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LEAD STORY | UKRAINE



Search operations in Komyshuvakha, November 2026. Photo: State Emergency Service of Ukraine (DSNS), as published by the UN. Photo source

Strike on aid distribution point: reported death toll rises to 55

• Ukrainian authorities report 55 deaths; identification and search operations continue.

• The UN assessed the strike on people awaiting aid against fundamental protection rules.

• Rescuers' safety and alternative aid distribution are urgent priorities.

This issue follows how grave violence affects life and access to essential services. Reports on Ukraine, Myanmar, Gaza, Congo and Haiti are accompanied by developments on executions in Iran, women's work in Afghanistan, protection in Switzerland, policing in France, water in Peru and an undisclosed detention in Nicaragua.

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LEAD REPORT | UKRAINE

Strike on aid distribution point: reported death toll rises to 55

Attack: 2 November • New findings and rescue updates: 3–9 November 2026

Search operations continued this week after the 2 November bombing of a school used to distribute humanitarian aid in Komyshuvakha. Ukrainian authorities raised the reported death toll to 55 on 7 November. Citing the National Police on 9 November, Ukrainska Pravda reported that 30 victims had been identified and that up to 19 people might remain beneath the rubble. Missing-person records may overlap with unidentified bodies, so these figures must not be added together.

The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission's 3 November assessment states that multiple glide bombs struck the school as civilians gathered for aid. It found the destruction visible in images consistent with powerful aerial bombs; verification of the exact civilian toll was continuing at that point. The figure of 55 is therefore an updated Ukrainian official total, not a UN-verified civilian death count.

Russia's Defence Ministry claimed that it had targeted Ukrainian military units around Komyshuvakha and in two other settlements. This statement does not establish the presence of a military objective at the school. Determining individual criminal responsibility requires evidence about target selection, intelligence, strike timing and the weapons used.

According to the police statement of 9 November, drone attacks on responders and equipment have interrupted search operations. Destroying an aid point also disrupts survivors' access to food and shelter. Alternative distribution arrangements must address both the safety of civilians gathering for assistance and protection of rescue personnel.

Human rights assessment

Rights and law: Distinction, proportionality and feasible precautions are core obligations (ICRC customary rules 1, 14 and 15). Protection of life, target verification and uninterrupted medical access must be assessed together for people awaiting aid and for rescue teams.

Follow-up: reconcile identification and missing-person records; secure rescue work and alternative aid distribution.

Sources: [1] [2] [3] [4]

Connection with the previous issue

The attack occurred on the final day of the previous reporting period; this issue addresses findings and the rising toll reported on 3–9 November. The previous Plaine Savo and Myanmar maternity-clinic reports are not retold. The attacks covered below in those countries occurred at different locations and dates.

CIVILIANS AND SAFE SHELTER

MYANMAR | Pregnant woman killed in night-time airstrike

Event: 5 November • DMG report: 6 November 2026



Aftermath at Nankyar, photograph in DMG's 6 November report. Photographer not identified. Photo source

Development Media Group reports that an airstrike on Nankyar village in Mrauk-U on the night of 5 November killed a pregnant woman and injured 12 civilians. Residents also reported damage to homes. The article contains no military response. This is a separate incident from the 1 November maternity-clinic attack covered in the previous issue; casualties have not been combined. Night-time access to hospital care and safe relocation for people whose homes were damaged are urgent concerns.

Rights at stake: Airstrikes damaging homes threaten life, shelter and access to care together. ICRC customary rules 1 and 15 address civilian protection and precautions in attack. The target and weapon require further verification.

Follow-up: treatment of the injured, new displacement and evidence about the target.

Sources: [5]

PALESTINE / GAZA | Strikes hit tents sheltering displaced people

Events: 3 and 5 November • New documentation: 6 November 2026



Gaza photograph published with PCHR's 6 November statement. Its link to a particular strike was not independently verified. Photo source

The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) reports that a drone strike on a tent beside Gaza City's Municipal Park on 3 November killed a 16-year-old girl and injured five people. Anadolu also reported the girl's death, citing medical sources. PCHR documents a separate strike on a tent near Nuseirat on 5 November that killed one person and injured another. No Israeli military statement specifically addressing these two strikes was found in the reviewed sources. They are distinct from the 29 October health-facility story in the previous issue.

Rights at stake: For families without alternative shelter, attacks on tents create renewed displacement as well as loss of life. The prohibition on attacks against civilians and the duty of feasible precautions (ICRC rules 1 and 15) require incident-specific assessment.

Follow-up: targeting explanations, the injured and access to safe shelter.

Sources: [6] [7]

ARMED VIOLENCE AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO | Killings in Cantine and Kima disrupt Ebola care

Attack: 5–6 November • Africa CDC statement: 8 November 2026



Burned structures pictured in CongoRassure's 6 November report. Capture date and photographer unspecified. Photo source

CongoRassure cites local civil society reporting 33 deaths: 24 in Cantine and nine in Kima. The provisional toll has not been officially confirmed. Homes and businesses were reportedly burned in attacks attributed to the ADF. On 8 November, Africa CDC said health facilities had been attacked and patients with confirmed or suspected Ebola had fled in search of safety. This is a new attack in North Kivu, distinct from the previous issue's Ituri/Plaine Savo report.

Rights at stake: Violence threatens life and safe treatment while interrupting contact tracing. Civilians and medical units must be protected (ICRC rules 1 and 28); ICESCR Article 12 protects health. Patients who fled must not be stigmatised and need safe access to treatment.

Follow-up: verified casualty lists, reopening facilities and patients' return to care.

Sources: [8] [9]

HAITI | Nearly 5,900 displaced in Arcahaie and Cabaret

Reporting period: 30 October–5 November • New data: 3–6 November 2026



Archive: school shelter in Port-au-Prince. Jean Féguens / ICRC, July 2025 publication; not the Arcahaie incident. Photo source

IOM's emergency tracking records 5,901 people displaced by armed violence in Arcahaie and Cabaret. Seventy per cent stayed with host families and the remainder in seven new temporary sites; closure of an earlier site displaced 100 people again. Le Nouvelliste reports that the mayor recorded 16 deaths in the 31 October–2 November attacks, including self-defence brigade members. Le Reflet cites an IREDH statement dated 5 November reporting 33 dead and 17 missing. The different tallies could not be independently reconciled and are not added together.

Rights at stake: Safe escape, shelter, water and healthcare must be secured together, with information for missing people's families. Under ICCPR Article 6 and ICESCR Articles 11–12, protective measures must also reach host families.

Follow-up: missing persons and shelter/health conditions at the seven temporary sites.

Sources: [10] [11] [12]

LIFE AND WOMEN'S WORK

IRAN | Three executions in Karaj: security charges and the right to life

Event and statements: 8 November 2026



Portrait montage published by Mizan, 8 November 2026. The image is not evidence of guilt. Photo source

Iran's judicial news agency Mizan announced the executions of Hassan Divband, Hamid Kazemi and Reza Zanganeh. Its account alleges armed acts during the January protests, attacks on public property and cooperation with foreign powers. Iran Human Rights and Hengaw also reported the executions, raising concerns about trial safeguards and statements obtained under pressure.

Reliance on the same official announcement does not independently corroborate every allegation. The complete reasoned judgment and defence file were not available for review. The alleged offences must be distinguished from each person's individual conduct.

Rights and law: ICCPR Articles 6 and 14 protect life and fair-trial guarantees. Human Rights Committee General Comment 36 restricts capital punishment to the most serious crimes involving intentional killing. Alleged coerced statements and access to defence require separate examination.

Follow-up: documentation of access to counsel, the reasoned judgment and appeal proceedings.

Sources: [13] [14] [15]

AFGHANISTAN | New research examines the effects of excluding women from public service

New research: 5 November • Updated: 9 November 2026



Context photograph: literacy class in Bamiyan. UNESCO / Rahi. Not the women interviewed in the research; capture date unspecified. Photo source

Afghanistan Analysts Network examines the experiences of 12 women dismissed from, or still working in, public service. It describes the household consequences of lost jobs, reduced income and demotion. The reported female share of public employment fell from 26% in 2020 to 16% in 2026; increased male recruitment also affects the proportion. The twelve interviews are not nationally representative.

Rights at stake: Sex-based exclusion restricts women's earning opportunities and career progression. ICESCR Articles 6–7 protect work and fair working conditions. Remaining formally employed does not remove the effects of losing responsibilities or pay.

Follow-up: whether exceptions allowing women to work in health and education are applied in practice.

Sources: [16]

EUROPE | PROTECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

SWITZERLAND | 286 S-status refusals: individual risk assessment for children

New report: 8 November 2026 • Data period: 1.11.2025–30.9.2026



Context image: Ukrainian passport and S document; not a specific refusal case. Nau / Keystone. Photo source

Nau reports, citing SEM, that 286 applicants from western Ukraine were refused S status between 1 November 2025 and 30 September 2026, including 123 children. These are not this week's refusals. Removal orders do not establish actual departures. SEM says children would return with their caregivers and generally considers return to seven western regions reasonable. The report does not give a total of actual departures. Regional assessments must be distinguished from each child's health, family and security circumstances.

Rights and law: Non-refoulement protection under ECHR Article 3 and the best-interests principle in CRC Article 3 require assessment of concrete serious-harm risks, family ties and suitable reception conditions.

Follow-up: SEM data on actual returns and child-specific reasoning criteria.

Sources: [17]

FRANCE | Serious protest injuries demand scrutiny of police force

New investigation and parliamentary hearing: 3 November • Lyon: 5 November • SNJ: 8 November 2026



Laurent Nuñez at the parliamentary hearing, 3 November 2026. Image: LCP. Photo source

Le Monde's 3 November investigation reports that three people lost hands and four suffered serious eye injuries during demonstrations in preceding weeks. The new developments are the investigation and parliamentary scrutiny. On 8 November, SNJ also reported injuries to two photojournalists at a Lyon protest on 5 November. Minister Laurent Nuñez acknowledged failures in policing on 17 October while citing violence and looting risks. His 3 November statement is not a response to the later Lyon incidents.

Rights at stake: Lasting injury calls for effective investigation and access to medical records. ECHR Articles 3, 10 and 11 require incident-specific assessment of necessity and proportionality; surrounding violence does not justify using the same force against everyone.

Follow-up: Lyon prosecutor's investigation records and preservation of video and medical evidence.

Sources: [18] [19] [20]

AMERICAS | WATER AND PERSONAL SECURITY

PERU | Loreto oil spill: Indigenous communities warn of risks to water and food

Initial alert: 20 October • New status report: 5 November 2026



Pollution near San Pedro, in IDLADS's November 2026 publication. Capture date of this photograph unspecified. Photo source

AIDESEP's 5 November statement says the response to an oil spill reported on 20 October near San Pedro de Maypuco remains inadequate. It says OEFA visited on 24 October, while the precise quantity spilled remains unknown. ACODECOSPAT warns that oil overflowing containment barriers threatens water, fishing and vegetation.

This week's development is Indigenous organisations' updated account of harm and response. Petroperú said on 21 October that it had activated its emergency plan, installed barriers and was investigating the cause. That statement does not address the 5 November allegations of inadequate response; current measurement results remain unverified.

Rights at stake: Contamination may affect safe drinking water and community food sources together. ICESCR Articles 11–12 connect adequate living conditions, health and water. Installing barriers alone does not establish that a response is effective.

Follow-up: OEFA sampling results, safe-water provision and a remediation timetable.

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NICARAGUA | Urgent protection for a detainee whose whereabouts are undisclosed

Resolution: 1 November • IACHR announcement: 4 November 2026



Archive: IACHR hearing concerning Nicaragua, 10 March 2023. CIDH; CC BY 2.0. Not a hearing on this week's resolution. Photo source

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights requested precautionary protection for Pedro Luis Ortiz Reyes and his partner Licett Isabel Sequeira. Its 4 November announcement says his official whereabouts and health remain undisclosed following his arrest on 14 July; his partner reported threats and harassment while searching for him. The Commission said the state had not supplied the requested information. Resolution 89/2026 is dated 1 November; publication is this week's development. Precautionary protection responds to serious, urgent risk and is not a final merits judgment.

Rights and law: Life, personal integrity and liberty; IACHR Rules of Procedure, Article 25. The place and legal basis of detention and health status must be clarified, with access to family and counsel.

Follow-up: state response, family/counsel contact and documented access to healthcare.

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