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Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings.

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

06 September 2021: In Djugu town, Ituri province, 10 female IDPs were raped by members of an armed militia. The victims were taken to a local hospital supported by UNHCR to receive medical care and psychological support. **Source:** [UN](#)

Chad

01 September 2021: In Mamdi department, Lac state, seven refugees were abducted overnight from an IDP camp by suspected Boko Haram militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

05 September 2021: Near Dankoj village, three female Sudanese refugees were attacked by unidentified perpetrators whilst returning to the refugee camp they were living in, after working on farmland in the area. The women were blocked by the perpetrators on the road and then severely beaten before being taken to the health centre of the refugee camp. One of the victims was taken to a hospital, where she later died. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

Ethiopia

As reported on 16 September 2021: Around Zelasle and Ziban Gedena village, Semien Mi'irabawi Zone, Tigray region, a 27-year-old Eritrean refugee and her 17-year-old sister were reportedly raped by Tigrayan fighters as they were marched, along with other refugees, back to Hitsats refugee camp. Refugees were also shot at and attacked with grenades. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

As reported on 16 September 2021: At Shimmelba refugee camp, Semien Mi'irabawi Zone, Tigray region, four Eritrean refugees were reportedly raped by Eritrean forces. At least one refugee was also killed. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

As reported on 16 September 2021: In Adi Harush and Mai Aini refugee camps, Tigray region, Tigrayan forces have reportedly taken control of the camps, and refugees have reported killings and lootings. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

South Sudan

07 September 2021: Along the road between Ezo and Tamubra, Western Equatoria state, a male IDP was killed and two other IDPs were abducted by gunmen. Six other IDPs escaped the attack. There is no further information on the victims whereabouts. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

10 September 2021: In Bentiu city, Guit county, Unity state, fighting involving sharp objects, such as knives and wooden sticks, erupted between gangs of unemployed youths over a young girl who was being contested by the same groups at the Bentiu IDP Camp. One of the youths was killed. Three suspects have since been arrested by police. **Source:** [Radio Tamazu](#)

22 September 2021: In Gamunakpee area, Tambura county, Western Equatoria state, two female IDPs from a nearby IDP camp were abducted by unidentified perpetrators whilst they were searching for food. One of the victims was freed shortly after whilst the other victim was taken to the perpetrator's base and interrogated about the whereabouts of other men. After the interrogation, she was also released and returned on foot. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

Sudan

07 September 2021: Near Niertiti town, Gharb Jabal Marrah locality, Central Darfur state, two IDP farmers were assaulted and their livestock looted by three armed perpetrators. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

15 September 2021: In the Goz Mata area, near Nierteti town, Central Darfur state, a female IDP farmer from the North Nierteti IDP camp was killed by armed herders after being attacked with sticks and axes. Her daughter and mother were also injured. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

18 September 2021: In the Tabukino area, North Darfur state, a male IDP farmer was shot by gunmen whilst working on his farm. The perpetrators arrived on camels and threatened the victim before shooting him. He was taken to a local hospital where he died later. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

19 September 2021: In Jaref Ombari, near Tur, Central Darfur state, a 15-year-old male IDP was injured by a stray bullet when a group of armed men attacked farmers. The perpetrators beat up the farmers and stole livestock and mobile phones. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

Asia

Bangladesh

12 September 2021: At Cluster 14, Bhasan Char Refugee Camp, Bhasan Char Island, Hatiya upazila, Noakhali district, Chittagong division, an unidentified perpetrator raped a seven-year-old Rohingya girl and Ashrayan Project 3 resident, while she was playing. She was taken to the Noakhali General Hospital for treatment. A police investigation was launched. **Source:** [New Age](#)

29 September 2021: In Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, at least five men suspected to be members the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army shot a minimum of five rounds at the Chairperson of the Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights, who represents his community in international settings, including the UN and the White House, outside his office at the Kutupalong Refugee Camp. He was taken to a hospital where he died later. **Sources:** [Radio Free Asia](#) and [The New Humanitarian](#)

Europe

Greece

02 September 2021: In Thourio village, Evros region, near the border with Turkey, a 25-year old Syrian refugee was taken to a hospital after being found by police officers with a gunshot wound in the thigh. **Source:** [Associated Press](#)

20 September 2021: In Samos island, North Aegean region, about 250 migrants and asylum seekers have been moved to a new EU-built facility with improved living conditions, and are expected to spend up to 25 days indoors pending examination of their documents. MSF warned that the project does not offer a better quality of life for migrants, as the camp is surrounded by barbed wire fences in a remote location, completely cut off from the rest of society, raising concerns about the mental health of the camp's residents. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Poland

As reported on 22 September 2021: Near the border between Poland and Belarus, four refugees died due to hypothermia and exhaustion. Seven other refugees were taken to hospital, with other

groups of refugees still stuck at the border with limited access to clean water, food supplies, shelter, and medical assistance. **Sources:** [the Guardian I](#) and [the Guardian II](#)

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

As reported on 14 September 2021: In Hillingdon borough, London, and other unspecified locations, the British Government has hosted around 10,000 Afghan asylum seekers in COVID-19 secure accommodation centres, such as government-run hotels near Heathrow Airport, for quarantine purposes. These asylum seekers were rushed out of Kabul prior to the Taliban's seizure of power on 15 August. Residents and NGOs have described the centres as tightly secure, with access to fresh air, adequate food and hygiene facilities very limited. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Lebanon

18 September 2021: In Sidon city and district, South governorate, skirmishes between Palestinian and Islamist forces erupted at the Ain Al-Hilweh Refugee Camp for Palestinians, after the Fatah Movement, who are in charge of security inside the camp, handed over a man affiliated with the movement Islamist Jund al-Sham to Lebanese military intelligence. Machine guns, RPGs and grenades were used in clashes. Seven people were injured, whereas others were forced to leave their homes. Eventually, mediators helped end the fighting, which resulted in material damage to private property. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

Libya

As reported on 18 September 2021: Off the coast of Libya, at least 50 South Sudanese migrants and asylum seekers drowned when their vessel sank on its way to Europe. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

04 September 2021: In al Quds, West Bank, Israeli military forces raided a Palestinian refugee camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

Syrian Arab Republic

01 September 2021: In Al Hol camp, Al Hasakah governorate, a man was shot and killed by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

01 September 2021: In Al Hol camp, Al Hasakah governorate, several IDPs were detained by Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) following an incident where a suspected Islamic State (IS) member entered an INGO tent and asked them to pay tax. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

05 September 2021: In Al Hol camp, Al Hasakah governorate, a female Iraqi IDP was shot and killed in the first section of the camp by suspected Islamic State (IS) members. **Source:** [SOHR I](#)

05 September 2021: In Al Hol camp, Al Hasakah governorate, four Iraqi refugees were detained by SDF in response to the killing of an Iraqi refugee in the camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

As reported on 07 September 2021: According to a report by Amnesty International, Syrian intelligence officers have subjected returnees to Syria to unlawful or arbitrary detention, torture and other ill-treatment including rape and sexual violence. **Source:** [Amnesty International](#)

07 September 2021: In Al Hol camp, Al Hasakah governorate, a female Moroccan IDP and her daughter were killed after being beaten by suspected IS members. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

12 September 2021: In Al Hol camp, Al Hasakah governorate, a female Iraqi IDP was shot and killed by unidentified perpetrators in the sixth section of the camp. **Sources:** [ACLED](#)¹ and [SOHR](#)

18 September 2021: In Sabka town, ar Raqqa governorate, two IDPs were detained in Hweija al Sawaki camp by SDF. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

22 September 2021: In Azaz city, Aleppo governorate, a male IDP was detained by Turkish intelligence forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)¹

As reported on 23 September 2021: In Al-Hawl town and sub-district, Al-Hasakah district and governorate, two children die every week at the Al-Hawl Camp for IDPs and refugees due to various issues including violence, disease and accidents. According to Save the Children, 62 children have died so far in 2021. **Source:** [New Age](#)

The Americas

Mexico

14 September 2021: In Matehuala city, San Luis Potosi state, a group of approximately 22 Haitian and Cuban migrants along with 16 Mexicans were attacked and abducted by armed perpetrators from the hotel they were staying in. According to reports, the perpetrators arrived at the hotel in three SUV's, damaged the hotel rooms, and abducted the victims. They also took the hotel registry with them. The Mexican victims were released quickly, whilst the foreign victims were later found on a dirt road in a remote area. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [La Silla Rota](#) and [La Jornada](#)

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¹ Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) [database attribution policy](#). Accessed 01 October 2021.