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Security Incidents

Africa

Burundi

13 September 2017: In Bujumbura, six armed men broke into the compound of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and assaulted a security guard. Source: [lwacu English News](#)

Cameroon

18 September 2017: In Bamenda, Mezam department, Northwest region, unidentified perpetrators torched a dormitory at Sacré-Cœur college. Source: [Cameroon-Info](#)

Central African Republic

04 September 2017: In Bria, Haute-Kotto prefecture, a staff member from an international Non-Government Organisation (NGO) was stabbed by an ex-Seleka fighter outside an unspecified hospital. Source: [AWSO](#)

07 September 2017: In Batangafo, Ouham prefecture, unidentified gunmen attacked a Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)-run Batangafo Hospital, killing one non-medical staff member and looting property. In response, MSF reduced activities. Sources: [British Broadcasting Corporation \(BBC\)](#), [aBangui](#), [Koaci](#) and [Réseau des Journalistes pour les Droits de l'Homme \(RJDH\)](#)

08 September 2017: In Bangassou, Ouham prefecture, armed anti-Balaka fighters attacked Moroccan UN peacekeepers escorting water trucks, killing one peacekeeper and injuring three. Source: [Arab Today](#)

10 September 2017: In Bangassou, Ouham prefecture, armed anti-Balaka fighters attempted to seize a cathedral housing IDPs. Source: [Arab Today](#)

13 September 2017: In Bocaranga, Ouham prefecture, armed anti-Balaka fighters took hostage the base of the international Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Cordaid, and demanded a ransom. Sources: [RJDH I](#) and [RJDH II](#)

13 September 2017: In Bocaranga, Ouham prefecture, armed perpetrators on motorcycles and 4x4s kidnapped an unspecified

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number staff from the INGO Cordaid. All were released on 18 September. Source: [Xinhua](#)

22 September 2017: Near Gambo, Mbomou prefecture, unidentified perpetrators attacked a Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) convoy, wounding a Moroccan peacekeeper. Source: [aBangui](#)

22 September 2017: In Haut-Mbomou prefecture, suspected Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) fighters armed with Kalashnikovs attacked an unspecified NGO vehicle along Obo-Mboki road, looting belongings, including computers. Source: [LRA Crisis Tracker](#)

Ethiopia

06 September 2017: In Mieso, Mirab Hararghe zone, Oromia region, unidentified perpetrator(s) launched a grenade on an unspecified primary school, killing four children. Source: [Addis Standard](#)

Kenya

04 September 2017: In Nairobi, unidentified perpetrator(s) torched a dormitory at Moi Girls School, killing nine students. Sources: [BBC](#) and [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

28 September 2017: In Nairobi, General Service Unit officers fired tear gas at University of Nairobi students protesting the arrest of a former student's union chairman. Source: [Kenyans](#)

Mali

24 September 2017: Between Anefis and Gao, Gao region, unidentified perpetrator(s) attacked a Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) convoy, killing three Bangladeshi peacekeepers, and wounding five. Source: [BFM TV](#)

Nigeria

18 September 2017: In Mashalari, Borno state, suspected female Boko Haram militants detonated themselves at an unspecified aid distribution point, killing 15 and injuring over 43. Source: [Guardian](#)

Somalia

08 September 2017: In Baidoa, Bay region, suspected al Shabaab militants detonated an SVIED inside Barwaqo restaurant, killing four people, one of whom was a staff member from an unspecified NGO. Source: [Voice of America \(VOA\) News](#)

15 September 2017: In El Wak, Gedo region, al Shabaab militants raided an unspecified local NGO's warehouse and looted Plumpy'Nuts. Source: [Harun Maruf](#)

South Africa

11 September 2017: In Cape Town, suspected students threw a petrol bomb at an engineering workshop at Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) Cape Town campus, damaging machinery and windows. Stun grenades were used on protesters by security guards and activities were disrupted. Source: [News24](#)

19 September 2017: In Cape Town, private security guards at CPUT Mowbray campus fired tear gas alleging unrest in the area. The campus was temporarily shut down and lectures were cancelled. Source: [News24](#)

20 September 2017: In Cape Town, unidentified perpetrator(s) torched a lecture theatre, staff room and financial aid office at CPUT Cape Town Campus. Source: [News24](#)

28 September 2017: In Cape Town, students at the University of Fort Hare broke into a library and stole

laptops, tablets and stationery. Source: [News24](#)

South Sudan

03 September 2017: In Juba, unidentified perpetrator(s) broke into the LNGO National Christian Development Organization offices and stole three vehicle batteries and a generator. Source: [Radio Tamazuj](#)

03 September 2017: In Yambio, Gbudue state, a national male staff member at World Vision International (WVI) was reported missing. His body was found four days later behind Gbudue stadium. Source: [Sudan Tribune](#)

09 September 2017: In Western Equatoria state, unidentified gunmen ambushed a nine-truck and a four-wheel-drive vehicle International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) convoy, killing a national driver. In response, ICRC suspended operations. Sources: [ICRC](#), [Radio Tamazuj](#), [Reuters](#) and [The New Arab](#) and [VOA News](#)

09 September 2017: In Upper Nile state, an SPLA soldier escaped from detention and opened fire at a housing complex for SPLA officers, killing one soldier and one INGO national staff member. Source: [AWSD](#)

09 September 2017: In Apuk South county, Gogrial state, unidentified gunmen stopped a WVI vehicle as it was travelling to a health workers workshop and stole 70,000 USD. Source: [Radio Tamazuj](#)

23 September 2017: In Lui area, Amadi state, armed robbers broke into Mercy Corps' offices, assaulted an unspecified number of staff and stole two computers, money and other valuables. Source: [Radio Tamazuj](#)

26 September 2017: In Bentiu, Northern Liech state, five gunmen opened fire at the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) base, killing one teacher, and wounding five. Source: [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Sudan

04 September 2017: In Nyala, South Darfur state, militiamen entered Kalma IDP camp with heavily armed vehicles. The vehicles drove around and then left. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

06 September 2017: In Kutum, North Darfur state, unidentified armed men on motorcycles exchanged fire with gate guards at Kassab camp for IDPs, killing a 7-year-old child. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

21 September 2017: In Central Darfur state, four gunmen men attacked a house in Nierteti IDP camp, killing a 14-year-old child. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

25 September 2017: Near Wadi Gargash, Buram district, South Darfur state, seven armed robbers ambushed a vehicle, killing a medical assistant, injuring two others and seizing the vehicle. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

05 September 2017: *Update*: Two Afghan ICRC staff members kidnapped in Jawzan province in February were released. Sources: [BBC](#) and [Khaama Press](#)

14 September 2017: *Update*: A female Finnish staff member from the Swedish NGO Operation Mercy kidnapped in Kabul in May was released. Sources: [BBC](#), [Khaama](#) and [Reuters](#)

11 September 2017: In Mazar-e-Sharif city, Balkh province, a Spanish ICRC physiotherapist was fatally shot

by one of her polio patients at an ICRC rehabilitation centre. Sources: [BBC](#), [ICRC](#), [Khaama Press](#), [National Public Radio \(NPR\)](#), [The Guardian](#) and [VOA News](#)

Bangladesh

18 September 2017: In Cox's Bazar, Chittagong division, three Rohingya refugees were killed in a stampede, as supplies were being thrown from relief trucks near Kutupalong camp. Source: [Cable News Network \(CNN\)](#)

20 September 2017: In Bandarban, near Bangladesh-Myanmar border, an ICRC truck carrying aid for Rohingya refugees veered off road, killing at least nine staff members and injuring 10. Source: [Independent](#)

29 September 2017: In Ramganj Upazila, Lakshmipur district, Chittagong division, Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders and activists attacked and vandalised Prantik General Hospital. Source: [New Age Bangladesh](#)

Cambodia

01 September 2017: In Oral, Kampong Speu province, some 30 villagers gathered in front of the office of the land rights NGO Equitable Cambodia, alleging the charity of inciting communities. A petition was filed with the Interior Ministry to shut down the agency. Sources: [The Phnom Penh Post I](#) and [The Phnom Penh Post II](#)

Myanmar

16 September 2017: In Sittwe, Rakhine state, residents stopped and searched a Myanmar Red Cross humanitarian truck. Source: [Reuters](#)

20 September 2017: In Sittwe, Rakhine state, a group armed with knives and petrol bombs tried to block a boat carrying ICRC aid. In response, Burmese police fired rubber bullets. Sources: [BBC](#) and [Reuters](#)

28 September 2017: In Kachin state, thousands of locals demonstrated in Putao, Machanbaw and Naungmon townships to protest an expansion project in Mount Hkakabo Razi National Park headed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Source: [The Irrawaddy](#)

Pakistan

27 September 2017: In Lahore, Punjab province, authorities detained a Turkish former PakTurk International Schools and Colleges director and his two daughters. Source: [Star Tribune](#)

30 September 2017: In Shinwari, Peshawar, unidentified perpetrator(s) threw a grenade near the privately-run MMC Hospital, injuring three people. Source: [Dawn](#)

The Philippines

19 September 2017: In Tagbilaran, Bohol province, a bomb threat was made to Borja Family Hospital. Health workers and patients evacuated the building and services were temporarily suspended. Source: [Sun Star](#)

Sri Lanka

26 September 2017: In Colombo, Buddhist monks attacked the houses of 31 Rohingya refugees. In response, the refugees were temporarily relocated to Boosa detention camp by Sri Lankan police. Source: [Dawn](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Israel

07 September 2017: In Jerusalem, Israeli authorities arrested a teacher, reportedly because of her pro- Al-Aqsa Mosque activities. Source: [Wafa](#)

07 September 2017: In Ramleh, a female teacher under house arrest began a three-month jail sentence following a recent court ruling. Source: [Wafa](#)

Libya

12 September 2017: In Tripoli, Tripolitania region, unidentified gunmen kidnapped a foreign volunteer ophthalmologist outside his house. Source: [Libya Herald](#)

20 September 2017: In Sabratha, Tripolitania region, rocket shells of unspecified origin hit the Faculty of Medicine and an ambulance. Source: [Libya Now](#)

25 September 2017: In Sabha, Fezzan region, unidentified perpetrator(s) kidnapped the head of the radiology department at Sabha Medical Centre. He was released unharmed three days later. Source: [Alwasat](#)

Jordan

06 September 2017: In Al-Karak, Karak governorate, unidentified perpetrator(s) attacked a nurse working at Karak Government Hospital. In response, all nurses at the hospital stopped working. Source: [Labor Watch](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

03 September 2017: Erez crossing, Gaza, Israeli forces detained a Palestinian lecturer over allegations he was working with a Hamas-affiliated hacker group. Source: [Ma'an News Agency](#)

11 September 2017: In Jeb al-Deeb, West Bank, 30 Israeli settlers attacked a European Union (EU)-funded elementary school. The school had been rebuilt on 08 September after it was demolished by the Israeli army last August under the pretext that it was built without a permit. Sources: [Muftah](#) and [Wafa](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

Date not specified: In al Tah village, Idlib governorate, a female health worker was reportedly killed by a missile fired by Syrian forces at al Rahman Charity Hospital. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

02 September 2017: In al Na'im Circle, Raqqa, a male national pharmacist was reportedly killed by missiles fired at a residential building by international coalition forces. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

05 September 2017: In Misraba, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, the head of the Syrian Civil Defence (SCD) in Damascus governorate was reportedly killed by mortar shells fired by Syrian forces at him as he was responding to victims from a previous shelling. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

08 September 2017: In al Rastan, Homs governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired a mortar shell near a SCD ambulance, injuring one volunteer and damaging the ambulance. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

11 September 2017: In Madyara, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian forces reportedly fired mortar shells at a health facility, damaging it. The facility was forced to close. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

11 September 2017: In Madyara, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian forces reportedly fired a mortar shell near an SCD-supported ambulance, damaging it. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

13 September 2017: In Kafr Batna, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian forces reportedly fired two mortar shells at al Fateh Hospital, partially destroying the building and damaging equipment. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 September 2017: Near Atshan village, Hama governorate, a national nurse was reportedly killed by a

missile fired by Syrian forces warplanes. In addition, the ambulance he was travelling in was damaged. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 September 2017: In al Taman'a, Idlib governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired several missiles near a SCD centre, damaging the building and an ambulance. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 September 2017: In al Habeit, Idlib governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired several missiles near a SCD team as they were responding to victims from a previous shelling, injuring five SCD volunteers and damaging an ambulance. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 September 2017: In Ma'ar Zita village, Idlib governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired several missiles near Shamuna Aiding Network office. No damages were reported. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 September 2017: In Kafr Nobbol, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired three missiles near a SCD centre, partially destroying it and damaging three service vehicles. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 September 2017: In Kafr Nobbol, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired four missiles near Kafr Nobbol Surgical Hospital, damaging the building and an ambulance. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 September 2017: In Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired several missiles at al Rahma Hospital, partially destroying the building and damaging an ambulance. The building next door houses a SCD office but was not affected. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

19 September 2017: In al Tah, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired a missile at al Rahman Charity Hospital, (also known as Maternity Hospital), killing one health worker, partially destroying the facility and an ambulance. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

21 September 2017: In Hass, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired a missile near Sham Surgical Hospital, damaging the facility and equipment. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

21 September 2017: In Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired a missile near al Rahma Hospital, no damages were reported. This was the second attack on this hospital by Syrian or Russian forces in one week. The building next door houses a SCD office where damage was reported. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

22 September 2017: In Hass, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired a missile that landed in Sham Surgical Hospital's warehouse, damaging it. This was the second attack on this hospital by Syrian or Russian forces in one week. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

22 September 2017: In Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired five missiles near al Rahma Hospital, damaging the facility. This was the third attack on this hospital by Syrian or Russian forces in one week. The building next door houses a SCD office and was destroyed. In addition, two ambulances and equipment were damaged. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

23 September 2017: In Joubar, Damascus, Syrian forces reportedly fired a mortar shell near two ambulances destroying both. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

23 September 2017: In Mardikh, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired several missiles near

a SCD team as they were responding to victims from a previous shelling, injuring four volunteers. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

25 September 2017: In Janoubi, Jisr al Shoghour, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired several missiles near a kidney specialist hospital, causing no damages. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

25 September 2017: In Jisr al Shoghour, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired several missiles near a SCD team as they were responding to victims from a previous shelling, damaging an ambulance. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

25 September 2017: In Kafr Batna, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, a male national paramedic was killed by gunshots fired by Syrian forces. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

26 September 2017: In Douma, a national health worker was reportedly killed by a missile fired by Syrian forces warplanes at al Takhassusi Centre for the Rehabilitation of Spinal Cord Injuries. In addition, the facility was partially destroyed and equipment was damaged. The facility was closed. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

26 September 2017: In Kafr Nobbol, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired several missiles at Sham Central Hospital, partially destroying it and damaging two ambulances. The facility was forced to close. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

26 September 2017: In Bdama town, Idlib governorate, a male national student pharmacist died from injuries sustained by missiles fired by suspected Russian warplanes the previous day. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

27 September 2017: In al Bashiriya, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired several missiles near a first aid centre supported by the Syrian Relief and Development Organization (SRD), damaging the facility and equipment. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

27 September 2017: In Darat Ezza, Aleppo governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired a missile at al Amal Hospital (formerly as al Rih al Mursala Hospital), damaging it. The facility was forced to close. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

28 September 2017: In Idlib, Idlib governorate, airstrikes of an unspecified source targeted five hospitals and two humanitarian warehouses. Sources: [Reuters](#) and [VOA News](#)

28 September 2017: In Idlib, Idlib governorate, there has been an escalating series of attacks against civilians and humanitarian lifelines, including hospitals, ambulances and health workers. Source: [VOA News](#)

29 September 2017: In Rif al Muhandiseen al Thani, Aleppo governorate, suspected Russian warplanes fired a missile near Thawrat al Karama Hospital, causing no damage. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

29 September 2017: In Beit Sawa town, a male national nurse was killed by artillery shelling by Syrian forces as he was responding to victims from a previous shelling. Source: [Syrian Network for Human Rights](#)

The Americas

Chile

18 September 2017: In Santiago, Santiago province, protesters demanded the closure of the Canca la Reyna schools for unspecified reasons. Source: [Diario Libre](#)

Colombia

24 September 2017: In Bogota, six robbers stole medical items from the Monserrat clinic. Source: [Caracol](#)

Peru

23 September 2017: In San Juan de Miraflores district, Lima, three people posing as clients attacked the Health and Smile dental clinic. Source: [Trome](#)

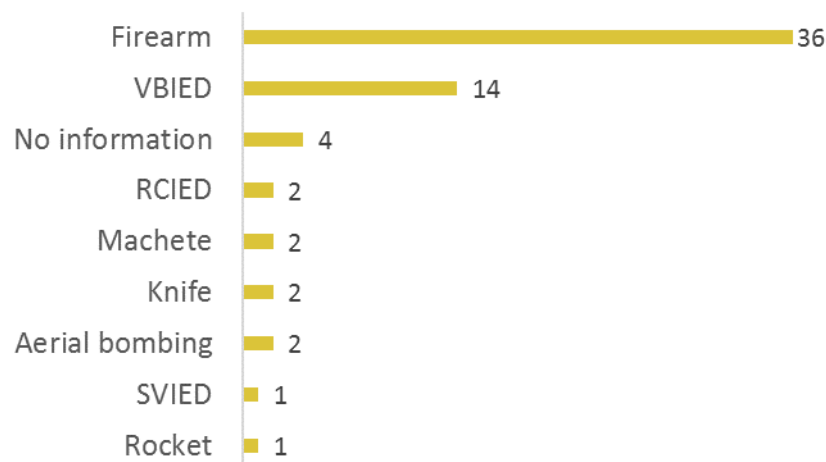
Trend Reporting: January 2016 – June 2017

Open-source reported KIK¹ incidents affecting educational workers²

Insecurity Insight's monitoring of open sources identified 83 KIK¹ incidents that affected 119 educational workers² in 19 countries. The actual number of KIK¹ incidents affecting educational workers² is undoubtedly higher.

A high number of incidents were reported in Pakistan (20%, 17 out of 83 incidents) and Afghanistan (14%, 12/83).

Reported weapon type used



56% of staff were killed or injured by firearms:

- Mostly in Pakistan (36%, 13/36), most frequently in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces (5/13 and 4/13).

31% of affected staff were killed or injured by explosive weapons:

- Iraq/KRI (9), Syria (2), Thailand, Pakistan, Somalia and Sudan (1 each).
- More explosive weapons killed staff than injuring them (16 and 4).

6% of affected staff were killed or injured by knives or machetes:

- Three incidents were suspected faith-based attacks: Bangladesh (2), France and Pakistan (1 each). The incident in Pakistan was fatal.

This data is part of the Aid in Danger project. It summarises selected findings from the Aid in Danger Monthly News Briefs, which are based on open-source monitoring. Data collection is ongoing and data may change as more information is made available. Where the number of staff affected is unspecified, one is counted.

¹ KIK incidents: Any incident that resulted in a staff member being killed, injured or kidnapped. Includes: beaten, kidnapped, killed, missing, tortured, and wounded. In our coding, assaults describe violence against staff where no specific injuries are reported. Injuries count the number of aid workers explicitly described as having sustained injuries. Most injuries are inflicted with either firearms or explosive weapons. Many assaults are carried out with body parts (fists, feet) or objects

² Educational workers: All international and national staff working for local education providers.

Security-related access constraints

Africa

Angola

17 September 2017: The Angolan Higher Education Teachers Union (SINPES) warned it would suspend classes over outstanding salaries and allowances. Source: [Novo Journal](#)

Benin

19 September 2017: In Ouaké, Donga department, teachers began a 72-hour strike over outstanding salaries and allowances. Activities resumed on 27 September after their requests were met by the Education Ministry. Source: [aCotonou](#)

26 September 2017: In Benin, health trade unions ordered a 72-hour strike over the government's inaction regarding health workers' demands. Source: [La Nouvelle Tribune](#)

Burkina Faso

04 September 2017: The Peace Corps temporarily evacuated 124 economic development, education and health project volunteers, citing security concerns. Sources: [Bloomberg](#), [Koaci](#) and [Voice of America](#)

25 September 2017: In Ouagadougou, 1,876 professors demonstrated outside the Education Ministry over outstanding salaries and allowances. Source: [Burkina24](#)

Burundi

05 September 2017: In Bujumbura, police carried out anti-terrorism activities in the playground of Kamenge Secondary Technical School. Source: [Burundi Africa Generation News](#)

09 September 2017: At an unspecified location, a crowd composed mainly of women and Imbonerakure members protested the investigators of a recent report of the United Nations (UN) Commission of Inquiry on Burundi. Source: [Radio Publique Africaine](#)

16 September 2017: At an unspecified location, crowds protested the investigators of a recent report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi. Source: [Radio France Internationale \(RFI\) Afrique](#)

29 September 2017: Following a Human Rights Council resolution, the government announced it will only accept UN experts into the country if they provide capacity building to judiciary institutions. Source: [Xinhua](#)

Cameroon

04 September 2017: In Yaoundé, Mfoundi department, investigators from the Cameroon Association for the Defence of Common Interests accused school principals of corruption in applications for school places. Source: [Journal de Cameroun](#)

Central African Republic

07 September 2017: In Bangui, patients at Elisabeth Domitien Hospital reported cases of racketeering by health workers. Source: [RJDH](#)

13 September 2017: The Code Blue Campaign of the movement AIDS-Free World accused MINUSCA of mock investigations into reports of sexual violence by peacekeepers, and announced that it will be investigating such allegations. Source: [aBangui](#)

15 September 2017: In Zemio, Haut-Mbomou prefecture, MSF suspended operations following recent attacks. Source: [Integrated Regional Information Networks \(IRIN\)](#)

28 September 2017: In Mambéré Kadei prefecture, MSF suspended operations, claiming that the emergency situation that prompted the organisation to intervene in the region no longer applies. Source: [RJDH](#)

Chad

04 September 2017: At N'Djaména University, the National Union of Teachers and Researchers of the Superior at the University (SYNECS) suspended academic and research activities for two weeks following failed negotiations with the government. Source: [Tchad Pages](#)

19 September 2017: The government abandoned free healthcare for all, substantially reducing the list of diseases it covers for the population from 45 to five. Source: [Tchad Pages](#)

22 September 2017: In Ennedi-Est region, authorities suspended World Food Programme (WFP) humanitarian flights to Amdjarass city and closed their office in the city. Source: [Makaila](#)

DRC

04 September 2017: Teachers from public schools across the DRC held a strike, demanding higher pay and better working conditions. Source: [Al Jazeera](#)

11 September 2017: In Butembo, North Kivu province, students at Catholic University of Graben (UCG) held a demonstration but were dispersed by police who used real bullets and tear gas. Source: [Radio Okapi](#)

18 September 2017: In Kinshasa, parents rushed to schools and collected their children in response to a rumour of attacks on schools. Source: [Xinhua Net](#)

Ghana

26 September 2017: Teachers across Ghana threatened to strike in October over outstanding salaries and allowances. Source: [Ghana Web](#)

Guinea-Bissau

19 September 2017: In Bissau, students at the Benhoblô University demanded the resignation of the university administrator, accusing him of abuses of power. They also demanded the resignation of the school secretary, the university's rector, and threatened to keep the university's gates closed, prompting the police to intervene. Source: [Radio Sol Mansi](#)

Ivory Coast

11 September 2017: In Abidjan, student protests initiated by the Student Federation of Côte d'Ivoire (FESCI) disrupted the start of the new academic year. Sources: [Koaci 1](#) and [Koaci 2](#)

13 September 2017: In Bonoua, Grand-Bassam department, the Mermoz French School sent an SMS to parents alerting them of security threats posed by an inter-ethnic conflict in the area. In response, many children were kept at home. Source: [Koaci](#)

14 September 2017: In Daloa, Sassandra-Marahoué district, protesting students stormed the regional Education Department to denounce the increase in fees for public and private colleges for 2017-18. Source: [Koaci](#)

Kenya

20 September 2017: In Dadaab refugee camp, Garissa county, UNHCR shut down its Alinjugur sub-office. Local leaders accused the agency of working in isolation, and of taking decisions that affect locals without consulting them. Source: [Daily Nation](#)

Mali

30 September 2017: In Bamako, members of the National Guard were reportedly being stationed in and around Fethullah Gülen schools. Source: [RFI](#)

Nigeria

29 September 2017: In Borno state, conflict has forced 57 percent of schools in the region to shut. Source: [Mail Online](#)

South Sudan

02 September 2017: The administrator for USAID informed the South Sudanese President that the US government is re-examining its policy toward South Sudan, raising concerns over the dangers aid workers face in delivering food and medicine in the country. Source: [The Washington Post](#)

Sudan

02 September 2017: The government released an engineering professor at Khartoum University detained for eight months over accusations of spying and treason. Source: [The Guardian](#)

06 September 2017: In refugee camps across Sudan, Christian refugees from South Sudan are reportedly being denied food provided by the government unless they recite Islamic prayers. Source: [Premier](#)

06 September 2017: Humanitarian supplies provided by the UN were reportedly been sold in markets, many marked with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) or UNHCR logos. Source: [Premier](#)

13 September 2017: In Kadugli, South Kordofan province, an ICRC delegation arrived to discuss the resumption of activities in the region after being given the green light by the Sudanese government to resume operations for the first time since February 2014. Sources: [Dabanga Sudan](#), [Sudan Tribune](#)

24 September 2017: In Kalma camp, South Darfur state, Sudanese security forces dispersed peaceful protests against the visit of the President to the area, killing five people, and injuring 26 more. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

26 September 2017: In Kalma camp, South Darfur state, Sudanese security forces conducted searches and arrest operations against individuals suspected of organising public protests against the visit of the President to the area. Food and other daily supplies were prevented from being delivered. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

Mauritius

06 September 2017: In Rose Belle, Grand Port district, Ministry of Health Employees Union members demonstrated outside Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital over violence against health workers. Source: [Lexpress](#)

Mozambique

09 September 2017: In Beira, Sofala province, staff at Beira Central Hospital published an open letter accusing hospital management of stealing funds and urging the authorities to act. Source: [Macua](#)

15 September 2017: In Maxixe, Inhambane province, students held a strike at the Health Institute to protest the closure of two health courses. Source: [DW](#)

Niger

25 September 2017: In Agadez, Tchirozerine department, Agadez region, students at Agadez University ended a strike after negotiations with authorities and university management. Source: [aNiamey](#)

Nigeria

18 September 2017: The Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities (ASUU) suspended its strike till the end of October to allow the Nigerian government to fulfil its pledges. Source: [Premium Times](#)

Senegal

Date not specified: The Union of Free Teachers of Senegal (SELS) filed a strike notice demanding the government respect agreements, otherwise face delays to the new academic year. Source: [SEN 360](#)

South Africa

25 September 2017: In Johannesburg, Gauteng province, residents protested alleged irregularities in the appointment of a principal at Klipspruit West Secondary School. Teachers were prevented from accessing 30 schools in Eldorado Park until 27 September. Source: [News24](#)

South Sudan

11 September 2017: In Upper Nile state, nearly 30 staff members from unspecified organisations were evacuated from Aburoc area due to deteriorating security. Source: [Radio Tamazuj](#)

Swaziland

05 September 2017: In Mbabane, Hhohho district, over 100 students from the Swaziland Christian University blocked the entrance of the Ministry of Education and Training. Source: [Times of Swaziland](#)

13 September 2017: In Swaziland, teachers held a strike to negotiate better pay. Teachers also demanded food for starving pupils in schools. Source: [Swazi Observer](#)

26 September 2017: In Mbabane, students in the dining hall at Swaziland College of Technology threw plates, trays and other items at staff over irregularities in meals given to students. Source: [Times of Swaziland](#)

Uganda

14 September 2017: In Kampala, police searched the headquarters of the NGO Action Aid Uganda. According to the search warrant, the police had the authority to access computer accessories, mobile handsets, money transfer-related documents and bank-related transaction documents. Source: [Daily Monitor](#)

14 September 2017: In Kampala, police searched the offices of the NGO Great Lakes Initiative for Strategic Studies (GLISS). Source: [Daily Monitor](#)

Zimbabwe

13 September 2017: In Bulawayo city, Bulawayo province, academics at the National University of Science and Technology went on a strike over working and management conditions. Source: [New Zimbabwe](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

22 September 2017: In Tarin Kowt, Uruzgan province, repeated Taliban threats against doctors and nurses forced the Tarin Kowt Hospital to shut down. Source: [Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty \(RFERL\)](#)

Bangladesh

13 September 2017: Bangladeshi police stopped and seized a convoy of 20 trucks carrying aid supplies belonging to the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) heading to Ukhiya camp. Source: [New Age Bangladesh](#)

China

07 September 2017: A Taiwanese staff member from an unspecified NGO detained by Chinese officials on allegations of endangering national security, is soon to stand trial. Source: [Hong Kong Free Press](#)

18 September 2017: Chinese authorities shut down an unspecified human rights chat group on social media platform QQ, after users discussed the trial of a Taiwanese NGO staff member. Source: [Radio Free Asia](#)

19 September 2017: Academics at the University of Zhejiang will have online political essays assessed in appraisals and job applications under new regulations. Source: [Radio Free Asia](#)

Indonesia

11 September 2017: In Tangerang, Banten province, teachers from the Indonesian Private Teachers Association (PGSRI) protested the government's decision to stop incentives. Source: [The Jakarta Post](#)

Myanmar

02 September 2017: In response to reports that it had halted food distributions in Rakhine state, the WFP clarified that it has been unable to distribute food in several locations in the region since mid-July 2017. Sources: [Special Broadcasting Service \(SBS\)](#) and [WFP](#)

04 September 2017: Government restrictions on international aid continue to prevent aid organisations, including the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UNHCR, UNICEF and the International Rescue Committee (IRC), from operating in Rakhine state. Sources: [Amnesty International](#), [European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations \(ECHO\) 1](#), [ECHO 2](#), [IRC](#), [IRIN 1](#), [IRIN 2](#), [ITV News](#) and [The Guardian](#)

04 September 2017: In Rakhine state, there were reports of intimidation of national staff in foreign NGOs and UN agencies, as well as looting of some foreign agency warehouses. Sources: [ECHO](#) and [DeveX](#)

06 September 2017: In Rakhine state, terrorist attacks of an unspecified origin forced 184 schools in Maungdaw township, 222 in Buthidaung, and 20 in Rathedaung to shut down. Source: [Myanmar Times](#)

07 September 2017: In Maungdaw, Rakhine state, around 100 people, including teachers were trapped by fighting. Source: [Myanmar Times](#)

13 September 2017: The NGO Christian Aid announced it is working in Rakhine state through local NGOs. Source: [ACT Alliance](#)

16 September 2017: Ongoing military operations continue to prevent humanitarian organisations from accessing all of Rakhine state. Sources: [ECHO](#) and [SBS](#)

23 September 2017: The government provided access to humanitarian aid via the Red Cross movement. Sources: [CNN](#), [Reuters 1](#), [Reuters 2](#) and [SBS](#)

23 September 2017: Accusations against UN and international NGOs by the Burmese government, denial of required travel and activity authorisations, and threatening statements and actions by hard-line groups, are all preventing independent aid workers from accessing Rakhine state. In addition, the designation of the state as a military zone resulted in severe administrative and access constraints. Sources: [Amnesty](#)

[International](#), [MSF](#), [Reuters 1](#), [Reuters 2](#), [SBS](#) and [The Guardian](#)

28 September 2017: The government continues to refuse to cooperate with UN efforts to investigate reported army atrocities in Rakhine state. The Foreign Ministry announced it had ordered its embassies not to grant visas to members of UN fact-finding missions. Sources: [Agence France-Presse \(AFP\)](#) and [IRIN](#)

Pakistan

13 September 2017: The government ordered MSF to stop activities in Kurram Agency, and leave the Federally Administered Tribal Areas region, stating their work permit had expired two years ago. MSF can continue operating in Bajaur agency and Sindh, Baluchistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provinces. Sources: [Reuters](#), [The New York Times 1](#) and [The New York Times 2](#)

19 September 2017: In Karachi, Sindh province, a recent report on Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology revealed anomalies including manipulation of student records, fake degrees, financial irregularities and selection of non-qualifying candidates for foreign scholarships. Source: [Dawn](#)

Europe

Italy

19 September 2017: *Update*: The German NGO Jugend Rettet went to court to demand the immediate release of its rescue boat, Luventa, seized last 02 August on Lampedusa island. Source: [The Local](#)

Malta

04 September 2017: Malta-based NGO Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) suspended rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea, citing rising tensions with Italian and Libyan authorities. Source: [Reuters](#)

Poland

15 September 2017: The Polish parliament voted to set up the National Institute for Freedom – Civil Society Development Centre, that will oversee the distribution of funds to NGOs. Source: [Deutsche Welle \(DW\)](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Algeria

19 September 2017: In Constantine, medical students of the University of Constantine demonstrated in front of Ibn-Badis University Hospital, and announced an unlimited strike until their demands of sufficient training at medical faculties and university hospitals are met. Source: [Liberte](#)

20 September 2017: In Bouira, Bouira province, pharmacists gathered in front of the headquarters of the Directorate of Health and Population (DSP) Bouira to demand the opening of new pharmacies. Source: [Depeche de Kabylie](#)

26 September 2017: In Oran, Oran province, doctors, professors and union members observed a sit-in at several health facilities to denounce recent media campaigns against the medical profession. Source: [Liberte](#)

Egypt

08 September 2017: Egyptian authorities blocked Human Rights Watch's website a day after it released a report on systematic arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, and torture in the country's jails. Source: [Al Jazeera](#)

Libya

15 September 2017: Libyan authorities closed the Libyan-Tunisian Ras Jedir border crossing because of a

dispute over its management. Aid convoys were permitted to cross on 20 September. Source: [Jawhara FM](#)

18 September 2017: In Misurata, Tripolitania region, teachers staged a sit-in to demand a pay raise, suspending the beginning of the academic year. Source: [Alwasat](#)

19 September 2017: In Tripoli, Tripolitania region, a United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) spokesperson announced that its troops will be guarding UNSMIL's premises in the city for security purposes ahead of the return of UN staff to the country. Source: [Libya Herald](#)

19 September 2017: In Sabratha, Tripolitania region, clashes between Abu Zamna and the Anas al-Dabashi battalions against the militant group Islamic State were reported near Sabratha Hospital. No damage was reported. Source: [Alwasat](#)

20 September 2017: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) remains unable to deploy permanent staff to the country due to security challenges. Source: [Libya Herald](#)

27 September 2017: Libyan coastguard officials boarded without permission a boat belonging to Jugend Rettet for alleged unauthorised entry into Libyan waters and requested the NGO hand over 52 recused migrants. The NGO tried to flee with a coastguard official on the boat, prompting the Libyan navy to fire shots in the air. Source: [Public Radio International \(PRI\)](#)

Morocco

19 September 2017: The National Organization of Physicians, Pharmacists and Dental Surgeons (DEMO) planned a 24-hour strike for 28 September in all public health institutions, except for intensive care and recovery units, to protest deterioration and total bankruptcy of the health system. Source: [Kifache](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

05 September 2017: Hamas' leader rejected the request of the President of ICRC to meet two Israeli civilians believed to be held by Hamas. Sources: [Israel Hayom](#) and [Star Tribune](#)

13 September 2017: A United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report revealed that international donor support for Palestinian territories fell by 38% between 2014 and 2016 due, in part, to the fact Israeli occupation has prevented aid flows from translating into tangible development gains. Source: [The Express Tribune](#)

19 September 2017: In Area C, West Bank territory, at least 56 schools have pending demolition or stop-work orders. Source: [Muftah](#)

25 September 2017: In Bethlehem, Israeli forces shut down a bookstore during a raid in Dheisheh refugee camp for no known reasons. Source: [Wafa](#)

27 September 2017: Israeli forces are reportedly preventing cancer patients from attending hospital appointments outside Gaza Strip territory. Source: [The New Arab](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

07 September 2017: A 40-truck humanitarian convoy arrived in Deir ez-Zor city bringing relief supplies to soldiers and 93,000 civilians previously under a three-year Islamic State siege. Source: [Reuters](#)

Yemen

03 September 2017: Restrictions on imports, such as essential drugs and medical supplies, indirectly led to

the death of the founder of the Yemen Red Crescent movement. Source: [ICRC](#)

19 September 2017: In Al Hudaydah city, Al Hudaydah governorate, 15 cargo ships carrying food and fuel, authorised by the Saudi-led coalition to enter the port, are facing delays by Houthi rebels. In response, Riyadh has proposed that food and medicine aid be shipped through Jizan port. Source: [Riyadh Vision](#)

23 September 2017: In Al Hudaydah city, Al Hudaydah governorate, Houthi rebels continue to hold relief materials. Militias controlling the port are charging agencies up to 100,000 USD/85,000 EUR to offload a vessel. Source: [Riyadh Vision](#)

The Americas

Peru

23 September 2017: The President of the Committee of Fight of the regional bases of the Sutep announced teachers would strike on 25 October to protest the National Single Test of promotion. Source: [Peru21](#)

United States of America

21 September 2017: In New York, civilians and activists gathered in front of the UN headquarters to protest the presence of dictators at the UN General Assembly. Source: [Tchad Pages](#)

