

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY



SECURITY TRENDS

"By definition, the people who are working trying to tackle humanitarian need, are working in places which are often remote, usually difficult, and very often dangerous as well, because that's where the conflicts are and that's where the natural disasters happen"

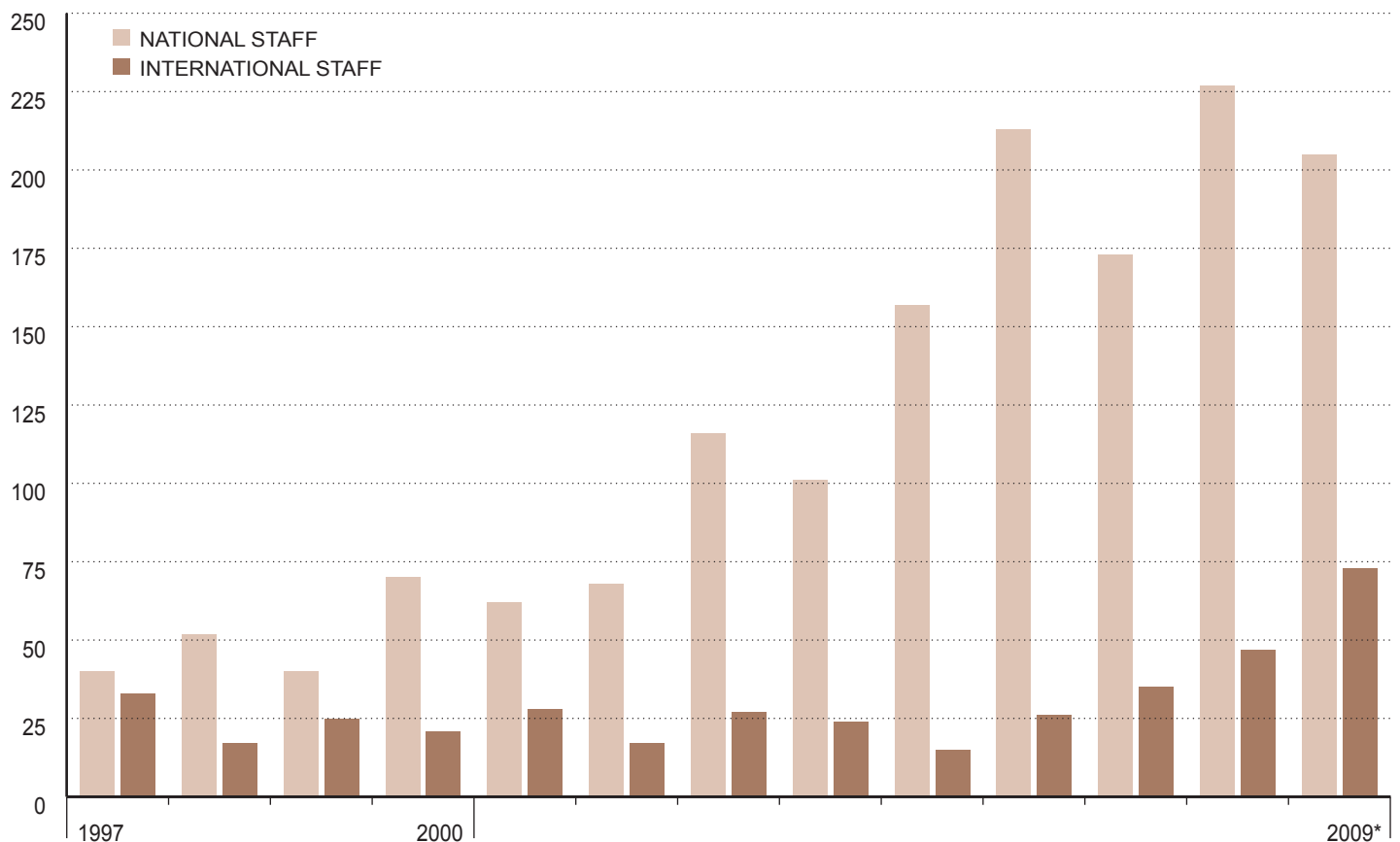
John Holmes

Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs

Victims

278 humanitarians were victims of 139 serious security incidents in 2009, compared with 1999 when 65 humanitarians were involved in 34 such incidents. In 2009, 205 of these victims were national staff members of humanitarian organisations while 73 were international. In 1999, 40 victims were national staff and 25 were internationals.

Humanitarian workers as victims of security incidents

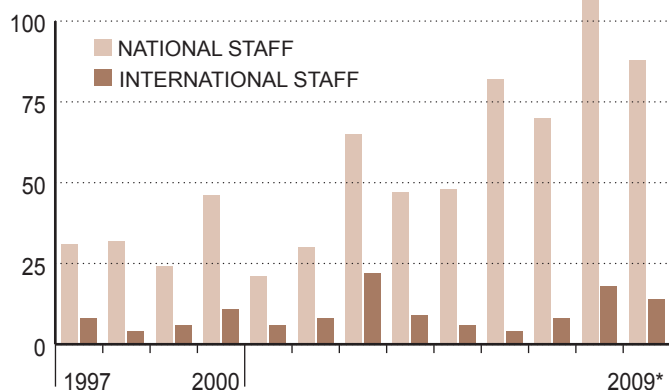


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Killed

102 humanitarian workers were killed in 2009 (88 national staff and 14 international staff), compared with 1999 when 30 humanitarians were killed (24 nationals and 6 internationals).

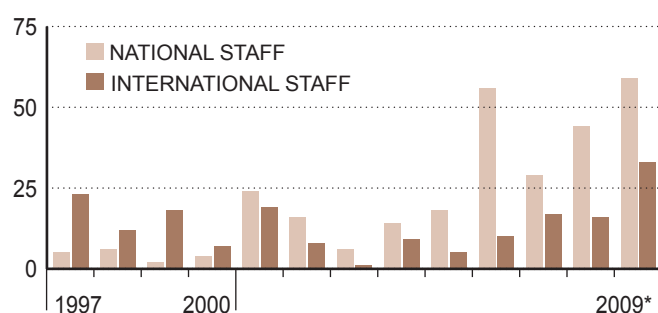
Humanitarian workers killed



Kidnapped

92 humanitarian workers were kidnapped in 2009 (59 national staff and 33 international staff), compared with 1999 when only 20 humanitarians were kidnapped (two nationals and 18 internationals).

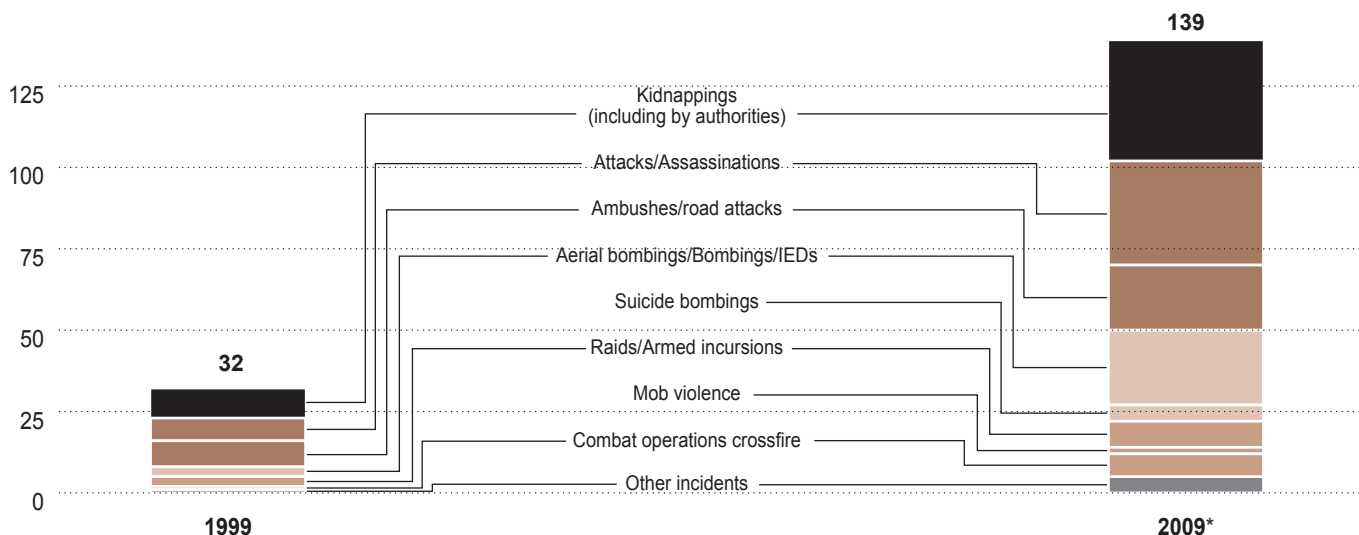
Humanitarian workers kidnapped



Victims

139 security incidents occurred in 2009 compared to 34 in 1999. Kidnappings, the most common incident, increased from 9 to 37 over this period. Attacks and assassinations rose from 7 to 32. Bombing incidents went up from 3 to 23. Ambush/Road attacks increased from 8 to 20.

Security incident by type 1999-2009



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