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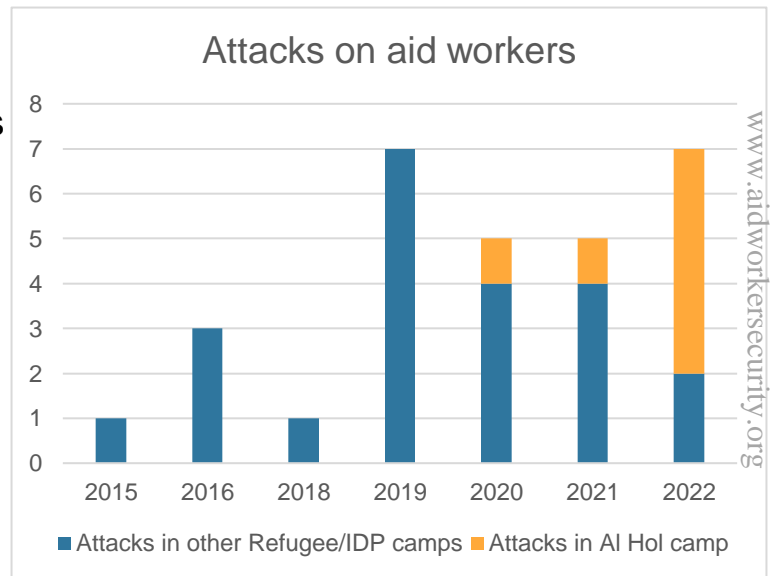
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SIGNAL ALERT

Violence in NW Syria's Al Hol Camp reducing humanitarian coverage

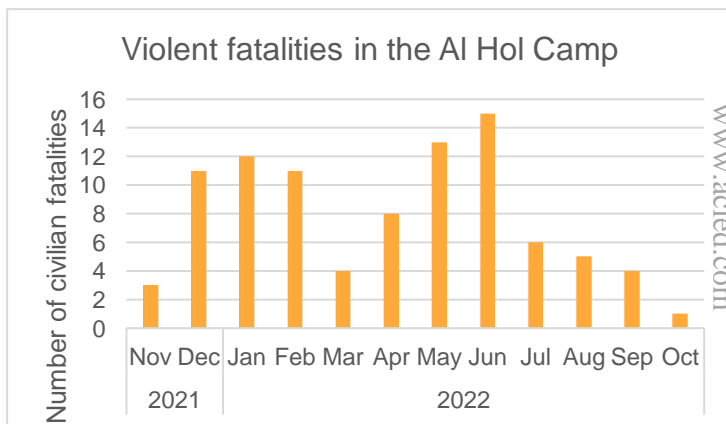
Violent attacks on aid workers in the Al Hol refugee camp have increased significantly since 2020, accounting for 72% of all attacks in camp settings globally so far this year (AWSD). Life-saving humanitarian services have been dramatically curtailed as a result.

Currently, the camp houses 57,000 people, with 50% of the population under 12. There are 34 local NGOs and seven international organisations providing aid. The capacity of aid providers was reduced significantly in June 2022 when authorities placed restrictions on hiring camp residents. In August 2022, all non-lifesaving activities were suspended during a government military campaign intended to root out security threats inside the camp. Security incidents have reduced since then, but humanitarian staff still face daily threats and harassment. Overall, ACLED has reported over 80 violent civilian casualties within the camp so far this year.



Al-Hol is currently being reorganised by the Kurdish administration, including further fortification to further restrict movement between the sections. A recent report by MSF on the camp draws attention to the incarceration of residents and vast violations of IHL.

One international aid worker described a vicious circle, whereby the repeated program suspensions due to policy changes or incidents of harassment/violence erodes the trust of the community, ultimately increasing insecurity for staff and their programs. With the flow of weapons and growing disenfranchisement within the camp, the humanitarian situation and potential for violence remains dire.



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