

# Protection in Danger

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## Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings.

### Africa

#### *Burkina Faso*

**24 May 2021:** In Ouahigouya town, Yatenga province, six Fulani IDPs family members were kidnapped overnight by Koglweogo volunteer fighters (VDP). **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 25 May 2021:** The Burkinabe Government has banned local and foreign journalists from visiting IDP camps, citing their safety and the dignity of those displaced for the ban. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

#### *Burundi*

**04 May 2021:** In Mutaho refugee camp, Mutaho commune, Gitega province, a refugee was tortured and injured by police. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### *Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**05 May 2021:** In Kabara village, Fizi territory, South Kivu province, three IDP women looking for food in their fields were abducted by Gumino militiamen and taken to Kamombo, Gumino's headquarters, and killed. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup> and [Actualite](#)

**18 May 2021:** At the Mpati refugee camp, Masisi territory, North Kivu province, the Alliance des patriotes pour un Congo libre et souverain APCLS/Nyatara Abazungu) coalition fighters attacked the camp, killing an IDP woman and stealing 22 goats. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### *Ethiopia*

**24 May 2021:** In Shire town, North Western zone, Tigray region, Ethiopian and Eritrean soldiers detained over 500 men and women from IDP camps. Several men were beaten, and their phones and money confiscated. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

#### *Malawi*

**06 May 2021:** The Malawian Government announced a plan to enforce a policy from last April to forcibly relocate approximately 2,000 people back into a designated refugee camp. A court injunction has prevented the relocation, but authorities have appealed. **Source:** [VOA](#)

#### *Mozambique*

**03 May 2021:** In Macomia town, three girls, at least one of whom was an IDP, were reported missing after going to a well to fetch water. **Source:** [Cabo Ligado Weekly](#)

**03 May 2021:** On Makaloe island, Cabo Delgado province, an unspecified number of IDPs en route from Palma to Pemba by sea, were stopped by insurgent fighters pretending to be displaced people. They were taken to Pangane, where about 40 escaped. **Source:** [Cabo Ligado Weekly](#)

**03 May 2021:** Near Mucongwe island, Macomia district, Cabo Delgado province, two IDP boats were fired at by an Islamist militia, killing seven on board. **Sources:** [Cabo Ligado Weekly](#) and [Pinnacle News](#)

**Around 05 May 2021:** Near Makolowe island, close to Pemba city, Cabo Delgado province, four IDPs boats fleeing Palma were captured by an Islamist militia along with six other fishing vessels. The number of IDPs abducted is unknown. **Sources:** [O Pais](#) and [VOA](#)

### ***Nigeria***

**27 April 2021:** In Makurdi LGA, Benue state, Fulani herdsmen attacked the Abagena community housing an IDP camp, killing seven IDPs. **Sources:** [Daily Post](#) and [Premium Times](#)

### ***Sudan***

**06 May 2021:** In Khor Jagedeldei, North Darfur state, a male IDP on his way from the Fata Borno IDP camp to Kutum was killed by herdsmen. **Source:** [Dabanga Sudan](#)

### ***Tanzania***

**17 May 2021:** At Nyarugusu Refugee Camp, Kasulu district, Kigoma region, at least five Burundian refugees were injured during clashes between refugees and police officers after the police looted shops and burnt wooden stands. The police subsequently attempted to use tear gas to disperse the crowds. **Sources:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#) and [SOS Medias](#)

**Between 8 and 23 May 2021:** According to the National Migration Services (SENAMI), Tanzania has deported 1,620 Mozambicans fleeing violence in Cabo Delgado province. UNHCR has protested against the deportation and urged Tanzanian authorities to grant asylum to people displaced by attacks in the province. **Sources:** [Club of Mozambique I](#) and [Club of Mozambique](#)

## **Asia**

### ***Bangladesh***

**15 May 2021:** At the Kutupalong refugee camp, Cox's Bazar district, a Rohingya community leader was shot dead by armed perpetrators while he was at his shop inside the camp. **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

## **Europe**

### ***Albania***

**19 May 2021:** In Durres, a Moroccan asylum seeker was beaten by police while in custody. The police claim the man was beaten during a bar fight. **Source:** [ACLED<sup>1</sup>](#)

### ***Greece***

**03 May 2021:** On Chios island, a young Somali registered refugee reportedly died of natural causes, alone, in the island's refugee camp. According to aid workers on the Greek islands, this incident is the result of failings of EU-wide containment policies. **Source:** [The Guardian](#)

**As reported on 25 May 2021:** In Central Greece and Central Macedonia administrative regions, Greek authorities started building three metre high walls around the Ritsona and Diavata Camps which they claim are for the protection of those living there. Plans to construct walls around 24 camps on mainland Greece are underway. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

**As reported on 28 May 2021:** The Greek Government has issued an EU-wide tender to build two closed controlled structures replacing two camps on Lesbos and Chios islands, intended to improve living conditions and alleviate migration flows on local communities. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

### ***Malta***

**As reported on 27 May 2021:** A UNHCR report on the conditions for refugees and asylum seekers described overcrowding and lack of proper sanitation and medical care, including for COVID-19

prevention. It was also reported that guards and security forces used excessive force to quash protests over living conditions. **Source:** [Times of Malta](#) and [OHCHR](#)

### **Turkey**

**11 May 2021:** At the Harmandali detention centre, Cigli district, Izmir, a group of refugees and asylum seekers were assaulted by gendarmerie soldiers. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **Middle East and North Africa**

### **Libya**

**01 - 08 May 2021:** Off the coast of Libya, a rubber dinghy carrying two dozen refugees and asylum seekers capsized, causing at least 11 people to drown. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**09 May 2021:** Off the coast of Libya, a boat carrying at least 45 refugees and asylum seekers capsized, causing at least five people to drown. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

### **Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**12 May 2021:** At Mukharyam al Fawwar IDP camp, Hebron city, West Bank, a Palestinian civilian was shot by Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) during an overnight raid. He later died from his wounds as the Israeli military forces blocked the medics from treating him. **Source:** [AP](#) and [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 15 May 2021:** At Al-Shati Camp, Gaza city, an Israeli airstrike hit a home, killing 10 members of a Palestinian family, including children. **Source:** [UN News](#)

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

**08 May 2021:** At Hol Camp, Al Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi IDP was shot dead by ISIS members in the first section of the camp. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

**09 May 2021:** At Hol Camp, Al Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi IDP woman was shot dead in the first section of the camp by gunmen. **Source:** [SNHR](#) and [SOHR](#)

**11 May 2021:** At Hol Camp, Al Hasakah governorate, the former head of the Iraqi Council and his son were shot dead by suspected ISIS cells. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**12 May 2021:** At Hol Camp, Al Hasakah governorate, an Iraqi IDP man was shot dead in the second section of the camp by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

**19 May 2021:** At Hol Camp, Al Hasakah governorate, two female Iraqi IDPs were shot dead in the first section of the camp by gunmen believed to be ISIS affiliates. **Sources:** [SNHR](#), [SOHR I](#) and [SOHR II](#)

**26 May 2021:** At Hol Camp, Al Hasakah governorate, an unspecified number of IDPs were detained by Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) allegedly on charges of belonging to ISIS. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**28 May 2021:** At Hol Camp, Al Hasakah governorate, an IDP man was shot dead in the fifth section of the camp by ISIS affiliates. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

### **Tunisia**

**18 May 2021:** Off the coast of Zarzis commune, Medenine governorate, a boat carrying over 90 refugees and asylum seekers sank under unclear circumstances. More than 50 people went missing, presumed dead, and 33 were rescued by Tunisian authorities. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

### **Yemen**

**25 May 2021:** Near Sanaa University, Amanat al Asimaha governorate, a Somali refugee was shot five times by a Houthi-affiliated armed man, and subsequently died from his wounds. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

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