

The Aid Security Monthly News Brief

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Security Incidents

Africa

Mali

08 March 2015: A peacekeeper from Chad and two children were killed, and other people injured, when the MINUSMA base in the northern town of Kidal was hit by some 30 rockets. The assailants remain unknown. More information on [BBC](#) and [Thomas Reuters Foundation](#).

30 March 2015: Gunmen killed an ICRC driver and injured a Mali Red Cross worker during their journey across northern Mali towards Niger to collect medical supplies for Goa hospital. The militant Islamist group Mujao told AFP it carried out the attack. More information on [Reuters](#) and [BBC](#).

Asia

Afghanistan

02 March 2015: Five staff members of Save the Children were abducted by unknown gunmen in the southern province of Uruzgan as they were travelling towards Surkhab district. More information on [Afghanistan Times](#).

Myanmar

10 March 2015: Police officers attacked a Free Funeral Service Society ambulance with batons, after students had jumped into it during a police measures to break up a student demonstration. The students were taken to hospital with head injuries. [PHR](#).

30 March 2015 (update): the Red Cross worker injured in the attack on a convoy transporting displaced people in February has died of his injuries. More information on [Yahoo news](#).

Pakistan

17 March 2015: The anti-polio campaign has been suspended in Mansehra district after two female health workers were shot dead, alongside their police escort. They had administered vaccines in the village of Danna Sheikaba, in Mansehra's Tal Kot area in Kyber Paktunkhwa at the moment of the attack. More information on [Hindustan Times](#), [The New York Times](#), and [Tribune](#).

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. It complements resources that already exist, such as the [Aid Worker Security Database](#), which provides statistics and analysis about attacks against aid workers.

We welcome your [feedback](#). The questionnaire can be completed in 3 minutes.

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18 March 2015: Unidentified gunmen killed one health worker and injured another in Bajaur Agency, Nawagai tehsil on the second day of a three-day anti-polio drive in Kamangara area, near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. More information on [Dawn](#).

Middle-East

Syrian Arab Republic

29 March 2015: Two GOAL workers were seriously injured during an air strike in northern Syria. One of the staff members is in a critical condition. The other will need extensive reconstructive surgery. A third Syrian staff member suffered non-life threatening injuries. Read more [Irish Mirror](#), [Irish Times](#) and [Independent](#).

Yemen

19 March 2015 (update): [Reuters](#) reported that the French woman abducted on 24 February 2015 was released. The [French press](#), however, said that only her Yemeni interpreter was freed. No other report suggests that Isabelle Prime has been liberated.

26 March 2015: Reuters reported that a doctor was killed and pulled from under the rubble of a damaged clinic in Sana'a on the first day of Saudi airstrikes against Houthi rebels. [Thomas Reuters Foundation](#). However, the Amnesty International report on the impact of the air strikes on the Beni Hawat residential area does not include a description of a damaged clinic. [Amnesty International](#).

30 March 2015: On the fifth day of air strikes, 40 people were killed in the Al-Mazraq IDP camp in northwestern province of Hajjah. MSF representatives working in the Haradh hospital where the injured were treated, said the camp was hit by Saudi airstrikes. UNHCR confirmed the incident but did not say who struck the camp. Yemen's foreign minister believes that the camp was hit by Houthi artillery fire. An Al Jazeera correspondent said that the displaced were ethnic Houthis driven from their homes by the 2004 offensive. Witness say that there are Houthi among the civilian population. More information [Al Jazeera](#).

	Total of new incidents reported (from open sources)	Country	Staff affected
Kidnappings	1	Afghanistan	Assumed local
Deaths	3	Pakistan, Mali	Local, health workers, driver
Injured	4	Mali, Syria	Local, health logistics, essential aid

Security-related access restraints

Africa

Libya

16 March 2015: The town of Sirte has become highly insecure. The 166 Battalion said it evacuated foreign health workers from the Ibn Sina hospital to Misrata ([Phil Star](#)). Elsewhere it was reported that 30 ISIS fighters from the [Tafkiri group](#) stormed the hospital when the health workers waited to be evacuated, took 20 foreign health workers hostage, and later released them on the conditions that they would stay in Sirte to treat wounded ISIS fighters [CNN](#). The Philippine press reported that four Philippine nurses had been taken to a safe place by friends, a measure which had earlier been reported as ISIS abductions [AP](#).

Asia

Myanmar

The Kokang area, in the northern part of the Shan state, remains insecure due to continue fighting between government troops and ethnic Chinese Kokang rebels. More information on [BBC](#).

Middle-East

Yemen

27 March 2015: The Saudi Arabian-led assault against Houthi rebels has disrupted the delivery of humanitarian aid in the country, as leading UN agencies and some NGOs suspended aspects of their operations and the ICRC has not been given permission to deliver medical supply to treat war wounded. Most expatriate staff has been evacuated and local staff continue to work as far as possible to maintain key services. More information on [IRIN News](#), [The Peninsula Qatar](#), [Thomas Reuters Foundation](#) and [Reuters](#).

