

Reporting Sexual Violence

Monthly News Brief

August 2026



This News Brief bears testimony to the brave survivors who speak about sexual violence by state bodies or conflict actors. Most events of violence are never reported. This compilation is neither complete nor representative of the extent or nature of sexual violence in general. It brings together dispersed accounts about survivors from around the world who broke the silence.

Since the start of Insecurity Insight's Reporting Sexual Violence monitoring in January 2020 and July 2026, at least **2,398 publicly reported incidents of conflict-related sexual violence have been recorded**. So far in 2026, incidents have increased in Cameroon, from 14 cases in 2025 to 16 between January and April 2026, with high numbers recorded in the South West region. This reflects the continued volatility in the region, where ongoing armed conflict between government forces and Ambazonian separatist groups has contributed to repeated exposure of civilians to insecurity, including reported attacks, abductions, and sexual violence, alongside persistent gaps in civilian protection and limited accountability in contested areas. Download the [data](#) (updated every Monday). [Contact us](#) for data enquiries.

Developments in August 2026

Democratic Republic of the Congo: During August 2026, reports documented sexual violence against women and girls across North Kivu and Kwilu provinces, including rape allegedly committed by FARDC personnel and suspected Wazalendo members. In North Kivu, a 15-year-old girl was repeatedly raped by a FARDC soldier, while a 10-year-old girl was raped by two suspected Wazalendo members. Reports also documented rape during land-related violence in Kwilu, while RDF and AFC/M23 forces were accused of sexual violence and other serious human rights violations in areas under their control. See *DRC* section below for more details.

Data collected by Insecurity Insight shows that since the escalation in conflict in eastern DRC in January 2025 and 31 July 2026, at least 18 publicly reported incidents of conflict-related sexual violence were recorded. Named perpetrators included state and non-state armed groups, including the Convention for the Popular Revolution, FARDC, M23, Rwanda Defence Forces, Union of Patriots for the Liberation of Congo and Wazalendo. More than two-thirds of incidents involved multiple perpetrators and survivors who were women and children. More than two-thirds of incidents involved multiple perpetrators, with women and children among those subjected to sexual violence.

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By state bodies or conflict actors that particularly targets IDPs and refugees, aid, health workers or educators or students among others.

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

As reported on 12 August 2026: In Tshilenge territory of Kasai-Oriental province, seven cases of rape were reported on children within a two week period. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

August 2026: In Kavisege village, Lubero territory, North Kivu province, a 15-year-old girl was raped numerous times by a FARDC soldier in his room. He was convicted on 17 August and sentenced to seven years of penal servitude. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)



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16 August 2026: In Pinga/Nkasa village, Banamitingi locality, Kisimba grouping, Walikale territory, North Kivu province, a 10-year-old girl was raped by two suspected armed Wazalendo members at around 1300hrs. The perpetrators fled but were arrested by security services. The girl was taken to Pinga General Referral Hospital to receive medical care. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

20 August 2026: In Gungu territory, Kwilu province, two women were raped by people of the Mampungu group during the attempted occupation of land that belonged to the Kawungji group, despite a court ruling in favor of Kawungji and an eviction operation carried out by the authorities. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

As reported on 25 August 2026: In North and South Kivu provinces, the Rwandan Defence Forces (RDF) and their AFC/M23 auxiliaries were accused of serious human rights violations in the territories under their control including; summary executions, massacres, sexual violence, torture, abductions, forced recruitment and illegal taxation. **Source:** [Radio Okapi](#)

Gambia

As reported on 20 August 2026: In Serrekuna city, Kanifing municipality, a female patient was sexually assaulted by a clinical staff member during a consultation at Kanifing General Hospital, according to allegations that surfaced in a widely circulated audio recording. In response, hospital management opened an investigation, interviewed the employee, and placed him on administrative leave pending the outcome. **Source:** [Gambiana](#)

Sudan

06 August 2026: In El-Obeid, North Kordofan, two displaced women living in a refugee camp, were raped by RSF members in front of their children. **Source:** [Africa News](#)

Asia

India

03 August 2026: In Sikrona village, Ballabgarh tehsil, Faridabad district, Haryana state, a teacher was stabbed and killed at the main gate of her school by a former student who had been stalking and sexually assaulting her. The student fled on a motorcycle but was arrested by the police shortly after. **Source:** [The Tribune](#)

The Americas

Haiti

18 August 2026: In Kenscoff, Port-au-Prince city, a young girl was kidnapped and raped during gang attacks and mass kidnappings. The girl escaped. **Source:** [Africa News](#)

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