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Security Incidents

Global

13 November 2017: Save the Children announced that it had fired 16 staff over reports of sexual violence in the past year. Source: [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

13 November: Oxfam announced that it had dismissed 22 staff over reports of sexual violence in the year ending April 2017. Source: [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

Africa

Angola

09 November 2017: In Luanda, a union of nurses announced the suspension of certain consultations and additional physical examinations performed by nurses with effect from 13 November in protest against the non-payment of a specific allowance. Source: [VOA](#)

10 November 2017: In Luanda, the Central Hospital of Luanda authorities have not paid about 80 employees, including doctors, nurses, secretaries, maids and cooks, for almost two years. Source: [Novo Journal](#)

10 November 2017: In Caxito town, Dande municipality, Bengo province, the Sindicato Nacional dos Professores (National Union of Teachers) threatened to call a strike at the beginning of next school year, if the executive fails to include the required pay structure on the agenda of its interim plan, to be executed from October 2017 to March 2018, as well as an updated statute of the teaching career of non-university teachers. Source: [Jornal de Angola](#)

13 November 2017: In Benguela province, employees of the Haemodialysis Centre of the Municipal Hospital of Benguela and Lobito municipalities went on a strike in protest the non-payment of their salaries, putting the lives of at least 220 patients in the Benguela facility at risk. Source: [Agencia Angola Press](#)

30 November 2017: In Luanda, nurses at all hospital units led by the Union of Nursing Technicians stopped exercising activities that are

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the legal competence of doctors, such as consultations and prescriptions of medicine, pending the payment of subsidy grants by the provincial government. Source: [Journal de Angola, O Pais](#)

Benin

12 November 2017: A strike that has been going on in health facilities for two months has resulted in the death of an unspecified number of people in need of medical care. Meanwhile, the Beninese government and health sector unions group reached a draft agreement. Source: [aCotonou](#)

Burkina Faso

06 November 2017: Teachers and pedagogical supervisors led by the National Union of Teachers of Catholic Primary Schools in Burkina Faso announced a 72-hour walkout at Catholic primary schools with effect from 15 November. Their demands include, inter alia, the regularisation of their salary, the involvement of teachers in decision-making bodies, and the correction of residence allowances from 2009 to 2016. Source: [Burkina24](#)

16 November 2017: Education unions called upon their members, including teachers, to observe a 96-hour, national strike with effect from 27 November to protest delaying tactics of the Burkinabe government, and to press for the fulfilment of its demands. Source: [Koaci](#)

27 November 2017: In Kain commune, Yatenga province, armed men killed a teacher, and wounded two more after attacking their homes. Source: [Koaci](#)

Burundi

05 November 2017: In Karuzi, Karuzi province, unidentified perpetrators threw a grenade at an IDP camp, injuring three people. The motivation behind this attack is reportedly linked to a land dispute. Source: [SOS Medias Burundi](#)

Cameroon

04 November 2017: In Jakiri town, Bui department, Northwest region, five unidentified armed men threatened two guards of Jakiri Bilingual High School, and later torched the administration block of the educational facility, causing damage. Source: [Cameroon-Info](#)

07 November 2017: In Tiko town, Fako department, Southwest region, suspected criminals torched the Maflekumen Higher Institute of Health and Science at Lagos Street, destroying the building. No further information available. Source: [Cameroon-Info](#)

13 November 2017: In Vouzi town, Extreme Nord Province, Boko Haram militants burned down a school near the Church of Goledje. No further information available. Source: [L'Oeil du Sahel](#)

16 November 2017: In Douala city, Wouri department, Littoral region, teachers led by the Syndicat National des Enseignants du Supérieur (SYNES) announced a strike at the University of Douala with effect from 21 until 26 November to protest against poor working conditions. Source: [Cameroon-Info](#)

27 November 2017: In Fada N'gourma city, Gourma province, Est region, teachers of public and private primary, post-primary and secondary schools led by the National Coordination of Education Unions held a national, 96-hour strike, demanding that their concerns be addressed, including improved working conditions. Source: [aOuaga](#)

Central African Republic

04 November 2017: East of Kaga Bandoro town, Nana-Grébizi prefecture, unidentified perpetrators shot at

a humanitarian convoy of a truck and a four-wheel-drive vehicle in an apparent robbery, killing a Central African ICRC driver. Source: [aBangui](#), [AWSD¹](#), [ICRC](#), and [Le Réseau des Journalistes pour les Droits de l'Homme \(RJDH\)](#)

11 November 2017: In Bangui, the parents of a patient wounded by a grenade explosion in the countryside assaulted an MSF employee in unspecified circumstances. Source: [Médecins Sans Frontières \(MSF\)](#)

11 November 2017: In Nana-Outta village, a UN national mechanic was physically assaulted and robbed during a humanitarian convoy. The convoy was on its way to Kaga Bandoro from Nana-Outta village when the attack occurred. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

12 November 2017: In Zemio town, Haut-Mbomou prefecture, armed robbers targeted an MSF team. No further information available. Source: [MSF](#)

14 November 2017: In Obe, Haut-Mbomou prefecture, South Sudanese refugees attempted to loot an INGO warehouse. During food distribution, one NGO worker was assaulted by the refugees and suffered injuries that had to be treated at the hospital in Obo. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

20 November 2017: In Bangassou town, Mbomou prefecture, unknown gunmen ransacked MSF's base, and stole 50 million CFA franc (approximately 419,000 EUR), and other unspecified items. Subsequently, MSF evacuated 58 national and international staff from the city, and suspended medical operations. Sources: [MSF](#), [RJDH](#) and [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

24 November 2017: In Bangui, protestors set on fire two vehicles belonging to the United Nations (UN)'s Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), reacting to two accidents the same morning involving UN vehicles. Source: [RJDH](#)

26 November 2017: In Gambo town, Mbomou prefecture, suspected anti-Balaka militants ambushed a MINUSCA convoy, killing an Egyptian peacekeeper, and injuring three more. Sources: [aBangui](#) and [RJDH](#)

30 November 2017: In Bria city, Haute-Kotto prefecture, armed groups and non-beneficiaries disrupted a food and non-food items distribution activity carried by Oxfam, prompting the agency to suspend activities. Source: [RJDH](#)

Chad

02 November 2017: Teachers led by the Syndicat des Enseignants du Tchad (Union of Teachers of Chad) threatened to go on a strike imminently, if the Chadian government fails to meet their demands. Source: [DW](#)

06 November 2017: Throughout Chad, a new university enrolment rate intended to allow universities to meet the standards of the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) has discouraged students and their parents to register, causing a delay in the resumption of courses. Source: [Africa Time](#)

20 November 2017: In N'Djamena, teachers and researchers led by the Syndicat des Enseignants et Chercheurs du Supérieur (SYNECS) launched a week-long strike at the University of N'Djamena in response to, inter alia, the non-payment of teachers' bonuses, and salaries of individual contractors. Source: [Tchad Pages](#)

Côte d'Ivoire

11 November 2017: Throughout Ivory Coast, teachers led by the Syndicat National des Enseignants du Privé

Laïc de Côte d'Ivoire (SYNEPPLACI) started a national, unlimited strike over a wage freeze that has been going on for 23 years. Source: [Koaci](#)

14 November 2017: In Bouaké city and department, Gbêkê region, Vallée du Bandama district, the National Union of Research and Higher Education of Côte d'Ivoire (SYNARES) and the National Coordination of Teachers of the Superior and Researchers of Côte d'Ivoire (CNEC) warned that there will be no resumption of courses at the University of Bouaké, if certain conditions are not met, including, inter alia, the payment of arrears of complementary hours. Source: [Koaci](#)

29 November 2017: SYNEPPLACI announced a sit-in and walks on the site of the EU-Africa Summit in Abidjan. Source: [Koaci](#)

30 November 2017: Teachers meeting with the Coordination Nationale des Enseignants-Chercheurs de Côte d'Ivoire (CNEC) announced an unlimited strike, with effect from coming 07 December, to claim the clearance of the additional hours of the academic year 2015-2016. Source: [Koaci](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

07 November 2017: In Mbuji-Mayi city, Kasai-Oriental province, humanitarian actors discussed the setting up of a humanitarian emergency response plan in the event of post-electoral unrest in Lomami, Sankuru and Kasai Oriental provinces coming December. Source: [Radio Okapi](#)

08 November 2017: In Goma, North Kivu province, anti-government protests forced schools and universities to remain closed. Source: [Cameroon Voice](#)

10 November 2017: A court sentenced a human rights defender and president of an unspecified NGO to three years in prison over accusations of organising a lawless march, and inciting civil disobedience and failure to respect the established authority. The accused was arrested last 31 July, during a demonstration in Lubumbashi city to demand the publication of the electoral calendar. Source: [Radio Okapi](#)

25 November 2017: In Manono town and territory, Tanganyika province, MSF Switzerland reportedly ended its activities in Gety, Boga and Bunia zones. Source: [Radio Okapi](#)

Gabon

20 November 2017: In Libreville, teachers led by the Syndicat National des Enseignants-Chercheurs (SNEC) paralysed the commencement of courses at Omar-Bongo University in protest against the non-payment of arrears owed to them by the Gabonese government. Source: [L'Union](#)

Guinea-Bissau

06 November 2017: Teachers led by the Sindicato Nacional dos Professores (National Union of Teachers) and Sindicato Democrático dos Professores (Democratic Union of Teachers) started a national strike valid until 24 November to press for the enforcement of an agreement with the Bissau-Guinean government, including the payment of salaries in arrears, and improved working conditions. The strike was suspended by both unions on 26 November, following the government's six-week pledge to resolve teachers' claims. Sources: [ANG Noticias](#), [Observador](#) and [Radio France Internationale \(RFI\)](#)

07 November 2017: The Syndicat Libre des Enseignements et Chercheurs de Guinée (SLECG) invited all teachers and researchers to remain at home and observe a countrywide, unlimited strike with effect from 13 November. Source: [Guinee News](#), [Mundo ao Minuto](#)

13 November 2017: Teachers led by the SLECG started a countrywide, unlimited strike in all pre-university

institutions, depriving students of education. Sources: [Africa Guinee \(a\)](#), [Africa Guinee \(b\)](#), [Guinee News \(a\)](#) and [Guinee News \(b\)](#),

Guinea-Conakry

06 November 2017: Following a three-week boycott, assistants and research associates at the Julius Nyerere University of Kankan (UJNK) resumed teaching activities. Source: [Guinee News](#)

17 November 2017: In Conakry, Guinea gendarmes arrested three of four trade unionists from the SLECG for refusing to read a statement to suspend a countrywide strike in all pre-universities that started on 13 November. The other trade unionist managed to escape. Sources: [Guinee News \(a\)](#) and [Guinee News \(b\)](#)

27 November 2017: In Conakry, the call of some trade unions for the suspension of a countrywide strike remained unanswered, as numerous teachers and students from public and private schools, including Koloma College and Donka High School, failed to turn up in classrooms. Source: [Guinee News](#)

Kenya

30 November 2017: Throughout Kenya, a wave of uncertainty and heightened political tension has prompted development actors to put projects on hold, while other initiatives have been delayed. Source: [Devex](#)

Malawi

20 November 2017: In Mchinji city, Central region, villagers vandalised Magawa Secondary School, accusing students at the school of assaulting community members who trespass at the school. Source: [Malawi24](#)

Mali

06 November 2017: In Niafunké, Timbuktu region, a Malian army vehicle that was escorting a UN's Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) convoy ran over a landmine in Soumpi village, killing four civilians and two Malian soldiers, and injuring another. Source: [aBamako](#)

24 November 2017: In Ménaka region, unidentified perpetrators attacked a joint patrol of MINUSMA and the Malian army, leading to the death of six peacekeepers and one soldier, and the injury of 16 peacekeepers and one civilian employed by MINUSMA. Source: [Africa 1](#)

24 November 2017: North of Douentza city, Mopti region, unidentified perpetrators ambushed a MINUSMA convoy, killing one peacekeeper, and wounding three more. Source: [Africa 1](#)

30 November 2017: In Ménaka town, NGOs suspended their humanitarian activities in the city for two days in protest against a chronic trend of armed robberies. Source: [RFI](#)

Mozambique

02 November 2017: In Nampula province, hundreds of refugees, mostly women, demonstrated in front of the administration building of the Maratane Centre protested, demanding an explanation from the Mozambique authorities, UNHCR and WFP concerning humanitarian supplies that have not been distributed for seven months. Source: [DW](#)

Niger

Update: 17 October 2017: In Niamey, the Nigerien government closed 14 private clinics for failing to respect laws, regulations and procedures pertaining to, inter alia, conditions and drug pricing. Source: [Niamey et les 2 Jours](#)

Update: 30 October 2017: In Maradi city, five excluded students, belonging to the school trade union Section

Collégienne et Lycéenne, and their comrades staged a walkout at colleges and high schools, paralyzing classes until 04 November. Source: [aNiamey](#)

Update: 31 October 2017: In Diffa region, Boko Haram militants reportedly attack schools and teachers to deprive children of education. Source: [AFP](#)

Nigeria

Update: In Delta state, three of four British missionaries of the NGO New Foundations, who were kidnapped by unidentified gunmen last 13 October, have been released. A fourth was killed. On 09 November, the Police Special Intelligence Response Team arrested two Karowej militants suspected of being behind this assault and murder. Sources: [The Nation](#), [Vanguard Nigeria](#) and [Voice of America \(VOA\) News](#)

03 November 2017: In Abuja, 23 unspecified NGOs, all members of the Human Rights Agenda Network (HRAN), filed a lawsuit against the National Assembly at the Federal High Court Abuja, seeking a court order to declare unconstitutional and unlawful the NGO Regulation Bill, which has currently passed second reading at the House of Representatives. Source: [AllAfrica](#)

06 November 2017: In Abuja, the Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics announced an indefinite strike with effect from 13 November to press for the implementation of its agreement with the Nigerian government, including improved funding for polytechnic education. Source: [Punch](#)

06 November 2017: In Kaduna city, the Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT) announced an indefinite strike with effect from 23 November to protest the disengagement of 21,780 primary school teachers. Meanwhile, pupils of Local Government Education Authority Primary School, Kawo area, took to the streets to protest the dismissal of 77 teachers from their school, warning that they would not return to classrooms until such a decision is withdrawn. On 08 November, hundreds of civil servants led by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) marched to the state House of Assembly to protest against the competency test used as an excuse to sack such teachers. Sources: [The News](#), [Vanguard](#)

15 November 2017: In Ajaokuta, Kogi state, gunmen attacked a vehicle carrying the chief medical doctor and the director of administration of the Federal Teaching Hospital Abakaliki (FETHA), and abducted them while they were on their way to Abuja. The driver managed to escape with gunshot wounds. The victims were released unharmed on 17 November. Source: [The News Nigeria](#)

Rwanda

02 November 2017: In Ntungamo town, Western region, the management of Muntuyera High School-Kitunga suspended 81 senior students for causing a tribal clash between Rwandese and Bahima students the previous week. Source: [Edge](#)

Seychelles

07 November 2017: In Mont Fleuri district, Mahé island, three family members of a student who was subject to disciplinary measures for misbehaviour at Mont Fleuri Secondary School assaulted a Seychellois teacher, causing him a fractured skull and other head wounds. On 08 November, teachers took to the streets to protest this assault, demanding respect and more security on school premises. Source: [Seychelles News Agency](#)

09 November 2017: In Mont Fleuri district, Mahé island, two students attacked an expatriate teacher English River secondary school for unspecified reasons. On 11 November, a group of 200 teachers, colleagues and parents took to the streets to demand better working conditions, including security. Source: [Seychelles News Agency](#)

Sierra Leone

07 November 2017: The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) announced that it has mounted an investigation into a 2.1 million USD, which the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) has claimed was lost to fraud and corruption between former employees of the federation and a bank during the Ebola crisis. Source: [Concord Times](#)

South Africa

02 November 2017: In Cape Town, around 200 people, believed to be students, staged a protest at the University of Cape Town (UCT), and attempted to disrupt academic activities, prompting Western Cape police to use stun grenades to disperse the crowd, and to arrest a protestor who tried to vandalise the university's shuttle service. Source: [News24](#)

03 November 2017: In Johannesburg, Wits University was due to shut down owing to a possible student protest, but remained open following complaints from many students. Sources: [News 24 1](#), [News24 2](#),

08 November 2017: In Cape Town, robbers threw stones at an ambulance on N2, near Borchard's Quarry, while it was transporting a severely injured boy to the Red Cross Hospital. The criminals robbed the crew at gunpoint. The patient did not survive. Three suspects are believed to be behind this attack. Source: [News24](#)

16 November 2017: In Cape Town, unidentified perpetrators attempted to hijack an ambulance belonging to Mfuleni Day Hospital, but fled when members of the public approached the vehicle. On 17 November, Mfuleni area was declared a red zone, and ambulances were not allowed to enter without police escort. Source: [News24](#)

South Sudan

07 November 2017: In Torit, Eastern Equatoria state, a UN national staff member was killed when armed men shot him while attempting to enter his home. Source: [AWS¹](#)

07 November 2017: The Relief and Rehabilitation Commission gave expatriates working without proper documentation, including approximately 1,000 aid workers, one month with effect from 04 November to obtain valid work permits, or otherwise risk contract termination and forced departure from the country. Source: [Radio Tamazuj](#)

09 November 2017: The South Sudanese president, following threats from the United State of America (USA) that it would pull support to his government, ordered the removal of all roadblocks across the country, so that humanitarian convoys could move freely, unhindered and unimpeded, adding that all levels of government must assist aid groups, and anyone who obstructs aid or imposes taxes on aid convoys shall be held accountable. Sources: [Reuters](#) and [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

10 November 2017: In Yei River state, some citizens have complained over the operations of NGOs in the region, including an ex-employee of an unspecified local NGO, who alleged that some NGOs were forging fake success reports to their donors, whilst failing to address the issues affecting people on the ground. Meanwhile, the state governor appealed to all NGOs to submit all their work plans and budgets, so that the provincial government could streamline service delivery to the people, a decision that, according to some members of NGOs operating in the region, will amount to interference of NGO work. Source: [Radio Tamazuj](#)

13 November 2017: In Torit, a driver for an INGO was shot while dining with his colleagues. Armed perpetrators reportedly opened fire where they were eating, wounding the driver. On their way to the health clinic, they were ambushed by armed men. The wounded man's colleagues ran into the bush and found their

colleague dead the next morning. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

18 November 2017: In Yirol, Lakes state, a male NGO security guard was shot and killed in a suspected personal dispute. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

28 November 2017: In Duk Payuel, Jonglei state, six NGO workers were killed in a raid by perpetrators who attacked the village. Houses and huts were destroyed and around 50 women and children were abducted. In addition, an NGO warehouse was looted, and cattle were stolen. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

Sudan

07 November 2017: In Gireida, South Darfur state, a fire at Gireida IDP camp destroyed 25 homes, and crops. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

09 November 2017: In Gireida IDP camp, South Darfur state, militiamen opened fire in the air, wounding three higher secondary school students in Abola area, where they were gathering building materials to reconstruct buildings that were destroyed by fire on 07 November. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

09 November 2017: In Muglad town, West Kordofan state, unidentified gunmen stormed a teacher's dormitory at an unspecified school, shooting at and killing two teachers. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

10 November 2017: In West Kordofan state, teachers threatened to go on a strike, if they are not paid their dues from last October. Source: [Radio Tamazuj](#)

16 November 2017: Update: In North Darfur state, a Swiss aid worker abducted by unidentified gunmen last 07 October, was released. Some of her captors have been arrested. Sources: [Dabanga Sudan](#) and [Reuters](#)

16 November 2017: In Zalingei city, Central Darfur state, Sudanese military forces carried out an eight-hour weapon collection campaign at Hamidiya IDP camp. No weapons were found. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

17 November 2017: In West Darfur state, interns at hospitals started an indefinite strike to protest about the low pay. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

28 November 2017: In Ad-Damazin city, Blue Nile state, security agents barred a medical aid convoy belonging to a group of Khartoum-based NGOs from entering Al-Shaeed Afendi, Al-Ban Jedid, Washnish and Geri IDP camps in Al-Geissan locality, prompting them to return to the capital. Source: Radio Tamazuj

Tanzania

08 November 2017: In Ngara district, Kagera region, a grenade of unspecified origin exploded at Kihinga Primary School during the morning assembly, killing five pupils, and wounding 24 more. Source: [Daily News](#)

Togo

Undated: Teachers from public primary and secondary schools announced a renewable, three-day country-wide strike with effect from 13 November to demand better working conditions. Source: [iciLome](#)

06 November 2017: In Lomé, health workers protested the non-payment of eight months' salary, poor working conditions, lack of resources, and unfair dismissals. No further details are available. Source: [Togo Tribune](#)

20 November 2017: Volunteer primary and secondary school teachers from the Regroupement des Volontaires Nationale de l'Education (VNE) of the National Agency for Volunteering in Togo (ANVT)

announced a renewable, 48-hour country-wide strike with effect from 21 November to denounce precarious working conditions. Source: [iciLome](#)

Uganda

06 November 2017: Doctors led by the Uganda Medical Association (UMA) held a strike to demand a salary increase and duty allowances of health professionals, paralysing health services in all hospitals countrywide. Source: [New Vision](#)

16 November 2017: The Ugandan President reportedly threatened to sack striking doctors. Source: [Red Pepper](#)

28 November 2017: Nurses led by the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Union (UNMU) threatened to hold a strike, if their request for a 400 percent salary increase is not met by the Ugandan government within seven days. Source: [Observer](#)

Asia and Pacific

Afghanistan

15 November 2017: In Charikar district, Parwan province, a roadside IED killed the provincial education director as he was on his way home. Source: [Khaama](#)

29 November 2017: In Herat province, a high level of security threats has been preventing the provincial department of education from administering 219 schools across Adraskan, Ghoryan, Koshki Kohna, Obe, and Shindand districts. The Taliban undertakes monitoring instead, and Herat authorities are surprisingly happy about it. Source: [FDD's Long War Journal](#)

Australia

27 November 2017: In Canberra, a group of humanitarian and advocacy organisations, including Oxfam, Amnesty International, Caritas and Care, expressed their concern that those who receive money from abroad would be unable to advocate on local issues under the Australian government's plan to prevent foreign parties from influencing Australian elections through donations. Source: [The Australian](#)

Bangladesh

06 November 2017: In Dhaka, the Education Ministry ordered the Dhaka district administration to shut down Lakehead Grammar School's branches in Dhanmondi and Gulshan neighbourhoods on charges of harbouring militancy and inspiring extremism. Source: [BD News 24](#)

07 November 2017: In Rajshahi, police arrested a student and president of Islami Chhatra Shibir of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology department for planning subversive activities. Source: [The Daily Star](#)

07 November 2017: In Chittagong, a faction of the student front Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) attacked the office of Chittagong University vice chancellor to protest against a university teacher who allegedly provided false information to journalists regarding a tax reassessment programme. The protesters vandalised a private car, a motorcycle and several flower pots, and assaulted a Bangla Vision television journalist. Source: [The Daily Star](#)

Cambodia

07 November 2017: The US will discontinue the two million USD annual grant to the Cambodian Mine Action Centre next year, following months of acrimony between the two countries, with the Cambodian Prime

Minister repeatedly accusing the US of partaking in an alleged conspiracy to topple his government. Source: [The Phnom Penh Post](#)

India

22 November 2017: In Chennai city, Tamil Nadu state, following the alleged suicide of a student, over 300 students participated in a violent protest across the Sathyabama University campus, burning furniture, and claiming that university staff had humiliated the student. Sources: [British Broadcasting Corporation \(BBC\)](#) and [Financial Express](#)

Mongolia

13 November 2017: Throughout Mongolia, teachers led by the Mongolian Education and Science Trade Unions started an indefinite, national strike, demanding a 50-percent pay raise. Source: [The UB Post](#)

Myanmar

06 November 2017: In Rakhine state, the Myanmar government continued to authorise humanitarian access for the Red Cross Movement, as a result of which emergency kits could be delivered to 39,000 civilians in the northern parts of the region. Similarly, the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre) has also separately dispatched about 80 tonnes of relief items for displaced communities in the region through the government's Relief and Resettlement Department. Source: [Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs \(OCHA\)](#)

07 November 2017: The UN Security Council called upon the Myanmar government to allow for full access for humanitarian aid workers to Rakhine state. Source: [The Guardian](#)

13 November 2017: In Sittwe city, Rakhine state, as of 13 November, there were more than 150 national staff who were not able to enter camps or villages due to lack of permissions to work outside of the town, whilst 27 international staff no longer have the necessary authorisations to go to the camps and villages. On the other hand, almost 465 national staff and 50 foreign workers have received permission to go to the field. Sources: [Devex](#) and [OCHA](#)

21 November 2017: In Rakhine state, a small, but growing number of humanitarian staff have managed to secure travel permits to access more areas in the central parts of the region. Source: [Devex](#)

Nepal

26 November 2017: In Kathmandu, during the first phase of federal parliamentary and provincial assembly elections, unidentified perpetrators set fire to a ballot box at Nepal Rastriya Secondary School in Aathbiskot Municipality-11, and another at Ratna Lower Secondary School in Baphikot Rural Municipality-5. Source: [Kathmandu Post](#)

26 November 2017: In Taplejung, Mechi zone, a bomb of unknown origin went off at Phungling-based Bhanujan Secondary School designated as a voting centre. Source: [The Himalayan Times](#)

Pakistan

07 November 2017: In Arif Kalay Khwar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a remote-controlled IED exploded near two anti-polio workers and their police guard, causing no injuries. Source: [Dawn](#)

08 November 2017: In Jamshoro city, Sindh province, unidentified perpetrators planted five locally-made remote-controlled roadside IEDs near the entrance of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology (MUET). The bombs were later defused by the Personnel of Bomb Disposal Squad. Source: [Dawn](#)

21 November 2017: In Karachi city, Sindh province, police troops baton-charged a group of demonstrating

teachers from Gothki district to disperse their protest outside the Sindh Assembly over non-payment of salaries in the last five years. Source: [Dunya News](#)

23 November 2017: In Shabqadar town, Charsadda district, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, five alleged Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants, who had planned to launch an attack against anti-polio vaccination teams in the area, were arrested by the police. Source: [The Express Tribune](#)

23 November 2017: In Sindh province, female health workers staged a protest during an anti-polio drive in Sukkur town and district, and Badin city and district, to protest non-payment of salaries. The strike was ended after the district health officer held talks with them. Source: [Dawn](#)

Papua New Guinea

25 November 2017: In Manus Island, Papua New Guinean authorities forcibly evicted the remaining refugees and asylum seekers, all men, from the decommissioned detention centre, after an almost four-week standoff, during which hundreds of refugees refused to leave, citing fears for their safety in the Lorengau community. In addition, the same authorities prevented two doctors and a water-and-sanitation specialist of MSF Australia from entering the gates of the closed centre to assess the health and wellbeing of the men. Sources: [Radio New Zealand](#) and [The Guardian](#)

Thailand

05 November 2017: In Krathum Ban district, Bangkok, 11 young men stormed a hospital emergency room and attacked a patient and two of his friends before fleeing the scene, and firing 12 gunshots outside the building. On 07 November, police arrested eight of the 11 culprits. Source: [The Bangkok Post](#)

Europe

France

30 November 2017: In Calais, French police harassed humanitarian workers from various national and international associations, including traffic tickets for minor infractions such as insufficient windscreen liquid, phones seized whilst filming police actions, and frequent checks of identity documents. Source: [Inter Press Service](#)

Greece

08 November 2017: On Lesbos island, the municipal council continues to reject the Greek government's plan to build a new registration and hospitality camp on the island, arguing that there is a lack of political will for the decongestion of the islands. Source: [Greek Reporter](#)

08 November 2017: On Chios island, the municipal council shall file a lawsuit against the Migration Policy Minister in order to seek the evacuation of VIAL migrant camp, and the return of the property to the municipality, adding that living conditions in the camp remain squalid, thereby creating serious problems to the residents and farmers of Chalkio municipality. Source: [Greek Reporter](#)

Hungary

07 November 2017: The Supreme Court, in a binding ruling, approved a referendum bid intended to annul the law on the transparency of NGOs receiving foreign funds. Source: [Daily News Hungary](#)

United Kingdom

20 November 2017: The British government is stripping at least two British aid workers operating in northern Syria of their citizenship on the basis that they present a threat to the country's national security. Source: [Middle East Eye](#)

20 November 2017: British authorities investigated a volunteer from an unspecified NGO who had delivered aid into Syria, and worked on charity-funding projects, believed to have been involved in terrorism-related and Islamist extremist activities. Source: [Middle East Eye](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Algeria

06 November 2017: In Béjaïa city, district and province, dozens of education assistants led by the Syndicat National des Travailleurs de l'Éducation (SNTE) observed a one-hour sit-in in front of the headquarters of the academy, after which they marched to the first-floor lobby of the Education Branch, demanding, inter alia, the unconditional reinstatement of one of the deputies of education, who had been arbitrarily dismissed by his or her director. Source: [Liberte Algeria](#)

13 November 2017: In Algiers, the National Union of Teaching and Training Personnel (UNPEF) announced a two-hour, national sit-in in all education institutions effective 15 November to protest decisions concerning, inter alia, the reduced budget of the Department of National Education. Source: [Liberte Algeria](#)

14 November 2017: Throughout Algeria, resident doctors led by the Autonomous Collective of Algerian Resident Doctors (CAMRA) started a two-day, national strike to protest against the lack of security in hospitals, and poor working conditions. Sources: [Liberte Algeria](#), [News Algeria](#)

28 November 2017: In Tébessa city and province, Shawi region, more than 1,000 resident doctors from various hospitals started a strike that would end on 29 November, and held a march inside Mustafa Basha University Hospital, demanding, inter alia, improved working conditions. Source: [El Khabar](#)

Iraq

04 November 2017: In Nada basin, Diyala governorate, unidentified perpetrators kidnapped a school guard and his son. Their whereabouts remain unknown. Source: [Alsumaria](#)

Iran

07 November 2017: Update: Iranian courts have prolonged a five-year sentence of imprisonment of a British-Iranian project manager with the Thomson Reuters Foundation, held since 03 April 2016, citing comments made by the UK's Foreign Secretary that wrongly denoted that the victim was a journalist. Sources: [DW](#) and [Reuters](#)

Libya

07 November 2017: The Libyan coastguard accused the German NGO Sea Watch of causing chaos and confusion amongst migrants during a rescue operation in the Mediterranean Sea, as a result of which five migrants lost their lives. Source: [Alwasat](#)

19 November 2017: In Sabha city, Fezzan region, unspecified perpetrators kidnapped a doctor from his car in front of Sabha Medical Centre. He was released in good health on 28 November. Source: [Alwasat](#) and [SabhaJournalist](#)

19 November 2017: In Sabha city, Fezzan region, doctors started a 10-day strike to protest the abduction of a doctor by unspecified perpetrators on 19 November. Source: [SabhaJournalist](#)

28 November 2017: In Sirte city, Tripolitania region, gunmen seized an ambulance belonging to Ibn Sina Educational Hospital whilst it was transporting a doctor. The vehicle was recovered on 30 November. Source:

Alwasat

Morocco

09 November 2017: Throughout Morocco, teachers and administrative staff from primary, preparatory, secondary and high schools led by several trade unions observed a national strike in protest against student-teacher violence in schools. Source: [Telquel](#)

19 November 2017: In Sidi Boualam area, Essaouira province, Marrakesh-Safi region, a stampede during a food distribution operation led by a private Moroccan charity caused the death of at least 15 women, and the injury of 40. The cause of the stampede remains unclear. Sources: [2m](#) and [BBC](#)

30 November 2017: In Rabat, dozens of unemployed nurses and graduates of the higher institutes of nursing and health technologies held a demonstration at the Health Ministry to express their discontent at the lack of jobs in the country, which affects an estimated 7,000 nurses. Source: [Maghress](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

06 November 2017: In Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem, West Bank, Israeli police raided Zahwat al-Quds school, and detained its principal and three teachers, before ordering the school to close, and telling the students to look for another school to attend. On 07 November, students and their families held a sit-in at the same school to condemn the raid, the detention of the faculty members, and the Israeli municipality's decision to shut it down. Source: [Wafa](#)

15 November 2017: In West Bank, an Israeli court threatened to seize and destroy two new EU-funded schools in Wadi as Seeq and Al Muntar, which serve over 100 pupils, warning students not to attend classes in one of them. Source: [The New Arab](#), [The Palestine Chronicle](#)

15 November 2017: In West Bank, more than 60 schools remain at risk of demolition by Israel, depriving children across the territory of their right to education. Source: [The New Arab](#)

Saudi Arabia

28 November 2017: In Riyadh, the Shoura Council lashed out at the Saudi Red Crescent Authority (SRCA), accusing it of not being able to perform its duties properly, despite the huge resources allocated to it. Source: [Saudi Gazette](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

Update: On 28 May 2017: Warplanes reportedly belonging to the international coalition forces fired several missiles at Ali al Dahham Elementary School which is located near the post building in al Der'iya, Raqqa. The school building was destroyed, and it forced to close. On Wednesday, November 9, 2017, SNHR confirmed this incident. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

31 October: In Eastern Ghouta region, a humanitarian convoy of 49 trucks belonging to UN agencies reached the besieged enclave, where almost 95 percent of Syria's besieged population lives. The only entry point to the area, the Al-Wafideen checkpoint, was fully closed, which caused less humanitarian access and doubled food price in the area. Source: [UN News Centre](#)

06 November 2017: At, al Tah village, Idlib governorate, forces reportedly belonging to the Syrian regime reportedly dropped barrel bombs at al Farja IDP camp (also known as al Sheih IDP camp). It is unclear from the available information if the camp was damaged. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

06 November 2017: In Ma'r Shmarin village, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes reportedly fired

a missile near a Syrian Civil Defense (SCD) team as they were responding to a previous bombing. An ambulance and two evacuation vehicles were heavily damaged, and rendered unusable. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

07 November 2017: In al Minbatih village, Aleppo governorate, suspected Russian warplanes reportedly fired a missile at the Martyr Abdul Hadi al Eisa High School, known as Tal al Daman High School. The missile landed in the schoolyard, partially destroyed a fence and damaged the building and its furniture Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

08 November 2017: In Hamouriya, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian regime forces warplanes reportedly fired a missile at al Tamyyuz al Namouthjiya Kindergarten for Children, destroying the building and damaging furniture. The school was forced to close. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

08 November 2017: In Saqba city, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian regime forces warplanes reportedly fired several missiles at Farha Center for Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, partially destroying the building and damaging equipment. The facility was forced to temporarily close. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

09 November 2017: At, al Tah village, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime forces warplanes reportedly fired a missile at al Farja IDP camp (also known as al Sheih IDP camp), damaging tents and camp facilities. This was the second time the IDP camp has been hit in November. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

09 November 2017: In al Nashabiya town, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian regime artillery reportedly fired a shell near an ambulance belonging to SCD centre 114, damaging it. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

12 November 2017: In Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, food and medicine entered Douma city for the first time in three months. However, fierce fighting in the area on 15 November forced relief workers to stop distributing the last third of it. Meanwhile, two rockets of unknown origin struck a warehouse storing the same aid. Source: [Mail Online](#)

13 November 2017: In al Atareb city, Aleppo governorate, a male national medical laboratory scientist was reportedly killed by missiles fired at the local market by suspected Russian warplanes. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

13 November 2017: In al Atareb city, Aleppo governorate, suspected Russian warplanes reportedly fired a missile that landed near a health centre supported by MSF, damaging the building and equipment. The facility was forced to temporarily close. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

15 November 2017: In Saqba city, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian regime forces rocket launchers reportedly fired a rocket loaded with cluster submunitions that landed near an ambulance belonging to SCD. No damage was reported. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

15 November 2017: In Qbasin, Aleppo governorate, an IED planted inside a car near al Khansaa school reportedly exploded, partially destroying the school fence. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

15 November 2017: In Saqba city, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, a male national paramedic was reportedly killed by Syrian regime forces rocket launchers that shelled the area. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

17 November 2017: In East Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian forces warplanes reportedly fired a missile that killed three SCD volunteers as they were providing aid to civilian wounding in an earlier bombing. An unspecified number of other volunteers were also injured. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#) and [The New Arab](#)

17 November 2017: In Irbeen, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian regime forces warplanes reportedly fired a missile at al Mustaqbal School, partially destroying the building and damaging furniture. The school was forced to close. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

18 November 2017: In Madyara village, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian regime forces warplanes reportedly fired a missile that landed near an ambulance belonging to SCD centre 90, wounding one volunteer and damaging the ambulance. The ambulance was put out of service. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 November 2017: In Hamouriya, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, a male national SCD volunteer was reportedly killed by Syrian regime forces rocket launchers as he was providing aid to civilians wounded in an earlier bombing. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

20 November 2017: In Kafr Batna, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian regime forces rocket launchers reportedly fired at least nine surface-to-surface rockets that landed near al Kahf Hospital (also known as al Sel Hospital), partially destroying the building and damaging equipment. The facility was forced to close. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

22 November 2017: Near Shalakh village, Idlib governorate, the Director of the Awareness at the SCD was shot twice and killed by gunmen. No further information available. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

23 November 2017: In Idlib, one male NGO aid worker was shot and killed on the way to work in the Idlib city by an unidentified perpetrator. Source: [AWS¹](#)

26 November 2017: In Ma'aret Misreen town, Idlib governorate, an IED planted by gunmen exploded inside an ambulance belonging to Syria Relief and Development (SRD) in front of al Helal Hospital, damaging it. As a result, the ambulance was put out of service. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

30 November 2017: In Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, as fighting declined in large parts of the country, humanitarian workers remain unable to deliver food and medicine to the 400,000 civilians trapped there due to constant bombing by the Syrian Air Force and pro-government and rebel ground forces. Source: [The New York Times](#)

Yemen

06 November 2017: In Sana'a, the Saudi-led coalition imposed a blockade on all land, sea and air deliveries. On 18 November, the same coalition did not authorise MSF to fly from Djibouti to Sana'a to deliver aid to crisis-affected people. By 21 November, the coalition had stopped 32 scheduled humanitarian flights from flying to Yemen. On 22 November, the coalition announced the reopening of Al Hudaydah seaport, with effect from 23 November, to receive humanitarian aid, and Sana'a International Airport to UN aircrafts designated for relief efforts. On 24 November, major agencies claimed that aid was still being blocked. On 25 November, airplanes carrying medical supplies could land in Sana'a. On 26 November, a WFP ship carrying 5,500 tonnes of wheat arrived at the seaport of Saleef, 70 kilometres north of the Al Hudaydah port. Sources: [ABC News](#), [BBC \(a\)](#), [BBC \(b\)](#), [BBC \(c\)](#), [Daily Sabah](#), [IRIN \(a\)](#), [IRIN \(b\)](#), [Middle East Eye](#), [NPR](#), [Reuters \(a\)](#), [Reuters \(b\)](#), [Saudi Gazette](#), [The Guardian \(a\)](#), [The Guardian \(b\)](#), [The Start Tribune](#) and [UN News Centre](#)

The Americas

Brazil

02 November 2017: In Fundão island, North zone, Rio de Janeiro state, a suspected ex-convict shot dead a security guard on the campus of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in an attempted robbery. The Civil Police arrested the suspect on the scene. Source: [O Globo](#)

08 November 2017: In São Paulo, police arrested eight persons suspected of involvement in a gang that reportedly robs universities in the region, and recovered, at the address of the culprits, stolen cell phones, valued at 10,000 Brazilian real (BRL) (approximately 2,560 euro), as well as passports. Source: [Globo](#)

15 November 2017: In Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais state, unidentified perpetrators stabbed a professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais School of Medicine for no specified reason. The victim later succumbed to his wounds. Source: [Diario do Nordeste](#)

28 November 2017: In Vista Legre neighbourhood, Belo Horizonte city, Minas Gerais state, suspected bandits forced a nurse at Ildefonso Cícero health centre to collect money and mobile phones from staff and patients. Subsequently, the Municipal Health Department suspended the operations at the health facility until 29 November. Source: [Globo](#)

Bolivia

23 November 2017: Doctors led by the Medical Association of Bolivia started an unlimited countrywide strike, suspending medical activities in public health facilities. Source: [La Razon](#)

Colombia

02 November 2017: In Cartagena, Caribbean region, Bolivar department, local criminals broke into Arroyo Grande community health centre, five metres away from a police station, stealing four air-conditioners, and several construction elements that were in the place. Source: [RCN Radio](#)

07 November 2017: Throughout Colombia, a wave of murders targeting civil society actors, local activists, and indigenous leaders from local and international NGOs could have implications for the tentative peace deal, which seeks to address the root causes of the Colombian conflict, and the development it promises to usher in. Source: [Devex](#)

18 November 2017: In Bogota, police and security guards attacked an unspecified number of teachers, led by the District Association of Educators (ADE), who were protesting on the fourth floor of the Education Ministry. Source: [Extra](#)

22 November 2017: In Neiva Huila city, Huila department, Andean region, unidentified perpetrators hid a bomb under the ground in La Espiga village, threatening the lives of students at a nearby school. Source: [La Nacion](#)

27 November 2017: In Cartagena city, Caribbean region, Bolivar department, the hardware company Consorcio Proescolares that won the tender of the School Feeding Programme of Cartagena took advantage of the needs of the community, and increased the prices of the products. Source: [El Colombiano](#)

Guatemala

08 November 2017: In Villa Nueva municipality, Guatemala department, a shootout by gang members in front of a school forced teachers to suspend classes. The perpetrators also consumed drugs in front of students. Source: [Chapin TV](#)

Honduras

07 November 2017: In Tegucigalpa, police and military personnel are reportedly being deployed at Central Vicente Caceres, Technico Honduras and Saul Zelaya Jimenez Institutes to protect the educational facilities from gang violence. Source: [El Heraldo](#)

Mexico

02 November 2017: In Tamuín municipio, San Luis Potosí state, a doctor, who had been kidnapped by unspecified perpetrators since 02 October, was found dead, even though his family had reportedly paid 250 thousand pesos for a ransom that the perpetrators demanded for his release. Source: [Sin Embargo](#)

07 November 2017: In Guerrero state, threatening messages via Facebook and WhatsApp from criminal groups toward principals and teachers since last 19 or 22 September have led to the closure of more than 673 elementary schools across Atlixac, Ahuacuotzingo, Chipala, José Joaquín Herrera and Zitlala municipalities, depriving 59,649 children of education. Educators have been ordered to suspend classes due to armed confrontations, and warned that they would be raped and killed. Parents are keeping their children away from schools. In Chipala, the provincial education secretary stated that the number of schools closed is 70, and not 673. Sources: [El Universal 1](#), [El Universal 2](#), [El Universal 3](#), [Noticieros Televisa](#)

08 November 2017: In Gómez Farías municipality, Chihuahua state, suspected gunmen from an organised criminal group fired shots at the office of a doctor and director of the Health Ministry's regional clinic. They also broke into his house, fired shots at doors and windows, and eventually kidnapped him. The motive behind this assault could be that the perpetrators wanted him to treat a wounded fellow, or because the doctor was attending to a member of the state police force, or because the father of the doctor owns a restaurant where members of the state police force eat. On 09 November, the hospital and 16 health centres across the municipality remained shut due to security reasons. Sources: [El Universal](#), [Milenio](#), [Notimerica](#), [Sin Embargo](#)

11 November 2017: In Juárez, Chihuahua state, dozens of medical students held a demonstration in front of the Faculty of Medicine of the Autonomous University of Chihuahua to protest against violence across the region that is preventing them from performing their duties in villages of the regional highlands. Source: [Televisa](#)

11 November 2017: In Chihuahua state, a lack of security guarantees forced six medical students of the Autonomous University of Chihuahua to pull out from several municipalities across the region. Source: [Televisa](#)

14 November 2017: In Chipala municipality, Guerrero state, the Guerrero Coordination Group launched a security operation in 100 schools, so that they could reopen their doors, and to protect teachers and students from violence. However, teachers kept the schools closed on the basis that they continued receiving threats from drug traffickers. Sources: [El Universal](#), [Reforma](#)

15 November 2017: In Michoacán, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Puebla, Tabasco, Veracruz, Sinaloa and Tamaulipas states, organised criminal groups have, so far in 2017, killed at least 52 teachers and 40 doctors. Source: [Dossier Politico](#)

16 November 2017: In Chihuahua state, organised crime has forced the community hospital and more than a dozen other health centres to close, depriving at least eight communities across five municipalities from medical services. Source: [Milenio](#)

17 November 2017: In Guerrero state, a circular issued by the provincial education secretary ordered principles of elementary schools across Atlixnac, Ahuacuotzingo, Chilapa, José Joaquín Herrera and Zitlala municipalities to summon the teachers, and resume classes on the basis that conditions were in place for their return. Nevertheless, in Chilapa municipality, only a few children showed up in schools, only to be sent back home. Source: [El Universal](#)

Panama

07 November 2017: In David city and district, Chiriquí province, gang members launched a shootout in front of Los Abanicos Primary School, endangering the lives of students. Subsequently, the school administration suspended classes for safety concerns. Source: [El Siglo](#)

Peru

07 November 2017: In Lima, three masked criminals attacked a team of four plastic surgeons, including the head of the NGO Qorito, as they were on their way to the airport for a charity mission elsewhere in the country, stealing their surgical instruments, money, clothing and luggage. Source: [Trome](#)

08 November 2017: In Mariscal Cáceres neighbourhood, San Juan de Lurigancho district, Lima, a shooting in front of the private school Bernhald Bolzano presumably by an extortionist who threatened the school owner prompted a group of parents to stage a sit-in on 11 November to demand security in the area. Source: [El Comercio](#)

11 November 2017: In Callao city, unidentified perpetrators broke into the unguarded Republica de Venezuela school in Argentina Avenue and stole 20 computers. The security guard was subsequently investigated for possible complicity. Source: [El Comercio](#)

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