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Security Incidents

Africa

Central African Republic

11 April 2017: In Bambari, Ouaka prefecture, a peacekeeper was injured by rocks thrown at MINUSCA vehicles en route to Bornou village by demonstrators, damaging several windows. Sources: [UN Radio](#) and [Xinhua](#)

12 April 2017: In Bangui, UNICEF staff members demonstrated in front of the UNICEF headquarters, requesting clarifications in relation to their salary. The staff members worked for the cholera response in 2016. Source: [RJDH](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

07 April 2017: In Kalamb, Lualaba province, an unnamed hospital was raided by Kamuina Nsapu militia. A convent and a Catholic parish were also affected. Source: [Radio Okapi](#)

13 April 2017: In Grand Nord Beni Region, one INGO staff member was kidnapped by unidentified perpetrators. The staff member was released on 17 April. Source: [AWSO](#)

19 April 2017: Near Goma, 16 UN staff members were temporarily held hostage by a group of a 100 unarmed South Sudanese refugees who were demanding resettlement to another country. The staff were released unharmed on 19 April 2017. Sources: [Financial Tribune](#), [France24](#), [Karin News](#), [Radio Tamazuj](#), [Reuters](#) and [VOA News](#)

Equatorial Guinea

17 April 2017: Police detained two human rights activists from the Centre for Development Studies and Initiatives (CEID). Source: [CEIDGE](#) and [Human Rights Watch](#)

Mali

Update: 18 April 2017: A Colombian nun kidnapped on 07 February 2017 in Karangasso region, where she had been working in a health centre, is reportedly being held by the Macina Liberation Front Islamist militant group. Her whereabouts remain unknown and she may have been moved to neighbouring Burkina Faso. Source: [Reuters](#)

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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24 April 2017: In Kidal region, unidentified perpetrators robbed a delegation of the ICRC. Source: [Xinhua](#)

28 April 2017: In Tassiga town, unidentified perpetrator(s) attacked members of the Armed and Security Forces of the Army, using two vehicles belonging to unspecified NGOs. Source: [Mali-Web](#)

Mozambique

12 April 2017: The director of Ogumaniha, a World Vision-Mozambique project, which works in sexual and reproductive health, was found dead. No further specific information available. Source: [APA News](#)

Nigeria

05 April 2017: In Ogba-Egbema-Ndoni, River state, a senior lecturer at the Federal College of Education and his daughter were kidnapped from their home by unidentified gunmen. Source: [Punch](#)

08 April 2017: In Maiduguri city, two female suicide bombers detonated themselves near the University of Maiduguri. No casualties or damages reported. Source: [Reuters](#)

09 April 2017: In Eket city, Akwa Ibom state, the founder of Sure Foundation Polytechnic was kidnapped by unidentified gunmen whilst on his way to church. Source: [Vanguard](#)

Somalia

02 April 2017: In Luuq, Hiiraan region, five national WHO contractors were kidnapped from their homes by suspected al Shabaab militants. Sources: [AllAfrica](#) and [Shabelle News](#)

10 April 2017: In Hamarweyne district, Mogadishu, a public official from the Ministry of Education was killed in a car bomb near Martini Hospital. Source: [Shabelle News](#)

16 April 2017: At Wedow IDP camp, Garasbaley, Mogadishu, unidentified perpetrator(s) attacked a two-truck WFP convoy with an IED, killing two children. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. Source: [Shabelle News](#)

18 April 2017: In Howlwadag district, Mogadishu, Hassan Al Qaridi Primary School was damaged by mortar shelling fired by unidentified perpetrator(s), killing four students and injuring seven others. Source: [Shabelle News](#)

23 April 2017: In Lower Shabelle region, al Shabaab repeatedly blocked international aid convoys and stole aid supplies to distribute themselves. Source: [BBC](#)

South Africa

06 April 2017: In Vuwani, Limpopo province, unidentified perpetrator(s) set fire to the administration department at Tshirhunzanani Primary School. Source: [News 24](#)

South Sudan

Update: 03 April 2017: South Sudan's military released six international MSF staff members who were arrested on 04 January 2017 on suspicion of transferring weapons to the opposition. Source: [Star Tribune](#)

14 April 2017: In Wau state, three male contracted WFP porters were killed by unidentified perpetrator(s) whilst on their way to a WFP warehouse during ongoing fighting between rebel and government troops. Two of the victims were hacked to death with machetes, and one was shot dead. Sources: [Al Jazeera](#), [Reuters Africa](#), [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#) and [AWSD](#)

Sudan

09 April 2017: In Kutum, North Darfur state, a resident of Kassab IDP camp was kidnapped by gunmen. Source: [Dabanga Sudan](#)

18-19 April 2017: In El-Fasher, North Darfur state, over 50 former national UNAMID staff members protested in front of the peacekeeping mission headquarters for non-payment of salaries, owed since 2010. Source: [Sudan Tribune](#)

Asia

India

29 April 2017: In Birbanki village, Khunti district, Jharkhand state, Communist Party of India-Maoist (CPI-Maoist) units blew up an unnamed school building under Arki Police Station. Source: [South Asia Terrorism Portal](#)

Pakistan

04 April 2017: Around Kharadar, Karachi, two unidentified gunmen shot and killed a doctor. Source: [Daily Pakistan](#)

07 April 2017: In Sabzazar, Lahore, gunmen from an unspecified anti-Ahmadi militant group fatally stabbed a microbiology professor from the University of Veterinary Sciences, in an apparent faith-based attack. Sources: [Star Tribune](#) and [The Nation](#)

Europe

France

03 April 2017: In Grande-Synthe commune, Nord-Pas de Calais region, a migrant camp was destroyed by a fire started during a fight between Afghan and Kurdish migrants. Source: [Politico](#)

Turkey

20 April 2017: In Gaziantep, police detained 15 Mercy Corps staff members. Four people, from Britain, India, Indonesia and Ireland, were deported on 25 April. 11 Syrian nationals continue to be detained and face deportation back to Syria. Sources: [IRIN](#) and [The Washington Post](#)

Ukraine

23 April 2017: In Zaporizhia Oblast, a US paramedic for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)'s monitoring mission was killed and two others injured when their vehicle struck a mine near Pryshyb village. Source: [Reuters](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Egypt

16 April 2017: In Cairo, the Egyptian-American and Egyptian founders of Belady Foundation for Street Children were acquitted, following charges of human trafficking, sexual exploitation of children, using children in anti-government protests and operating an unlicensed organisation, brought in May 2014. Sources: [Independent](#) and [The New York Times](#)

Libya

11 April 2017: In Misuata, suspected Islamic State militants kidnapped an Algerian nurse working at Misrata Central Hospital. Source: [Libya Herald](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

02 April 2017: In Ma'aret al Nu'man, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly fired three missiles at the National Hospital (also known as Ma'aret al Nu'man Central Hospital), the facility and equipment were destroyed and an ambulance was damaged. The facility was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

03 April 2017: In Jisreen town, Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, Syrian forces reportedly fired two missiles at Ibn Hayyan Clinic Centre (also known as Jisreen Clinics; dentistry, internal medicine, paediatrics, and gynecology specialist clinic) partially destroying the facility and its equipment. The facility was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

03 April 2017: In Saqba, Rif Dimashq governorate, Syrian forces reportedly fired a missile near a Syrian Civil Defence (SCD) ambulance as staff were responding to a previous shelling, moderately damaging the ambulance. Source: [SNHR](#)

03 April 2017: In al Latamena town, Hama governorate, Syrian or Russian forces reportedly fired missiles near an SCD ambulance, destroying it. Source: [SNHR](#)

04 April 2017: In Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly fired five missiles at Al Rahma Cave Hospital and an SCD centre. The facility's emergency wing was partially destroyed and equipment was damaged. The facility was forced to close. The same facility was bombed twice again on 16 April. Incendiary weapons were reportedly used in one of the two attacks. The SCD centre next to the hospital was destroyed and an SCD ambulance and a rescue vehicle were damaged. The centre was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

04 April 2017: In al Habit village, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly fired a missile at an SCD centre, damaging the building and equipment. The centre was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

04 April 2017: In al Shamali, Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib governorate, a national male pharmacist reportedly suffocated to death along with his children and several family members after Syrian regime forces warplanes reportedly fired a missile loaded with poison gases. Source: [SNHR](#)

06 April 2017: In Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib governorate, a Syrian or Russian airstrike reportedly hit an unnamed medical centre. Sources: [The New York Times I](#) and [The New York Times II](#)

06 April 2017: In Taftanaz town, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly fired a missile at an SCD centre, damaging the building, equipment and a fire truck. The facility was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

07 April 2017: In Jisr Al Shughur, Idlib governorate, two male national SCD staff members were reportedly killed in airstrikes whilst performing an emergency response operation. Sources: [AWSD](#) and [SNHR](#)

07 April 2017: In al Shamali, Heesh, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly fired a missile near Heesh Dispensary, damaging the building and equipment. Source: [SNHR](#)

08 April 2017: In al Shamali, Heesh, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly used incendiary weapons to target Heesh Dispensary, damaging the building. The same facility was damaged the previous day. Source: [SNHR](#)

08 April 2017: In Dara'a al Balad, Dara'a governorate, Syrian or Russian forces fired missiles near an SCD ambulance, destroying it. Source: [SNHR](#)

09 April 2017: In Dael, Dara'a governorate, a national male nurse was reportedly killed by missiles fired at Nabd Houran Makeshift Hospital by Syrian or Russian forces. The hospital building and equipment were heavily damaged and the facility was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

09 April 2017: In Hzaima village, al Raqqa governorate, a male national dentist was reportedly killed along with four of his children in artillery shelling by Syrian Democratic Forces. Source: [SNHR](#)

11 April 2017: In Hama governorate, the head of the medical directorate of Hama governorate and several INGO-supported hospitals was reportedly killed in a direct airstrike on his vehicle. Source: [AWSO](#)

13 April 2017: In Idlib, Idlib governorate, a motorcycle IED detonated in the yard of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) centre (formerly Carlton Hotel), destroying two ambulances. Source: [SNHR](#)

14 April 2017: In Tareeq al Sad, Dara'a, Dara'a governorate, a national male member of SCD-supported centre 14 was reportedly killed in artillery shelling fired by Syrian forces. Source: [SNHR](#)

15 April 2017: In Rashidin, western Aleppo, Aleppo governorate, a booby-trapped vehicle reportedly hit a convoy carrying residents from Fua and Kefraya, killing 126 people, 17 of whom were aid workers and convoy guards. Sources: [The Guardian](#) and [Xinhua](#)

16 April 2017: In Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, a female national nurse at Nabd al Hayat Hospital (affiliated to al Marj Medical Hospital) was reportedly killed by missiles fired by Syrian or Russian forces at residential areas. Source: [SNHR](#)

16 April 2017: In Khan Sheikhoun, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly used incendiary weapons near an SCD centre and al Rahma Hospital. An ambulance, a service vehicle and a fire truck were moderately damaged. On the same day, the area again was hit again by missiles. The centre has been closed since 4 April after it was bombed with missiles. Source: [SNHR](#)

17 April 2017: In Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, a male national paramedic at Irbeen Surgical Hospital was reportedly killed by rockets launched by Syrian forces as he was performing an emergency response. An ambulance was also damaged. Source: [SNHR](#)

17 April 2017: In Shnan village, Jabal al Zawiyah, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly fired a missile at Al Ikhlas Hospital. The facility was forced to close. A further two missiles were fired near the hospital after SCD staff members and medical teams arrived at the site. Source: [SNHR](#)

22 April 2017: Between Ibtat' town and al Sheikh Miskeen city, Dara'a governorate, a male national pharmacist at Tal Shehab Makeshift Hospital was reportedly killed by an over-the-shoulder rocket fired by Syrian forces at the car he was travelling in. Source: [SNHR](#)

22 April 2017: In Idlib province, Syrian or Russian warplanes reportedly targeted a cave that housed Abdin health facility, seriously damaging it. Unconfirmed reports of three health workers killed in the incident. Source: [VOA](#)

22 April 2017: In al Rakaya village, Abdin, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces reportedly fired two missiles at the Central Cave Hospital (known as al Maghara Hospital; Hama Health Administration affiliated). The hospital was partially destroyed and equipment was heavily damaged. The facility was forced to close. On the same day, a Syrian regime rocket launcher fired a surface-to-surface rocket that fell near the hospital

as SCD teams were responding. In addition, Syrian regime helicopters dropped several barrel bombs near the facility on 26 April. Source: [SNHR](#)

25 April 2017: In Kafr Takharim town, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces fired missiles at the Syrian Expatriate Medical Association (SEMA)-supported Martyr Wasim Hsinou Hospital, damaging and forcing it to close. Two ambulances were also damaged. The hospital was occupying a school building. Sources: [Reuters](#) and [SNHR](#)

26 April 2017: In al Suhaqiya village, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces fired a missile near an SCD service vehicle, damaging it. Source: [SNHR](#)

26 April 2017: In al Suhaqiya village, Idlib governorate, the head of the Qatari Red Crescent media office was reportedly killed by missiles reportedly fired by Russian forces. Source: [SNHR](#)

26 April 2017: In Al Latamena, Hama governorate, suspected Russian forces fired missiles at Al Latamena Surgical Hospital, partially destroying the building and damaging equipment. The facility was forced to close. The hospital was already damaged after Syrian forces helicopters dropped a barrel bomb loaded with poison gases on it on 25 March 2017. Source: [SNHR](#)

26 April 2017: In Nasib village, Dara'a governorate, Syrian forces helicopters reportedly dropped two barrel bombs near an unnamed makeshift hospital, slightly damaging it. Source: [SNHR](#)

27 April 2017: In Ma'ar Zita, Idlib governorate, three national health workers at SAMS-supported Shamuna Emergency Network were reportedly killed by four missiles fired on the medical facility by Russian forces. Seven ambulances were destroyed and the facility was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

27 April 2017: In Ma'ar Zita, Idlib governorate, a male national nurse and a male national ambulance driver at SAMS-supported Shamuna Emergency Network were reportedly killed by missiles fired by Russian forces as they were performing an emergency response to the above incident. Source: [SNHR](#)

27 April 2017: In Ma'ar Zita, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces fired missiles near an SCD fire truck as it was responding to a fire that broke out at the above SAMS-supported Shamuna Emergency Network, partially damaging it. Source: [SNHR](#)

27 April 2017: In al Deir al Sharqi, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces fired missiles at the Syrian University Hospital (private hospital that specializes in paediatrics and gynaecology), partially destroying the facility and damaging equipment. The facility was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

27 April 2017: In al Bara, Jabal al Zawiya, Idlib governorate, suspected Russian forces fired missiles near a Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations (UOSSM)-supported health facility, causing no damage. Source: [SNHR](#)

28 April 2017: In Irbeen, Damascus, a male national paramedic at al Rahman Emergency Network (affiliated with Failaq al Rahman, an armed opposition faction) was reportedly killed when the ambulance he was in was shot at during fighting between Jaish al Islam and Failq al Rahman and Hay'et Tahiri al Sham. The ambulance was slightly damaged. Source: [SNHR](#)

28 April 2017: In Rojava region, Turkish forces air-strikes reportedly damaged an unspecified number of schools. Source: [Independent](#)

29 April 2017: In Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, approximately 30 masked gunmen reportedly stormed MSF-supported Hazzeh Hospital searching for wounded enemies and seizing an ambulance. Sources: [Middle East Eye](#) and [MSF](#)

29 April 2017: In Kafr Zita, Hama governorate, eight male national SCD-supported centre 107 staff members were reportedly killed by missiles fired by Syrian or Russian forces near centre 107. The centre, three SCD vehicles and equipment were heavily damaged and the centre was forced to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

29 April 2017: In Idlib, Idlib governorate, an explosive device detonated near an ambulance belonging to Hay'et Tahrir al Sham, damaging it. Source: [SNHR](#)

30 April 2017: In Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, bullets from an unidentified source reportedly hit MSF-supported Aftares medical facility, leaving medics trapped inside and unable to collect the wounded, or to evacuate to a safer area. Sources: [Middle East Eye](#) and [MSF](#)

Yemen

03 April 2017: In Ibb province, Houthi rebels detained five local International Medical Corps staff members and two contracted drivers in a hotel raid. On 03 April 2017, IMC announced their release, though it is unclear from the available information how long the staff members were held for. Sources: [The New Arab](#) and [AWSD](#)

Pacific

Papua New Guinea

24 April 2017: In Enga province, a human rights activist from the Akale Tangi Association was arrested by the police, stripped off his clothes and belongings, and had his mobile phone confiscated, for allegedly spreading misinformation and defaming the police. Source: [Radio NZ](#)

The Americas

Mexico

20 April 2017: In Navolato, Sinaloa municipality, an unidentified armed group ambushed a Red Cross ambulance en route to Altata town. The assailants took the paramedics to a different location and forced them to treat a bullet wounded person. They were released after a few hours. Source: [24 Horas](#)

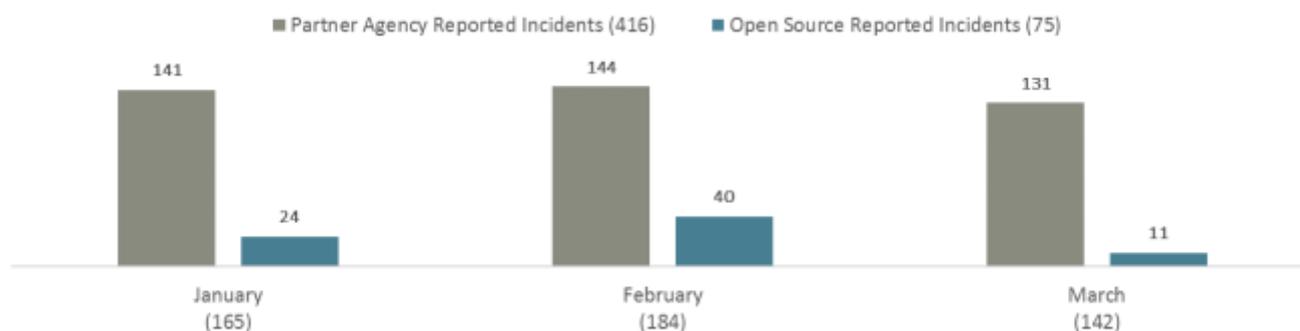
USA

04 April 2017: The US Government announced it would stop contributions to a United Nations fund for family planning, maternal care and children's health (UNFPA) in over 155 countries. Source: [MIC](#)

Trend Reporting: January 2017 – March 2017

Open Source and Partner Agency reported incidents affecting NGOs and the ICRC/RCRC

Open Source and Partner Agency reported incidents by month



Between January and March 2017, the Aid in Danger Monthly News Brief provides information about 198 events from a variety of open source. Of these 75 affected NGOs or members of the Red Cross family in 19 countries. Since 2009, the Aid in Danger project has worked with partner agencies that make their confidential security incidents available for further analysis.¹

During the first three months of 2017, 15 partner agencies reported a total of 416 incidents in 69 countries. There was no overlap in the event reporting between open sources and agencies. The total number of recorded events identified for the first three months of 2017 therefore ranged from 142 in March to 184 in February. The number of reports per month received from agencies varied much less (between 131 to 144) than the number of NGO / RCRC events identified in open sources (between 12 to 41), which also cover considerably fewer countries (19 compared to 69).

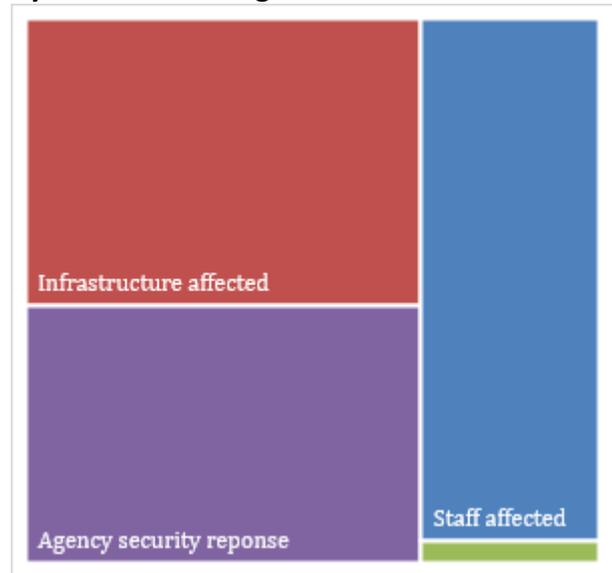
There are marked differences in the types of events being reported in open sources to those recorded by partner agencies. Open sources focus on events that affect staff (35/75 events) and they also reported administrative decisions that affect the delivery of aid (6/75). Events reported by agencies, by contrast, reflect how security impacts on humanitarian agencies on an every day basis. Infrastructure loss and damage are the most frequent events (151/416). Agency data further shows the extent to which security related measures impact on the delivery of aid (136/416).

¹ Over 20 partner agencies currently contribute confidential security data to the SiND. To protect agency confidentiality, access to the database is limited to those who work on the data. The SiND does not contain personally identifiable information, which the agency removes before the data is shared. For further information please contact Insecurity Insight.

Open Source reported events, by four event categories



Agency reported events by four event categories



Events were categorised by whether they

- directly affected staff² through kidnappings, injuries (fatal and non-fatal), assaults, detentions, and arrests;
- affected aid infrastructure through robbery, burglary, carjacking, theft, looting, or bombing;
- related to administrative decisions taken by state authorities, or non-state actors having assumed the role of a government in a particular area, that impeded the delivery of aid; and
- affected the delivery of aid through agency-introduced security measures to protect staff or assets in response to specific events or threats.

Security-related access constraints

Africa

Burundi

22 April 2017: The Government of Burundi blocked WFP humanitarian convoys at the border because the food was grown in Rwanda. Source: [Africa Times](#)

DRC

28 April 2017: Two South African peacekeepers and two civilian MONUSCO officials, from Burundi and Niger, were reportedly suspended over allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation. Source: [International Business Times](#)

Mali

18 April 2017: In Tshimbulu, Kasai-Central province, all schools remain closed. Some were occupied by security forces. Source: [Radio Okapi](#)

24 April 2017: The ICRC temporarily suspended operations in Kidal region following a robbery at its Delegation. Source: [Xinhua](#)

² For this data, an aid worker is defined as an individual employed or attached to an NGO (including RCRC) engaged in humanitarian relief work. This includes personnel working as security guards employed or contracted by aid agencies and personnel of commercial contractors if they were subcontracted by an agency providing emergency relief but not if they were working on reconstruction projects.

Somalia

13 April 2017: Humanitarian access continues to be hindered in 42 districts across central and southern Somalia by road blockades, active hostilities and extortion at checkpoints along major access roads. Source: [Pulse](#)

26 April 2017: British and US anti-terror laws reportedly discourage humanitarian organisations from delivering emergency assistance to millions in the country. Source: [The Guardian](#)

South Sudan

06 April 2017: In Eastern Equatoria state, on at least two separate occasions, government soldiers prevented UNMISS peacekeepers from accessing the project site of an alleged massacre close to the South Sudan-Uganda border. Sources: [Reuters](#) and [The New Arab](#)

15-16 April 2017: In Jonglei state, 60 humanitarian workers were relocated due to intensified conflict in the area affecting efforts to deliver aid. Source: [Tribune](#)

The UN Humanitarian Coordinator for South Sudan claimed aid workers continue to face harassment, beating and detention by state security officials, in addition to repeated challenges to reach people in need and access denials at sub-regional levels. Sources: [Brief](#), [Jurist](#) and [Radio Tamazuj](#)

20 April 2017: In Unity, Upper Nile and Jonglei states, heightened security risks forced the UN Food and Agriculture Organization to withdraw staff. Source: [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

24 April 2017: In Upper Nile state, a government offensive in Aburoc and Kodok forced 32 humanitarian staff, including MSF staff members, to relocate to Juba, South Sudan. Sources: [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#) and [VOA](#)

Tanzania

25 April 2017: The Tanzanian Government expelled and deported the Gambian head of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) over work performance. Critics link this move with the Gambian's criticism of elections held last year in Zanzibar island. Source: [BBC](#)

Asia

Afghanistan

10 April 2017: In Kunduz province, health workers resumed a polio vaccination campaign in parts of the region after being denied access by Taliban militants for 15 months. Source: [The Guardian](#)

India

05 April 2017: The Indian Government proposed to the Supreme Court new guidelines for NGOs which, alongside other measures, will require organisations to re-register with the National Institution for Transforming India. Source: [Swarajya](#)

Myanmar

21 April 2017: The Myanmar Government announced its intention to close all IDP camps in Rakhine state. Source: [Myanmar Times](#)

Europe

Poland

27 April 2017: The Polish Government reportedly plans to cut public funding to NGOs for selected activities.

Source: [Bloomberg](#)

Russia

26 April 2017: Russia's prosecutor general labelled three NGOs, Otkrytaya Rossia, the Institute of Modern Russia and the Open Russia Civic Movement, as undesirable and outlawed them. The organisations are all founded by, or associated with, a prominent Kremlin critic. Moscow claims that the organisation's activities are intended to inspire protests and destabilise domestic politics, threatening foundations of the Russian constitutional system and state security. Source: [DW](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Iraq

02 April 2017: Around Mosul, there are fears that Islamic State militants are infiltrating Hassan Sham camp and other IDP camps, posing security concerns. Source: [Al Jazeera](#)

Israel

03 April 2017: According to Human Rights Watch, the Israeli Government has since 2008 repeatedly prevented its researchers from visiting Gaza, granting them one permit throughout 2016. Human Rights Watch also reported that the Egyptian Government has prevented it and Amnesty International from entering Gaza from its territory since 2012. Sources: [Al Jazeera](#), [The Week](#) and [Y Net News](#)

Lebanon

07-08 April 2017: At Ain-el-Hilweh IDP camp, Sidon, fighting between Palestinian factions and an unidentified armed group resulted in the death of at least five people. Sources: [The New Arab I](#) and [The New Arab II](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

29 April 2017: In Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, MSF suspended medical activities at Hazzeh Hospital following the attack on the facility. Sources: [Middle East Eye](#) and [MSF](#)

30 April 2017: In Eastern Ghouta, Damascus, MSF suspended medical activities in the region following the attack on MSF-supported Aftares medical facility. Sources: [Middle East Eye](#) and [MSF](#)

Yemen

25 April 2017: An impending assault by the Saudi-led coalition on the rebel-held port of Hodeida, a key entry point for international aid, could halt as much as 70 percent of all humanitarian operations in the country, triggering a catastrophe. Sources: [Devex](#), [IRIN](#) and [The Guardian](#)

26 April 2017: Humanitarian actors claimed that, with the continuation war, the current conditions on the ground are hindering the delivery and distribution of aid to its recipients. Source: [The Guardian](#)

