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# Protection in Danger

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## Violence within Syria's Camps

Between 24 July and 29 July, Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) carried out three security operations in the overcrowded and impoverished Al-Hol camp in Al-Hasakah governorate where they detained 35 residents, 30 of whom were children. These raids followed a [security policy](#) where boys, including those under 10-years-old, are systematically forcibly separated from their mothers and detained in efforts to deter future security risks. **Insecurity Insight's monitoring has recorded a total of 192 incidents of threats or violence inside Syrian camps between January 2021 and July 2023.** In these incidents, 122 residents have been killed, including women and children, and numerous others injured. In addition over 290 more have been arrested by various security forces. [Read more](#)

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## Safety, security and access incidents

Incidents of threats and violence in refugee and IDP settings.

### Africa

#### Cameroon

**08 August 2023:** At an unspecified IDP Camp, Kerawa town, Kolofata commune, Mayo-Savaa department, Far North region, men attacked the camp, killing three people, and taking away food, clothing, and sleeping equipment. **Source:** [Humanity Purpose](#)

**Around 21 August 2023:** In the Gakara IDP Camp, Mayo-Sava department, Extreme-Nord region, at least one civilian was reportedly killed and another injured in an attack on the camp by Boko Haram (JAS faction) militants. Clothing, food items and a motorbike were also stolen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**07 August 2023:** In the Bakarisse IDP camp, Mayo-Sava department, Extreme-Nord region, three IDPs were reportedly killed in an attack on the camp by ISWAP or Boko Haram militants. Food, clothing and bed covers were also stolen. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

#### Central African Republic

**Around 22 August 2023:** In the Bagima IDP camp, Obo, Haut-Mbomou prefecture, at least 10 IDPs were arrested by FACA soldiers during a search operation looking for Azande Ani Kpi Gbe members. The arrested were taken to the national army base. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>



## **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

**14 August 2023:** In an unspecified IDP Camp, Mikenge territory, Sud-Kivu province, around 30 cows were reportedly looted by Mayi Mayi militia. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **Mali**

**20 August 2023:** In an unspecified IDP Camp near Sougoubani, Menaka cercle and region, a man and a woman were reportedly killed in an attack on the camp by IS Sahel militants aboard motorcycles. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

## **Nigeria**

**06 August 2023:** In the Banki IDP Camp, Borno state, two IDPs were reportedly killed in an attack on the camp by suspected ISWAP/ Boko Haram militants. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 17 August 2023:** In the Ogoja Refugee Camp, Adagom 3 settlement, Ogoja LGA, Cross River state, Chinese traders destroyed speed brakes intended to safeguard children from being hit by fast-moving vehicles, and brought down an educational facility. Subsequently, the perpetrators, alongside police officers, attacked and threatened to shoot Cameroonian refugees and security guards. **Source:** [Mimi Mefo Info](#)

## **South Sudan**

**13-15 August 2023:** In Juba, a knife fight erupted between two rival gangs in a UN Protection of Civilians site. At least three people, including two boys aged 15 and 17, were killed. Police have since arrested two suspects. Another suspect was still to be arrested. **Source:** [Eye Radio](#)

## **Sudan**

**Since 15 April 2023:** In Zalingei city, Central Darfur state, the El Hasaheisa Camp has witnessed fierce fighting between the SAF and the RSF particularly because of its close proximity to a military base. 52 people have been killed, whilst 141 others got injured. Similarly, in the El Hamidiya Camp, at least 12 people were killed, and 53 others wounded. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

**07 August 2023:** Around the Al-Haj Yusuf Refugee Camp, outskirts of Khartoum, at least four South Sudanese refugees got injured by falling rockets and munitions during an airstrike by the SAF. **Source:** [Radio Tamazuj](#)

**As reported on 09 August 2023:** In the Kalma IDP camp, South Darfur state, 12 women were raped by RSF. **Sources:** [Personal Communication](#) and [Suwra](#)

**14 August 2023:** In the Otash IDP Camp, Nyala city, South Darfur state, a shell struck a Quran recitation retreat, killing three IDPs, and injuring several others. **Source:** [Radio Dabanga](#)

## **Tanzania**

**As reported on 01 August 2023:** In Nduta Refugee Camp, Kigoma city, Kibondo district, a 15-year-old girl was sexually exploited after being trafficked by a network of Burundian and Tanzanian women residing in the camp. **Source:** [SOS Medias Burundi English](#)

**As reported on 01 August 2023:** In Nduta and Nyargusu Refugee Camps, Kigoma city, Kibondo district, a significant number of young girls are being trafficked for sexual activity by a network of Burundian and Tanzanian women residing in the camp. **Source:** [SOS Medias Burundi English](#)

# **Asia**

## **Bangladesh**

**22 August 2023:** In the Balokhali Rohingya Camp, Camp 8, Ukhiya upazila, Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, members of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army fatally shot a Rohingya youth on suspicion of involvement with the Rohingya Solidarity Organisation. **Source:** [New Age](#)

**25 August 2023:** In the Teknaf Rohingya Camp, Camp 25, Block D, Tenaf upazila, Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong division, a 23-years-old Rohingya woman was slaughtered to death with a sharp weapon by her 25-years-old husband over a family feud. **Source:** [New Age](#)

### **Myanmar**

**11 August 2023:** In Ta Laing village, Sagaing township, Sagaing region, a junta jet bombed a monastery used as shelter by IDPs, causing casualties. **Source:** [Radio Free Asia](#)

## **Middle East and North Africa**

### **Lebanon**

**Between 29 July and 03 August 2023:** In the Ain Al Hilweh Palestinian Refugee Camp, near Sidon city, district and governorate, al-Shabaab al-Muslim militants invaded a heavily fortified complex of four UNRWA schools, and used it as a starting point for a battle against Fatah members. The schools incurred significant damages, which would potentially delay the start of this school year for 5,900 children. 13 people, including fighters, were killed, and 40 others, including children and an UNRWA employee, were wounded. Around 2,000 people were displaced, and up to 400 houses were destroyed. UNRWA suspended its operations inside the camp. On 02 August, a preliminary ceasefire was established, but clashes resumed later that evening, prompting a renewed, although fragile, ceasefire the next day. **Sources:** [AP](#), [AWSD](#), [Naharnet](#), [New Age](#), [The New Arab I](#), [The New Arab II](#), [The New Arab III](#), [The New Arab IV](#), [The New Arab V](#), [The New Arab VI](#), [The New Arab VII](#), [The New Arab VIII](#), [The New Arab IX](#), [The New Arab X](#), [The New Arab XI](#) and [The New Arab XII](#)

**18 August 2023:** In the Ain Al Hilweh Palestinian Refugee Camp, near Sidon city, district and governorate, UNRWA decided to suspend all of its services in protest against the continued presence of armed fighters in its facilities, including schools. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Khaama Press](#), [L'Orient Today](#) and [UNRWA](#)

**19 August 2023:** In the Nahr el Bared Refugee Camp, Akkar governorate, a grenade was thrown towards the entrance of a market by unidentified armed men, injuring two people. **Source:** [ACLEDD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**As reported on 20 August 2023:** In the Ain Al Hilweh Palestinian Refugee Camp, near Sidon city, district and governorate, militants occupied eight UNRWA schools, whose buildings have sustained damages, whilst education material and equipment were looted. **Source:** [Naharnet](#)

### **Occupied Palestinian Territories**

**26 July 2023:** In the Ein Beit el Mai Refugee Camp, near Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli soldiers surrounded a residential building, and arrested a Palestinian man amid an exchange of fire. One Palestinian man was killed, and two others, including a woman, got injured. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

**04 August 2023:** In the Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm city and governorate, West Bank, Israeli soldiers fired live ammunition at Palestinians who threw Molotov cocktails at them. A 17-year-old Palestinian was killed, and two others got injured. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

**09 August 2023:** In the Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp, Jericho city and governorate, West Bank, three young Palestinian men were kidnapped from a paper shop by Israeli soldiers. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**10 August 2023:** In the Ein Beit El Ma Refugee Camp, near Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, a 27-year-old Palestinian man was fatally shot in the head amid a raid by Israeli soldiers. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**11 August 2023:** In the Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm city and governorate, West Bank, three-hour-long clashes erupted between Palestinian residents/fighters and Israeli soldiers. A 24/25-year-old Palestinian man, who was not involved in the exchange of fire, was fatally shot in the chest. At least three others got injured, including two by live ammunition. **Sources:** [OCHA](#) and [The New Arab](#)

**15 August 2023:** In the Aqbat Jabr Refugee Camp, Jericho city and governorate, West Bank, two Palestinians, including a 16-year-old, were fatally shot amid a search-and-arrest operation by Israeli soldiers, who also exchanged fire with Palestinian fighters, who also threw stones. One Palestinian was arrested. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

**16 August 2023:** In the Balata Refugee Camp, near Balata village, Nablus governorate, West Bank, six Palestinians, including a child, got shot and wounded amid an exchange of fire between Palestinians and Israeli soldiers, who were conducting a raid. A number of buildings were damaged. One of those injured, a 20-year-old man, succumbed to his wounds on 19 August. **Source:** [OCHA](#)

**18 August 2023:** In the Shuafat Refugee Camp, Jerusalem, a Palestinian in their 20s was seriously injured when Israeli soldiers opened fire on a vehicle. Another Palestinian was detained. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**27 August 2023:** In the Tulkarm Refugee Camp, Tulkarm city and governorate, West Bank, five Palestinians were injured by gunfire amid a citywide raid by Israeli soldiers and snipers. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**28 August 2023:** In Mevo Dotan settlement, near Yabad town, Jenin governorate, West Bank, a clash broke out between Israeli soldiers and four Palestinian fighters near an Israeli military checkpoint. One Palestinian was hospitalised after he got shot in the abdomen. The other three, who also got injured, were detained. A medic attempting to assist the injured was attacked by Israeli soldiers. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**28 August 2023:** In the Balata Refugee Camp, near Nablus city and governorate, West Bank, fighting broke out between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians fighters, as Israeli soldiers conducted an arrest raid. Palestinians detonated homemade explosives in the way of military vehicles on the street of the main market. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

**28 August 2023:** In the Al-Arroub Refugee Camp, Hebron governorate, West Bank, Israeli soldiers launched a raid after Palestinians opened fire at an Israeli military checkpoint at the entrance of the camp. Israeli soldiers confiscated camera recordings before withdrawing from the camp. **Source:** [The New Arab](#)

### ***Syrian Arab Republic***

**02 August 2023:** In the 3rd section of Al Hol Camp which is designated for Iraqi refugees, Al Hasakah district and governorate, around 40 people were arrested by SDF forces during a raid on the camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**03 August 2023:** In the Al Hol Camp, Al Hasakah district and governorate, seven women were detained by SDF forces while they were trying to escape. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**04 August 2023:** In the 5th section of Al Hol Camp, Al Hasakah district and governorate, three people were detained by SDF forces supported by Global Coalition. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**08 August 2023:** In the Kherbet Al Sha'er IDP camps, Ras Al Ain district, Al Hasakah governorate, two women were detained by SDF forces during a raid. At least one woman was beaten. According to the source, the husband of one of the detained women is wanted for military service and resides

abroad, while the other woman was detained on charges of communication with JWS. Both were taken to a security centre in Tal Tamer. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**09 August 2023:** In the Kuwait Al Rahma Camp, Aleppo governorate, eight people were injured when YPG members shelled the camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**12 August 2023:** In the 5th section of Al Hol Camp, Al Hasakah district and governorate, three children were detained during a raid on the camp by SDF forces. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**22 August 2023:** In the Bir al Tayeb IDP camp, Idlib governorate, several people, including women and children, were injured when Russian warplanes conducted airstrikes targeting the camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

**25 August 2023:** In the Sanjar camp, Idlib governorate, a young man was shot and killed by gunmen while he was in his car inside the camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)<sup>1</sup>

### **Yemen**

**30 August 2023:** Marib city, Marib province, four IDP camps, namely Al Manin, Al Misallal, Hajibah and Mustawsaf Shaqman, were hit by missiles. **Source:** [CIMP](#)

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