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Insecurity affecting aid workers and aid delivery

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Security Incidents and Access Constraints

Africa

Central African Republic
31 May 2018: In Bambari town, Ouaka prefecture, civilians fired their weapons at United Nations (UN) armoured vehicles as they were en route to intervene in a conflict between Portuguese páras (Portuguese Special Forces) and Anti-balaka and ex-Seleka gangs. Source: CM Portal

08 June 2018: In Bria town, Haute-Kotto prefecture, unidentified armed men looted an unspecified humanitarian's vehicle. Source: ACLED

08-09 June 2018: In Nana-Gribizi prefecture, armed men attacked and looted an unspecified humanitarian convoy in the town of Bissingale. The following day, another humanitarian vehicle was looted in nearby Kanga town. Source: ACLED

30 June 2018: In Bria town, Haute-Koto prefecture, armed men raided an unspecified NGO office. Source: ACLED

Democratic Republic of the Congo
24 June 2018: In Tanganyika province, on the road from Kalemie to Kabwela, Twa militiamen armed with arrows attacked two vehicles belonging to unspecified NGOs in separate incidents, stealing phones, laptops and money from the aid workers. Sources: Radio Okapi and ACLED

South Sudan
26 June 2018: In Central Equatoria state, a UN humanitarian convoy traveling between Yei city, Yei River county and state, to Lasu town was ambushed by unidentified gunmen, resulting in the killing of a Bangladeshi peacekeeper who was protecting the humanitarian workers. Source: Radio Tamazuj

Mali
23-27 June 2018: In Timbuktu, unidentified individuals hijacked vehicles belonging to unspecified humanitarian organisations in at least three separate incidents in less than a week. No further details available. Source: aBamako

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27 June 2018: In Ward Four neighbourhood, Gao city, cercle and region, unspecified armed individuals fired shots at a United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) vehicle to hijack it. There were no casualties. Source: Bamada

27 June 2018: In Timbuktu city, three armed individuals hijacked a vehicle belonging to the international NGO Mercy Corps from its head office. The car was found later the same day. Source: aBamako

Somalia
09 June 2018: In the Sool region, near Garaclagudhal village, a group of unidentified armed men entered an IDP camp partially run by CARE and ICRC staff and shot two female INGO staff members before fleeing the scene. Both victims sustained injuries but survived. Source: ACLED

South Sudan
02 June 2018: In Minkamman city, Lakes region, a UN national staff member was stabbed in the neck with a knife by a security guard. The staff member was medically evacuated to Juba, while the security guard has been arrested. Source: AWSD[1]

04 June 2018: In Rubkway area, Leer county, Unity state, unidentified perpetrators attacked a United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) convoy for no clear reason while it was inspecting the security situation in the area. No casualties were reported. Source: Sudan Tribune

13 June 2018: In an area between Fangak and Eastern Lakes states, unidentified perpetrators attacked a commercial boat that had just delivered food aid to civilians in Fangak. Several boats subsequently remained stranded in Fangak. Source: Radio Tamazuj

Asia and Pacific
Afghanistan
02 June 2018: In Aliabad District, Kunduz Province, six people, including one NGO staff member, were abducted by unspecified anti-government militants. Source: AWSD[1]

Myanmar
14 June 2018: In a letter dated 21 May 2018, the Myanmar Army threatened to take legal action against members of the Kachin Baptist Convention (KBC) if they continued to deliver humanitarian aid and meet IDPs in rebel-controlled areas near the Chinese border. Source: Irrawaddy

22 June 2018: The opposition Union Solidarity and Development Party has urged the Myanmar government to reconsider its decision to let the UN's new special envoy on Myanmar set up an office in the administrative capital, Naypyitaw, warning that it could leave the country vulnerable to international interference. Source: Irrawaddy

Papua New Guinea
19 June 2018: In Mendi city, Mendi-Munihu district, Southern Highlands province, ongoing civil unrest forced the UN to relocate 18 of its staff from the city to Mount Hagen city and district, Western Highlands province. Source: Radio New Zealand

Europe
Malta
26 June 2018: The Maltese authorities barred the Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)-operated migrant rescue ship Aquarius from entering Malta for re-supply and a change of crew. No explanation was given for their

action. Source: [Times of Malta](#)

28 June 2018: Maltese authorities investigated the captain of the MV Lifeline, an NGO migrant rescue vessel, over the ship's registration as a pleasure craft. Meanwhile, Malta's ports were closed to all other NGO vessels conducting migrant rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea – reportedly to determine whether they were in accordance with national and international rules. The rescue ships MV Lifeline, Seefuchs and Sea Watch 3 were all, at the time, berthed in the Port of Valletta. Sources: [Malta Today (a)](#) and [Malta Today (b)](#)

Middle-East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian Territories

01 June 2018: In the Khan Yunis area, Gaza Strip, a female medical volunteer medic from the Palestinian Medical Relief Society NGO was shot and killed by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) during a protest. According to witness reports and mobile phone footage, she was moving (with her hands up and identification card displayed) toward a protestor who had been severely affected by tear gas and was close to the border fence. A preliminary IDF investigation claimed that she was not specifically targeted in the attack. Sources: [New York Times](#), [Sky News (a)](#), [Sky News (b)](#), and [ACLED](#)

Syrian Arab Republic

07 June 2018: In Zardana village, north eastern Idlib governorate, a team leader of the Syrian Civil Defence (SCD) was killed while pulling out injured people from a missile strike attack on the Saed ben Mu'ath Mosque when a second missile strike, allegedly of Russian origin, hit the same spot. The attack also resulted in the destruction of an SCD evacuation vehicle. Source: [SNHR](#)

10 June 2018: In al Enkawi village, western Hama governorate, an SCD ambulance evacuating the wounded from a prior shelling was struck by a rocket, destroying the vehicle. The rocket was allegedly fired using a shoulder-mounted rocket launcher by Syrian regime forces stationed in the nearby al Hakoura village. Source: [SNHR](#)

19 June 2018: In Nahta village, eastern Daraa governorate, an SCD member was killed when Syrian regime forces allegedly launched shells on an area where civil defence members were tending to the wounded from a previous attack. Source: [SNHR](#)

21 June 2018: In southern Idlib city, Idlib governorate, an SCD member was killed in a car bombing while attempting to rescue the wounded injured in a previous motorbike bombing at the same site. The initial bombing also moderately damaged a Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) base located next to the site of the attack. The perpetrator was not identified. Source: [SNHR](#)

24 June 2018: In Bosr al Harir town, eastern Daraa governorate, several missiles allegedly of Syrian regime or Russian origin struck the Union of Medical Care and Relief Organisations (UOSSM)-backed Bosr al Harir Health Centre, heavily damaging both the building and its equipment, and forcing it to close. Source: [SNHR](#)

25 June 2018: In Bosr al Harir town, north eastern Daraa governorate, an SCD member was killed while tending to the wounded from a previous shelling after a fixed-wing warplane allegedly of either Syrian regime or Russian origin fired several missiles onto the same spot. Source: [SNHR](#)

26 June 2018: In southwest Syria, regional fighting resulted in the discontinuation of cross-border humanitarian operations from Jordan, paralysing aid deliveries. Source: [VOA News](#)

26 June 2018: In al-Musayfirah town, Daraa district and governorate, warplanes allegedly of either Russian or Syrian regime origin fired a series of missiles at the SCD centre building that was in a former school, destroying the building. Source*:* SNHR

27 June 2018: In al-Musayfirah town, Daraa district and governorate, an unidentified airstrike hit and damaged a civil defence centre. Source: BBC

27 June 2018: In al Ghariya town, north eastern Daraa governorate, the al Ihsan Hospital – supported by the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) – was struck by a barrel bomb, allegedly of Syrian regime forces origin, before subsequently being hit by a series of missiles allegedly fired by either Syrian regime or Russian warplanes. The hospital was heavily damaged from these hits, but after being bombed again the next day (reportedly by the same perpetrators) the building was reduced to rubble. Source: SNHR

30 June 2018: In Ghasam village, Daraa city, district and governorate, two barrel bombs allegedly dropped from Syrian government helicopters killed an SCD volunteer whilst he was aiding victims of a previous bombing. Sources: Amer Almohibany, SMART News and SNHR

Yemen
04 June 2018: In Hodeida city and governorate, suspected Houthi gunmen opened fire at a vessel used by the World Food Programme (WFP) shortly after it had delivered an aid shipment to the main port. The attack started a fire in the engine room but caused no casualties or lasting damage. On 06 June, the vessel headed to Djibouti, where it would resupply. Sources: Reuters and World Maritime News

05 June 2018: In Sana'a, the Saudi-led coalition bombed the Hadda district, damaging a Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) guesthouse with the organisation's staff inside, but causing no casualties. Source: NRC

07 June 2018: Security incidents and threats forced the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to relocate 71 international staff from Yemen to Djibouti. Source: Reuters

11 June 2018: In Abs town and district, Hajjah governorate, a Saudi-led airstrike destroyed the roof and the walls of an MSF cholera treatment centre but caused no casualties. The humanitarian group responded by suspending its activities in the area. Sources: CNN and NPR

11 June 2018: In Hodeida city and governorate, an imminent ground assault by the Saudi led-coalition forced the UN and ICRC to withdraw their staff from Hodeida. Source: The New York Times

13 June 2018: In Hodeida city and governorate, the Saudi-led coalition launched a ground assault after diplomatic efforts to prevent it had failed, leading to a serious lack of access to food and water for civilians. The city was being shelled and bombarded while a UN-contracted vessel, docked at Hodeida port, attempted to off-load thousands of metric tonnes of food. Sources: CNN, Devex, Reuters, The Guardian (a), The Guardian (b), UN News and VOA News

21 June 2018: In Al Mujaylis village, Al Hudaydah governorate, three Yemeni aid workers were killed by an exploding landmine allegedly planted by Houthi forces. Source: ACLED

The Americas
Haiti
13 June 2018: The Haitian government announced that it was withdrawing Oxfam Great Britain's right to operate in Haiti due to allegations of sexual misconduct by some of its staff. Source: Reuters

Aid workers reportedly killed, kidnapped and arrested in selected countries in 2018

Aid Worker KKA 2018			
	Number of reported aid workers affected (January-June 2018)		
	Killed	Kidnapped	Arrested
Afghanistan	10	2	2
CAR	5	2	0
DRC	4	7	1
Iraq	0	0	0
Mali	1	4	0
Nigeria	4	1	0
Somalia	5	1	1
South Sudan	11	32	36
Syria	55	2	3
Yemen	4	1	2
Other countries	12	11	84
TOTAL	**111**	**63**	**129**

The countries have been selected by Reliefweb Crisis App

Incidents Affecting Peacekeeping

Africa

Central African Republic

03 June 2018: In Dilapoko village, Mambéré-Kadéï prefecture, insurgents from the newly formed "Siriri" group ambushed a United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) team patrolling the area, killing a Tanzanian peacekeeper and injuring seven more. Sources: aBangui and E NCA

10 June 2018: In Bambari town, Ouaka prefecture, Unity and Peace in the Central African Republic (UPC) insurgents attacked a MINUSCA convoy, killing one Burundian peacekeeper and wounding another. Sources: Cameroon-Info, eNCA, Independent Online and Voice of America (VOA) News

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