Security Incidents

**Africa**

**Mali**
04 July 2016: Gunmen attacked a subcontractor’s truck convoy, carrying equipment for the UN peacekeeping mission, near the northern village of Bambara Maoudé, Tombouctou Region. The incident destroyed the vehicles without killing or injuring people. According to OCHA, targeted and criminal attacks against aid workers are on the rise in northern Mali. Sources: Thomson Reuters Foundation, aBamako.

**Kenya**

**Update: 01 July 2016**: IJM announced the deaths of three individuals associated with its Kenyan operations following their June 23 disappearance. Source: IJM.

**Mozambique**

14 July 2016: Opposition gunmen raided four health centres in Maco and Garagua in Mossurize District, and Mussianhalo and Chuala in Barue District in the province of Manico. Source: Saponoticias.

24 July 2016: Opposition gunmen raided the Muapala Health Centre in the northern district of Maúá, Niassa Province and stole medicine and surgical equipment. Source: Radio Mocambique.

**Nigeria**


**Somalia**


This monthly digest comprises threats and incidents of violence affecting the delivery of humanitarian assistance. It is prepared by Insecurity Insight from information available in open sources.

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29 July 2016: At least 10 people were killed in Mogadishu when two car bombs targeted the UN Mine Action Services and peacekeepers. Source: ACAPS.

**South Sudan**

02 July 2016: Unidentified armed robbers broke into the office of an unspecified international humanitarian agency in South Sudan’s capital Juba, and stole a laptop and a substantial amount of cash from their safe. Source: Radio Tamazuj

05 July 2016: A INGO national staff member was killed by armed men who ambushed a private vehicle on the Torit-Kapoeta road in Eastern Equatoria. Other passengers in the car were robbed of their belongings, including cash, but were otherwise unharmed. The circumstances surrounding the killing of the INGO staff member are currently unknown. Source: AWSD

08 July 2016: Three vehicles belonging to the charity agencies International Aid Services, Intersos and Health Link were attacked by a group of young men in the central state capital of Jonglei State, Bor. The driver was beaten and injured, and his car seized for 45 minutes. The same perpetrators had complained earlier that organisations employed drivers from other areas. Source: Radio Tamazuj

Intense battles between soldiers loyal to President Salva Kiir, a member of the Dinka tribe, and rebels backing Vice President Riek Machar, a Nuer, broke out on 07 July 2016, and led to a number of security incidents and access constraints. These events are listed in chronological order below. The section on access constraints lists the reported security measures by humanitarian agencies.

08 July 2016: Renewed fighting across the South Sudanese capital of Juba struck a UN Protection of Civilian (PoC) site, putting at risk the lives of internally displaced people, who earlier sought refuge in the compound. Sources: AP & Voice of America.

08 July 2016: UNESCO country director shot in the arm and leg. No further information available. Source: Daily Maverick.

10 July 2016: A Chinese peacekeeper was killed in Jebel. No further information available. Source: Jason Patinkin on Twitter.

10 July 2016: Two UN displacement compounds were struck by government forces in the cross-fire of two rival factions. Source: The Washington Post.

11 July 2016: A UN camp housing around 28,000 internally displaced people in Juba was caught in crossfire. Source: news.com.au.

It is unclear whether the UN camp referred to by news.com.au is actually one of the two UN compounds mentioned by The Washington Post, or another one.

11 July 2016: A Chinese peacekeeper was killed and six others wounded when the armoured vehicle they were travelling in was shelled. No more details are available. Source: news.com.au.


11 July 2016: The maternity ward of the International Medical Corp’s hospital in a PoC site was struck by
shelling. Nobody was injured in this incident, but critical ill patients had to be moved to another facility within the same base. Source: International Medical Corps & Radio Tamazuj.

11 July 2016: A national staff member from Internews was killed during fighting in Buaw, Koch County. Source: ReliefWeb & Internews.

14 July 2016: A local employee of a foreign humanitarian organisation was killed, an unspecified number of international aid staff raped, and some UN officials assaulted amid fighting across Juba. Sources: UN News Centre, Reuters I & Reuters II.

14 July 2016: A month’s worth of commodities intended for 222,000 poor and vulnerable people, as well as vehicles, fuel and office information technology equipment were looted from the main warehouse of the World Food Programme (WFP) in Juba. Sources: Africa News, Reuters, South China Morning Post, UN News Centre I & UN News Centre II.

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14 July 2016: An INGO national staff member was shot and killed in Barpakeny, Rumbek East. The incident appears to have been related to a personal matter and not because the victim was an aid worker. Source: AWSD

16 July 2016: Two water tankers delivering water to a UN camp for the internally displaced were hijacked by armed military officials. No more details are available. Source: Radio Tamazuj.

19 July 2016: Tools and seeds were looted from the warehouse of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in Juba. No more specific information is available. Source: Reuters.

25 July 2016: A bullet and shrapnel hit a PoC site in Juba. A maternity ward inside the same base was shelled. Source: Jason Patinkin.

Asia

Afghanistan
Update: 23 July 2016: An Indian employee of the aid organisation Aga Khan Foundation was rescued unharmed after she was kidnapped on 09 June 2016 in the Afghan capital of Kabul. Source: Reuters.

Armenia
27 July 2016: At a police post in the Armenian capital of Yerevan, an ambulance crew was held hostage by armed men after entering the compound, which the same gunmen seized 10 days earlier, to provide treatment to two wounded members of the same armed following clashing with the police. Source: Al Jazeera.

Bangladesh
01 July 2016: The attack on a Bangladesh Café, Holey Artisan Bakery in Gulshan Thana in Dakar, that killed 20 hostages, included seven Japanese who worked for the Japan International Cooperation agency on aid projects. An Italian man who survived the attack worked for an aid organisation, providing medical aid to people in Bangladesh. Sources: WSJ, BBC.
Update: 25 July 2016: A French employee of the charity group Barakacity, held by the Bangladeshi authorities since 22 December 2016, has been cleared from the charges against him. The Frenchman was arrested after he travelled to the high-security border region with Myanmar on a tourist visa. Source: Al Jazeera.

Nepal
25 July 2016: In the southwest district of Chitwan, Central Region, a truck carrying medicine was set ablaze by a group of unidentified men. Source: My Republica.

Pakistan
02 July 2016: In the southern state capital of Sindh Province, Karachi, unidentified burglars broke into the office of the charity group Make-A-Wish Foundation, and stole cash and several gifts intended to be distributed to sick children on Eid. Source: The Express Tribune.

Europe
France
01 July 2016: In the eastern Parisian suburb of Montreuil, the French director of the charity group Restos du Coeur, which provides food assistance to the needy, was stabbed with an axe and knife in the stomach by an unidentified couple of assailants. The motivation behind this assault remains unknown. Source: BBC.

Germany
26 July 2016: In Germany’s capital Berlin, a doctor from Benjamin-Franklin Hospital was shot and seriously wounded by a patient. The perpetrator killed himself afterwards. The incident is not believed to be motivated by terrorism. Source: VOA News.

Middle-East
Iraq
10 July 2016: Al Qaim Hospital was destroyed after it was struck by American warplanes. Source: WorldOnAlert.

Syrian Arab Republic
01 July 2016: A male nurse died after being hit by Syrian and Russian warplanes fired missiles on Anadan city in Aleppo Governorate. Source: Syrian Network.

02 July 2016: A SCD ambulance was partially damaged by Syrian forces in Duma, a suburb in Damascus. Source: Syrian Network.

02 July 2016: A field hospital in the village of Al Mloulah in Hama Governorate was damaged after being hit by suspected Russian missiles. Source: Syrian Network.

02 July 2016: Over the course of 24 hours, suspected Russian warplanes hit two SCD centres in Hanano and Hreitan in Aleppo Governorate. The attack killed one SCD member. Source: Syrian Network & The White Helmet's on Twitter.

03 July 2016: A male Syrian Civil Defence (SCD) member was nurse succumbed to his injuries died after 20 days in a coma. He was hit whilst rescuing a child. No further information available. Source: White Helmets/Syrian Civil Defence.

04 July 2016: In the southern town of Khan al-Shih, near Syria’s capital Damascus, airstrikes hit a child-friendly space inside a camp for Palestinian refugees and internally displaced Syrians. This incident led to the death of five persons, and the injury of five others. The respite facility was run by the Jafra Foundation. Source: IRIN.

04 July 2016: Syrian and Russian warplanes fired missiles near National Hospital in Jisr Al Shoghour city in Idlib Governorate rendering it inoperable. Source: Syrian Network.


08 July 2016: Two SCD workers were killed in aerial bombings in Aleppo city. NO further information available. Source: White Helmets/Syrian Civil Defence.

09 July 2016: Syrian and Russian air strikes damaged two SCD ambulances in Duma in Damascus. No further information available. Source: Syrian Network.

12 July 2016: The Ruwashid IDP camp on the Jordan-Syria border was struck by suspected Russian airstrikes causing over 30 causalities. Source: Daniel Nisman on Twitter.

13 July 2016: A SCD member was killed in Eastern Ghouta. No further information available. Source: The White Helmets on Twitter.


16 July 2016: A SCD fire engine was damaged by suspected Russian airstrikes in Izaz city in Aleppo Governorate. Source: Syrian Network.

17 July 2016: A SCD centre in Al Marj in Damascus was damaged by a Syrian force missile. Source: Syrian Network.

19 July 2016: An ambulance was damaged by suspected Syrian government airstrikes in the Al Sakhour neighbourhood in Aleppo. Syrian Network.

20 July 2016: A NGO volunteer was killed while helping to rescue civilians. The circumstances surrounding his death are currently unknown. Source: AWSD

21 July 2016: Hospitals, ambulance stations, warehouses and water systems in the divided, western city of Aleppo, Aleppo Governorate, have been damaged or destroyed amid fierce fighting. Medical workers have died, too. Source: ICRC.

23 July 2016: A SCD staff member was killed by Syrian government shelling in Jisr Al Shoghour in Idlib Governorate. Syrian Network.
23 July 2016: A SCD ambulance was damaged after being hit by suspected Russian air strikes in the Al Shaar neighbourhood in Aleppo. Source: Syrian Network.

24 July 2016: Three hospitals in Aleppo City and one hospital in the countryside of the same city were rendered dysfunctional after being struck by Syrian Government warplanes. A blood bank was also targeted. No casualties were reported. Source: ACAPS, Margaret Brennan, Reuters, The New York Times J, The New York Times II & The White Helmets on Twitter.


25 July 2016: A Syrian Civil Defence ambulance was struck by missiles from suspected Russian warplanes in Aleppo City. Source: Syrian Network.

28 July 2016: In the northwest city of Saraqib, Idlib Governorate, Syrian Government warplanes fired missiles on an ambulance belonging to Aid System, and damaged it severely. Source: Syrian Network.

28 July 2016: Another ambulance belonging to Aid System was shelled and damaged by government forces in the eastern neighbourhood of Al Sha’ar, Aleppo Governorate. Source: Syrian Network.

28 July 2016: A blood bank in Saraqib was struck by Syrian Government warplanes, rendering it inoperable. Source: Syrian Network.

07 July 2016: The only remaining humanitarian supply route leading to the eastern part of Aleppo, known as Castello Road, has been cut off by forces loyal to the Bashar al-Assad Regime. Source: ITV News & Reuters.

29 July 2016: Health workers in Aleppo are starving to death as the Syrian Government continues to besiege the same city and block vital supplies. Source: ITV News.

29 July 2016: In a rebel-held area of the northwest town of Kafr Takharim, Idlib Governorate, a relief maternity hospital run by Save the Children was bombed by warplanes, leaving two people dead and seven injured. Sources: Save the Children News, The Guardian & UOSSM Canada.

29 July 2016: In Kafr Takharim, missiles were fired on a SCD unit by Syrian Government warplanes. Sources: Syrian Network & The Guardian.

30 July 2016: In the northern city of Anadan, Aleppo Governorate, Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM) Canada-supported Anadan Hospital was hit by suspected Russian airstrikes, rendering it inoperable. Levantine Group, Syrian Network & UOSSM Canada

30 July 2016: A SCD centre in Kafr Takharim was damaged by Syrian government warplanes. It is unclear if this is the same incident as the one above or the second time this facility was struck in two days. Source: Syrian Network

31 July 2016: A blood bank in the northern town of Atarib, Aleppo Governorate, was struck by Syrian Government warplanes, causing damages to it. Source: Syrian Network.

31 July 2016: Syrian and Russian warplanes targeted and destroyed three medical facilities within just six
hours. Al Redwan Hospital in the southern city of Jasim, Daraa Governorate, was hit first, leaving six people dead, including a pharmacist, a nurse and an administrator. The hospital is supported by UOSSM Canada, Médecins Sans Frontières and the International Rescue Committee. Sources: Doctors w/o Borders, Intnl MSF UK on Twitter, Rescue Comm UK, The Big Story & UOSSM Canada.

A medical facility known as Hoor Clinic, managed by the charity group Iskan in the western countryside of Aleppo, was hit, leading to an untold number of deaths and injuries. Source: UOSSM Canada.

The airstrikes completely destroyed Forensic Lab in Aleppo, injured an unspecified number of people, and killed two staffers. Source: UOSSM Canada.

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**Trend Reporting: January 2015 – July 2016**

Open source reported threats, by month and threat type.

![Graph showing open source reported threats, by month and threat type.](image)

Between January 2015 and July 2016, open sources reported 43 incidents in which an aid agency or agency personnel were threatened face-to-face (29), remotely (2) or in an event perceived as threatening (12).

- **Face-to-face** – a threat issued by a perpetrator directly to the aid worker in close proximity.
- **Remote threats** – a threat delivered by letter, phone, or SMS.
- **Perceived threats** – events in which the agency or an individual felt threatened but where it is not entirely clear whether the perpetrator deliberately intended to threaten the victim.

Reported threats are often a sign of a deteriorating security context.

*Note: Data collection is ongoing and these numbers may change as new information is made available.*
Security-related access constraints

Africa

Central African Republic
04 July 2016: In the wake of fighting between Fulani herders and anti-balaka groups in the northwest village of Mann, Ouham-Pendé Prefecture, a humanitarian convoy from Action Against Hunger was forced to pull out, only a few minutes after it arrived. Source: The Guardian.

Nigeria

Somalia
16 July 2016: A number of unspecified humanitarian organisations operating in Somalia’s capital Mogadishu have been ordered to pull out of the country by the Somali Government owing to their links to Fetulah Gulen, a US-based cleric that the same government accuses of orchestrating the 2016 Turkish coup d’état attempt. Source: Radio Dalsan.

South Sudan
Intense battles between soldiers loyal to President Salva Kiir, a member of the Dinka tribe, and rebels backing Vice President Riek Machar, a Nuer, broke out on 07 July 2016, and led to a number of security incidents and access constraints. The events are listed in chronological order in the section of security incidents above. The list here covers the decisions to repatriate aid workers or administrative access constraints.

09 July 2016: Feargal O’Connell, country director of Concern, reported staff were in hibernation at their office. Source: Feargal O’Connell on Twitter.

10 July 2016: Aid suspended activities for three days due to fighting in Juba and IFCR suspended all planned activities. Source: ICRC, ICRC II & IFRC.

11 July 2016: A team of 47 Japanese aid workers from the governmental Japan International Cooperation Agency has been repatriated. Source: Reuters

13 July 2016: Military forces prevented employees of the World Health Organisation (WHO) from working in Juba. No further details are available. Source: Radio Tamazuj.

14 July 2016: UN peacekeeping mission and other UN agencies temporarily relocated some of their staff in response to the attacks listed above. Sources: UN News Centre, Reuters I & Reuters II.

19 July 2016: Several humanitarian flights to Juba by the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service have been cancelled owing to delays on the part of the South Sudanese authorities to issue permissions. The northern state of Upper Nile has been mostly affected, as a result. Source: Radio Tamazuj.

21 July 2016: Due to safety concerns, Britain, Germany and Sweden pulled out 12 nationals serving as police officers with the UN peacekeeping mission without prior consultation with the UN. This move has seriously affected the operations of the peacekeeping force on the ground, the UN said. Source: AFP.
Asia

Malaysia

North Korea
29 July 2016: The delivery of relief aid into North Korea is greatly impeded owing to new international sanctions imposed on the Far East country. No further information is available. Source: ACAPS & France24.

Bangladesh
04 July 2016: In the aftermath of a terror attack against a multi-national crowd in the Bangladeshi capital of Dhaka, some Japanese non-profit organisations, including the Kansai Bangladesh Project, Asia Arsenic Network and Shapla Neer, have suspended their activities in the country. Source: Asia Times.

Russia
06 July 2016: The Andrey Rylkov Foundation, the only non-governmental organisation (NGO) providing sterilised needles to intravenous drug users in Moscow, has been declared by the Russian Government as a threat to national security under the controversial Foreign Agent Law. Source: Drug Reporter.

Europe

Greece
11 July 2016: Many international volunteers and aid groups halted their operations in Leros, after locals attacked refugees from the Greek island’s main camp with shovels and sticks, and threatened members of the humanitarian community. The police reportedly failed to effectively intervene. Source: Al Jazeera.

Middle-East

Israel
11 July 2016: The Israeli Parliament has enacted the so called Transparency Bill into law, which human rights experts say target local NGOs who voice criticism of the right-wing policies of the Government of Israel, or of settlements on occupied land. Source: Reuters.

Jordan
07 July 2016: In response to a car bomb attack claimed by Islamic State militants last month, the Jordanian authorities have blocked the entry of food aid, and restricted water deliveries to tens of thousands of Syrian refugees trapped in the northern border region of the country. Source: ABC.

Occupied Palestinian Territories
04 July 2016: In the eastern territory of the West Bank, several non-profit organisations, including charity groups, were forcibly shut down by the Palestinian Authority for alleged violations of the law. Source: Middle East Monitor.

25 July 2016: In response to a series of violent incidents at the end of Ramadan, the Israeli authorities have imposed a closure in the southern city of Hebron, West Bank, creating serious obstacles for humanitarian access, particularly in the refugee camp of Fawwar. Source: UN News Centre.
**Syrian Arab Republic**

08 July 2016: The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), has been unable to deliver humanitarian aid directly to Palestinian refugees and internally displaced Syrians living in the southern town of Khan al-Shih, near Syria’s capital Damascus, owing to the dangers posed by snipers in the surrounding areas. Source: IRIN.

14 July 2016: War-wounded civilians are bleeding to death as the Syrian Government continues to block medical aid from reaching rebel-held areas across the country, which its troops have besieged. Source: Voice of America.

26 July 2016: Fearing significant theft and fraud, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), has frozen more than 200 million dollars in aid contracts, a move which has affected the delivery of humanitarian supplies to those who desperately need them. Source: The Washington Post.

**Yemen**

26 July 2016: Sanctions and sieges are preventing dialysis supplies from reaching the country. Source: Doctors w/o Borders.