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Security Incidents

Africa

Central African Republic

6 July 2015: Two INGO vehicles were robbed by 20 gunmen on the Nana Bakassa–Kouki road. No further information available.

8 July 2015: A group of 20 men believed to be ex-Seleka robbed money and communications equipment from an INGO team in Bondoro village. No further information available.

8 July 2015: In N'Délé, armed men entered an INGO compound and demanded the keys to the motorcycles. The security guards did not have the keys, and the perpetrators fled after stealing the guards' mobile phones. No further information available.

18 July 2015: A World Food Programme (WFP) convoy of 20 vehicles was attacked by gunmen in Baboua, Nana-Mambéré. A driver was fatally wounded, and several passengers were injured. More information on UN News Centre (1) and UN News Centre (2).

20 July 2015: In Bouca, four suspected ex-Seleka in uniform with masks and AK-47s robbed an INGO convoy of valuables and electronics. There were no injuries. No further information available.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

16 July 2015: An INGO national staff member was abducted from his residence in Bunia, Ituri District, and later left unharmed in a village, nine kilometres west of Bunia. No further information available.

Mali

1 July 2015: A group of INGO and UN personnel was threatened while carrying out programme activities in Batil Refugee Camp in Maban, Upper Nile State, when a young male approached them carrying a grenade. The group left the area immediately without being harmed. No further information available.

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.

We welcome your feedback. The questionnaire can be completed in 3 minutes, and it will help us understand what kind of monthly information you would be looking for in a database-centered project.

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2 July 2015: Six peacekeepers were killed and another six severely wounded in attack on a UN convoy close to Goundham, a town southwest of the northern city of Timbuktu. Read more on Trust.

South Sudan

1 July 2015: Anti-government militiamen opened fire on a United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) peacekeeping base in the town of Malakal in Upper Nile State. More information on Voice of America.

5 July 2015: A hospital in Upper Nile State, supported by an ICRC surgical team, sustained material damage as fighting erupted in the town of Kodok. Doctors and nurses were forced to leave the hospital for safety purposes. Read more on ICRC and Metro.

14 July 2015: Local sources reported that armed criminals broke into the compound of an INGO in Juba. The assailants scaled the perimeter by climbing onto a stationary vehicle before searching the compound for valuables. At least one security guard was held at gunpoint, but no injuries were reported. No further information available.

Sudan

2 July 2015: In El Fasher, North Darfur, eight armed men in military uniform entered an INGO's compound after cutting the razor wire on top of the perimeter wall. They stole two vehicles and office items. The two security guards and an office employee were not harmed. No further information available.

22 July 2015: A staff member of the United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID), was abducted from a market, close to his home, in Nierteti, Central Darfur, by two unidentified gunmen. He was released five days later. More information on Dabanga and on Sudan Tribune.

Asia

Afghanistan

2 July 2015: MSF hospital in Kunduz Province was raided by the Afghan Special Forces in search of a suspected al Qaeda operative being treated there. The health facility was temporarily closed as the armed soldiers entered and behaved violently toward medical staff. Five days later, the hospital reopened. Read more on MSF, Reuters (1) and Reuters (2).

8 July 2015: In Shwak District, Sato Kandaw area, on the way back to Kabul from Khost, an ANP vehicle escorting a WFP convoy of 19 food trucks and a Land Cruiser AV, was struck by an improvised explosive device followed by small arms fire, resulting in three ANP personnel wounded. The trucks are owned by WFP but operated by a contracted company. No further information available.

13 July 2015: A demining worker was killed and eight others were wounded, when their vehicle struck a landmine. The incident took place in Qalat, Zabul Province. More information on Tolo News.

26 July 2015: AGE attacked an NGO compound in Farah District. One driver was taken hostage and the NGO ambulance was stolen. No further information available.

Europe

Turkey

20 July 2015: A suicide attack in Suruç, along the Turkey-Syria border, killed 30 people and injured dozens. The victims were young people from the Federation of Socialist Youth Association, who were soon to visit the Syrian-Kurdish enclave of Kobani to assist with its reconstruction. ISIS is suspected of having orchestrated the attack. Read more on The Guardian.

Middle-East

Yemen

1 July 2015: Two offices of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) were damaged in an airstrike in the villages of Haradh and Basateen, both in Aden Governorate. Nobody was killed or wounded in this incident. Read more on Voice of America.

10 July 2015: A German aid convoy was attacked by Saudi fighter jets in Sada'a Province, as a result of which two people died. More information on PressTV.

23 July 2015: An ambulance marked with the Yemeni Red Crescent Society emblem came under fire in the city of Taiz, when it was transporting an injured patient and two volunteers.

	Total of new incidents reported (from open sources)	Country	Staff affected
Kidnappings	3	DRC, Sudan, Afghanistan	INGO national staff, UNAMID worker, a NGO driver
Deaths	5	CAR, Mali, Afghanistan, Turkey, Yemen	Driver of WFP convoy, 6 peacekeepers, a demining worker, 30 members of the Federation of Socialist Youth Association, German aid convoy
Injured	3	CAR, Mali, Afghanistan	A number of people part of the WFP convoy, 6 peacekeepers, 8 demining workers (unclear)

Security-related access restraints

Africa

South Sudan

23 July 2015: MSF reported that the agency had been unable to make a single delivery of medical and food supplies to its health centre in Wau Shilluk, along the outskirts of Malakal, Upper Nile State, as the

town had changed hands multiple times during the past 18 months. More information on MSF and Reuters Africa.

28 July 2015: The ICRC stated that due to insecurity in the area, the organisation had been unable to placed medical staff back to the hospital of Kodok, Upper Nile State. More information on Radio Tamazuj.

31 July 2015: UNMISS and its humanitarian partners were barred from using the Nile River for resupplying purposes. The use of this route requires now approval by the SPLA headquarters in Juba. Read more on News 24 website.

Uganda
10 July 2015: Several aid agencies warned that humanitarian response in Uganda could be severely compromised if the Ugandan parliament adopts a bill that regulates NGOs and criminalises non-compliance. More information on IRIN News.

Asia

Cambodia
13 July 2015: A draft law on associations and NGOs, approved by the Cambodian National Assembly, will soon be examined by the Senate. Under the draft law, the authorities can de-register local and international associations and NGOs if they consider them as not 'politically neutral'. They can similarly deny registration on the vague grounds that the purpose and goal of the associations or NGOs 'endanger the security, stability and public order or jeopardize national security, national unity, culture, traditions, and customs of Cambodian national society'. Associations and NGOs operating without registration in Cambodia will face criminal liability. More information, on the United Nations Human Rights website.

Pakistan
21 July 2015: The federal government informed the Supreme Court that it had asked the provincial governments and Islamabad's administration to strictly monitor the working of the NGOs, scrutinise their sources of funding and seek audit reports from them. A template had been formulated and sent to the provinces for collecting information about NGOs working in their jurisdictions. More information on DAWN.

Russian Federation
8 July 2015: The Russian Federation Council demanded that the Prosecutor-General's Office, the Foreign Ministry, and the Justice Ministry scrutinise the operations of 12 foreign nongovernmental organisations in Russia for their compliance with Russian law. Read more on Radio Free Europe Free Liberty (RFEFL) (1) and RFEFL (2).

Europe

Ukraine
23 July 2015: Male protesters spray-painted the cars of the OSCE and the ICRC. More information on Yahoo! News.

Middle-East

Syrian Arab Republic

24 July 2015: According to the UN, Yarmouk Refugee Camp is no longer considered besieged. Despite not having direct access, the organisation managed to deliver aid to three nearby suburbs through partners. The UN's agency for Palestinians (UNRWA), however, claims that no aid has been allowed in for months. More information on IRIN.

Yemen

9 July 2015: WFP spokesperson Elizabeth Byrs said that insecurities around the port of Aden still hinder the effective delivery of food throughout the country. More information on CBC News and on Voice of America.

14 July 2015: A UN convoy of 40 trucks carrying food managed to reach the southern province of Aden, after being held at a checkpoint outside Aden since 9 July 2015. Meanwhile, fighting around Aden's port still prevents UN ships from docking. More information on Trust.

31 July 2015: During the last weekend of July, the humanitarian truce in the country failed to take hold as fighting flared between rebels and government loyalists. More information on Business Insider, The Malay Mail Online, and Trust.