The Aid in Danger Monthly News Brief

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Security Incidents

Africa

Cameroon

10 June 2017: In North West region, unidentified perpetrators set fire to the administrative block of the Government High School (GHS) Babessi at night, destroying it. Source: Cameroon Concord

17 June 2017: In Fako, unidentified perpetrators set fire at night to two schools, GHS Mbonjo and GHS Idenau. At Mbonjo school, the administrative building and two classrooms were destroyed. At GHS Idenau, the administrative building was damaged. Source: Cameroon-info

Central African Republic

01 June 2017: In Moyabe, seven Mauritanian peacekeepers from United Nations Stabilization Mission of the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) were wounded when they were ambushed during a routine patrol by an unidentified armed group. Source: Lecalame

14 June 2017: Near Ndélé, Bamingui-Bangoran Prefecture, one male LNGO national staff member was assaulted during a robbery by unidentified perpetrators. Money taken. Source: AWSD[1]

20 June 2017: In Bria, an unspecified number of aid agencies' offices were looted following fighting between rival armed factions near a IDP camp. Source: TRF

26 June 2017: In Bangassou, a male Red Cross worker was fatally shot while on duty at the organisation's compound in the evening by an unidentified armed group. Source: Sharenet

Democratic Republic of the Congo

07 June 2017: In Luberu territory, North Kivu province, unidentified gunmen kidnapped two ICRC staff members who were travelling between Kirumba and Beni. ICRC is currently in talks with the perpetrators to secure their release. Sources: Agence d'Information D'Afrique Centrale, Radio Okapi

Ivory Coast

24-25 June 2017: In Daloa city, Sassandra-Marahoué district, three bandits broke into the pharmacy of the regional hospital and stole a substantial amount of cash. Source: Koaci

Kenya

06 June 2017: In Kulan town, Garissa county, a vehicle belonging to African Development Solutions hit a suspected al-Shabaab planted mine near Dadaab IDP camp, killing four LNGO national staff members. Sources: Daily Nation, Star Tribune, The Star, VOA

22 June 2017: In Nairobi county, operations in many public hospitals were paralysed after doctors joined the nurses' strike. The medics cited salary delay, mistreatment and lack of promotions as motivations behind the demonstration. Source: Standard Media

28 June 2017: In Eldoret city, police lobbed teargas to disperse striking Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital nurses who took to the streets over pay hike demands. The over 800 nurses were dispersed after they attempted to barricade roads leading to the referral hospital. Source: Citizen TV

Mali

08 June 2017: In Kidal region, four peacekeepers were killed and eight wounded after suspected al-Qaeda militants attacked a UN position. Source: aBamako

Niger

29 June 2017: In Kablewa village, near Diffa city, two female suicide bombers attacked a UNHCR-run camp for the internally displaced, killing four people, and injuring 11 more. Source: IRIN, UNHCR Niger and Xinhua

Nigeria

24 June 2017: In Maiduguri, a female security guard was killed and three others injured in three separate night time Boko Harem suicide attacks at the University of Maiduguri. Source: This Day

26 June 2017: In Maiduguri, two female suspected Boko Harem suicide bombers detonated SVIEDs at the University of Maiduguri. Source: This Day

Somalia

09 June 2017: In Baidoa city, Bay region, fighting erupted after a group of soldiers tried to steal food intended for refugees and soldiers, guarding the aid, intervened. Five civilians killed and over 4 injured. Source: Al Jazeera, Reuters, The New Arab

South Africa

03 June 2017: The remains of New-York-based UNICEF associate director for human resources, reported missing following a hike up Platteklip Gorge with her family in March 2017, were found. An investigation into the cause of her death is underway. Source: AllAfrica and Star Tribune

South Sudan

June 2017: At least 20 incidents of robbery or ambush of vehicles were reported from Lakes, Western Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria and Central Equatoria states. The vehicles had travelled for humanitarian assessments, response missions, and to pre-position and deliver humanitarian supplies. Source: OCHA

06 June 2017: In Guit county, Unity state, armed forces detained 14 community volunteers and health workers. Nine of them remain in captivity, as of 13 July. Source: OCHA

07 June 2017: In Lainya, Central Equatoria state, one male LNGO national staff member was injured when his vehicle was shot at by two unidentified armed men. Source: AWSD[1]

07 June 2017: In Yei county, armed men ambushed the vehicle of an unspecified NGO at Limbe on Lainya-Yei road about 15 kilometres from Yei town, seriously injuring one staff member. Source: OCHA

09 June 2017: In White Nile state, fighting broke out between residents of the Khor Waral IDP camp, causing the death of three refugees. Source: Radio Tamazuj

13 June 2017: As of 06 June, in Guit county, at least 14 community volunteers and health workers have reportedly been forcibly recruited by armed groups, forcing a health facility in Nimni area, as well as at least two school to shut. Source: Thomson Reuters Foundation

24 June 2017: In Budi county, Eastern Equatoria state, government soldiers forcibly entered the compound of an unspecified NGO, assaulted guards and commandeered the organisation's vehicle. Source: OCHA

27 June 2017: In Boma state, UNHAS aid flights to Pochalla town were suspended after SPLA soldiers in the area briefly detained a WFP aircraft and its crew. Source: Radio Tamazuj

28 June 2017: In Pariang county, Unity state, a group of youth forcefully entered the compound of an unspecified NGO in Ajoung-Thok camp, barricaded the entry, and physically assaulted staff members. Source: OCHA

Late-June 2017: In Bor city, Jonglei state, some Bor Community Youth Association issued three letters threatening violence against aid workers from the Equatoria region. Several arrests were made alleged perpetrators. Source: OCHA

Sudan

01 June 2017: In Nyala city, South Darfur state, a Nigerian UNAMID soldier was killed during carjacking incident by unidentified perpetrators. Source: Dabanga Sudan

05 June 2017: In El Tina locality, North Darfur state, 10 UNAMID soldiers were injured when a device exploded alongside their patrol vehicle whilst returning to their headquarters. Source: Dabanga Sudan

14 June 2017: Near El Mashrou, unidentified gunmen ambushed a vehicle carrying Central Darfur's Health Minister who was returning from a visit to El Geneina, killing his brother, security guard and injuring a driver. Source: Dabanga Sudan

27 June 2017: In South Darfur state, Otash camp for the displaced, militiamen in a Land Cruiser without number plates hijacked a vehicle with its owner and a companion at gunpoint. The victims were released three kilometres from Nyala, after the perpetrators stole their vehicle, money and mobile phones. Dabanga Sudan

Asia
Bangladesh
16 June 2017: Islamist leaders threatened to 'break every bone' of a prominent Bangladeshi lawyer for

defending the installation of a Lady Justice statue outside the country's supreme court, claiming that its presence was an example of idol worship, forbidden in Islam. The Guardian

China
28 June 2017: Update: A Chinese activist from the US-based NGO China Labor Watch has been released. He was arrested and detained alongside two colleagues in Ganzhou city on 28 May, after their investigation revealed abuse of workers at a factory making shoes for Ivanka Trump's brand. Source: The Guardian

Myanmar
14 June 2017: In Maungdaw township, over 300 Rakhine residents protested in front of a UN office, claiming that the international community has not done enough in response to a spate of attacks against the Buddhist Chakma minority community in Bangladesh. Source: Burma News International

Pakistan
09 June 2017: Islamic State, via its news agency Amaq, claimed responsibility for the deaths of two Chinese teachers kidnapped in Baluchistan province in May 2017. Source: Reuters

Philippines, the
21 June 2017: In Malagakit village, North Cotabato province, around 200-300 gunmen from the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters occupied a school building, where they sporadically traded shots with government troops up to nightfall. Source: KSL

Singapore
12 June 2017: Singapore police indefinitely detained without trial a female preschool assistant who allegedly shared pro-Islamic State materials online and intended to travel to Syria. Source: IBT

Europe
Turkey
06 June 2017: In Izmir, police detained the local chair of Amnesty International and 22 other lawyers, over alleged links to Fethullah Gülen. Sources: Al Monitor, Times Union

16 June 2017: A literature professor and a primary school teacher, who were dismissed and jailed in May 2017 for holding a hunger protest, may be close to death. Their imprisonment came after a court had ruled that their protest was conducted on behalf of a terrorist leftist group, the DHKPC. The teachers, both Turkish, say they will only end their actions once they are restored to their position. Source: Reuters

Middle-East and North Africa
Libya
28 June 2017: Between Surman and Tripoli, seven UN staff members (five men: one Malaysian, one Romanian and three Libyans and two women: one Egyptian and one Palestinian) were kidnapped when their UN convoy was ambushed by unidentified gunmen. All seven staff were released the same day. Source: The New Arab, UNSMIL

Syrian Arab Republic
02 June 2017: In al Swyada village, Raqqa governorate, international coalition forces reportedly fired a missile near an unnamed school, damaging the building. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

04 June 2017: In Damscus, a male Syrian nurse reportedly died following torture. No further information

available. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

06 June 2017: In al Mashlab, Raqqa, international coalition forces reportedly fired several missiles at al Intifada School, destroying the building. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

08 June 2017: In al Tloul village, Hama governorate, a male national Syrian Civil Defence volunteer was reportedly killed by mortar shelling by Syrian forces as he was responding to an earlier bombing. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

08 June 2017: In Tafas, Daraa governorate, bombing by suspected Russian or Syrian forces reportedly injured a male national nurse. He was transferred to an unnamed Jordanian hospital of wounds and later died from sustained in the bombing. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

09 June 2017: In Ma'aret al Nu'man, Idlib governorate, the Free Aleppo University-affiliated Faculty of Education was reportedly raided by Fateh al Sham Front fighters who damaged furniture and wrote statements in support of Hay'et Tahrir al Sham on the walls. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

09 June 2017: In n Ma'aret al Nu'man, Idlib governorate, an unnamed educational building was reportedly raided by Fateh al Sham Front fighters who confiscated property. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

09 June 9, 2017: In Jadid Ekidat village, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired missiles at unnamed makeshift hospital, destroying the facility. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

10 June 2017: On al Nour Street, al Dar'iya neighbourhood, Raqqa, a female national nurse was reportedly killed by missiles reportedly fired by international coalition forces. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

10 June 2017: In al Mayadin, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, international coalition forces reportedly fired several missiles at Fatima al Zahraa hospital, also known as the Maternity Hospital, damaging the facility. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

12 June 2017: In Daraa, Daraa governorate, an ambulance was destroyed when Syrian forces reportedly fired two rockets at unspecified building. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

12 June 2017: In Daraa city, Daraa governorate, the Syrian army has recently intensified dropping barrel bombs, drums or cylinders packed with shrapnel, and has fired hundreds of so-called elephant rockets on the city's old quarter and a former refugee camp. Source: Reuters

14 June 2017: Tafas, Daraa governorate, a SCD ambulance was damaged during Syrian forces artillery shelling, as the ambulance was responding to a previous shelling. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

14 June 2017: In Tafas, Daraa governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired two missiles at the former Martyr Kiwan School used to shelter IDPs, killing an unspecified number of IDPs and damaging the building. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

17 June 2017: In East Harasta, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, a Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) driver was seriously wounded after a 37-truck convoy delivering aid came under fire by suspected Syrian force

snipers. The convoy was a joint operation by SARC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and the United Nations. The convoy was reportedly heading back to SARC headquarters in Damascus after it had reportedly been denied access into Harasta by Syrian regime forces. Source: ICRC, Naharnet, Syria Direct, The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR), VOA

17 June 2017: In al Mayadin, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, international coalition forces reportedly fired several missiles at al Jabbar al Ibeid School, which houses IDPs, killing an unspecified number of IDPs and destroying the building. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

18 June 2017: In Damascus, one SARC staff member was injured in a gun attack on a multi-agency convoy which was targeted as it approached the city. Source: AWSD[1]

19 June 2017: In Deir Ez-Zour, a male Red Crescent volunteer, was killed after a parachute, which carried food aids, landed on him. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

20 June 2017: In Damascus, the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at Damascus University was reportedly damaged by mortar shells fired from an unspecified source. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

23 June 2017: In al Mayadin, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, international coalition forces reportedly fired several missiles at the National Hospital, destroying the facility. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

23 June 2017: In al Twatha village, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, international coalition forces reportedly fired several missiles near al Twatha School for Elementary Education, damaging the building. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

25 June 2017: In al Mayadin, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired several missiles at Martyr Abdul Ghafour Mulla Hashem school, damaging the building. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

28 June 2017: Two local drivers contracted by the UN were shot and injured. No further information available. Source: The Guardian

29 June 2017: In Talbisa, Homs governorate, a female national nurse at Talbisa makeshift hospital was reportedly killed in her home by rockets fired by Syrian forces. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

30 June 2017: In Dablan village, Deir Ez-Zour governorate, a male national nurse reportedly died from injuries sustained by suspected-Russian fired missiles on Dablan village on 28 June. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

30 June 2017: In Kafr Zita, Hama governorate, Syrian forces fired several artillery shells at SCD-affiliated centre 107, destroying an ambulance and a rescue vehicle and damaging the building. Three other service vehicles were damaged to varying. Source: The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SNHR)

Yemen
June 2017: On multiple occasions, Houthi rebel groups reportedly seized and stole aid delivery trucks used by humanitarian agencies, including the WFP. Rebels reportedly have used WFP trucks to transport armed militants to besieged areas in Taiz, Abas, and Medi, using the convoys for camouflage. In Taiz governorate,

Houthi rebels seized 200 vehicles carrying relief materials for 12 directorates. In Hajjah governorate, at least seven locomotives carrying aid have gone missing. Source: Asharq Al-Aswat

19 June 2017: In the ports of Hodeidah and Salif, Houthi rebels have obstructed, seized and looted at least 63 relief vessels provided by Gulf Cooperation Council countries. Source: Asharq Al-Aswat The same militias have also seized over 550 relief convoys at the gates of uninhabited provinces. Source: Reuters

20 June 2017: In - Ma'rib Governorate, three trucks belonging to the Saudi King Salman Centre for Relief and Humanitarian Aid were damaged by an IED explosion whilst en route to distribute food aid in Marib city. Source: Baghdad Post
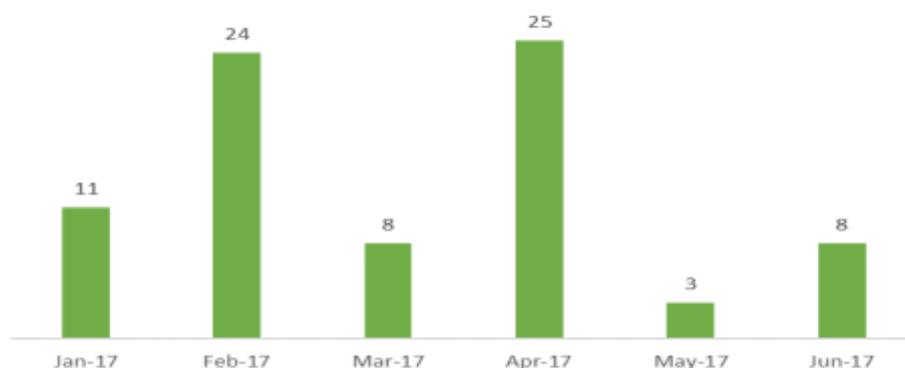
The Americas

Colombia

09 June 2017: In Mesetas municipality, Meta department, three unidentified gunmen entered the camp of the Civil Humanitarian Demining Organization Norwegian People's Aid in Santa Elena town, and burned a Land Cruiser used by the organisation. Source: El Tiempo

16 June 2017: The United Nations called on the kidnappers of a male UN staff member to provide a proof of life, and to establish contact to facilitate his release. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime staff member was kidnapped after a meeting with local coca farmers about an ongoing crop substitution program carried out as part of a peace deal with the FARC. Source: Colombia Reports

Trend Reporting: January-June 2017

Open source reported incidents affecting the delivery of healthcare, by month

Between January and June 2017, open-source monitoring by the Aid in Danger project, identified 79 incidents affecting health facilities and ambulances. Data collection is ongoing and data may change as more information becomes available.

Security-related access constraints

Africa

Central African Republic

June 2017: Fighting between rival armed factions forced the UNICEF to deliver aid by plane to Bangassou - a more costly and complicated option than using trucks. The agency was unable to find any drivers willing to travel by road due to fear of attack. Source: TRF

06 June 2017: According to a confidential document made public by the NGO Code Blue Campaign, the military leader of MINUSCA has threatened to deport Congolese peacekeepers accused of sexual abuse and indiscipline. It urged Kinshasa to improve the criteria for its units. If failing, the Congolese battalions would be replaced. Source: Africa 1

21 June 2017: Around 600 Congolese UN peacekeepers are to be withdrawn following allegations of sexual abuse. Source: Africa 1 , Al Jazeera

Democratic Republic of the Congo
02 June 2017: In North Kivu province, doctors from all hospitals in the region began a five-day strike to protest against the assassination of one of their colleagues last month. Source: VOA

03 June 2017: In North Kivu province, insecurity caused by the community-based militia group Mai-Mai disrupted World Food Programme (WFP)'s food distribution activities. Source: Radio Okapi

07 June 2017: In Luberu territory, North Kivu province, following the kidnapping of two of its staff members, the ICRC suspended its activities in the region. Sources: Agence d'InformHB\ation D'Afrique Centrale , Radio Okapi I, Radio Okapi II

Kenya
07 June 2017: In Garissa county, teachers in at least six schools in the towns of Damajaley, Hamey, Kulan, Yumbis, Fafi and Liboi have not been reporting to work following recent terror attacks by the militant group al Shabaab targeting security officers and road users. Source: Daily Nation

Somalia
01 June 2017: In Mogadishu, a complex attack planned by al Shabaab militants to target a UN compound and officials, as well as the United Arab Emirates Embassy, was thwarted. Source: Dalsan Radio

June 2017: ISHA, a local human rights local NGO, reported that at least 54 displaced women have been raped and sexually assaulted at IDP camps in Baidoa in 2017. Most of the reported perpetrators were soldiers. Source: Pulse and The New Arab

28 June 2017: Lack of access to hungry parts of Somalia controlled by the militant group al Shabaab continues to threaten the lives of tens of thousands of malnourished children, as the country risks falling back into famine. Source: TRF

30 June 2017: Nearly four years after withdrawing its teams from Somalia, MSF has started treating patients again in the country. Teams are providing support to Mudug Regional Hospital, Galkayo North, in Somalia's Puntland region, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. Source: MSF

South Sudan
June 2017: In areas held by anti-government forces, exactions attempts have been reported. In the capital Juba, several organisations faced challenges transporting cash out of the city for their humanitarian operations, with the authorities requesting new and additional paperwork. Source: OCHA

05 June 2017: In Pibor and Vertet counties, Jonglei state, OCHA partners were forced to suspend a planned

food distribution to more than 7,500 vulnerable people due to interference from government soldiers. Source: OCHA

07 June 2017: US FBI agents are reportedly assisting South Sudanese lawmakers to prosecute 12 suspects in the killing of a South Sudanese aid worker and rape of at least five women during an attack on the Terrain Hotel in Juba on 11 July 2016. Source: Newsweek

29 June 2017: As the UN complained that aid convoys are being blocked, the South Sudanese government stated that it may withhold permission for aid workers to go to some rebel-held areas on safety and security grounds. Source: Reuters

Sudan

14 June 2017: The trial of a prominent Sudanese human rights activist and engineering professor at the University of Khartoum began in Khartoum. He was arrested in December 2016 by security forces as part of a crackdown on opposition leaders and activists. Source: Ghana Star

Tanzania

25 June 2017: The Minister for Home Affairs has threatened to deregister NGOs who campaigned for the right of pregnant students to return to school. Source: AllAfrica

Togo

Undated: UNHCR is expected to withdraw from Togo shortly. No further details available. Source: Icilome

Zimbabwe

02 June 2017: In Marondera town, Mashonaland East province, the country's First Lady declared that NGOs are no longer welcome in Zimbabwe, accusing them of political interference, and claiming that the country no longer needs humanitarian support. Source: AllAfrica

Asia

India

07 June 2017: The Government asked over 2,000 NGOs to validate their bank accounts designated to receive funds from foreign countries. Failure to do so could invite unspecified action. This strict directive comes after several NGOs ignored previous notifications concerning this matter. As at 23 June, 10,256 NGOs have still not filed all the returns and may lose their registration. Source: India Today, Live Mint

Pakistan

16 June 2017: Following the adoption of new procedures requiring INGOs to register online by July 31, the Interior Ministry announced that 66 had registered and 10 others had been rejected. A decision on the applications of 36 INGOs had yet to be taken. Source: Dawn, The Nation

17 June 2017: The authorities rejected registration requests from 10 NGOs. Source: Dawn

Europe

Hungary

02 June 2017: The Prime Minister announced the country will push ahead with legislation to put foreign-funded NGOs under more scrutiny, accusing those financed by billionaire George Soros of operating as a mafia-like network. This announcement comes after a statement made by Soros a week before, in which he said he admired the courageous way Hungarians resist the deception and corruption of the mafia state

established by the Hungarian leader. In response to this announcement, Amnesty International declared that it has no intention to comply with the new rules. Source: ABC, BBC, Politico, Reuters

08 June 2017: After receiving the assessment of the Venice Commission, the Council of Europe's advisory body on the rule of law, the Government announced that it will amend a bill targeting foreign-funded NGOs, easing restrictions. Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters

Russia
02 June 2017: In Rostov region, a human rights activist from Women of the Don Union was charged with intentionally avoiding registration of her NGO as a foreign agent. She has become the first person to face criminal prosecution under the country's Foreign Agents Registration Act. If convicted, the woman could be sentenced to two years imprisonment. Source: RFERL

Switzerland- International
18 June 2017: Taiwan has criticised the UN Office in Geneva after a Taiwanese professor and three students were not allowed to listen in on a UN Human Rights Council session at the UN's headquarters on the grounds that the group needed China-issued identification documents. Source: Hong Kong Free Press

Turkey
02 June 2017: Turkish authorities deported three Syrian men and one Syrian woman working for the Danish NGO Dan Church Aid to Sudan, following two months detention. Source: IRIN

United Kingdom
11 June 2017: Following two terror attacks in Manchester and London in May 2017, the National Counter Terrorism Security Office released an updated *Crowded Places Guidance* document, warning medical professionals and hospitals that they could be targets of terrorist attacks. Source: Independent

Middle-East and North Africa

Iraq
18 June 2017: In Mosul, Shifa neighbourhood, government forces discovered tons of brand new medicine boxes inside a previously IS-controlled al Shifa hospital. Labels and tags on the medicine boxes indicate that they were manufactured in Samara last year, raising questions on how and by who, such medicine boxes found their way to Islamic State-held territories. Source: Rudaw

Israel
11 June 2017: The Prime Minister called for the dismantlement of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), accusing it of incitement against the Jewish nation. Sources: Ma'an News Agency, The Telegraph

13 June 2017: The Prime Minister maintained that a recently approved law requiring NGOs to disclose funding received from foreign governments is not strong enough, adding that he is particularly concerned about groups that focus on the conduct of Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Xinhua

Occupied Palestinian Territories
04 June 2017: The Danish Ambassador to Israel announced it will suspend funding to civil Palestinian groups, following Israeli accusations that some of these organisations promote terrorism. Source: Asharq Al-Awsat

10 June 2017: In Maghazi refugee camp, Gaza Strip, UNRWA discovered part of a tunnel underneath two of its schools, Maghazi Elementary Boys A and B School and the Maghazi Preparatory Boys School. The agency stated that the construction and presence of tunnels under UN premises are incompatible with the respect of privileges and immunities owed to the UN under international law. Source: Al Monitor, Ma'an News Agency

Syrian Arab Republic
15 June 2017: UN Special Envoy for Syria, Jan Egeland, stated that the UN has been unable to deliver food, medicine and other essential items to some 600,000 people in 12 besieged areas across Syria for 40 days, citing intense fighting and red tape as the main impediments. Source: VOA

Tunisia
12 June 2017: The Tunisian Government, in what appears to be an attempt to control civil society, issued a statement ordering all NGOs to declare all funds they receive from abroad, and threatened to prosecute any party that failed to comply. Source: Al Monitor

Yemen
02 June 2017: The Government and its Saudi allies are preventing journalists and human rights activists from travelling on UN chartered flights to the capital Sana'a, prohibiting them from reaching many of the areas hardest hit by malnutrition and airstrikes, and even from reporting on rebel violations. Source: IRIN

05 June 2017: A top official from the armed Houthi movement announced that the UN Special Envoy for Yemen has been banned from returning to the country, accusing him of bias. The chief of a political council backed by the Houthis urged the UN, on Twitter, to choose another envoy who would respect the will of the people. Source: Reuters

06 June 2017: The American country director for Transoceanic Development was found to have shipped materials for elite military commandos under a clandestine contract his employer had with the Pentagon, possibly endangering neutrality for many humanitarian groups operating in Yemen. He had been kidnapped by rebels two years ago while helping coordinate aid for UNICEF and the Red Cross. Sources: PBS, The New York Times