

The Aid Security Monthly News Brief

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Security Incidents

Africa

Central African Republic

18 June 2015: Three INGO staff members were reportedly abducted after their vehicle was ambushed on Ishasha-Nyamilima road in Rutshuru, Northern Kivu. No further information available.

27 June 2015: Armed men fired upon three INGO staff members travelling on the Ippy-Bambari road. One of the staff members was seriously injured. The armed men stole the INGO worker's bag and fled. No further information available.

Guinea

29 / 30 / 31 May 2015: Two Red Cross vehicles and a staff member's home were attacked. A warehouse with equipment for safe Ebola burials was also set on fire following violent protests against Ebola controls in Boke's Kamsar district. More information on [Trust](#).

Kenya

8 June 2015: Kenyan police detained three International NGO Safety Organization (INSO) personnel during an aid worker Hostile Environment Individual Safety Training (HEIST) in Savage Sagana Camp on charges under the Firearms Act. The police seized a box of wooden cut out firearms to be used in the training. All of them were released on bail on 12 June 2015. Information from an INSO press release which is no longer available.

Mali

Update: Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) claimed responsibility for attacks against the MINUSMA peacekeeping mission carried out in northern Mali at the end of May. On 26 May, a rocket attack killed a peacekeeper and on 28 May a landmine explosion targeted a UN convoy wounding three Burkina Faso peacekeepers in the Timbuktu region. More information on [News 24](#).

South Sudan

3 June 2015: Armed attackers ambushed and robbed a UN contracted truck and stole the drivers' personal belongings. The driver and his assistant were seriously injured in the attack. No further information

This monthly digest comprises threats and incidents of violence affecting the delivery of humanitarian assistance as reported in open sources during that month. It is prepared by Insecurity Insight. It is not a comprehensive list of all incidents.

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available.

4 June 2015: Gunmen ambushed a UN-NGO health mission on its way to Manyang Ngok Primary Health Care Unit and killed the driver. One UN sponsored polio field assistant and two NGO staff members were severely injured and had to be hospitalised. No further information available.

Sudan

6 June 2015: Two United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) contractors abducted in Zalingei (Central Darfur) on 29 January 2015 were released. More information on [UN](#).

Asia

Afghanistan

1-2 June 2015: Nine Afghan employees of the Czech NGO People in Need (PIN) were killed in a night attack at their field guesthouse in Zari district in northern Balkh Province. The organisation, which works with remote rural communities, said it received no warnings, threats, or other messages that would have indicated a pending attack. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the killings. More information on [Al Jazeera](#), [NY Times](#), [PIN](#), and [NEWS](#).

7 June 2015: Armed men kidnapped nine HALO Trust de-miners in Logar province in the morning and released them in the evening of the same day. The driver and agency vehicles were still being held the next day. More information on [Khaama Press](#).

22 June 2015: Anja de Beer, a Dutch national working for the Swiss aid group Helvetas was kidnapped in Kabul. No group has claimed responsibility. More information on [Dutch News](#) and [PressTV](#).

Europe

Turkey

9 June 2015: The Head of the Yeni Ihya Der aid group in the southeastern Kurdish city of Diyarbakir was shot as he left his office. His death was followed by violent clashes that left more people dead. More information on [Trust](#).

Middle East

Libya

9 June 2015: Media outlets reported that the Italian doctor, Ignazio Scaravilli, who disappeared on 6 January 2015, was freed. The circumstances of his disappearance are unclear. He may have been kidnapped or detained by the local secret service. Read more on [NY Times](#), [ANSA](#) and [VoA](#).

Syrian Arab Republic

10 June 2015: A barrel bomb denoted outside a MSF-supported medical centre in Aleppo damaging medical equipment, the pharmacy, all windows and doors and destroying the post-operative room. It was the third attack suffered by the hospital in the past year. Read more on [MSF](#).

15 June 2015: Busra hospital in Dara'a governorate was destroyed and one doctor was injured during a nighttime aerial barrel bombing. It was the only health facility providing neonatal and dialysis service in Dara'a. It was one of ten medical facilities targeted in the past month. Read more on [MSF](#).

Yemen

1 June 2015: A WFP humanitarian supply ship was targeted but not hit by Houthi shelling as it

approached the southern port of Aden. The ship carrying 7,000 tons of food was diverted to Hudaydah port. More information on [UN](#) and [Yahoo](#).

28 June 2015: The UN Development Programme (UNDP) office was severely damaged and a guard injured by Coalition forces airstrikes. Read more on [UN News](#).

Update: On 29 May 2015, Jameela Naji Burut, a female vocational training volunteer with the Yemen Red Crescent Society was killed during an explosion in the north-western city of Hajjah while helping wounded civilians. More information on [ICRC](#).

	Total of new incidents reported (from open sources)	Country	Staff affected
Kidnappings	3	Afghanistan, CAR	Int staff (Afghanistan) Deminers (Afghanistan) INGO staff (CAR)
Deaths	4	Afghanistan, South Sudan, Turkey, Yemen	National staff (Afghanistan) Volunteer (Yemen) Head of agency (Turkey) Driver (South Sudan)
Injured	4	CAR, South Sudan, Syria	INGO staff (CAR) Driver & assistant (S Sudan) Polio team (S Sudan) Doctor (Syria)
Arrests	1	Kenya	3 staff on firearm charges

Security-related access restraints

Africa

Guinea

1 June 2015: The attacks over the last weekend in May on Ebola facilities prompted the Red Cross to withdraw workers. More information on [Trust](#).

South Sudan

1 June 2015: South Sudan expelled the United Nations Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General / Resident Coordinator / Humanitarian Coordinator of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Toby Lanzer. Read more on [Trust](#), [UN](#), [BBC](#), [Yahoo](#) and [UNHCR](#).

Asia

Afghanistan

The Czech NGO People in Need (PIN) suspended its activities in Afghanistan following the killing of nine of their staff. [PIN](#).

Cambodia

1 June 2015: The Cambodian government are under pressure from Human Rights groups to withdraw a proposed law that would limit the rights of NGO's operating in Cambodia. More information on [HRW](#).

India

23 June 2015: India placed Caritas on a government watch list. This is part of a growing crackdown on foreign organisations operating in the country for reportedly violating India's foreign funding laws by financing groups working 'against the country'. In recent months, foreign funding licenses of nearly 9,000 charities have been cancelled. More information on [First Post](#).

Pakistan

11 June 2015: The Government of Pakistan ordered closure of the Save the Children offices across the country. This order was reversed following pressure from international donors. The Minister of Interior said on 22 June that 13 of the 73 offices would be allowed to continue to work. Of the 121 international groups working in Pakistan, licenses of about 15, including Save the Children, have been recently revoked. In 2014, the government closed the Norwegian Refugee Council, amid official accusations that its staff had been collecting data from the tribal regions in an unauthorised way. Read more information on [Reuters](#), [NY Times](#), [Dawn](#), [Dunya News](#), [Trust](#), [BBC](#), [The Big Story](#), [LA Times](#), and [NY Times](#).

15 June 2015: The Minister of Interior of Pakistan said that all NGOs had to register with the Ministry of Interior (and no longer with the Economic Affairs Division of the Finance Ministry) and will have to undergo an assessment by the intelligence services. NGOs are given three months to do so. Read more on [The Express Tribune](#), [Salon](#), [Daily Times](#) and [Express Tribune](#).

30 June 2015: Balochistan Health Minister Rehmat Saleh Baloch criticised the federal government for suspending projects run by Save the Children who operate malaria control programmes in 14 districts of Balochistan. Funding is planned to go to Punjab and Sindh provinces instead. More information on [Dawn](#).

Europe

Turkey

1 June 2015: Medical personnel across Turkey went on strike in protest of the murder of Dr. Kamil Furtun in the northern province of Samsun on 29 May. More information on [Hurriyet Dailynews](#).

25 June 2015: Eight international NGOs including Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the Norwegian Refugee Council, and Norwegian's People's Aid have been granted legal status in Turkey to deliver aid to Syria and Syrian refugees living inside Turkey. More information on [IRIN](#).

Middle East

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21 June 2015: MSF warned that a fuel blockade may lead to the closure of hospitals and paralysing the work of ambulances and rescue services. More information on [Daily Star](#) and [Trust](#).

