Around 01 March 2021: In the Ayour Bari area, Saraf Omra locality, North Darfur state, a 45-year-old IDP woman was fetching firewood when five gunmen approached her and raped her. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

04 March 2021: In West Kordofan state, gunmen attacked residents of the Fulla Refugee Camp while they were asleep, killing five South Sudanese refugees. Four more were hospitalised with gunshot wounds. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

11 March 2021: In the Karli camp area of Kass town, Kass locality, South Darfur state, a male IDP was shot and wounded at his residence. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

13 March 2021: In Amar Allah village, North Darfur state, dozens of gunmen riding camels and horses shot at one IDP of the Fata Borno Camp and beat two more with sticks and whips. The IDPs were collecting firewood at the time. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

16 March 2021: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, gunmen attacked the Kalma IDP Camp from three directions. An IDP woman who lived next to the UNAMID base was injured as the perpetrators fired live ammunition. The governor of South Darfur was accused by a pro-SLM/A al Nur IDP group of building a militia for the purpose of forcibly clearing out the camp. **Sources:** [ACLED](#) and [Dabanga Sudan](#)

21 March 2021: At Kalma IDP camp, Nyala locality, South Darfur state, the camp was stormed by a militia group who fired live rounds into the camp. No casualties were reported.. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Tanzania

06 March 2021: In Nduta Refugee camp, Kibondo district, Kigoma region, a Burundian refugee was kidnapped by unidentified men. Police claim the refugee was kidnapped as a result of his testimonies to international organisations around the kidnapping of eight Burundian refugees, who were deported to Burundi in August 2020 after weeks of detention in Tanzania. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Asia

Bangladesh

17 March 2021: In Bhasan Char island, Hatiya upazila, Noakhali district, Chittagong division, upon the approval of local authorities, a team of UN officials arrived on a three-day visit to evaluate the hospitality and safety of Bhasan Char island. Currently, 14,000 Rohingya refugees live on the island, having been relocated there despite international criticism that safety on the newly formed silt island had not been guaranteed. **Sources:** [Radio Free Asia I](#) and [Radio Free Asia II](#)

As reported on 22 March 2021: In the Balukhali Camp, Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, a massive fire ripped through the camp, destroying between 700 and 1,000 Rohingya refugee shelters. At least three people were killed, including two children aged six and nine. An INGO health facility and more than 100 shops were also destroyed. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#) and [The New Arab](#)

22 March 2021: In Ukhia upazila, Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, a massive fire of unidentified origin totally or partially destroyed 10,000 shelters within five settlements at the Balukhali Camp, namely Camps 8-West and 8-East, as well as Camps 8, 9, 10 and 11, leaving an estimated 45,000 Rohingya refugees homeless. At least 15 people died, including two children aged six and nine, and 560 injured, and 400 missing. More than 100 shops, health centres, distribution points, and NGO facilities were also destroyed in the blaze. Barbed-wire fencing on the outer boundary of the settlement, erected by decree of the Government of Bangladesh, reportedly hampered rescue efforts and caused injuries. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Radio Free Asia I](#), [Radio Free Asia II](#), [New Age I](#), [New Age II](#), [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#)

Europe

Malta

As reported on 10 March 2021: According to a report published by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Maltese authorities continued to detain more than 90 percent of 1,400 migrants at the Marsa Initial Reception Centre, Hermes Block, Hal Far Reception Centre and Safi Detention Centre under public health grounds, declared unlawful by a Maltese court. **Source:** [Times of Malta](#)

Mediterranean Sea

18 March 2021: The engine of a wooden boat carrying more than 100 people caught fire, leading to an estimated 60 deaths. Nearly 300 people making the Mediterranean crossing have died so far this year. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

15 March 2021: In Jenin-Mukhayyam Jenin refugee camp, northern West Bank, Palestinian police forces fired tear gas and beat up civilians at a house belonging to a Hamas Movement leader, allegedly for violation of coronavirus restrictions. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

Syrian Arab Republic

01 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, gunmen shot dead a displaced Iraqi civilian at Section One of the camp. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

03 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, the body of an Iraqi IDP was found in the Third Section of the camp. **Sources:** [ACLEDD](#)¹ and [SNHR](#)

04 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi IDP woman was fatally shot in the head and the chest by gunmen in the First Section of the camp. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹ and [SNHR](#)

06 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, an IDP woman was shot dead by gunmen in the Fifth Section of the camp and two Iraqi men in the First Section. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)¹

07 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi child was fatally shot in his head and shoulder by gunmen in the First Section of the camp. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

Around 09 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, the body of an Iraqi refugee was found in the Second Section of the camp. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

10 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, two Iraqi refugees were shot dead and two other persons were wounded, including a girl, by suspected ISIS gunmen in the First Section of the camp. **Source:** [SOHR](#) and [SNHR](#)

14 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi displaced civilian was arrested by the SDF for unknown reasons. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, the bodies of two Iraqi refugees were found in the Third Section of the camp bearing signs of gunshot wounds. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

17 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi IDP working for the Iraqi Council in the camp was shot dead by ISIS cells. **Source:** [SOHR](#) and [SNHR](#)

19 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, several IDPs were arrested by the SDF for unknown reasons. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

21 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, the body of an 18-year-old Iraqi IDP was found with gunshot wounds in the Second Section of the camp. **Source:** [Liveuamap](#)

22 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, the body of a 44-year-old Iraqi refugee was found in the Second Section of the camp bearing signs of gunshot wounds. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

22 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, the body of a 23-year-old Iraqi refugee was found in the First Section of the camp bearing signs of gunshot wounds. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

25 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, a young school guard and former member of IS was killed by an armed group and his body found with several gunshot and slaughter marks in the Sixth Section of the camp. The victim's brother was injured. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹, [SOHR](#) and [SNHR](#)

29 March 2021: At al Hol camp, al-Hasakah governorate, 23 people including ten Iraqi IDPs were detained during a security campaign carried out by the SDF and supported by Asayish. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Yemen

02 March 2021: In Wadi Al Hayyal, Wadi Dhanah valley, Sirwah village, Marib district, an IDP camp was hit by artillery shells, killing livestock. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

02 March 2021: In As Sawabin, Wadi Dhanah valley, Sirwah village, Marib district, an IDP camp was hit by artillery shells, killing livestock. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

07 March 2021: In Sanaa, guards at a Houthi-run detention facility reportedly rounded up hundreds of migrants, mostly Ethiopian, and placed them in a hangar after they protested against overcrowding. The guards subsequently launched an unidentified projectile into the building, producing a lot of smoke and causing the eyes of those demonstrating to burn. A second projectile, described by the victims as a bomb, was then fired into the building, exploding and starting a fire. At least 44 people were killed, and 193 injured, half of whom remain in serious condition. As of March 10, increased security presence in hospitals had also been posing challenges for the IOM and other humanitarians to access the injured. **Sources:** [ABC](#), [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#), [The New Arab III](#) and [The New Arab IV](#)

09 March 2021: In As Sawabin, Wadi Dhanah valley, Sirwah village, Marib district, an IDP camp was hit by artillery shells, killing livestock. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

As reported on 19 March 2021: In Marib governorate, a February offensive launched by Houthi rebels to capture the regional capital Marib from the internationally recognised government has placed one million IDPs at grave risk. Four IDP camps have already been abandoned. As fighting rages on, at least 385,000 IDPs could face further displacements. **Sources:** [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#) and [The New Arab III](#)

22 March 2021: In Sirwah district, Marib governorate, Al Mil IDP camp was hit by artillery shells. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

24 March 2021: In Hayran district, Hajjah governorate, Ad Dayr IDP camp was hit by artillery shells. The camp reportedly houses 113 families. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

The Americas

Mexico

27 March 2021: In Tulum, Quintana Roo, a female asylum seeker from El Salvador lost consciousness when a police officer tried to restrain her pressing his knee against her back while three other officers watched. The victim's spine was fractured and ultimately led to her death. The event was recorded and the video published on various social media, causing international public outrage. The director of Public Safety and Transit of Tulum was removed from his post and, on 29 March, four police officers were arrested. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹, [BBC](#), [Proceso](#) and [RTP](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 07 April 2021.