

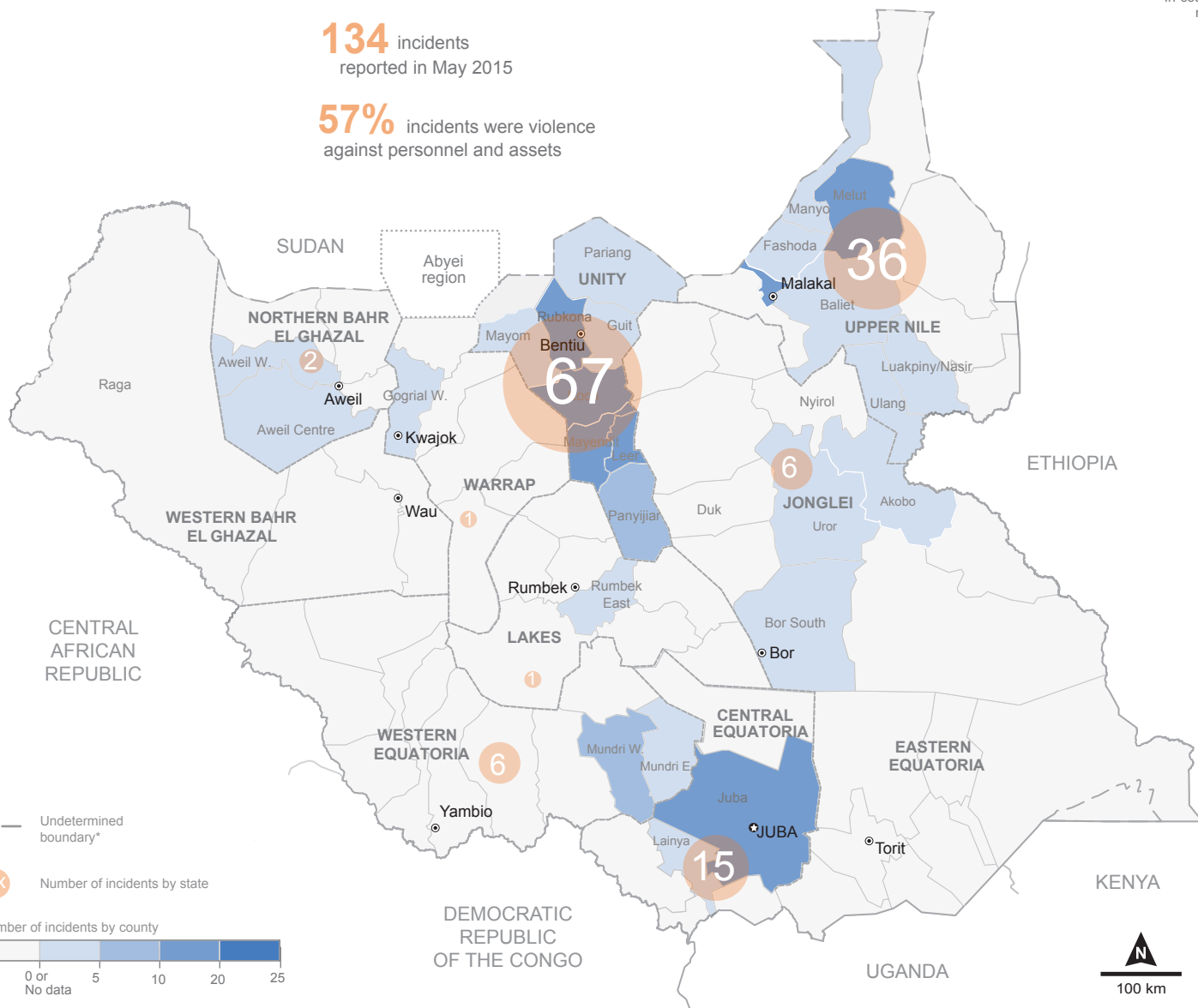


South Sudan: Humanitarian Access situation snapshot - May 2015

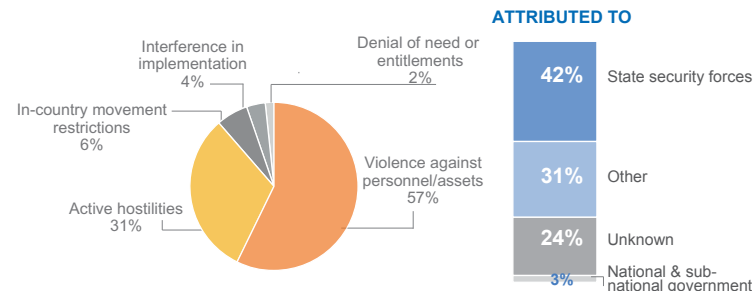
Humanitarian access was mainly hampered by violence against humanitarian personnel and assets and active hostilities throughout the month of May. Indications are that the incidents have been caused by all parties to the conflict, with the majority occurring in Unity and Upper Nile States.

134 incidents reported in May 2015

57% incidents were violence against personnel and assets

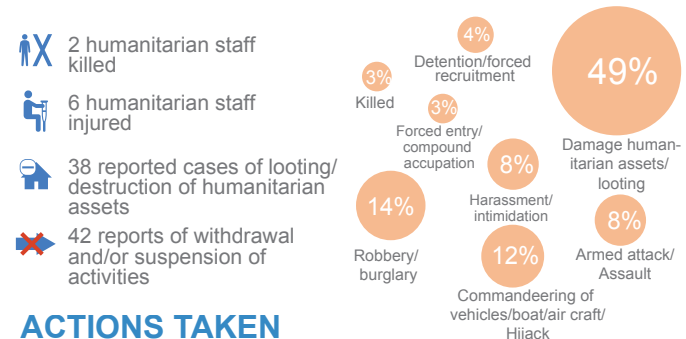


ACCESS CONSTRAINTS



IMPACT ON HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

The total number of reported access incidents increased markedly to 134 reported cases in May (compared to 72 in April). This is partly caused by increased reporting through access surveys by UNOCHA and NGO Forum, but also linked to escalation in military offensives in Unity and Upper Nile, which severely impeded humanitarian operations and organizations' ability to reach affected people. Two aid workers were killed during fighting in southern Unity in May. Humanitarian partners were forced to suspend most activities and to withdraw staff from larger parts of southern Unity and areas in Upper Nile (42 reported incidents, an increase from 34 in April). In addition, a high number of humanitarian assets, compounds and offices were looted, burned and damaged in the wake of this fighting (38 reported cases).



ACTIONS TAKEN

The Humanitarian Country Team	extensively engaged with all parties to the conflict to inform of the impact of access constraints on humanitarian programmes
OCHA's access team	engaged with all parties to the conflict to overcome constraints and facilitate access in the most difficult to reach areas