

The Aid Security Monthly News Brief

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Security Incidents

Africa

Central African Republic

26 September 2015: A local staff member of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) was shot dead. No further information available.

27-29 September 2015: Several humanitarian offices and staff residences were looted amidst the violence that followed the murder of a Muslim man on 26 September in the capital Bangui. [ReliefWeb](#).

28 September 2015: A group of armed men broke into the compounds of War Child, Caritas and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), and stole valuables ranging from vehicles to kitchen cutlery. [Trust](#).

28 September 2015: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) stated that one of its staff members was attacked. [Al Jazeera](#).

Mali

21 September 2015: A national staff member of an unspecified INGO was seriously injured when shot by two armed men. No further information available.

Somalia

21 September 2015: An unspecified number of local relief workers were abducted by al Shabaab militants in the district of Dhobley, Lower Shabelle region, Southern Somalia. The information could not be verified beyond that reported in [Shabelle News](#).

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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South Sudan

2 September 2015: A NGO convoy was attacked between Rokon and Luri. The driver was killed. No further information available.

6 September 2015: Two female foreign aid workers were robbed and raped in Juba [Yahoo News](#).

10 September 2015: A staff member of Action Against Hunger was shot dead during a day-time break-in into the agency's compound in Juba. [Yahoo News](#).

Sudan

08 September 2015: A vehicle carrying two health ministry staff and a doctor from the World Health Organisation (WHO) was attacked by a group of unidentified armed men in Kreinik, east to the state capital Geneina, West Darfur. The driver and a security official were killed, the health workers were not physically injured. The perpetrators stole the car. [UN News Centre](#).

Asia

Afghanistan

10 September 2015: A United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) vehicle was damaged by a roadside bomb targeting an Afghan army convoy at the outskirts of Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province. [Khaama Press](#) and [The Guardian](#).

11 September 2015: A Dutch aid worker—who was kidnapped by unidentified gunmen on 22 June 2015 in the Taimani area of Kabul—was freed. The woman was working for Helvetas, a Swiss NGO. [Khaama Press](#) and [Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty](#).

12 September 2015: Five clearly marked World Food Programme (WFP) vehicles were stopped by gunmen when returning after a food distribution from Yawan to Faizabad, Badkshshah Province. The drivers were held captive for one night and released uninjured. The empty trucks were burned down. [The Guardian](#).

13 September 2015: A demining contractor, working for a UN partner, was killed in in Jilawoor village by an IED. No further information available.

Bangladesh

28 September 2015: An Italian aid worker was gunned down by three unidentified armed men in the diplomatic quarter of the capital Dhaka. The Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility for the attack. [BBC](#) and [The New York Times](#).

Europe

Ukraine

25 September 2015: A former staff member of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Donetsk was twice arrested and accused of spying. His phone and laptop were seized. He was beaten in custody. The dates of these arrests are not specified. [Independent](#).

Middle-East

Syrian Arab Republic

23 September 2015: An Australian man working for a German Islamic charity was killed. [ABC](#) and [International Business Times](#).

28 September 2015: An INGO staff member was kidnapped during an office raid. No further information available.

Yemen

02 September 2015: Two local ICRC staffers were shot dead in Amran Governorate, Northern Yemen, when an unidentified gunman opened fire on their vehicle for unknown reasons. The car was travelling from Saada Province towards the capital Sanaa. Two other staff were uninjured. [Reuters](#), [BBC](#), [ICRC](#), [IPS News Service](#) and [UN News Centre](#).

30 September 2015: Two volunteers from the Yemen Red Crescent Society were killed alongside other civilians during an airstrike in the area of Al Swaida, Taiz Governorate, Yemen. [ICRC](#).

	Total of new incidents reported (from open sources)	Country	Staff affected
Kidnappings	2	Somalia, Syria	National staff, no information
Deaths	9	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, CAR, South Sudan (2), Sudan, Syria, Yemen (2)	National, International, National, National, Driver, Driver/Security Guard, International, National
Injuries	1	Mali	National
Assaults	1 (sexual assault)	South Sudan	International

Security-related access restraints

Africa

Central African Republic

27-28 September 2015: Movement of people was restricted during the outbreak of violence in Bangui. According to [MSF](#), on 27 September 2015 wounded people from several Bangui neighbourhoods were unable to reach Bangui General Hospital due to blocked access roads. The day after, not a single women reached the maternity ward to give birth, where usually 30 children are born each day. The International Committee of the Red Cross ([ICRC](#)) has been unable to carry out its operations at the same hospital as a result of mounting insecurity. [ReliefWeb](#).

Democratic Republic of the Congo

18 September 2015: [IRIN](#) reported that, in the region of Beni, North Kivu Province, 32 health clinics are currently closed because of fears of attacks from the Allied Democratic Forces, a Ugandan insurgency group.

Nigeria

11 September 2015: An improvised explosive device detonated in the IDP camp of Malkholi, north-eastern Nigeria, leaving seven people dead and 15 injured. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) suspended its operations. No further information available.

Europe

Russian Federation

24 September 2015: The 2012 law making it illegal for Russian NGOs to receive funding from outside the country is making work difficult for Russian NGOs. Sakhalin Environmental Watch, a Russian organisation working in the far east of the country, stated that it was returning a grant that it received from overseas sponsors. Earlier this year, the founder of a Russian non-governmental organisation fled Russia after her organisation was blacklisted by the authorities as 'foreign agent' because it received US funding. [Euro News](#) and [Yahoo News](#).

Ukraine

24 September 2015: Rebel officials of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic in Eastern Ukraine refused the accreditation of 10 of 11 foreign humanitarian organisations, which include Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and agencies of the United Nations. The accreditation process in Donetsk is on hold. Only MSF works in Donetsk. [Independent](#), [Trust](#), [Reuters](#) and the [Washington Post](#).

Middle-East

Yemen

13 September 2015: The ICRC has temporarily suspended local aid operations after two staff members were killed in a targeted shooting. [ICRC](#).

