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Africa

Central African Republic

04 December 2018: In Ippy town and district, Ouaka prefecture, UPC rebel forces encircled and fired at people inside the Catholic Church-run Ippy IDP site, killing at least two children and resulting in an unspecified number of other injured parties. Most sources report that Mauritanian peacekeepers were present at the time but failed to intervene and prevent the attack, while other sources claim that no loss of life occurred due to the intervention of MINUSCA forces. **Sources: Amnesty International, La Croix Africa and RJDH**

05 December 2018: In Ippy town and district, Ouaka prefecture, the UPC reportedly set fire to the IDP camp within the Catholic Church which they had attacked on the previous day, leaving three people dead. **Source: ACLED[1]**

17 December 2018: In Masisi territory, North Kivu province, unspecified perpetrators waiting on the Masisi-Nyabiondo road intercepted a WFP truck containing food relief intended for displaced people in Nyabiondo and killed the driver. **Source: Radio Okapi**

Kenya

10 December 2018: In Kakuma town, Turkana county, two branches of the Nuer ethnic group clashed over the impregnation of a girl in the Turkana refugee camp. Two people died and eight were injured in the clashes. No further details specified. **Source: ACLED[1]**

11 December 2018: In Kakuma town, Turkana county, around 40 LGBT activists marched to the UNHCR office at the Kakuma Refugee Camp to protest the poor conditions, inadequate healthcare, and discrimination at the camp. Meanwhile, members of the local community and fellow refugees – who were later joined by the police – started to attack them with sticks and iron bars, resulting in the injury of at least 20 activists. The UNHCR subsequently relocated all 170 LGBT refugees to safe houses in Nairobi. **Sources: ACLED[1], Pink News and Thomson Reuters Foundation**

Mali

08 December 2018: In Mopti region, a seven-truck aid convoy was robbed while delivering vital food and relief supplies for 523

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displaced people in the Karakinde locality. Both the aid workers and the convoy's drivers were left unharmed. This incident is the fifth such report of relief supplies being stolen in the region in 2018. **Source: UN-OCHA**

Niger
11 December 2018: In Niamey city, Niamey region, dozens of Sudanese refugees held a protest in front of the offices of the UNHCR over their poor living conditions. **Source: ACLED**[1]

31 December 2018: In Kabelawa village, Diffa region, fifteen people were wounded following violence between the Buduma and Fulani ethnic groups at the Kabelawa refugee camp. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Nigeria
02 December 2018: In Yola town, Adamawa state, unidentified gunmen entered an IDP camp, opened fire and stole valuables. No further details specified. **Source: UN-OCHA**

06 December 2018: In Ngala town, Borno state, a group of 20 female IDPs who were out collecting firewood were attacked by Boko Haram militants. One woman was killed, another flogged, and all left with their heads shaved. **Source: ACLED**[1]

06 December 2018: In Rann town, Borno state, a clash between armed assailants and soldiers led to the deaths of an unknown number of IDPs and the destruction of a medical centre. The violence subsequently forced an unspecified number of aid workers to relocate to Maiduguri city, the state capital. **Source: UN-OCHA**

13 December 2018: In Ngala locality, Borno state, a fire likely caused by a cooking accident in an IDP camp left more than 40 IDP families homeless. **Source: UN-OCHA**

Somalia
18 December 2018: In Dollow town, Gedo region, an altercation between two IDPs in the Kabasa IDP camp led to the death of one of them after he was struck by a heavy metal bar. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Uganda
03 December 2018: Following the release of an audit report by the UN Office of Internal Oversight which describes the wasting of money meant for refugee operations in Uganda, the UNHCR announced the establishment of a new high-level dialogue with the Ugandan Government to discuss the findings of the report, including recovery of funds. **Source: Daily Monitor**

23 December 2018: In Yumbe district, refugees at the Bidi Bidi camp rioted over food supply issues, smashing the property of an unspecified INGO and assaulting an unspecified number of staff members. **Source: ACLED**[1]

26 December 2018: In Isingiro district, unidentified gunmen entered the Nakivale Refugee Camp and shot dead an elderly Rwandan refugee. No further details specified. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Asia
Nepal
10 December 2018: In Jhapa district, around 200 Bhutanese refugees held a demonstration at the Beldangi Refugee Camp, calling upon national and international human rights watchdogs to help them return to Bhutan. The WFP has stated that it will suspend its food relief program to the Bhutanese refugees from

December onwards. **Source: [Kathmandu Post](#)**

Europe
Italy
05 December 2018 (DOA): As the Italian government's 'Salvini decree' – which removes humanitarian protection status for asylum seekers – began to take effect, migrants have begun to be expelled from council-run reception centres, deprived of adequate alternative accommodation and denied other basic services. **Sources: [IRIN](#) and [The Independent](#)**

Middle-East and North Africa
Iraq
13 December 2018: In Erbil governorate, three women and a child were killed when the Turkish armed forces launched an airstrike on the Makhmour refugee camp, where over 12,000 Kurdish refugees from Turkey have sought shelter. Turkey has previously referred to Makhmour as a "breeding ground for terrorists" to justify its military strikes which have repeatedly killed refugees in the region. **Sources: [ACLED](#)[1], [Rudaw](#)**

Lebanon
17 December 2018: In Saida district, an unidentified individual threw a hand grenade at the Fatah Movement offices in the Mieh Mieh refugee camp. No further details specified. **Source: [ACLED](#)[1]**

Occupied Palestinian Territories
14 December 2018: Near to Ramallah, West Bank, a group of Israeli settlers from the nearby Beit El settlement attacked Palestinian civilians at the entrance to al Jalazoun refugee camp, injuring one of them before leaving. **Source: [ACLED](#)[1]**

14 December 2018: Near to Ramallah, West Bank, Israeli forces entered al Amari refugee camp to demolish the home of a Palestinian who had lived there before being arrested for the murder of an Israeli soldier. Residents of the camp protested the presence of Israeli soldiers there, leading to violent clashes between the two groups and over 50 people injured. The house was blown up using explosives during the violence. **Source: [ACLED](#)[1]**

14 December 2018: In Hebron, West Bank, Israeli forces shot a Palestinian child with live ammunition during clashes in al Fawwar refugee camp. **Source: [ACLED](#)[1]**

14 December 2018: Near to Ramallah, West Bank, a Palestinian teenager was shot and killed when Israeli forces entered al Jalazoun refugee camp, sparking clashes with internally displaced Palestinians in the area. **Source: [ACLED](#)[1]**

19 December 2018: In Bethlehem, West Bank, clashes between Palestinian displaced people and Israeli forces broke out following an Israeli military raid on the Dheishe refugee camp. Three Palestinians were arrested and a further three were shot and injured. **Source: [ACLED](#)[1]**

23 December 2018: In Hebron, West Bank, dozens of Palestinian IDPs at al Arroub refugee camp were teargassed by Israeli forces during clashes between the soldiers and refugees. Israeli forces subsequently closed the camp's entrance. No further details specified. **Source: [ACLED](#)[1]**

26 December 2018: In West Bank, clashes broke out between Israeli forces and Palestinian children in the

Qalandiya refugee camp during an Israeli military arrest raid. **Source: ACLED**[1]

Syrian Arab Republic
01 December 2018 (DOA): In Daraa district and governorate, fighting between unspecified parties gradually destroyed all but one of the food distribution centres of the UNRWA at the Daraa Palestinian Refugee Camp, as well as leaving damaged six other installations, including three schools and a clinic. **Source: UNRWA**

01 December 2018 (DOA): In Damascus, fighting between unspecified warring parties gradually destroyed all three clinics of the UNRWA at the Yarmouk Palestinian Refugee Camp, and damaged to varying levels almost all of its 23 facilities, including 16 schools. **Source: UNRWA**

22 December 2018: In Homs governorate, militia forces from Ahmad al Abdo Forces and Al Maghawir Division, two Syrian opposition groups, entered the Rukban refugee camp and arrested sixteen people on suspicion of being Islamic State sleeper cells. **Source: ACLED**[1]

31 December 2018: In Idlib governorate, an IDP camp near to Has city was struck by rocket fire from Syrian regime forces, killing one young man and mortally wounding a child, who died four days later. **Source: ACLED**[1]

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