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Humanitarian access under pressure in Yemen

Escalating hostilities along Yemen's west coast are shrinking humanitarian operating space as insecurity, disrupted supply routes, looting, attacks on aid infrastructure and interference with humanitarian operations constrain access to conflict-affected communities. Insecurity Insight's latest report [Escalation on Yemen's West Coast](#) documents the operational implications of these threats, including the suspension of field activities, disruption to frontline distribution and the seizure of a UN humanitarian complex. It examines protection and accountability under international humanitarian law, offering actionable recommendations for parties to the conflict, humanitarian organisations, donors and monitoring and accountability actors to strengthen the protection of civilian services and humanitarian access as needs continue to rise. The report highlights how [online narratives](#) can create additional risks for humanitarian acceptance and security and offers valuable insights for security risk managers seeking to monitor perceptions, anticipate emerging threats and safeguard humanitarian access.

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Aid in Danger incidents affecting aid agencies and their staff and impact on programmes

Incidents of threats and violence affecting aid workers, aid delivery and aid impact supporting aid agencies in risk mitigation and safety and security measures when implementing programmes. The incidents reported are not a complete nor a representative list of all events that affected the provision of aid delivery. Insecurity Insight continues to update data and figures may change. Updated data includes new and historic reports identified in open-sources and verified security incidents submitted by Aid in Danger partner agencies.

Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

01 October 2026: Update: An ambulance driver with the Uganda Red Cross Society, died in Kampala city of Uganda, from injuries sustained in an attack while carrying out humanitarian duties related to Ebola response in Aru town, Ituri province. He had been airlifted to Kampala for specialised medical care. **Source:** [Pulse](#)

As reported on 02 October 2026: In Ituri province, escalating violence disrupted humanitarian operations, cutting people off from receiving aid, and affecting efforts to contain the Ebola outbreak. **Source:** [UN News](#)

As reported on 02 October 2026: In Djugu territory, at least five humanitarian organisations suspended or limited operations and relocated staff, disrupting access to food, healthcare, nutrition services, cash assistance, and water and sanitation support. **Sources:** [UN News](#) and [UN News I](#)

Ethiopia

04 October 2026: In Tigray region, a UN agency warehouse, and facilities belonging to local and international NGOs, were looted and humanitarian supplies were stolen, including food, seed, fertilisers and water pumps. **Source:** [UN News](#)

14 October 2026: In Juraysis Mender, Dangur woreda, Metekel zone, Benishangul-Gumuz region, an Ethiopian Red Cross Society ambulance was attacked by an armed group while carrying out a humanitarian mission. The ambulance driver was killed, and the ambulance was severely damaged and rendered inoperable. **Source:** [Ethiopian Red Cross Society](#)

Sudan

02 October 2026: In Dilling city, South Kordofan state, a World Food Programme (WFP) truck was hit by an explosive device of unidentified origin after delivering life-saving food aid. **Source:** [Sudan Nile](#)

03 October 2026: In Dilling–Kadugli road, South Kordofan state, two clearly-marked trucks contracted by the WFP and transporting food aid from Dilling to Kadugli were hit by an airstrike carried out by an unidentified armed group, killing a driver and damaging food supplies. The extent of damage to the food shipment was still being verified, and the WFP called for a prompt and impartial investigation into the attack. **Sources:** [Al Taghyeer](#), [Radio Tamazuj](#) and [UN News](#)

As reported on 04 October 2026: In Kutum locality, North Darfur state, 32 trucks loaded with humanitarian aid belonging to the WFP were detained by RSF after they intercepted a convoy of 44 trucks and forcibly took them to El Fasher. After three days, 12 trucks were released, while the remaining 32 continued to be detained after the RSF demanded large sums of money for their release, obstructing the delivery of food assistance intended for displaced families in North Darfur. **Source:** [Al Nilin](#)

Asia

Myanmar

05 October 2026: Near Pan Ni Lar village and village tract, Ponnagyun township, Sittwe district, Rakhine state, a not-for-profit clinic located at an IDP camp, as well as buildings within the camp, were damaged by bombs dropped by two Myanmar military aircraft. At least 20 people, including a midwife working at the clinic and a female nurse aide trainee, were injured and one person was killed. The nurse aide passed away on the following day from the head injury sustained during the airstrike. **Sources:** [Ayeyarwaddy Times](#), [Khit Thit Media](#), [Narinjara I](#), [Narinjara II](#), [Narinjara III](#), [One Nation N](#)

Europe

Ukraine

04 October 2026: In Sloviansk city, Kramatorsk raion, Donetsk oblast, an unspecified number of vehicles belonging to the NGO Angels of Salvation were attacked by a Russian drone. The team evacuated to a shelter. Two vehicles were damaged. **Source:** [Angels of Salvation](#)

06 October 2026: In Zaporizhzhia city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, two male Red Cross workers were injured by a Russian sequential strike that hit near their vehicle while on their way to respond to a previous attack at night. **Sources:** [Armyinform](#) and [Ukrainian Red Cross](#)

10 October 2026: In Mykolaiv city, urban hromada, raion and oblast, the premises of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) were damaged during a Russian drones attack on the centre of the city at night. **Sources:** [Mykolaivska Pravda](#), [MykVisti](#), [Suspilne](#) and [UNOPS Ukraine and East Europe](#)

13 October 2026: In Sloviansk town, Donetsk region, the grounds of Ukrainian Red Cross Society building was damaged by Russian shelling, injuring three URCS aid workers with shrapnel wounds and burns. The three staff were from the Lyman city organisation of the Ukrainian Red Cross,

which had been relocated to Sloviansk due to the security situation. **Sources:** [Interfax](#) and [UN News](#)

Middle East and North Africa

Occupied Palestinian territory

Gaza

12 October 2026: In Rafah city and governorate, the vicinity of a humanitarian convoy holding site was hit by an Israeli airstrike. Movements of the teams en route to the Kerem Shalom crossing had to hold their positions for an unspecified amount of time before being able to continue to the crossing. **Source:** [UN News](#)

West Bank

13 October 2026: In Ramallah city and governorate, the headquarters of the NGO Union of Palestinian Women's Committees was stormed by Israeli forces, who confiscated equipment and files. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [UN Human Rights Palestine](#)

13 October 2026: In Al Bira, Ramallah city and governorate, the headquarters of NGO Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association was stormed by Israeli forces, who confiscated equipment and files and left a written notice on the premises claiming it is an "illegal entity". **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#), [UN Human Rights Palestine](#) and [WAFA](#)

14 October 2026: In Salfit city and governorate, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society's ambulance centre was stormed by Israeli forces, who removed surveillance camera recordings from the centre. **Sources:** [Quds News Network](#) and [WAFA](#)

About Insecurity Insight

Insecurity Insight aims to enable a world in which civilians are protected from violence in armed conflict, and in which local, national, and international civilian organisations are empowered to mitigate the consequences of violence by effectively delivering assistance, healthcare, educational opportunities, and protection to people affected by armed conflict. As an H2H (humanitarian to humanitarian) association, Insecurity Insight supports the work of aid agencies and other civil society organisations by providing publicly available information and analysis for evidence-based policies.

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Other resources

Security information incident management (SIIM) is the process of collecting and using information about safety- and security-related incidents that affect aid organisations to ensure staff safety and access to beneficiaries. Efficient and effective security incident information management (SIIM) improves an aid organisation's ability to access affected populations by improving the safety and security of its staff. This **SIIM portal** provides guidance and tools for aid organisations seeking to improve their understanding of and approach to SIIM.



SIIM supports effective decision-making in the areas of policy, finance, operations and security risk management.

- Interactive **roadmap**, **handbooks**, and **toolkits**, **mobile guides**, **podcasts** and more.
- Available in **Arabic**, **English**, **French** and **Spanish**

Armed drones are an escalating threat in humanitarian settings, with their use expected to grow. Once rare, they are now a defining feature in modern conflicts. -Adapting to the growing threat of drones means rethinking security risk measures in high-risk contexts. This practical guide by Insecurity Insight brings together current best practice and is available in **Arabic**, **Burmese**, **English**, **Spanish** and **French**. Individual resources:



- Outside When a Drone is Spotted: **Arabic**; **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- Inside a Building During a Drone Attack: **Arabic**; **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- Responding to Drone Attacks on Aid Work: **Arabic**; **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**
- Traveling in High-Risk Areas: What to Know About Drones: **Arabic**; **Burmese**; **English**; **French**; **Spanish**

Adapted for the protection of health services based on case studies on Myanmar in **English** and **Burmese**.

Support for aid workers

Proper Support is an independent non-profit that helps aid organisations, staff, and families navigate the complex landscape of post-incident support. Drawing on experience from dozens of complex cases, Proper Support provides training, workshops, and policy engagement to strengthen duty-of-care practices and post-incident response. While crisis response focuses on the immediate incident, the recovery phase can present its own risks if physical and psychological injuries are not properly addressed. Through a roster of independent experts, the organization also supports individuals and institutions facing complex recovery and accountability questions following serious incidents.



Humanitarian work has become more dangerous in recent years. Attacks against humanitarian personnel, whether deliberate or not, continue and require joint efforts to address them. Local and national frontline workers are the most exposed to violence and account for 80-90% of the individuals affected by a critical incident. Local organizations often have fewer options for mitigating risks or responding to such situations. Protect Aid Workers is a rapid-response mechanism for aid workers and their immediate families who have suffered critical incidents such as injury, kidnapping, arrest and more. Visit their **website** for further information.

