

# The Aid Security Monthly News Brief

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## Security Incidents

### Africa

#### Central African Republic

[10 December](#) - An INGO vehicle was ambushed by armed men while transporting a patient to the hospital. The driver and the patient suffered serious stab wounds.

#### Somalia

[3 December](#) - A UN convoy was attacked by al Shabaab in Mogadishu. At least three Somali security personnel were killed when a car bomb, targeting the convoy, exploded near the airport. [CNN](#), [Aljazeera](#), [BBC](#)

### Americas

#### Cuba

[17 December](#) (*update*) - Alan Gross was released from prison. He was arrested in 2009 and sentenced to 15 years in March 2011 for bringing a satellite phone and computer equipment to Cuba. He was a contractor to DAI and USAID at the moment of his arrest.

### Asia

#### Afghanistan

[11 December](#) - A German aid worker, in charge of community relations for a demining organisation, was killed in a suicide attack while watching a play performed in the French school in Kabul. [More information.](#)

#### Afghanistan

[13 December](#) - 12 demining workers were killed in a motorbike drive-by-shooting while clearing mines near the former British base of Camp Bastion in Helmand province.

#### Pakistan

[9 December](#) - A polio vaccination worker was killed in Faisalabad by Jundullah.

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.

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## Middle East

### Lebanon

[7 December](#)- Lebanese gunmen opened fire on Syrian refugee tents in northern Lebanon, wounding two refugees.

### Yemen

[6 December](#)- South African aid worker Pierre Korkie was killed by his al Qaeda captors during a failed rescue operation, a day before he was due to be released. He had been abducted in May 2013.

### Syria

[Update](#) - Peter Kassig, the American aid worker murdered by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), may have been killed by a gunshot wound rather than beheading, new research suggests.

	Total of new incidents reported (from open sources)	Country	Staff affected
Deaths	3 (multiple victims)	Yemen, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Somalia	National, International
Injuries	2	Central African Republic	Probably national

## Security-related access restraints

## Africa

### Guinea

[5 December](#)- MSF staff was evacuated after dozens of youths staged an angry protest against a new Ebola treatment centre in the capital Conakry. MSF was expected to run the centre.

### Kenya

[16 December](#) - The Kenyan government deregistered 510 NGOs because of failure to submit a financial report. 15 of them are accused of having financed terrorism. 12 INGOs were given 21 days to submit audited financial statements to be allowed to continue to work in Kenya.

### Sudan

[25 December](#) - The government of Sudan ordered UNDP's resident coordinator and country director to leave the country.

## Asia

### Afghanistan

[1 December](#)-A three-week-long wave of Taliban attacks in Kabul led several aid agencies to put their staff members on higher security alert, and some sent foreign workers out of Afghanistan earlier than usual ahead of the holidays.

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### Syria

[19 December](#)- Medical supplies are blocked from entering [rebel-held areas](#).



