

The Aid Security Monthly News Brief

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Security Incidents

Africa

Central African Republic: - The number of attacks has been rising in the Central African Republic. Two separate MSF medical supply trucks were stopped and held by an armed group on the route linking Paoua with Bangui (between the towns of Yaloké and Bossembélé). The truck's crew was held captive while money was demanded.

Libya: - A **twin car bombing** in the Libyan town of Shahat, near the city of Bayda, was carried out when a UN envoy was meeting with the Prime Minister.

South Sudan: -An INGO **driver** was **carjacked** and beaten by three armed men. He suffered injuries to his face and arm.

South Sudan: - An INGO **security guard** was **shot** and wounded by unknown persons while on duty at Batil camp. He sustained serious injuries and was hospitalised.

Sudan: - Two **UN-contracted drivers** and seven loaders were **kidnapped** while transporting food and relief items, the two trucks were also taken. The seven loaders were released the next day, the two drivers were released six days later, and the trucks have been recovered.

Asia

Afghanistan: An **ICRC staff member** was **stabbed** in the throat by a prisoner while visiting Maimana prison.

Afghanistan: An **attack** was carried out on the **Green Village**, an area in the eastern part of Kabul on 19 November. The assailants failed to get inside and no humanitarian workers were injured.

Afghanistan: On 27 November, a **car with explosives** was detonated outside the compound of a **USAid contractor**. A foreign national was injured and two suicide bombers were killed. The incident was followed by an hour long battle between the insurgents and the Afghan security forces. The attack occurred on the same evening a British embassy car was attacked.

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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Pakistan: Three **guards of anti-polio workers** were **killed** by a roadside bomb in Bajaur Agency.

Pakistan: The police **raided the IMAP offices**, arrested seven employees, and seized equipment on spying charges.

Pakistan: An **anti-polio worker** was **shot** and wounded while administering a vaccination drop in Charsaddar district.

Pakistan: Three **Pakistani female polio workers** and their driver were **killed** in Quetta.

Middle East

Iraq: On 17 November, a **UN convoy** of three vehicles proceeding from the Baghdad International Airport to the International Zone was hit by an **explosion**.

OPT: 14 November, a **Norwegian doctor was banned** from entering Gaza for security reasons.

Syria: The private American aid worker **Peter Kassig was beheaded** by Islamic State militants on 16 November. Kassig, a former US Army Ranger, had disappeared in at a checkpoint in northeastern Syria in October 2013 while delivering medical supplies.

Syria: On 7 November, **Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) volunteers** were **killed** by a mortar shell in Homs while transporting supplies for the SARC-UNICEF project for children traumatised by the conflict. A total of 40 SARC volunteers have lost their lives since the beginning of the conflict.

| | Total of new incidents reported (from open sources) Referring to the individuals affected | Country | Staff affected |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kidnapping | 9 | Sudan | Probably national |
| Deaths | 12 | Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria | National, International |
| Injured | 5 | South Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan | National |
| Arrested | 7 | Pakistan | International |
| Banned | 1 | OPT | International |

Security-related access restraints

Africa

Libya: The continuous **offensive in Benghazi** reduces hopes of resuming aid efforts. 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. It is unlikely that the UN will be able to role out the planned aid due to a lack of personnel on the ground. Most international aid agencies have been running remote operations from Tunisia since June this year.

Libya: On 14 November, **UNSMIL issued a statement** noting its concern about the ‘... abduction of civilians including medical personnel; and the obstruction of efforts to evacuate the wounded and distribute humanitarian aid...’

Middle East

Egypt: All **non-governmental organisations** operating in Egypt have been **ordered to register** with the government or risk being prosecuted.

Iraq: **Nine months of shelling**, airstrikes and street battles have taken a heavy toll on **Anbar**, the first town to be overrun by Islamic State militants. The security situation does not allow for a large aid presence.