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Security Incidents

Africa

Burundi

7 November 2015: A national staff member of the United Nations Development Programme was shot during an attack on a bar by attackers wearing police uniforms. Source: [Daily Nation](#).

Central African Republic

Week commencing 16 November 2015: A team from Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) was attacked by gunmen and one of its vehicles stolen near a camp for internally displaced people (IDPs) in Bangui. Source: [TRUST](#).

10 November 2015: Huts, community shelters and a youth centre at the country's largest IDP site in the town of Batangafo, Ouham Prefecture, were torched by armed Muslim Seleka rebels in a revenge attack for the deaths of two men killed earlier that day. A UN peacekeeper, who had exchanged gunfire with the rebels, and seven civilians were killed. Thousands fled the area. Sources: [Reuters](#), [UN News Centre 1](#) and [UN News Centre 2](#).

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

1 November 2015: A team of 14 aid workers from a Congolese non-governmental organisation (NGO), the Rural Development Centre (also known by its French acronym CEDERU), were kidnapped from their car in the town of Katwiguru, North Kivu Province, as they were returning from a fact-finding mission in Rutshuru Region. They were all released by 3 November 2015. At the time of writing, the identity of the hostage-takers, who demanded ransom payments, remained unknown. Some suspect rebels from the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda as being behind the abduction. Sources: [Press TV](#), [FRI](#), [Yahoo News](#) and [Reuters](#).

Kenya

28 November 2015: An Italian doctor volunteering for the charity group For Life Onlus was shot dead in an armed robbery in the house where she was staying. Three others, including her parents, were also injured. Source: [Reuters](#).

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Libya

Update | 7 November 2015: Two humanitarian workers, kidnapped on 05 June 2015, were released on 07 November 2015. The two local aid workers had worked for Shaik Tahir Azzawy Charity Organisation and had been abducted in al-Shwayrif in southwestern Libya. Sources: [UN News Centre 1](#) and [UN News Centre 2](#).

Mali

11 November 2015: A bomb was set off at the entrance of a building housing an NGO in the town of Meleka, Gao Region, Northern Mali. No further information available. Source: [Reuters](#).

20 November 2015: An Indian-American aid worker working for a for-profit development company was murdered by armed jihadists in an attack on the Radisson Blu Hotel in Mali's capital Bamako. Source: [Daily Mail Online](#).

24 November 2015: A civilian MINUSMA staff member was killed when the convoy hit an explosive device between the cities of Goundam and Timbuktu, Northern Mali. Sources: [UN News Centre](#) and [Yahoo News](#).

28 November 2015: A mortar attack on a UN base in the town of Kidal, Northern Mali, killed three people inside the MINUSMA base and injured 20. Nobody claimed responsibility, but Islamic militants are suspected of being behind it. Source: [Reuters](#) and [The New York Times](#).

Somalia

11 November 2015: A local NGO vehicle was stopped and shot at by gunmen wearing army uniforms near the Kaboolay Market, Bula Hawo City, Gedo Region. The driver and a passerby were killed and two others injured. Nobody has yet claimed responsibility for the attack. Source: [Goobjoog](#).

14 November 2015: A local UN contractor was attacked and killed by armed elements in the city of Beledweyne, Hiiraan Region, Central Somalia. Source: [ReliefWeb](#).

South Sudan

Update | 1 November 2015: A previously abducted group of 13 UN personnel were safely released on 01 November after an intervention by the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). The aid workers were kidnapped and detained by rebel fighters on 26 October 2015. The UNMISS is also demanding the return of its equipment and fuel that were seized in the same incident, but never given back. Sources: [Reuters](#) and [UN News Centre](#).

20 November 2015: Aid workers from the local charity group Nile Hope were held at gunpoint and their equipment stolen. The incident was reported as one of 32 reported or attempted robberies in South Sudan in October. Source: [Reuters and Eye Radio](#).

Asia

Afghanistan

Update | 25 November 2015: A United States (US)-led investigation into the bombing of a fully-functioning MSF trauma centre last October in the city of Kunduz, Northern Afghanistan, suggests that the medical facility was attacked because American personnel had mistaken it for a Taliban-controlled building a few metres away. MSF remains skeptical about the claim. Source: [France 24](#) and [The Guardian](#).

Bangladesh

18 November 2015: Three men on a motorcycle shot and wounded an Italian priest as he was riding his bicycle in the town of Dinjapur, Rangpur Division, Northern Bangladesh. The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack and accused the victim of promoting Christianity. Source: [Big story](#).

Philippines

03 November 2015: A local NGO worker was critically hurt after he was covered in gasoline and set on fire by a group of seven unidentified assailants in Cebu City. Source: [Sun Star](#).

Middle-East

Occupied Palestinian Territories

12 November 2015: Israeli security forces entered a hospital pretending to accompany a pregnant woman in a wheel chair. They were conducting an operation to arrest a patient who was suspected of stabbing an Israeli settler two weeks earlier. During the operation, the security forces killed the patient's cousin. Source: [Reuters](#).

17 November 2015: Israeli police raided an office of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the neighbourhood of Silwan, East Jerusalem. A PRCS ambulance was accused of not assisting a rabbi and his son after they had been attacked. Source: [Times of Israel](#).

Pakistan

30 November 2015: the District Coordinator of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation was shot dead and his driver injured when unknown motorcyclists shot at his vehicle near the area of Zaida Bypass, Swabi District. Source: [Dawn](#).

Syrian Arab Republic

19 November 2015: two missiles exploded outside the entrance of a MSF-supported makeshift hospital during an aerial attack on the besieged area of Erbin, east of Syria's capital Damascus. As a result, two people were killed and 13 others wounded, two of whom were staff. The building and an ambulance were damaged. Source: [MSF](#).

25 November 2015: An aid convoy delivering supplies to refugees in an area known as Azaz, Aleppo Governorate, Northwestern Syria, was struck by Russian-led aerial attacks, leaving seven drivers dead and 20 trucks in flames. Sources: [Anadolu Agency](#) and [VOA News](#).

Yemen

8 November 2015: The International Committee of the Red Cross ([ICRC](#)) claims that Al Thawra Hospital, one of the main health facilities in the city of Taiz, Central Yemen, was 'deliberately' shelled several times, endangering the lives of patients and staffers on site. Source: [France 24](#).

The Americas

Honduras

25 November 2015: A nurse from MSF was abducted by unknown assailants in a village near Honduras' capital Tegucigalpa, where he was found dead three days later. The motive behind the murder and the circumstances surrounding the incident are unknown, but an investigation is underway. Source: [Fox News Latino](#).

Security-related access restraints

Africa

Central African Republic

Week commencing 16 November 2015: Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) imposed restrictions on the movement of its staff after an attack on staff members. Source: [TRUST](#).

Burundi

23 November 2015: The Burundian Government suspended the licenses of 10 civil society organisations allegedly involved in anti-government activities that contributed to the outbreak of violence. Sources: [Business Insider](#) and [Reuters Africa](#).

Mali

18 November 2015: Previously suspended humanitarian operations in Northern Mali have resumed as fighting in the region subsided. However, relentless crimes targeting relief workers and their facilities continue to hamper the delivery of aid to the most vulnerable communities in the country. Source: [TRUST](#).

South Sudan

2 November 2015: Fighting in South Sudan's Unity State continues to block the delivery of humanitarian aid to 40,000 people in the region, which is currently facing famine conditions. Source: [Humanosphere](#).

Sudan

23 November 2015: Negotiations between the Sudanese Government and armed movements over the delivery of aid for South Kordofan and Blue Nile States, as well as Darfur, remain deadlocked. Source: [AllAfrica and Dabanga](#).

Uganda

26 November 2015: Lawmakers in Uganda unanimously passed a bill which will give the state authorities the ability to deny NGOs registrations, shut them down, and put their members in prison if deemed to be in the public interest. Source: [Yahoo News](#).

Asia

Afghanistan

6 November 2015: Humanitarian organisations have been finding it difficult to recruit staff as a result of the surging violence across the country, thus limiting their ability to deliver crucial aid to Afghanistan's vulnerable communities. Source: [Interaksyon](#).

Bangladesh

6 November 2015: A UN expert warns that a draft law entitled Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Act would, if adopted in parliament, adversely affect the delivery of humanitarian aid in the country, and severely restrict charities' access to funding. Source: [BDNews24](#).

Europe

Russia

23 November 2015: According to human rights observers, some Russian NGOs have been labelled 'anti-

constitutional' and may be ordered to close down. Human rights observers are concerned that this is part of a campaign to eradicate the Russian human rights movement in the country. Source: [FIDH](#).

Middle-East

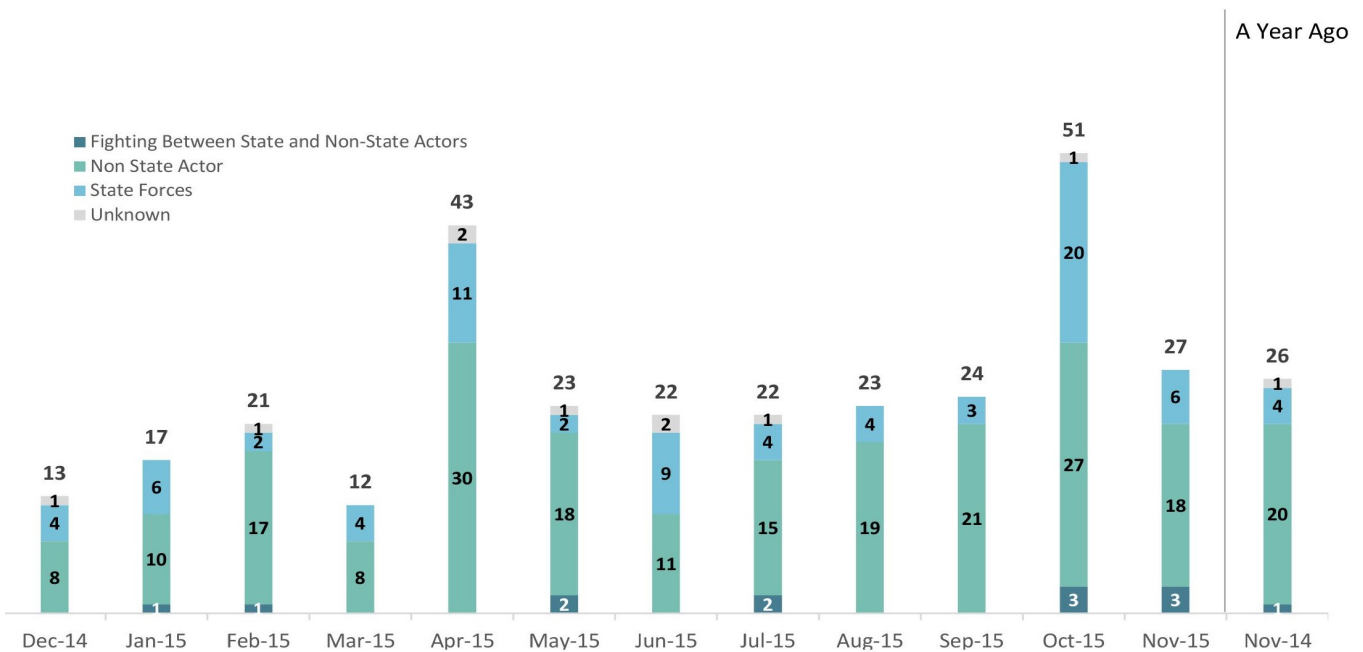
Yemen

10 November 2015: The UN accused Houthi rebels of blocking aid to the city of Taiz. The ICRC said on 10 November that it has been unable to deliver medical supplies to the city in Central Yemen due to ongoing fighting between pro-government forces and rebels for two months. Sources: [ICRC](#), [BBC](#), [Middle East Eye](#) and [Reuters](#).

TREND REPORTING, PERPETRATORS

The total number of open source reported incidents that affected the delivery of aid in November (27) was marginally above average for the past 12 months (24.7) but not as high as during the months of October and April 2015, which recorded the highest number of incidents over the past months. No real change can be observed to the number of open source reported incidents from a year ago.

A breakdown by perpetrator categories shows that on average 67.9 percent of media reported incidents are attributed to non-state actors, a quarter to state actors (25%) and just 4.1 percent are reported to have occurred during active fighting. In November 2015, the average number of perpetrator categories were similar to the average for the year, with the exception that the three events attributed to active fighting (11.1 percent) gives this category a higher share than the average for the past 12 months.



For more trend reporting, see Insecurity Insight's Aid Security Monthly Incidents Statistics. These counts only represent the open source reported incidents. For trend reporting that includes confidential agency reported events, please see the Quarterly Aid Security Analysis. All reports can be found at: <http://www.insecurityinsight.org/aidindanger/digests/>