

Protection in Danger Monthly News Brief

Insecurity affecting the protection of IDPs and refugees

Protection

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Security Incidents and Access Constraints

Africa

Central African Republic

13 March 2018: A Catholic bishop accused UN peacekeeping troops of sexual abuse against internally displaced women and girls in his diocese adjoining the Catholic cathedral in Bangassou city, Mbomou prefecture, and warned that they could be guilty of crimes against humanity. Source: [National Catholic Reporter](#)

Nigeria

01 March 2018: In Rann community, Kala Balge local government area, Borno state, Boko Haram insurgents attacked an internally displaced people (IDP) camp, killing two International Organization for Migration (IOM) employees, a doctor working as consultant with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and an aid worker from International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), all Nigerian. They also kidnapped an NGO female nurse and injured a female aid worker. On 02 March, following this attack, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) announced the suspension of its medical activities in the town, and the evacuation of 22 national and international staff. Sources: [MSF](#), [Punch](#), [Reuters \(a\)](#), [Reuters \(b\)](#), [Reuters \(c\)](#), [Reuters \(d\)](#), [The New York Times](#) and [Xinhua](#)

South Sudan

15 March 2018: In Juba, residents of UN protected IDP camps demonstrated against the South Sudanese government decision to close UN Protection of Civilians Site 3. Source: [Radio Tamazuji](#)

Tanzania

05 March 2018: In Kigoma region, police kidnapped an unspecified number of Burundian refugees from Nduta camp, causing panic at the site. This incident prompted refugees to request the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to protect them and to investigate the whereabouts of those abducted, as well as the motives of the culprits. Source: [Radio Publique Africaine](#)

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Middle-East and North Africa

Jordan

17 March 2018: In Irbid city and governorate, the National Action Committee and a group of UNRWA staff in the Irbid Palestinian refugee camp staged a protest against a decision to dismiss 15 cleaners. Dozens of residents took part in the demonstration in solidarity with UNRWA staff. Source: [Jordan Zad](#)

Lebanon

05 March 2018: In Tyre city, South governorate, clashes at Rashidieh Palestinian refugee camp left two people dead. Source: [The Daily Star](#)

06 March 2018: In Sidon district and governorate, shooting from an unspecified source occurred in Ain al-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp. Source: [National News Agency](#)

13 March 2018: In Sidon district and governorate, two people were injured by gunshots amid a personal dispute in Ain al-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp. Source: [The Daily Star](#)

17 March 2018: In Mieh Mieh village, Sidon district, South governorate, unidentified perpetrators assassinated a member of the Palestinian National Security Forces in Mieh Mieh Palestinian refugee camp, causing tensions in the area to rise. Source: [El Nashra](#)

25 March 2018: In northern Lebanon, joint security forces entered Badawi Palestinian refugee camp, and arrested a man for allegedly stealing an officer's gun and assaulting security personnel. Source: [The Daily Star](#)

Libya

15 March 2018: In the Mediterranean Sea, a Libyan coast guard vessel threatened to shoot the NGO Proactiva rescue dinghies unless they kicked out their passengers during a rescue mission in international waters. Proactiva refused, and eventually the Libyan ship pulled away. Source: [Libyan Express](#)

Occupied Palestinian Territories

04 March 2018: In Ramallah and al-Bireh governorate, Israeli occupation forces arrested two Palestinians from Qaddura refugee camp. Source: [Wafa](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

03 March 2018: In al Hamboushiya village, Idlib governorate, Syrian regime forces rocket launchers reportedly fired several rockets that landed near al Slatena Camp. No damage occurred to the camp or its occupants. Source: [SNHR](#)

26 March 2018: In Northern Kafranbel city, Idlib governorate, Russian warplanes reportedly fired a missile near to a domestic chicken farm that houses IDPs, resulting in an unspecified number of casualties and heavy damage to the farm building. Source: [SNHR](#)

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