

This list of security incidents includes an estimated 80% of all major security incidents that have involved international humanitarian actors. By major security incident, it is meant those security incidents that have led to death and/or casualties and those which consisted in a kidnapping/hostage situation. The table contains also few Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS) major security events that are far from representing the majority of the events that the organisation has sustained. However, they give an indication of what types of security incidents concerned IRCS. Major incidents were caused by armed attacks, ambushes, RPG attack, IED. The table contains also information on security incidents that were not major in nature such as looting, negative rumours, hostile demonstrations against foreigners in general, hijacking attempts failed or successful, non lethal armed fire by MNF, premises raided, non wounding or lethal "collateral damages", verbal, written and emailed threats of death, armed robbery, surveillance. Those incidents captured in this database represent a minimal almost negligible proportion of all non major security incidents. Moreover, the list does not include local NGOs' security incidents.

Year	Date	Organization	Staff member type: National International		Form of violence/security event	Killed	Wounded	Kidnapped and released	Location	Other details	Suspects/ Investigation follow-up	Relevance of victims' humanitarian status: PP /AP/E/I*
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1997												
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2000	29-Jul	FAO	1	7	Armed attack	2	6		Two FAO workers killed (Yusuf Abdilleh, Somali expat, and Marwean Mohammed Hassan, an Iraqi database operator) and six security guards injured by a gunman in a two-hour standoff at FAO's Baghdad HQ			
2001												
2002												
2003	2-Apr	MSF		2	Arrested			Baghdad	2 MSF international staff have been arrested at their hotel by Iraqi security forces. They have been liberated after 8 days.			
	8-Apr	ICRC		1	Cross Fire	1		Baghdad	Vatche Arsinian of ICRC killed Cross fire during the war. Staff blocked in his vehicle.			
	11-Apr	Mercy Malaysia	1	2	Cross Fire	3		Baghdad - Sadr City	Two Malaysian volunteer MDs and their Iraqi interpreter killed. They were travelling in a Syrian GMC			
	4-Jul	UN			Looting attempt			Baghdad - Aba Khanah	Attempt to loot UN property by a gang of armed criminals, shots fired by both the criminal and the looters			
	4-Jul	UN			Small Arm Fire			Baghdad - Aba Khanah	Small arms fired from the street at the perimeter wall and main access door of UN office.			
	5-Jul	UN			Small Arm Fire			Baghdad - Aba Khanah	Small arms fired into UN compound from nearby rooftop;			
	6-Jul	UN/IOM			RPG attack		0	Mosul - Ninewa	An RPG was fired at the IOM Office the attacker nearly miss the crowded meeting room.			
	8-Jul	IOM			Suspension of operation			Mosul	IOM has temporarily suspended its operations in the northern city of Mosul following a rocket-propelled grenade attack on its office over the weekend.			
	9-Jul	MDM			Office Looting			Basrah	MDM office looted during a demonstration. Angry crowd. The demonstration was NOT aimed at MDM office			
	11-Jul	UN			Small Arm Fire			Mosul - Ninewa	Small arms fired during two separate attack against an UN premise			
	12-Jul	UN			Small Arm Fire			Kirkuk - Tamim	Four armed men opened fire while challenged by guards on duty at a UN Office			
	15-Jul	UN			Small Arm Fire			Kirkuk - Tamim	Three individual fired around three or five round against Iraqi police Officer on guard duty at an UN House			
	20-Jul	IOM	1		Ambush	1		Road from Hillah to Baghdad	A convoy of IOM vehicles was machine gunned by a overtaking pick-up, two vehicle were hit by assault rifle bullets one staff was killed one was wounded			
	21-Jul	ICRC	1	1	Ambush	1	1	Road from Hillah to Baghdad	Expat IT officer killed and local driver wounded. Drive by shooting against ICRC vehicle when driving on the same road where IOM car has been shoot at the day earlier.			
	Aug	SCF US			Rumours			Basrah	Rumour SCF US is a Jewish organisation			
	Aug	?			Demonstration			?	Demonstration against foreign presence and attack of hotel-compound for UN and NGOs - Vehicle damaged			
	6-Aug	NGO			Hijacking attempt			Between Baghdad and Rusaf	Tentative of hijacking with nails on the road			
	7-Aug	NGO			Coalition Fire			Baghdad	After getting authorization from the CF Soldier, the driver restart his engine and started to move his car. A second soldier (probably sleeping) was surprised and shot a round to the car.			
	9-Aug	NGO			Hibernation			Basrah	Riots in Basra have led the expat team to hibernate for 3 days and then evacuated by plan to Amman.			
	9-Aug	NGO			IED - Hand grenade			Baghdad	Grenade throw in Mine action team compound - damages on 2 sticked vehicles - Baghdad Jihad			
19-Aug	UN	15	7	Bombing	22	150 ?	Baghdad	Canal hotel bombing - A truck improved explosive device exploded beside the wall of the UN Kanal Hotel.				
27-Aug	UN		1	Direct SAF		1	Erbil	UN staff wounded by straight bullet, an other straight bullet hit a United Nations Office				
28-Aug	UN			Direct SAF			Erbil	Three men fired several rounds at the main door of a UN compound				
7-Sep	UN			Mortar attack			Baghdad	Three mortar rounds exploded into a UN warehouse and in the close vicinity of an other UN compound				
8-Sep	UN			Surveillance			Baghdad	Hostile surveillance of a system protecting the access road of the hotel where UN staff re mainly accommodated				

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	8-Sep	NGO			IED					IED exploded in front of the office		
	10-Sep	MAG	1	1	Assassination	1	1		Mosul	Two employees from the UK-based charity demining NGO were ambushed and shot at as they drove their vehicle along a main road towards Mosul, northern Iraq. Dead = Ian Rimell, 53		
	11-Sep	NRC			General insecurity					The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has withdrawn all international staff saying that the "security situation and the weak position of the UN,"		
	11-Sep	NGO			NGO Office raided by US Army	0	0	0	Baghdad	When patrolling, a US Army Patrol when into the NGO office, raided strongly the house and search for terrorist or weapons		
	18-Sep	NGO departure			General insecurity				Baghdad	The NGO has decided to anticipate its departure from Iraq. The high levels of insecurity in the country had already caused the NGO to stop its itinerant telephone centres for the Iraqi population. The insecurity and the departure or standby of several other NGOs have now pushed our NGO into taking this decision.		
	20-Sep	UN			Small Arm Fire				Mosul - Ninewa	Two UN Office were machine gunned		
	21-Sep	UN	1		UN convoy attacked	1			Road Erbil - Mosul	Convoy of non UN vehicles with a UN shipment was machine gunned on driver was killed		
	22-Sep	UN	1		Bombing	1			Baghdad	Security guard outside bombed out HQ was killed by suicide bomber. The incident took place on the gate of the rear parking.		
	22-Sep	IMC			Hijacking attempt				Safwan			
	15-Oct	NGO			Arrestation				Baghdad	2 national staffs and one international were arrested by SCIRI gaurds when tacking picture near their premise.		
	27-Oct	ICRC	2		Bombing	2			Baghdad	ICRC office bombing in Baghdad, 2 local staffers killed along with 10 civilians		
	28-Oct	PHO	1		IED		2		Al Hilah	1 staff and his son injured by IED in front office		
	28-Oct	NGO			Potential collateral damages				Baghdad	Two missiles fired from the Baghdad University launched close to the NGO office, without damages.		
	29-Oct	SCF UK			Close down Baghdad Office				Baghdad	SCF is closing its doors in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad and moving international workers to offices in the north and to Jordan, at least temporarily.		
	2-Nov	NGO			Office shouted				Kirkuk	Two unidentified men driving a sedan fired a number of pistol rounds at the NGO office in Kirkuk. The police guards stationed in front of the office returned fire and the attackers escaped. No one was injured in this incident.		
2003	4-Nov	NGO	1		Collateral damages		1		Baghdad	When travelling on the way to the airport, NGO staff was injured by a mine which exploded under a truck in front of the NGO car.		
	8-Nov	MSF B - Fr			NGO departure				Baghdad	The Belgian-based medical NGO Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) pulled out of Iraq on Thursday saying that international organisations had become targets in the light of recent threats and kidnappings of humanitarian workers.		
	9-Nov	NGO	1		Shoot during an attempt car hijacking		1		Between Basrah and Safwan	Unidentified assailants open fire on a vehicle carrying expatriate and Iraqi workers. After a car Chase the assailants open fire to scare the driver.		
	12-Nov	NGO	10		VBIED Collateral damages		10		Nassriyah	Collateral damages from a VBIED explosion in front of a MNF compound. Minor injuries. Major structural damages on the office damaged (office in front of the Italian base). Most of the injuries due to pieces of glass		
	14-Nov	NGO			Verbal threat				Diwaniyah	Imam said cooperation with NGOs is haram		
	14-Nov	CARITAS			NGO suspends operations after Nassriyah bombing					The UK-based Caritas NGO has temporarily suspended operations in the southern city of Nassriyah after 13 of its workers were wounded, one of them seriously, in a suicide bomb attack on the Italian police base.		
	18-Nov	IMC			IED				Kut	IED thrown in a compound		
	21-Nov	MAG							Erbil	Sticked vehicle blew up		
	22-Nov	CARE AUS			RPG attack				Baghdad	Three RPGs were fired to the roof of the office, at night. Two hit the roof and one hit a tree.		
	28-Nov	PHO			IED				Babil			
	9-Dec	NGO			Shooting at the office				Al Hilah	Unknown person shot five rounds at an NGO's office building in Al Hilah. The same van went to the NGO's main office in town and shot another three rounds at the building. No injuries were reported. Police were called in to investigate.		
	14-Dec	NGO			Ambush (IED & SAF)				South of Baghdad			
	20-Dec	NGO			Ransom				Babil	Former staff of an US Based NGO attacked for ransom		

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	30-Dec	NGO			Drive by Shooting				Mosul - Ninewa	The NGO Toyota pick-up has been attacked. Two bullets of pistol have been shot. The driver and a passenger (female). The driver has been very slightly injured at the left leg and shoulder. They cannot be identified as they wore a Vaile. The pick-up is well marked with English and Arabic stickers.		
	16-Jan	NGO							Baghdad	At midnight, five gunmen arrived in an NGO' house in Baghdad. After threatening the two guards on duty, attackers asked for money, saying, "we know that foreigners are living in this house". They went inside the house, where no foreigners were present and started to look after things to loot. They have stolen little materials and left the place.		
	17-Jan	MERLIN			Office Looting				Baghdad			
	18-Jan	NGO			Kidnapping of a relative					Kidnapping of NGOs staff child		
	19-Jan	NGO			Verbal				Baghdad	At ARRASAT STREET around 9H30pm, an NGO expatriate and his Palestinian friend had arrest by the CF troupe certainly for a normal control as they were driving in BMW car. But the soldiers had very unacceptable and unrespectable behaviour with them. Actually the CF had threatened them to "take them to jail, as they were having gang face".		
	20-Jan	NGO			Robbery				Baghdad	In the early morning of the 17th of January 2004, an armed robbery was reported to have taken place at an NGO residence in Baghdad.		
	27-Jan	IRCS	1		Office raided		1		Baghdad	The office has been raided by a gang		
	31-Jan	NGO			IED		2		Basrah	The vehicle was forced to slow down by a hole in the road; this is a natural choke point. As the vehicle drove through the hole in the road, all passengers recall hearing a loud explosion from the drivers' side; glass imploded into the vehicle and the car stopped. All passengers disembarked: The front passenger and the two female rear seat passengers exited on the passenger side, ran across the pavement and into an area of scrub-land.		
	5-Feb	NGO		1	Small Arm Fire		1		Baghdad	At 0730, a man asked for the expat at the compound gate. They meet each other, after an hour, the visitor left. On his way out he was shot. Three pistol rounds, one hit the staff. The staff has been transferred to a hospital for operation then evacuated to Jordan.		
	09-févr	NGO	1		Hijacking attempt		1		Between Basrah and Safwan	An NGO's vehicle was attacked by armed gunmen. The driver refused to stop his car and accelerated whereupon they fired a shot into the lower part of the drivers door and the driver was injured.		
	09-févr	NGO departure							Erbil	Due to the security situation and expecting an increase of attacks, the NGO preferred to close down their office and to withdraw their staff. Activities are suspended.		
	09-févr	NGO			Robbery				Baghdad	At the evening, two gentlemen had conversed earlier in the day with NGO members, and came in the day saying they had information to give us regarding our work. After talking with the NGO staff for about one and a half hours they announced they were on a suicide mission and one of the men showed something was around his waist. They said that other members of their group who were outside in the street would be expecting the building to be blown up, or they would have to come out with enough money to make their accomplices happy. They also had a gun and a knife, and proceeded to tie up the men in the group while the women were told to get money, etc. Building guards did report accomplices in the street.		
	11-févr	NGO			Small Arm Fire				Sulimanyiah	A white/blue coaster bus drove up to the minefield and 4 occupants got out. 4 shots were fired towards the working deminers in the minefield. When the NGO armed guard started moving towards the offenders to engage them, they quickly mounted back into the bus and drove off direction Chamchamal. The distance made it impossible to note the number plate. The bus had no distinctive markings.		
	18-févr	NGO			Small Arm Fire					On 18 February, an NGO compound came under fire in Basrah. Four assailants arrived in a white Toyota Cressida and fired the guards with AK 47. The NGO guards return fire, as so did the guards from two nearby compounds.		
	22-févr	NGO			Food storage attacked				Mosul	Food storage facility attacked by SAF		
	2-Mar	IRC	1		Bombing (collateral damages)	1			Najaf	A mortar round exploded close to an IRC compound, which was not targeted. A guard died.		
	5-Mar	NGO			Death threat				Al Hillah	An NGO received very credible information that an expatriate member of staff had been targeted by persons unknown for assassination. The motive is that the staff member is an "intelligence officer" and the warning suggested that the threat extended to all staff working for the NGO by association. The staff member in question has been relocated out of the country and the NGO has heightened its physical security and is undertaking a media and local community information campaign to dispel the misperception		
	14-Mar	IR-UK			Questioning				near Fallujah	4 national staff were interrogator by unknow group near Fallujah		

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	15-Mar	Southern Baptist International Mission		4	Road shooting	4	1		Mosul - Ninewa	4 US missionaries killed in drive-by shooting. Larry Elliott, Jean Dover Elliott, Karen Denise Watson, and David McDonnell, 28, all from the US. Carrie Taylor McDonnell wounded - sole survivor. It seems that the expats have been mutilated (TBC)		
	17-Mar	NGO			Explosion close to office				Baghdad	When a bomb exploded in the Mount Lebanon hotel, all gasses from the buildings of three NGOs close to the hotel exploded.		
	18-Mar	IRCS			IED				Baghdad	IED in front of the Baghdad office.		
	18-Mar	RTI			Threat and suspension				Mosul, Nassriyah and Najaf	Threat and then suspension of activities in Mosul, Nassriyah and Najaf		
	20-Mar	NGO			General threat against female staff				Maysan	NGOs have expressed concern about threats in the form of letters and visits from OMS. There are two principal areas of concern: implicit threats against Iraqi females employed by NGOs, and declarations that "foreign organisations" have no right to be in Iraq.		
	21-Mar	NGO			Mortar round				Baghdad	A mortar round exploded near the compound - damaged classes of the Comp - Baghdad Hathiya		
	26-mars	RTI				1	2		Kirkuk	CF Fire at staff		
	27-mars	NGO							Kut	IED explosion in front of office		
	29-mars	NGO			IED					Three bombs were detonated at the Water Office while NGOs were there this morning for the weekly coordination meeting. A fourth bomb was thrown at CPA and NGO vehicles as participants exited. About an hour ago demonstrators threw Molotov cocktails and rocks at CPA vehicles downtown as well as at a NGO' land cruiser emblazoned with its logo. Nobody was injured in these events, but the NGO' car lost its front and rear windscreens.		
	Avr	Peace Winds		3	Kidnapping					3 Japanese Kidnapped (2 Aid workers and 1 free lance photographer)		
	Avr	IRCS			Shooting				Fellujah	ambulances shot in fallujah by MNF		
	04-avr	IRCS	2			2			North	2 bodies found dead in street. Worked together for IRCS. Man was the Erbil director		
	07-avr	IRC	1	2	Kidnapping			3	Najaf	IRC expat kidnapped and later released.		
	08-avr	Indep aid worker	2		Kidnapping					Kidnapped on the road near Ramadi with a third Japanese journalist by Saraya Al Mujahideen.		
	10-avr	IRCS	1		Assassination	1			Mosul	Assassination of IRCS director and his wife (Barzan Umar Ahmad and his wife Sazane Ismail Abd Allah) in the Hay al-Intisar district in the northern city of Mosul		
2004	12-avr	Norwegian People's Aid			Suspension of activity					Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) announced that it was suspending mine clearing activity in Baghdad and withdrawing international staff to Amman in Jordan.		
	14-avr	Indep Aid Worker			Kidnapping			1	Fallujah	Kidnapping near Fallujah. Released the day after		
	16-avr	NGO			IED				Kirkuk	Staff directly targeted by IED		
	19-avr	OXFAM			NGO departure					The UK-based Oxfam NGO said it was ceasing direct operations in Iraq for the foreseeable future. It had already withdrawn international staff from Iraq in August 2003 and had since then maintained a core team of national staff, mostly based in the southern city of Nassriyah.		
	28-avr	NGO			Drive by Shooting							
	16-May	NGO			Car stolen				latifiyah	4 National staff were interrogator by unknow group near latifiyah and their car had been stolen and used as VBIED after and staff were released		
	22-May	ACDI/VOCA			IED				Baquba	IED in front of house		
	10-juin	HAI			Office raided					CF raided an office, check and pictures on document, etc + 2 staffs arrested		
	24-juin	NGO	3		Office attacked	2	1			Office attacked 2 guards killed and 1 injured		
	3-Jul	NGO			Intruders in Premise				Erbil - Enkawa	NGO compound was entered by unknown persons, the guard was bound and gagged after the intruders had beaten him, they questioned him about the location of the Internationals. Internationals to leave the country and stop working in certain areas		
	30-Jul	NGO	4		Assassination	4			Najaf	4 National staffs, during a private visit to Najaf have been stopped, tortured and killed by the army of Al Mahdi.		
	30-août	IRCS			Convoy attacked		1		Road from Baghdad to Najaf	On 24 August, an IRCS convoy - of three land-cruisers, an ambulance and a truck carrying medial items - left Baghdad for Najaf. The vehicles were marked with IRCS logos and flags. In Mahmodiya district, 40 km south of Baghdad, gunmen using two vehicles attacked the convoy with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. The truck and the ambulance were burnt out, and four persons were wounded, one of them seriously.		
	7-Sep	UPP - Intersoss	2	2	Kidnapping			4		Italians Simona Pari and Simona Torretta taken hostage along with two Iraqis one from UPP and from Interos and released 9/28		

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2004	9-Sep	NCCI			Surveillance				Baghdad	suspicious 4PX in car asking about the NCCI place		
	15-Sep	ACF			NGO departure					Due to security reasons ACF suspends its programs and close down its offices.		
	20-sept	Turkish Red Crescent			Shooting				Road to Tal Afar	Convoy attacked with SAF en route to Tal Afar - 2 aid workers and 2 journalists injured		
	29-Sep	World Vision	1		Individual attack/ assassination	1			Mosul	Senior manager shot and killed in café		
	19-Oct	CARE		1	Abduction	1			Baghdad	CARE Director Margaret Hassan taken hostage 10/19 and killed 11/16.		
	7-Nov	Movimondo			Drive by Shooting				Latifyia			
2005	13-Jan	ICRC	1		Abduction	1				National staff member kidnapped and later found dead.		
	Feb	CHF	1		VBIED (collateral damages)	1			Baghdad	A staff died when waiting at a bus station, and a VBIED exploded.		
	16-avr	CIVIC	1	1	Car bombing	2			Baghdad	Marla Ruzicka, head of local NGO and her driver killed by suicide car bomber apparently targeting US military convoy.		
	15-mai	TDH			Kidnapping of relative				Baghdad	National staff-son was Kidnapped		
	17-mai	NGO	2		Arrestation					National staff arrested and interrogated by MNF-I / ISF		
	25-mai	NGO	1	1	VBIED (collateral damages)		1		Baghdad	When travelling in his vehicle the staff has been slightly injured by the explosion of a VBIED.		
	30-mai	ICS			Raid in Office				Baghdad	ICS office in Baghdad was raided by the MNF. Documents and essential equipment were confiscated in the counter-insurgency operation		
	01-juin	ICS			Shooting				Anbar	Sticked convoy attacked by MNF		
	03-juil	aACCESS			Threat					NGO compound was entered by persons unknown, the guard was bound and gagged after the intruders had beaten him, they questioned him about the location of the Internationals. Internationals to leave the country and stop working in certain areas		
	01-août	NDI	2		Attack	1	1		Basrah	2 High rank national staff working with NDI have been attacked by an armed group.		
	3-Sep	Insan/MPDL							Baghdad	Arrested by ISF on suspicion of terrorist activity		
	9-Oct	MA	3							3 National staff arrested by MNF coming back from hot spot		
	Nov	NGO	1	1	Kidnapping			1		German national Susanne Osthoff and her driver abducted. A consultant "working to help German orgs distribute medicine and medical supplies"		
	24-Nov		1		Kidnapping				South Baghdad	National staff kidnapped by Iraqi police.		
26-Nov	Christian Peacemaker Teams		4	Kidnapping				Baghdad	Fox and three colleagues - Jim Loney, Harmeet Sooden and Norman Kember - were abducted in Baghdad. Four days later their images appeared on a video broadcast by Al Jazeera.			
5-Dec	AACCESS		1	Kidnapping			1	Baghdad	Bernard Planche, French engineer (?) kidnapped in Baghdad			
2006	Jan	Mercy Hands			Office raided				Baghdad	IP/ISF raided their premises in Baghadad- Jadriayh		
	8-Jan	AACCESS			Release			1	Baghdad	Bernard Planche Kidnapped on December 5, 2005, liberated.		
	9-Mar	Christian Peacemaker Teams	1		Killing	1			Baghdad	The body of American peace activist Tom Fox was found in the Mansour district of the capital, Baghdad. Fox, who had been shot dead by unknown assailants, was among four peace activists from the Christian Peacemaker Teams organisation kidnapped in November 2005.		
	22-Mar	IRCS								Staff kidnapped by armed people released by inhabitant. Officially: misunderstanding		
	23-Mar	Christian Peacemaker Teams			Hostage free			3	Baghdad	Canadians Harmeet Sooden, 32, and Jim Loney, 41, and Briton Norman Kember, 74, from the Christian Peacemaker Teams, who were abducted in November, were found west of Baghdad.		
Total incidents			69	38		57	35	9	101	Total # people affected		

PP= Principal political target (targeted for what they do)  
E = Economic target (crimes of opportunity, banditry)

AP= Associated political target (targeted for who they are seen to represent or be allied with, eg coalition)  
I= Incidental victim (crossfire, mine detonation)