Security Incidents and Access Constraints

Africa

Central African Republic

July 2018: In Bria city, Haute-Kotto prefecture, the base of the international non-governmental organisation (NGO) Oxfam was robbed by armed men. Source: aBangui

05 July 2018: In Bria town, Haute-Kotto prefecture, armed robbers broke into the base of the international NGO Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and stole important equipment, forcing the organisation to suspend its operations from 07 until 10 July. Sources: aBangui and Le Réseau des Journalistes pour les Droits de l’Homme (RJDH)

09 July 2018: In Batangafo town, Ouham prefecture, unspecified assailants broke into the premises of an unspecified international NGO, shooting and injuring an employee in the process. No further details available. Source: News 24

15 July 2018: In Batangafo, Ouham prefecture, a national staff member was shot and injured when armed perpetrators forced their way into an INGO compound and opened fire, before fleeing. The INGO was then secured by a MINUSCA patrol. Source: AWSD

15-16 July 2018: In Kabo town, Ouham prefecture, armed robbers targeted a local MSF compound, stealing equipment and other unspecified items. Source: RJDH

18 July 2018 (Date of article): In Djo village, Ouham prefecture, armed anti-Balaka militiamen stopped and looted a World Food Programme (WFP) truck loaded with 200 bags of food whilst it was en route from Bangui to Bossangoa town. Source: aBangui

27 July 2018: Increasingly, militia violence and criminality in the Central African Republic continue to affect humanitarian workers, thereby obstructing the delivery of life-saving supplies to people caught in conflict. Source: Thomson Reuters Foundation

28-29 July 2018: In Bambari, unidentified gunmen broke into the base of the NGO Esperance, took two security guards’ hostage and...
stole various unspecified items, including administrative documents. Source: RJDH

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

12 July 2018: In Kashege village, Katanga province, two INGO national staff members were kidnapped along the Kalemie-Nyemba-Nyunzu road. Both were released on July 13th after IDPs negotiated for their release with the unidentified perpetrators who abducted. Source: AWSD

21 July 2018: In Kasesa, Lubero, North Kivu province, a local NGO national staff member was kidnapped between the early hours of July 21-22. No further information available. Source: AWSD

26 July 2018 (Date of article): Congolese authorities announced that Kinshasa will only issue humanitarian or medical visas to Belgian and French nationals in response to Belgium and France deciding to only issue humanitarian and medical visa to Congolese citizens. Source: Africa News

**South Sudan**

04 July 2018: In Juba county, Jubek state, near Mongalla town, unidentified gunmen ambushed a two-truck humanitarian convoy belonging to a United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) contractor, killing the assistant driver. Source: Reuters

09 July 2018 (Date of article): In Jonglei state, in order to avoid erosion and ensure non-tarmac roads are preserved, the provincial authorities have banned heavy vehicles for the raining season. Small NGO vehicles are allowed to pass 24 hours after the rains stopped. Source: Radio Tamazuj

23 July 2018: In Doro village, Maban county, Upper Nile state, a group of unidentified gunmen broke into an MSF compound, looted property belonging to the organisation and staff, burned down a tent full of equipment, and destroyed most of the vehicles and communication devices. There were no casualties. This incident forced MSF to suspend most of its medical activities in the area, including a hospital in Doro refugee camp, and the provision of primary health care in Bunj State Hospital. Sources: Doctors Without Borders and Reuters

27 July 2018: In Maban county, Upper Nile State, a crowd of 2,000 protestors raided and looted the compounds of 15 unnamed NGOs, forcing the evacuation of 390 aid workers. Source: Ben Parker

30 July 2018 (Date of article): Across South Sudan, rebel and government forces are accused of repeatedly targeting humanitarian workers, blocking access to relief, and hijacking food as well as other aid. Source: Reuters

**Tanzania**

11 July 2018 (Date of article): The Tanzanian government announced that it is set to review the country’s NGO policy to ensure that NGOs do not violate Tanzania’s laws and regulations. Source: The Citizen

**Zimbabwe**

02 July 2018: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced that it had cut funding to three Zimbabwean civil action groups, the namely Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights), the Election Resource Centre (ERC) and the Counselling Services Unit (CSU), citing possible
misuse of money ahead of the 30 July elections. Source: News 24

**Asia**

**Afghanistan**

19 July 2018: In Dara-I-Pech district, Kunar province, at least 10 mine-clearing workers, a team leader, and a doctor from the local company AREA were kidnapped by Islamic State militants whilst they were clearing an area of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The motivation for the kidnapping is unknown. Source: Tolo News

31 July 2018: In Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province, an assault on the International Organization for Migration (IOM) department of refugee and returnee affairs led to the death of one IOM employee, and another from the International Rescue Committee. Sources: Channel News Asia and Xinhua

**India**

24 July 2018: Since 2011, the Indian government has barred 18,864 NGOs from receiving foreign funds by cancelling their Foreign Contribution Regulation Act registration. Source: The New Indian Express

**Nepal**

10 July 2018: In Kathmandu, police arrested 25 human rights activists from the southern gate of Nepal’s central administrative centre at Singha Durbar, where they had gathered to protest recent government decisions. Source: The Himalayan Times

**Middle-East and North Africa**

**Jordan**

22 July 2018: In Amman, Israeli soldiers assisted an evacuation of hundreds of Syrian Civil Defence members into Jordan. Source: ACLED

**Syrian Arab Republic**

03 July 2018: In Qamishli city and district, al-Hasakah governorate, unknown assailants abducted four foreign MSF doctors for unspecified reasons. Source: SMM Syria

06 July 2018: In Um al Mayathen village, eastern Daraa governorate, a Syrian Civil Defense (SCD) member was killed while tending to victims of a bombing when warplanes allegedly of either Syrian or Russian origin fired a number of missiles onto the village in a second bombing attack, known as a ‘double tap’ strike. Source: SNHR

07 July 2018: In Badama town, Idlib governorate, a Syrian Civil Defense volunteer was wounded in a shelling allegedly perpetrated by Syrian regime forces. Source: ACLED

15 July 2018 (Date of article): In Daraa governorate, a 16-truck convoy of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent carrying 3,000 food parcels successfully reached Nassib and Um al-Mayathen towns, near a border crossing with Jordan. Source: Reuters

22 July 2018: In Quneitra governorate, Syrian soldiers and Islamic State militants separately hindered a complex international mission to evacuate 800 Syria Civil Defence personnel and their families to Jordan, in preparation for their resettlement to the United Kingdom, Germany and Canada. Eventually, some 100 rescuers and 300 members of their families made the crossing, but those who remained in Syria fear government reprisal. Sources: Al Jazeera, Business Insider, Irish Examiner, Smart News Agency and The Telegraph
22 July 2018 (Date of post): In Atarib town and district, Aleppo governorate, Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham militants stormed the headquarters of the NGO Dar and arrested an employee. Source: City Atareb

30 July 2018 (Date of article): Pro-government troops and opposition forces continue to subject Syrian aid workers, including members of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, to frequent arrest and detention. Source: UN News

The Americas

Bolivia
01 July 2018: In Arbieto community, Cochabamba department, an unknown individual doped a Spanish volunteer from an unspecified NGO with a sleeping pill in her drink at a bar. The morning after, she was found abandoned on the highway in the Tiataco sector, undressed, with signs of physical assault. Source: Eju

Colombia
09 July 2018: In Magdalena Medio Antioquia sub-region, Antioquia and other unnamed departments, unknown individuals sent threats by phone to at least 15 environmentalists from the advocacy group La Corporación Defensora del Agua, Territorio y Ecosistemas. Source: Caracol

19 July 2018 (Date of article): In an unspecified area, La Uribe municipality, Meta department, 15 self-identified Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People’s Army dissidents armed with weapons and wearing camouflage uniforms stopped a vehicle carrying de-mining workers from the NGO Halo Trust. The assailants set the truck alight, after getting the passengers out of it, telling them that they do not want their presence in La Uribe and Mesetas municipalities. Humanitarian demining activities have subsequently been suspended in those areas. Source: Caracol

Aid workers killed, kidnapped and arrested in selected countries in 2018

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The countries have been selected by Reliefweb Crisis App. This data is updated each month to include any backdated reports identified in open-sources and shared by Aid in Danger partner agencies.
Incidents Affecting Peacekeeping

Africa

Central African Republic

10 July 2018: In Pombolo village, Mbomou prefecture, an exchange of fire between (United Nations) UN peacekeepers and anti-Balaka militiamen led to the injury of three peacekeepers. Source: News 24

27 July 2018: In Gambo village, Mbomou province, an undetermined number of suspected anti-Balaka militants attacked a Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) logistics convoy on the road between Pombolo and Gambo, leaving two Egyptian peacekeepers wounded. Source: Centrafrique-Presse

Mali

29 July 2018: In Kidal commune, cercle and region, mortar shells of undetermined origin targeted polling stations and a Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) base. Source: Bamada

1 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.
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