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Security Incidents and Access Constraints

Africa

Burkina Faso

09 October 2018: In Fada N’Gourma, Pama and Gayéri towns, Est region, criminal and terrorist activities forced NGOs to reduce their working hours and to refrain from in-field work, leading to some delays in the implementation of projects. **Source:** [RFI Africa](#)

31 October 2018: In Kilambo village, Bafuni region, Masisi territory, 10 IDPs, including teachers, were abducted by the Reformed Nduma Defence of the Congo militia. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Burundi

01 October 2018: Burundian authorities placed a three-month ban on almost all international NGOs operating in Burundi, including MSF and Catholic Relief Services, on the basis that some organisations have violated the 2017 ‘General Framework for Cooperation between the Republic of Burundi and Foreign NGOs’, an amendment for ethnicity quotas in the hiring of national staff. Only INGOs running hospitals and schools are exempt. **Sources:** [Amnesty International](#), [Devex](#) and [VOA News](#)

10 October 2018: In Muyinga city and province, police arrested three IRC employees, one Congolese and two Burundian, for violating the aforementioned ban on international NGOs. **Source:** [Le Figaro](#)

Cameroon

05 October 2018: In Tole region, Fako department, soldiers entered

an IDP camp and began shooting, leaving three civilians dead. No further information specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Central African Republic

19 October 2018: In Bria town, Haute-Kotto province, anti-Balaka militiamen abducted four MINUSCA peacekeepers but released them two days later, on 21 October. **Source:** [aBangui](#)

31 October-01 November 2018: In Batangafo town, Ouham prefecture, armed men attacked and torched three IDP camps, destroying them completely and leaving around 27,000 people without a home. This incident prompted NGOs to suspend their activities at the sites. **Source:** [RJDH](#)

Chad

01 October 2018: In western Chad, a truck carrying UN provisions to Baga Sola, near Lake Chad, was attacked near Maou village by unidentified perpetrators. The driver and his assistant went missing and are presumed kidnapped, while the truck and its cargo were recovered. No further details specified. **Source:** [AWSD¹](#)

26 October 2018 (DoA): In the island areas of western Chad a series of militant attacks forced six aid organisations - including the WFP - to suspend their operations, leaving tens of thousands of people without food and health services for weeks. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

02 October 2018: In Butembo city, north Kivu region, two or three local Red Cross workers (accounts vary) were attacked during the burial of Ebola victims, leaving them with serious injuries. No further details specified. **Sources:** [IFRC](#), [Media Congo](#), [AWSD¹](#), [Reuters](#) and [The Telegraph](#)

09 October 2018: In Beni city, North Kivu province, a citywide attack by armed militias forced the IRC to suspend its programmes until 10 October, when the organisation resumed its activities only within the city limits of Beni. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

12 October 2018 (DoA): In Beni city, North Kivu province, an attack staged by armed militias forced two WHO personnel to remain indoors for two full days. **Source:** [VOA News](#)

15 October 2018: In areas hit by the Ebola outbreak, insecurity prompted the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention to pull back its personnel. **Source:** [CNN](#)

21 October 2018: In Beni city, North Kivu province, residents threw stones at vehicles belonging to unnamed aid organisations and MONUSCO amidst a protest over the killing of 15 civilians by an armed militia. **Sources:** [AP \(a\)](#), [AP \(b\)](#), [The New York Times](#) and [VOA News](#)

29 October 2018: In Fizi territory, South Kivu province, Congolese authorities banned all movement to and from the Lusenda Burundian refugee camp following the discovery within the camp of an armed man linked to the Burundian rebel group National Liberation Forces. **Sources:** [Actualite](#) and [SOS Médias Burundi](#)

31 October 2018: In Kilambo village, Bafuni region, Masisi territory, 10 IDPs, including teachers, were abducted by the Reformed Nduma Defence of the Congo militia. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Liberia

19 October 2018: In an unspecified location, protesters called upon the Liberian government to revoke the licence of the US-based NGO More Than Me on the basis that the agency had covered up the sexual abuse of minors by one of its co-founders. **Sources:** [Front Page Africa](#) and [NPR](#)

Mali

27 October 2018: In Ber village and commune, Timbuktu cercle and region, heavily armed Jama`at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin militants launched a politically-motivated attack against the Burkinabé contingent of MINUSMA, killing two Burkinabe peacekeepers and injuring five more. **Sources:** [aBamako](#), [CGTN Africa](#) and [Studio Tamani](#)

27 October 2018: In Konna town and commune, Mopti cercle and region, heavily armed Jama`at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin militants launched a politically-motivated attack against the Togolese contingent of MINUSMA. **Sources:** [aBamako](#) and [Studio Tamani](#)

Nigeria

15 October 2018: Update: In Borno state, Boko Haram militants shot and killed a Nigerian midwife from the ICRC who had been abducted on 01 March 2018, after the ICRC refused to pay a ransom for her release. A nurse from UNICEF, also kidnapped on the same date, remains held captive. On 16 September 2018, the perpetrators had warned that the ICRC and UNICEF had one month to meet their ransom demand before they killed one of the abductees. The killing sparked protests across the city of Abuja. **Sources:** [BBC \(a\)](#), [BBC \(b\)](#), [ICRC](#), [IRIN](#), [NPR](#), [Reuters \(a\)](#), [Reuters \(b\)](#), [ACLED](#), [The New York Times](#), [Vanguard](#) and [VOA News](#)

31 October 2018: In Konduga area, Borno state, Dalori IDP camp was attacked by around 100 Boko Haram militants. The extremist group killed two IDPs in addition to six other locals killed earlier in the day in attacks on nearby villages. **Sources:** [ACLED](#) and [Premium Times](#)

Somalia

21 October 2018 (DoA): In Qoryoley district, Lower Shabelle region, al Shabaab militants prevented any form of humanitarian assistance from reaching flood-affected civilians in areas under their control. **Source:** [Goobjoog](#)

31 October 2018: In Tulo burwaqo village, Garbahaarey district, an NGO vehicle transporting medical supplies was hijacked by al Shabaab militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

South Africa

06 October 2018: In Hanover Park township, Cape Town, gang crossfire struck and killed a volunteer from the NGO Gift of the Givers. **Source:** [News 24](#)

11 October 2018: In King William's Town, Eastern Cape province, residents of the Sweetwaters area of the town set fire to an HIV and children's NGO centre in protest over poor quality roads and the need for a graveyard. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

South Sudan

16 October 2018: In Kapoeta region, a local NGO staff member was shot in the abdomen when armed men broke into the NGO compound he was working in. No further details specified. **Sources:** [Juba Monitor](#) and [AWSD¹](#)

17 October 2018: In Kapoeta city, Kapoeta region, an aid worker from an international NGO was hospitalised after being shot at their own home by unidentified perpetrators. The motive for the incident is unknown and no further details are specified. **Sources:** [AWSD¹](#) and [ACLED](#)

24 October 2018: In Juaibor Payam, Fangak, Jonglei, a national aid worker was fatally shot while performing humanitarian duties it what was reportedly a revenge killing. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

25 October 2018: In Khanabad district, Kunduz, an aid worker from an international NGO was reportedly kidnapped and killed by anti-government elements. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

28 October 2018: On the Juba-Lainya, Werjik, Lainya, an INGO convoy was attacked by unidentified armed men, an INGO staff member was killed, and nine other staff were kidnapped. Seventeen staff members that were part of the convoy escaped. All the kidnapped staff members were later released. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

29 October 2018: In Bahr el Ghazal and Central Equatoria regions, ongoing fighting between government forces and rebel groups prevented the delivery of aid to starving populations. **Source:** [The Irish Times](#)

31 October 2018: In Leer county, Unity, an INGO security guard was assaulted while he was off-duty and standing behind the INGO's compound. He sustained serious injuries and was taken for medical treatment. Source: [AWSD¹](#)

Sudan

01 October 2018: In North Darfur region, the Rapid Support Forces arrested nearly 30 IDPs at Sortony IDP camp who were accused of having links to rebel movements. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

15 October 2018: In West Darfur region, IDPs from the Murnei IDP camp who left the camp to collect firewood were held and tortured by local herders for a day. Four of the IDPs were severely beaten, and the group was told if they returned to the area to collect firewood again they would be killed. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Tanzania

14 October 2018: The NGO Marie Stopes Tanzania announced the closure of its 10 Dar es Salaam health centres across Tanzania. No reason was specified. **Source:** [The Citizen](#)

24 October 2018: The Tanzanian government finalised amendments to the NGO Act, which shall compel NGOs to submit reports to the relevant registrar on financial resources, expenditure and projects implemented. **Source:** [Daily News](#)

Uganda

28 October 2018: In Bududa district, Eastern region, police blocked a group of opposition activists from delivering aid to landslide victims in Bukalasi parish, claiming they must hand it over and the Ugandan authorities would distribute it themselves. **Source:** [Daily Monitor](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

12 October 2018: *Update:* The Taliban reinstated its countrywide security guarantee to the ICRC, after settling a dispute that forced the organisation to halt most of its activities in August 2018. **Sources:** [Business Insider](#), [Reuters](#) and [Telegraph](#)

25 October 2018: In Khanabad district, Kunduz, an INGO staff member was reportedly kidnapped and killed by anti-government elements. Source: [AWS¹](#)

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

11 October 2018: The US Department of State rejected the application of several unspecified US NGOs to make humanitarian trips to North Korea on the basis that such missions are not in the interest of the US. Sources: [NK News](#) and [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Indonesia

01 October 2018: On Sulawesi island, in the aftermath of earthquakes and a tsunami, the National Disaster Management Authority asked international NGOs to pull out and announced that it would only authorise certain selective forms of foreign aid. No reason was given for this decision. Sources: [IRIN](#) and [The Guardian](#)

Myanmar

24 October 2018: In Nam San Yang village, Kachin state, the Tatmadaw detained 15 members of the Kachin Baptist Convention as they were on their way back to Myitkyina city for allegedly traveling in a conflict zone without authorisation. Source: [The Irrawaddy](#)

Nauru

05 October 2018: The Nauruan government ordered the international NGO MSF to cease its provision of mental health care to detained asylum seekers, claiming that its services are no longer needed. On 06 October 2018, the same government denounced MSF's allegedly 'political agenda' of opposing Australia's offshore processing policy for asylum seekers. Sources: [Devex](#), [MSF](#), [Pedestrian](#) and [Reuters](#)

Pakistan

04 October 2018: The Pakistani government ordered 18 international NGOs – including ActionAid, Plan International, and International Alert – to terminate their activities within 60 days after denying them official registrations. In a letter, ActionAid has been told that it could re-apply for registration after six months. Sources: [ActionAid](#), [BBC](#), [Reuters](#) and [The Telegraph](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Jordan

11 October 2018: In Mafraq governorate, the Syrian army has cut all supply routes toward the Syrian refugee camp in Rukban area, whilst Jordanian authorities continued to block aid deliveries towards it, leaving 50,000 people without consistent access to food and health aid. UNICEF warned that with winter approaching, thousands of children trapped in the camp without access to food and medicine could die. Source: [Reuters](#)

25 October 2018: In Mafraq governorate, failed negotiations with the Syrian government prevented a UN-Syrian Arab Red Crescent relief convoy from reaching the Syrian refugee camp in Rukban area from Damascus. The Syrian government cited unspecified 'security concerns' were preventing access, while activist groups claim the Syrian government is deliberately placing the Rukban camp 'under siege' by starving and isolating its inhabitants. Sources: [IRIN](#) and [UN News Centre](#)

Lebanon

15 October 2018: In Saida region, clashes between members of Fatah and Ansar Allah broke out in the Mieh Mieh camp for Palestinian refugees, leaving six people wounded. Sources: [National News Agency](#) and [ACLED](#)

16 October 2018: In Saida region, in the Mieh Mieh camp, conflict between Fatah and Ansar Allah left two Fatah members dead and 15 other camp residents injured after fighting escalated and explosives were reportedly used. **Sources:** [National News Agency](#) and [ACLED](#)

22 October 2018 (DoA): In Sidon district, South governorate, an unspecified perpetrator planted several bombs in different parts of Ain al-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp, allegedly following instructions from a senior PFLP security officer. **Source:** [Al-Mustaqbal](#)

27 October 2018: In Saida region, despite alleged negotiations to end the clashes, Fatah and Ansar Allah intensified their fighting across the Mieh Mieh camp. Reports indicate gunshots were heard, but no further information is available. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Libya

28 October 2018: In Bani Walid town and district, Tripolitania region, unidentified perpetrators broke into and ransacked the Zakat Fund headquarters, stealing 1,000 Libyan dinars (approximately 630 euro), computers, printers, and cheques. **Source:** [Africa Gate News](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

01 October 2018: In the West Bank, Israeli forces attacked a protest rally at Qalandia refugee camp, leaving one demonstrator hospitalised after being shot and injuring an unspecified number of others. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

01 October 2018: In Gaza, dozens of people whose jobs have recently been cut or reduced protested outside a hotel where UNRWA international staff were meeting, forcing 10 of them to cross into Israel. Following a series of similar security incidents affecting its personnel, UNRWA temporarily withdraw part of its international staff from the enclave. **Source:** [Al Jazeera](#)

19 October 2018: In the Gaza Strip, an airstrike reportedly struck either the al Bureyji refugee camp or a nearby location. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

25 October 2018: In Bethlehem, West Bank, Palestinian youths were injured in clashes with Israeli forces in the Dheisheh Refugee Camp. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

27 October 2018: In Jabalia city, Gaza, amid a large-scale aerial attack, Israeli warplanes bombed the Indonesian Hospital with health workers and Medical Emergency Rescue Committee volunteers inside it, damaging several of its rooms, including the intensive care unit, and causing a power shutdown. **Sources:** [Russia Today](#) and [Tempo](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

02 October 2018 (DoA): Upon the instruction of the US and Britain on 26 September 2018, shipments are now forbidden from passing into Syria via the main Bab al-Hawa border point with Turkey, in order to prevent extremist groups from benefiting from taxes they impose on aid trucks. **Source:** [IRIN](#)

03 October 2018: In Idlib governorate, the NGO Syrian Charity announced that it was pulling out of the region, 14 days after one of its staff was abducted by unidentified perpetrators. **Source:** [Enabbaladi](#)

11 October 2018: Near Hajin city, in Deir ez-Zour governorate, an IDP camp set up to receive civilian IDPs from Hajin city was raided by ISIS after SDF guards withdrew from the camp. ISIS militants kidnapped 700 IDPs before looting and burning the camp and transferring the civilians into Hajin city, which remains under their control. They subsequently issued a threat to kill 10 hostages per day if their

demands, including the provision of food and medical supplies, were not met. **Sources:** [Dirzalzor 24](#), [Step News Agency](#), [Viva Revolt](#) and [SNHR](#)

12 October 2018: In Atme village, Harem district, Idlib governorate, Hay'at Tahrir al Sham militants arrested the chief of the NGO Ataa from his private residence. No further information specified. **Source:** [SNHR](#)

19 October 2018: In Azaz area, Aleppo governorate, a gunfight broke out between two men trying to steal vehicles from the Shmarekh IDP camp, with the exchange of fire leaving a 9-year-old boy dead. **Source:** [SOHR](#)

20 October 2018: In Sarmin town, Idlib governorate, a male IDP who had allegedly been abducted the day before was found dead. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

21 October 2018: In Idlib city and governorate, a car bomb exploded near an aid distribution centre on Al-Qusour Street, killing three civilians and injuring 16 more. **Source:** [Smart News Agency](#)

21 October 2018: In Zardana village, Idlib governorate, unidentified perpetrators on a motorbike shot and killed a male IDP. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

23 October 2018: In al-Hasakah governorate, residents of the al-Arishah IDP camp held a protest over the severe deterioration of their living conditions, complaining of a serious lack of blankets and tents to protect themselves from incoming winter weather. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

Yemen

01 October 2018: In Dhale city, Dhale governorate, unidentified perpetrators threw a grenade at a residence for MSF doctors in the region. This incident forced the organisation to withdraw its staff from the district and to suspend its medical programmes until further notice. **Sources:** [Adenghd](#), [MSF](#) and [ACLED](#)

05 October 2018: In Bani Jabir area, Khawkah district, Hodeidah governorate, shells allegedly fired by pro-Houthi forces struck a camp for IDPs, killing one woman and injuring at least 15 more. **Sources:** [NRC](#) and [ACLED](#)

22 October 2018 (DoA): In the northern region, unspecified pressure from Houthi rebels forced UNICEF to suspend cash aid in Yemen. **Source:** [Devex](#)

22 October 2018: Extensive paperwork required by Yemeni authorities continued to restrict humanitarian access, preventing aid organisations, such as MSF, from accurately assessing the famine situation in the country. **Source:** [Devex](#)

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.

SiND Aid Worker KKA 2018			
	Number of reported aid workers affected (January-October 2018)		
	Killed	Kidnapped	Arrested
Afghanistan	12	16	2
CAR	8	3	0
DRC	4	29	1
Iraq	0	0	1
Mali	1	6	1
Nigeria	5	3	0
Somalia	5	6	1
South Sudan	17	48	39
Syria	67	7	10
Yemen	5	14	2
Other countries	16	17	101
TOTAL	140	149	158

The countries have been selected by [Reliefweb](#).

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