

# The Aid Security Monthly News Brief

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## Security Incidents

### Africa

**South Sudan:** A local UNWFP worker was **kidnapped** at Malakal airport in Upper Nile State, South Sudan on 16 October 2014. Mark Diang was an ethnic Nuer and feared that he would be targeted by Shilluk militias of the Chollo tribe. Other sources believe that the attackers may have been from the government security forces. Both the Shilluk militia and the government are under the control of General Johnson Oliny, a Chollo.

**Related security incident:** In August 2014, a NPA employer of Nuer ethnicity was pulled from his car and **killed**.

### Asia

**Pakistan, update:** German employee Bernd M. of WelthungerHilfe (German Agro Action), **kidnapped** in January 2012 in Pakistan from his home, was **freed** by the intervention of German special forces in Afghanistan who 'did not use force'.

**Pakistan:** A member of a peace committee supporting the vaccination campaign in Pakistan was **killed** in a Budh Bher, a suburb of Peshawar on 7 October 2014. The remote controlled device exploded as the team accompanying the health workers reached the hospital.

### Middle East

**Syria:** A threat of beheading was made against **kidnapped** private American aid worker Peter Kassig. The threat of beheading comes after a series of beheadings of journalists and the British private aid workers Allan Henning.

### Europe

**Ukraine:** An expat ICRC delegate was killed by a shell landing near his office in Donetsk, Ukraine on 2 October 2014.

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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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|            | Total of new incidents reported<br>(from open sources) | Country           | Staff affected |
|------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Kidnapping | 2  | Pakistan, Ukraine | International  |
| Deaths     | 1  | South Sudan       | National       |

## Security-related access restraints

### Middle East

**Iraq:** Nine months of shelling, airstrikes and street battles have taken a heavy toll on Iraq's 'forgotten' province of Anbar, the first to be overrun by militants from the group now calling itself the Islamic State (IS). Far too little aid is getting through to Anbar as the security situation does not allow for a large aid presence.

### Africa

**Libya:** Offensive on Benghazi reduces hope of resuming aid efforts in Libya. In response to the offensive by special forces from the Libyan army during its offensive against Islamist militants in the Benghazi area in mid-October, the Red Crescent evacuated 53 foreign workers and 14 sick people trapped inside a hospital next to the port, which was the centre of the offensive. This development reduces further the international community's ability to deliver aid in Libya. A number of aid agencies had already withdrawn their staff in May following the storming of parliament. According to UN sources, it is unlikely that the UN will be able to role out the planned aid due to a lack of personnel on the ground.

