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### Mexico: Authorities seize Barrett rifles, machine guns in traffic stop on Sonora highway

Secretariat of National Defense (SEDENA) and National Guard (GN) personnel seized three Barrett .50 rifles, three .223 FN SCAR rifles, seven 7.62mm Minimi light machine guns, one 7.62mm “Mac machine gun” (possibly a FN MAG light machine gun), two Beretta .380 pistols, and 140 rounds of ammunition during an inspection of two vehicles near kilometer 176.5 of the Sonoyta-San Luis Río Colorado highway in Sonora state, the Sonora State Security Board reported on X (formerly Twitter) on March 28.

The weapons were concealed in the spare tire compartment of the tow truck. Two suspects were arrested, the report said. An accompanying photograph showed what appeared to be several possible firearms wrapped in packaging.

*Report ID: MEX-2024-03-28-001*  
*Region: North America*  
*Country: Mexico*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Light Machine Gun, Pistol or Revolver, Rifle or Carbine, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: “Cucapah” checkpoint, San Luis Río Colorado, kilometer 176.5 of the Sonoyta-San Luis Río Colorado highway, Sonora*  
*Report URL:* [*https://twitter.com/MesaSegSonora/status/1773409700618568119*](https://twitter.com/MesaSegSonora/status/1773409700618568119)  
*Source: Sonora State Security Board*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Multimedia Available: Three images of the seizure and suspects*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Mexico: Authorities seize Browning machine gun, AK rifle from vehicle in Sonora State

State security forces seized one 7.62x39mm Browning light machine gun, one AK-pattern assault rifle, 14 magazines, and around 1,360 rounds of assorted ammunition from an abandoned vehicle in Tubutama, Sonora State, the Sonora State Security Board reported on X (formerly Twitter) on April 1. An accompanying photograph showed an AKM assault rifle, one M1919 Browning light machine gun, 14 magazines, and hundreds of rounds of assorted loose and belted ammunition.

*Report ID: MEX-2024-04-01-001*  
*Region: North America*  
*Country: Mexico*  
*Incident Date: 2024-04-01*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Light Machine Gun, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: Yes*  
*Location: Tubutama, Sonora State*  
*Report URL:* [*https://twitter.com/MesaSegSonora/status/1774640057657496011*](https://twitter.com/MesaSegSonora/status/1774640057657496011)  
*Source: Sonora State Security Board - X*  
*Source Date: 2024-04-01*  
*Multimedia Available: One image of the seized items*  
*Related Reports: None*

## ## CENTRAL AMERICA

## ## SOUTH AMERICA

## EUROPE

### Albania: Police seize AK, SKS rifles from suspects transporting weapons for sale in Tirana

Police seized four assault rifles, five rifles, magazines, and ammunition when they arrested five suspects from Malësi e Madhe District in a parking lot in Tirana, the Albanian State Police reported on YouTube on March 26. Police intercepted the suspects who had reportedly obtained the weapons in Shkodër and were transporting them to Tirana, where they were planning to sell them. An accompanying video showed the arrest and four Type 56/ASh-78 assault rifles, five SKS-pattern rifles, six magazines, and several rounds of loose ammunition.

[The TV Klan website reported that one of the arrested men was a prison police officer. It said the suspects were traveling in two cars, one driving ahead to scout the route for police and one carrying the weapons. URL: https://tvklan.al/trafikonin-9-arme-zjarri-nga-shkodra-drejt-tiranes-arrestohen-5-te-rinj]

*Report ID: ALB-2024-03-26-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Albania*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Rifle or Carbine, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Rruga e Rinasi, Tirana*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS1Ompw2Dk8*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS1Ompw2Dk8)  
*Source: Albanian State Police - YouTube*   
*Source Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Multimedia Available: A 1:05-minute video report of the operation*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Albania: Police seize AK from two suspects attempting to sell weapon in Vlore County

Police seized an AK-pattern assault rifle and one loaded magazine when they arrested two individuals suspected of attempting to sell the weapon in Berdenesh, Sarandë, Vlore County, the Albanian State Police reported on Facebook on March 31. An accompanying video showed a plain-clothed police officer remove a Type 56/ASh-78 assault rifle from a plastic bag in the front seat of a vehicle.

*Report ID: ALB-2024-03-31-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Albania*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-31*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Berdenesh, Sarandë, Vlore County*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.facebook.com/policiashtetitshqiptar/videos/973907147412009/*](https://www.facebook.com/policiashtetitshqiptar/videos/973907147412009/)  
*Source: Albanian State Police - YouTube*   
*Source Date: 2024-04-02*  
*Multimedia Available: A 51-second video of the operation*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Bulgaria: Police seize firearms, ‘tank shell’ from suspected firearms trafficker in Yambol Province

Police seized one “tank shell,” one machine gun, rifles, and pistols from a car repair shop linked to a suspect with a criminal record in Drazhevo, Yambol Province, the bTV Novinite news website reported on March 29. The authorities suspect the shop was used to traffic weapons, as police also recovered a machine for erasing firearm serial numbers ,as well as identifiable weapons parts from the site, the report said, citing District Prosecutor Mina Grancharova. She said the items found indicated the suspect may be part of a national or international arms trafficking network, noting the presence of an “anti-tank charge.”

An accompanying video showed one PPSh-41 sub-machine gun, one Italian-origin revolver, one pistol frame, one Turkish-origin firearm with markings “cal. 4.5mm .177” (presumably a pellet gun), a possible internal component of a projectile, over 50 rounds of loose ammunition, and dozens of bullet tips.

*Report ID: BGR-2024-03-29-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Bulgaria*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-29*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Explosive Ordnance, Pistol or Revolver, Rifle or Carbine, Small Arms Ammunition, Sub-Machine Gun*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Drazhevo, Tundzha Municipality, Yambol Province*  
*Report URL:* [*https://btvnovinite.bg/predavania/tazi-sutrin/kartechnica-snarjad-i-pistoleti-v-avtoserviz-zadarzhaha-mazh-ukrival-boepripasite.html*](https://btvnovinite.bg/predavania/tazi-sutrin/kartechnica-snarjad-i-pistoleti-v-avtoserviz-zadarzhaha-mazh-ukrival-boepripasite.html)  
*Source: bTV Novinite*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-29*  
*Multimedia Available: A 1:56-minute video report about the operation*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Bosnia and Herzegovina: Grenade detonated on street in Sarajevo

An explosive device was detonated in Krestalica street in Stari Grad in central Sarajevo on the night of March 26, the Dnevni Avaz daily newspaper website reported, citing a police spokesperson. The blast caused material damage, the report said.

Sources told the newspaper that investigators recovered a grenade safety lever from the site. The report noted that a municipal councilor who initiated the impeachment of a former Sarajevo mayor lives on the street.

[The Sarajevo Cantonal Interior Ministry did not report the incident on its website.]

[The Fokus news website reported that another explosive device, likely a hand grenade, was detonated on Škaljin Sokak street on March 31, which is where Stari Grad Municipality major Irfan Čengić lives. Čengić linked this to the March 26 incident, saying that the two attacks were a sign of a campaign of “systemic intimidation” by organized crime. URL: https://www.fokus.ba/vijesti/crna-hronika/bacena-bomba-na-kucu-nacelnika-starog-grada-irfana-cengica/2939176/]

*Report ID: BIH-2024-03-26-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Primary Incident Type: Use or Possession of Diverted Weapons*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Explosive Ordnance*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Krestalica street, Stari Grad municipality, Sarajevo*  
*Report URL:* [*https://avaz.ba/vijesti/crna-hronika/894076/bacena-rucna-bomba-u-ulici-gdje-zivi-vijecnik-koji-je-pokrenuo-opoziv-ibrahima-hadzibajrica*](https://avaz.ba/vijesti/crna-hronika/894076/bacena-rucna-bomba-u-ulici-gdje-zivi-vijecnik-koji-je-pokrenuo-opoziv-ibrahima-hadzibajrica)  
*Source: Dnevni Avaz*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Multimedia Available: One image of Krestalica street*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Bosnia and Herzegovina: Police seize 10 firearms from suspects in Banja Luka, Zenica

Police seized three rifles, seven pistols, and ammunition along with narcotics during a coordinated operation targeting an organized criminal organization in Zenica and Banja Luka, the Bosnian Serb daily Nezavisne Novine reported on March 28. Police arrested 12 suspects, the report said. An accompanying photograph showed one MGV-176 sub-machine gun.

*Report ID: BIH-2024-03-28-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Pistol or Revolver, Rifle or Carbine, Small Arms Ammunition, Sub-Machine Gun, Unspecified*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Banja Luka, Republika Srpska, and Zenia, Zenica-Doboj Canton*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.nezavisne.com/novosti/hronika/Pogledajte-sta-je-zaplijenjeno-u-akciji-Meta-2-u-kojoj-je-uhapsena-Banjalucanka/825769*](https://www.nezavisne.com/novosti/hronika/Pogledajte-sta-je-zaplijenjeno-u-akciji-Meta-2-u-kojoj-je-uhapsena-Banjalucanka/825769)  
*Source: Nezavisne Novine*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Multimedia Available: Eight images of the seized items; additional images available at https://www.vijesti.ba/clanak/636270/uhapseno-12-osoba-pronadjen-spid-heroin-ekstazi-oruzje*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Bosnia and Herzegovina: Police seize machine gun, rifle from drug suspect near Samac

Police seized one semi-automatic rifle and one light machine gun along with 837 grams of marijuana when they conducted an authorized house search in Obudovac, Samac, the Republika Srpska Interior Ministry reported on March 29.

[The Bosnian Serb daily Glas Srpske republished an Republika Srpska News Agency (SRNA) report saying that police had seized one Zastava M84 light machine gun and one Zastava M59/66 PAP rifle. URL: https://www.glassrpske.com/cir/hronika/hronika\_vijesti/u-pretresu-objekta-pronadjeno-oruzje-i-droga/516423]

*Report ID: BIH-2024-03-29-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Light Machine Gun, Rifle or Carbine*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Obudovac, Samac, Republika Srpska*  
*Report URL:* [*https://mup.vladars.rs/lat/index.php?vijest=34014&vrsta=novosti*](https://mup.vladars.rs/lat/index.php?vijest=34014&vrsta=novosti)  
*Source: Republika Srpska Interior Ministry*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-29*  
*Multimedia Available: One image of the seized narcotics*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Bosnia and Herzegovina: Grenade blast injures two in Teslic

Two people sustained injuries when a hand grenade detonated outside a residence in Teslic, Republika Srpska, on March 30, the Nezavisne Novine newspaper website reported, quoting the Doboj police administration. Police suspect that one of the injured people threw the grenade, the report said.

*Report ID: BIH-2024-03-31-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-30*  
*Primary Incident Type: Use or Possession of Diverted Weapons*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Explosive Ordnance*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Teslic, Republika Srpska*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.nezavisne.com/novosti/hronika/Bacena-bomba-u-Teslicu-povrijedjeni-napadac-i-jos-jedna-osoba/826189*](https://www.nezavisne.com/novosti/hronika/Bacena-bomba-u-Teslicu-povrijedjeni-napadac-i-jos-jedna-osoba/826189)  
*Source: Nezavisne Novine*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-31*  
*Multimedia Available: Stock image of police*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Georgia: South Ossetian security forces remove ammunition, grenades near Tskhinvali

Security personnel found and removed two F-1 hand grenades, one RGO hand grenade, two grenade fuzes, and 198 rounds of assorted ammunition in the northern outskirts of Tskhinvali, the Emergencies Ministry of the breakaway Republic of South Ossetia reported on Telegram on March 27. Accompanying photographs showed the grenades and ammunition.

*Report ID: GEO-2024-03-27-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Georgia*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-27*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Explosive Ordnance, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Tskhinvali, South Ossetia*  
*Report URL:* [*https://t.me/mchsruo/1839*](https://t.me/mchsruo/1839)  
*Source: South Ossetia Emergencies Ministry - Telegram*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-27*  
*Multimedia Available: Two images as described above*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Serbia: Suspect found with firearms in vehicle near Belgrade indicted

The authorities have indicted a 21-year-old suspect with illegal production, possession, carrying and trafficking of weapons, the Belgrade Higher Prosecution Service reported on March 26.

The charges related to a February 13 incident in which the suspect failed to stop his vehicle for a police inspection in Vranic. Police subsequently stopped the vehicle near Belgrade’s Orlovača cemetery and seized three assault rifles, one “automatic rifle with a broken barrel,” one semi-automatic rifle, 720 rounds of assorted ammunition, and 290 grams of explosives.

*Report ID: SRB-2024-03-26-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Serbia*  
*Incident Date: 2024-02-13*  
*Primary Incident Type: Law Enforcement*  
*Secondary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Explosive Material, Rifle or Carbine, Shotgun, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Orlovača cemetery, Belgrade*  
*Report URL:* [*https://beograd.vjt.rs/aktuelnosti/saopstenje-653/*](https://beograd.vjt.rs/aktuelnosti/saopstenje-653/)  
*Source: Belgrade Higher Prosecution Service*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Multimedia Available: nan*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Serbia: Four suspected members of arms trafficking ring operating in Bosnia and Serbia detained

Four individuals suspected of running an arms trafficking ring active in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, the N1 news channel website reported on March 30. They were detained on the orders of the Serbian Public Prosecutor’s Office for Organized Crime in collaboration with the Interior Ministry’s Service for Combatting Organized Crime (SBPOK).

A statement issued by the Prosecutor’s Office said the suspects had organized the sale, modification, procurement and transfer of firearms, ammunition and mine-explosive devices since February until the day of their arrest. They had sold a total of six assault rifles, 31 pistols, 21 hand grenades, and 600 rounds of ammunition when they arrested four individuals.

The report did not give any further details of the case and no corresponding reports were observed on Serbian Interior Ministry or Prosecutor’s Office websites.

*Report ID: SRB-2024-03-30-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Serbia*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-30*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Explosive Ordnance, Pistol or Revolver, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Unspecified*  
*Report URL:* [*https://n1info.rs/vesti/tuzilastvo-odredjen-pritvor-organizovanoj-kriminalnoj-grupi-zbog-prodaje-oruzja/*](https://n1info.rs/vesti/tuzilastvo-odredjen-pritvor-organizovanoj-kriminalnoj-grupi-zbog-prodaje-oruzja/)  
*Source: N1*   
*Source Date: 2024-03-30*  
*Multimedia Available: One stock image*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Kosovo: Police seize AK, rifle, pistol, ammunition from suspects in Gjakova

Police seized one assault rifle, one pistol, one rifle, and 21 rounds of ammunition when searching the residences of two suspects in Cërmjan, Gjakova on March 29, the Kosovo Police reported on Facebook. The rifle was seized in a different location from the assault rifle and pistol. An accompanying photograph showed one Type 56/ASh-78 assault rifle, one pistol, one Zastava M48 rifle, four magazines, and 21 rounds of assorted ammunition.

*Report ID: XKX-2024-03-29-001*  
*Region: Europe*  
*Country: Kosovo*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-29*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Pistol or Revolver, Rifle or Carbine, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Cërmjan, Gjakova Municipality*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.facebook.com/KosovoPolice/posts/pfbid0gEBMthNqjby5TgkKVz94a2gYEdjSjo1zaWhJgpKDAeaKXUFcW4FoTtKgFJoJUo29l*](https://www.facebook.com/KosovoPolice/posts/pfbid0gEBMthNqjby5TgkKVz94a2gYEdjSjo1zaWhJgpKDAeaKXUFcW4FoTtKgFJoJUo29l)  
*Source: Kosovo Police - Facebook*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-29*  
*Multimedia Available: One image of the seized items.*  
*Related Reports: None*

## ## CENTRAL ASIA

## EAST ASIA/PACIFIC

### Philippines: Islamist insurgents surrender mortar, rifles to troops in Maguindanao del Sur

Fifteen Islamist insurgents handed over one 81mm mortar, two M14 rifles, one M1 Garand rifle, one M16 assault rifle, one [Colt] M653 assault rifle, one pistol, and six “sniper rifles” of assorted calibers when they surrendered to troops in Barangay Buayan, Datu Piang, Maguindanao del Sur Province on March 25, the Western Mindanao Command of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Facebook page reported.

The surrendered fighters included eight Dawlah Islamiyah (DI, also known as Islamic State East Asia Province (ISEAP)) from Ganta, Shariff Saydona Mustapha, as well as seven Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) members from Penditin, Datu Salibo and Madia, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, the report said.

Accompanying photographs showed one mortar, one M16A1 assault rifle, two AR-pattern assault rifles, three M14 rifles, one M1 Garand rifle, one M1 Carbine rifle, one pistol, and six craft production rifles.

*Report ID: PHL-2024-03-26-001*  
*Region: East Asia/Pacific*  
*Country: Philippines*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-25*  
*Primary Incident Type: Weapons Amnesty or Disarmament*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Pistol or Revolver, Rifle or Carbine, Small Mortar System*  
*US Origin: Yes*  
*Location: Barangay Buayan, Datu Piang, Maguindanao del Sur Province, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.facebook.com/westmincomafp2021/posts/pfbid06nVvmaoteK1zRbpDoNHk65gWsGB4LQ8QMwjUV9Ju18B8BzmWv9YJEhXYBq2Q7nhEl*](https://www.facebook.com/westmincomafp2021/posts/pfbid06nVvmaoteK1zRbpDoNHk65gWsGB4LQ8QMwjUV9Ju18B8BzmWv9YJEhXYBq2Q7nhEl)  
*Source: Armed Forces of the Philippines’ Western Mindanao Command - Facebook*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Multimedia Available: Ten images of the ceremony. Additional images available at https://www.facebook.com/kampilantroopers/posts/pfbid0DaJjNpM67FZsKm2CPKGtMZWBt2r8rN2o9PMRkffBEprbpPxxvZvjDZaa3ru7QZLyl*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Philippines: Troops seize ARs from Communist insurgents in Batangas

Troops from the 2nd Infantry Division seized one M16 assault rifle, one Bushmaster M4 assault rifle, and one “baby Armalite” rifle following a clash with members of the Communist Party of the Philippines’ New People’s Army (CPP-NPA) in Rosario, Batangas Province, on March 26, the unit reported on Facebook. Soldiers killed three NPA fighters, including a “high ranking leader,” the report said. An accompanying photograph showed one M16A1 assault rifle, two AR-pattern assault rifles (one heavily modified), and two extra magazines.

*Report ID: PHL-2024-03-26-002*  
*Region: East Asia/Pacific*  
*Country: Philippines*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle*  
*US Origin: Yes*  
*Location: Rosario, Batangas Province, Calabarzon Region*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.facebook.com/junglefighterdivision/posts/pfbid0b5P3yS4ZZEMs5ZXj3DVaHKQt3SUVYHBZ4Vbw921yjEuGPHP8rmKT9ZrerQmTAaPkl*](https://www.facebook.com/junglefighterdivision/posts/pfbid0b5P3yS4ZZEMs5ZXj3DVaHKQt3SUVYHBZ4Vbw921yjEuGPHP8rmKT9ZrerQmTAaPkl)  
*Source: Philippine Army’s 2nd Infantry Division - Facebook*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Multimedia Available: One image of the seized weapons*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Philippines: Troops seize assault rifles from Communist fighters in Quezon Province

Troops from the 85th Infantry Battalion seized two M16 assault rifles and one AK-pattern assault rifle following a clash with members of the Communist Party of the Philippines’ New People’s Army (CPP-NPA) in Barangay Doña Aurora, Calauag, Quezon Province on March 28, the unit reported on Facebook. Troops killed two NPA fighters in the encounter, the report said. An accompanying photograph showed two M16A1 assault rifles, one AK-pattern assault rifle, and one ammunition carrier.

[The same source reported that soldiers seized another M16 assault rifle, ammunition, magazines, and improvised explosive devices during a “clearing operation” in the same locale on March 25. One NPA fighter managed to flee, the report said. An accompanying photograph showed the M16A1 assault rifle, magazines, and an ammunition carrier. URL: https://www.facebook.com/Sandiwa85/posts/pfbid0mt2dwaNUNwumZVkXZNFearivg2EJbrZ6mPZxwYTSyQXZYWuMNDi8cLejCQrvXjufl]

*Report ID: PHL-2024-03-28-001*  
*Region: East Asia/Pacific*  
*Country: Philippines*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Barangay Doña Aurora, Calauag, Quezon Province, Calabarzon Region*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.facebook.com/Sandiwa85/posts/pfbid02ZVeFWjYcTEVMZrnGyn9d46tPpHYbn1FnE4Wh4yCiaH9Qd6kV3vhiKnkWm2TFtT7dl*](https://www.facebook.com/Sandiwa85/posts/pfbid02ZVeFWjYcTEVMZrnGyn9d46tPpHYbn1FnE4Wh4yCiaH9Qd6kV3vhiKnkWm2TFtT7dl)  
*Source: Philippine Army’s 85th Infantry Battalion - Facebook*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Multimedia Available: Images as described above*  
*Related Reports: None*

## MIDDLE EAST

### Lebanon: Troops seize hand grenades, ammunition from suspects following Tripoli disturbance

Troops seized two hand grenade and ammunition when they raided the residences of two suspects thought responsible for a shooting incident in Bab al-Hadid, Tripoli, the Lebanese Army reported on March 25. Hand grenades were thrown in the earlier incident, injuring two people, the report said. Separately, troops seized two pistols and a grenade from two Syrian nationals in Al-Qubbah, Tripoli, the report added.

An accompanying photograph showed an ammunition tin marked as containing 7.62mm ammunition, 11 magazines, dozens of rounds of loose ammunition, and what appeared to be ammunition packages. No hand grenades were visible in the image, and the report did not specify which seizure the image corresponded to.

*Report ID: LBN-2024-03-25-001*  
*Region: Middle East*  
*Country: Lebanon*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-25*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: Use or Possession of Diverted Weapons*  
*Weapons Type(s): Explosive Ordnance, Pistol or Revolver, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Bab al-Hadid, Tripoli*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.lebarmy.gov.lb/ar/content/%D8%B9%D9%85%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%AA%D8%A7-%D8%AF%D9%87%D9%85-%D9%88%D8%AA%D9%88%D9%82%D9%8A%D9%81-%D9%84%D8%A8%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%8A%D9%91%D9%8E%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%88%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%B1%D9%8A%D9%91%D9%8E%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%B7%D9%82%D9%8A-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%A8-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%D8%AF%D9%8A%D8%AF-%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D8%A8%D8%A9-%E2%80%93-%D8%B7%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%84%D8%B3*](https://www.lebarmy.gov.lb/ar/content/%D8%B9%D9%85%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%AA%D8%A7-%D8%AF%D9%87%D9%85-%D9%88%D8%AA%D9%88%D9%82%D9%8A%D9%81-%D9%84%D8%A8%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%8A%D9%91%D9%8E%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%88%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%B1%D9%8A%D9%91%D9%8E%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%B7%D9%82%D9%8A-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%A8-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%D8%AF%D9%8A%D8%AF-%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D8%A8%D8%A9-%E2%80%93-%D8%B7%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%84%D8%B3)  
*Source: Lebanese Army*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-25*  
*Multimedia Available: One image of the seized items*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Lebanon: Troops seize assault rifles, munitions, grenade launcher from suspected kidnappers in Baalbek

Troops seized a large quantity of weapons and ammunition from a group of suspected kidnappers in Makneh, Baalbek-Hermel Governorate, on March 25, the Lebanese Army reported. The seizure took place after the suspects allegedly kidnapped a Syrian national from his residence in Younine for ransom, the report said. Troops freed the victim during the operation.

Accompanying photographs showed one Iranian 60mm M49A1 mortar round, two Iranian 81mm M43A1/M91 mortar rounds, one illuminating mortar round, nine complete and partial PG-7-type munitions (including PG-7M, PG-7L, and PG-7M variants), one F-1 hand grenade, one PG-2 munition, seven containers for BK/O-811 recoilless rifle munitions, two AKM/S assault rifles, one grenade launcher, one G3 upper receiver, one AK-pattern upper receiver, one SIG 540 upper receiver, one possible RP-46 barrel, at least 25 magazines, and hundreds of rounds of assorted loose ammunition, including large caliber rounds.

*Report ID: LBN-2024-03-26-001*  
*Region: Middle East*  
*Country: Lebanon*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-25*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Explosive Ordnance, Grenade Launcher, Light Machine Gun, Light Weapons Ammunition, Light Weapons Ammunition - Explosive, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Makneh (Maqne), Baalbek-Hermel Governorate*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.lebarmy.gov.lb/ar/content/%D8%AA%D8%AD%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D9%85%D8%AE%D8%B7%D9%88%D9%81-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D8%A8%D9%84%D8%AF%D8%A9-%D9%85%D9%82%D9%86%D8%A9-%D8%A8%D8%B9%D9%84%D8%A8%D9%83*](https://www.lebarmy.gov.lb/ar/content/%D8%AA%D8%AD%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D9%85%D8%AE%D8%B7%D9%88%D9%81-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D8%A8%D9%84%D8%AF%D8%A9-%D9%85%D9%82%D9%86%D8%A9-%D8%A8%D8%B9%D9%84%D8%A8%D9%83)  
*Source: Lebanese Army*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Multimedia Available: Three images of the seized weapons*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Lebanon: Hezbollah video claims to show Almas ATGM strikes on Meron radar array in Israel

Hezbollah published a video on March 28 showing a fighter launching an ATGM at what it said was the Meron military base in northern Israel on March 26. The footage appeared to show in-flight footage of at least two different missiles targeting the presumed military installation.

[Weapons analyst War Noir posted on X (formerly Twitter) that the video appeared to show multiple Iran-made ALMAS missiles which are reverse-engineered copies of the Israeli Spike ATGM system. URL: https://twitter.com/war\_noir/status/1773069717579694371]

*Report ID: LBN-2024-03-28-001*  
*Region: Middle East*  
*Country: Lebanon*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Primary Incident Type: Use or Possession of Diverted Weapons*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Anti-Tank Guided Missile System (ATGM)*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Meron, Israel*  
*Report URL:* [*https://central-media.net/38087/600/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%88-%7C-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81-%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%AF%D8%A9-%E2%80%99%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%86%E2%80%99-%D9%84%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%A8%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AC%D9%88%D9%8A%D8%A9*](https://central-media.net/38087/600/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%88-%7C-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81-%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%B9%D8%AF%D8%A9-%E2%80%99%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%86%E2%80%99-%D9%84%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B1%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%A8%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AC%D9%88%D9%8A%D8%A9)  
*Source: Hezbollah Islamic Resistance Military Media*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Multimedia Available: 2:30-minute video of the claimed attack*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Lebanon: Hezbollah video claims to show ATGM targeting Israeli infantry position in Margaliot

Hezbollah published a video on March 29 showing a fighter launching an ATGM at what it said was an Israeli infantry position across the border in a place known as Harsh Ramim near Margaliot on March 27. Footage then showed a missile impacting on the crest of a hill.

[Weapons analyst War Noir posted on X (formerly Twitter) that the video showed a Russian 9M111M Faktoriya missile with 9P135M launcher obtained from Syria. URL: https://twitter.com/war\_noir/status/1773683419987276268]

*Report ID: LBN-2024-03-29-001*  
*Region: Middle East*  
*Country: Lebanon*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-27*  
*Primary Incident Type: Use or Possession of Diverted Weapons*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Anti-Tank Guided Missile System (ATGM)*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: “Harsh Ramim” near Margaliot, Israel*  
*Report URL:* [*https://central-media.net/38105/600/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%88-%7C-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81-%D8%AA%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B6%D8%B9%D8%A7-%D9%84%D8%AC%D9%86%D9%88%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%AF%D9%88-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D9%84%D9%8A-*](https://central-media.net/38105/600/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%88-%7C-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81-%D8%AA%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B6%D8%B9%D8%A7-%D9%84%D8%AC%D9%86%D9%88%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%AF%D9%88-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D9%84%D9%8A-)  
*Source: Hezbollah Islamic Resistance Military Media*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-29*  
*Multimedia Available: 1:04-minute video of the claimed attack*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Lebanon: Hezbollah video shows ATGM strike on claimed Israeli positions in Avivim

Hezbollah published a video on March 30 showing a fighter launching an ATGM across the border at what it said was an Israeli military position in Avivim on March 26. Footage showed a missile traveling towards a warehouse-like structure followed by an explosion, as well as scenes filmed by locals showing a building on fire.

[Online weapons analyst War Noir posted on X (formerly Twitter) that the video appeared to show a Russian 9M133-1 Kornet-E system or an Iranian Dehlavieh thermobaric missile. URL: https://twitter.com/war\_noir/status/1774035780278661215]

[The Times of Israel reported on March 26 that Hezbollah fighters fired three projectiles from Lebanon at Avivim, causing a fire at a winery. There were no reported casualties. An accompanying video showed the same site on fire that was shown in the Hezbollah video. URL: https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog\_entry/winery-in-north-goes-up-in-flames-after-rocket-attack/]

*Report ID: LBN-2024-03-30-001*  
*Region: Middle East*  
*Country: Lebanon*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Primary Incident Type: Use or Possession of Diverted Weapons*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Anti-Tank Guided Missile System (ATGM)*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Avivim, Israel*  
*Report URL:* [*https://central-media.net/38129/600/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%88-%7C-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81-%D9%85%D8%A8%D9%86%D9%89-%D9%8A%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%AE%D8%AF%D9%85%D9%87-%D8%AC%D9%86%D9%88%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%AF%D9%88-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D9%84%D9%8A*](https://central-media.net/38129/600/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%88-%7C-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81-%D9%85%D8%A8%D9%86%D9%89-%D9%8A%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%AE%D8%AF%D9%85%D9%87-%D8%AC%D9%86%D9%88%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%AF%D9%88-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D9%84%D9%8A)  
*Source: Hezbollah Islamic Resistance Military Media*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-30*  
*Multimedia Available: A 1:42-minute video of the claimed attack; additional footage of the subsequent fire available at https://twitter.com/yair\_kraus/status/1772556741936300125*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Lebanon: Hezbollah video claims to show ATGM attack on Israeli position in Adamit

Hezbollah published a video on March 31 showing a fighter launching an ATGM across the Lebanon-Israel border towards what it said was an Israeli military position in Adamit on March 30. Footage then showed a missile traveling towards the target before exploding.

[Online weapons analyst War Noir posted on X (formerly Twitter) that the video appeared to show an Iranian 9M133-1 Dehlavieh-TB thermobaric missile. URL: https://twitter.com/war\_noir/status/1774206677161525514]

*Report ID: LBN-2024-03-31-001*  
*Region: Middle East*  
*Country: Lebanon*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-30*  
*Primary Incident Type: Use or Possession of Diverted Weapons*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Anti-Tank Guided Missile System (ATGM)*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Adamit, Israel*  
*Report URL:* [*https://central-media.net/38147/600/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%88-%7C-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9--%D8%AA%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81-%D9%85%D8%A8%D9%86%D9%89-%D9%8A%D8%AA%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B6%D8%B9-%D9%81%D9%8A%D9%87-%E2%80%8F%D8%AC%D9%86%D9%88%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%AF%D9%88-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D9%84%D9%8A*](https://central-media.net/38147/600/%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%88-%7C-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%88%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A9--%D8%AA%D8%B3%D8%AA%D9%87%D8%AF%D9%81-%D9%85%D8%A8%D9%86%D9%89-%D9%8A%D8%AA%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B6%D8%B9-%D9%81%D9%8A%D9%87-%E2%80%8F%D8%AC%D9%86%D9%88%D8%AF-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%AF%D9%88-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B3%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%A6%D9%8A%D9%84%D9%8A)  
*Source: Hezbollah Islamic Resistance Military Media*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-31*  
*Multimedia Available: 51-second video of the claimed attack*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Lebanon: Troops seize weapons including RPG launcher in North Governate

Troops seized a large quantity of weapons and ammunition during security operations in Haql al-Azimah and Kfar Chellan, North Governorate, the Lebanese Army reported on March 31. Troops also seized two pistols in al-Mina and Al-Qoubbeh, Tripoli as well as two rifles, a pistol, and ammunition in Bawadi, Baalbek-Hermel Governorate. Soldiers arrested five suspects in the operations, the report said.

An accompanying photograph showed one RPG-7 launcher, four AK-pattern assault rifles, three hunting and air rifles, one pistol, and about 20 loaded magazines. Another photograph showed three magazines and dozens of rounds of assorted loose and packaged ammunition, including large caliber rounds.

*Report ID: LBN-2024-03-31-002*  
*Region: Middle East*  
*Country: Lebanon*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-31*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Pistol or Revolver, Rifle or Carbine, Shotgun, Shoulder-Fired Recoilless Weapon/Rocket Launcher, Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Haql al-Azimah and Kfar Chellan, North Governorate*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.lebarmy.gov.lb/ar/content/%D8%AA%D9%88%D9%82%D9%8A%D9%81-5-%D9%85%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%B7%D9%86%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B7%D9%82-%D9%85%D8%AE%D8%AA%D9%84%D9%81%D8%A9-%D8%B6%D9%85%D9%86-%D8%A5%D8%B7%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%AD%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D9%85%D9%86%D9%8A%D8%A9*](https://www.lebarmy.gov.lb/ar/content/%D8%AA%D9%88%D9%82%D9%8A%D9%81-5-%D9%85%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%B7%D9%86%D9%8A%D9%86-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%B7%D9%82-%D9%85%D8%AE%D8%AA%D9%84%D9%81%D8%A9-%D8%B6%D9%85%D9%86-%D8%A5%D8%B7%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%AD%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D9%88%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D9%85%D9%86%D9%8A%D8%A9)  
*Source: Lebanese Army*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-31*  
*Multimedia Available: Three images of the seized items*  
*Related Reports: None*

## NORTH AFRICA/MAGHREB

### Libya: GNU security forces remove 60mm mortar rounds near gas station in Al-Jafarah

Security personnel found and removed three 60mm mortar rounds from land near a gas station in Al-Amiriyah, Al-Jafarah District, following reports from the public, the Government of National Unity (GNU) Criminal Investigations Department (CID) reported on Facebook on March 28. Personnel have stored the ordnance until it can be safely destroyed, the report said. An accompanying photograph showed three Belgian 60mm NR-431-A1 mortar rounds.

*Report ID: LBY-2024-03-28-001*  
*Region: North Africa/Maghreb*  
*Country: Libya*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Primary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Secondary Incident Type: PSSM*  
*Weapons Type(s): Light Weapons Ammunition - Explosive*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Al-Amiriyah, Al-Jafarah District*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=pfbid02Tq8zbsfS5UtC6BkB1z98xd6saoHWP95n517m58DgW8bNHmgFkaf1XroTiJV9zy3Ql&id=100063754862070*](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02Tq8zbsfS5UtC6BkB1z98xd6saoHWP95n517m58DgW8bNHmgFkaf1XroTiJV9zy3Ql&id=100063754862070)  
*Source: GNU Criminal Investigations Department - Facebook*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Multimedia Available: One image of the UXO*  
*Related Reports: None*

## WEST AFRICA

### Nigeria: Troops seize 223 weapons, 2,756 ammunition rounds in countrywide operations

Army spokesperson Edward Buba said at a regular press briefing on March 25 that troops had seized 223 weapons and 2,756 rounds of assorted ammunition in countrywide operations between March 18 and 25, the Vanguard newspaper website reported, reposting a News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) report. The seized weapons included three M56 sub-machine guns, 115 AK rifles, three PKT machine guns, 24 craft-production weapons, 36 Dane guns (locally made hunting rifles), seven craft-production pistols, 1,716 rounds of 7.62mm special, 494 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammunition, and 60 rounds of 7.62x25mm ammunition.

The report detailed the following incidents:

* Troops from Operation Hadin Kai seized three M56 sub-machine guns, 40 AK-pattern rifles, three PKT machine guns, 13 craft-production weapons, two hand grenades and 889 rounds of 7.62mm special from “terrorists” in the north-east zone.
* Troops from operations Safe Haven and Whirl Stroke seized a cache of arms from “terrorists” in the north central zone. No further information was given.
* Troops from Operation Hadarin Daji seized 46 AK rifles, 26 craft-production Dane guns, one craft-production “revolver pistol,” 352 rounds of 7.62mm special, and 101 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammunition from “terrorists” in the north-west zone.
* Troops from Operation Whirl Punch seized a cache of arms and ammunition from “extremists” in the north-west. No further information was given.
* Troops from Operation Delta Safe seized 12 weapons and 113 rounds of ammunition from oil thieves and “extremists” in the Niger Delta.
* Troops from Operation Udo Ka seized 10 AK-pattern rifles, 254 rounds of 7.62mm special and two magazines from “terrorists” and “extremists” in the south-east zone.

*Report ID: NGA-2024-03-28-001*  
*Region: West Africa*  
*Country: Nigeria*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Primary Incident Type: Regulation or Reporting*  
*Secondary Incident Type: Seizure*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Explosive Ordnance, Light Machine Gun, Pistol or Revolver, Rifle or Carbine, Small Arms Ammunition, Sub-Machine Gun*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Countrywide*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/03/troops-neutralise-212-terrorists-apprehend-252-in-1-week-dhq/*](https://www.vanguardngr.com/2024/03/troops-neutralise-212-terrorists-apprehend-252-in-1-week-dhq/)  
*Source: Vanguard*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Multimedia Available: One stock image*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Nigeria: ISWAP video shows weapons said captured in Yobe State attack

The Islamic State released a video via its social media channels on March 30 claiming to show an attack by Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters on an army barracks in Gujba, Yobe State, on March 22.

Footage showed a nighttime attack in a presumed Nigerian soldier is shot dead and a technical set on fire by fighters. One fighter is seen on the back of the technical, possibly detaching a heavy machine gun mounted on the back.

The weapons said captured were displayed at the end of the video. They included a heavy machine gun, a PK-type light machine gun, two magazines, belted ammunition, and other items.

[Online weapons analyst War Noir reposted the video on X (formerly Twitter) identifying the weapons shown as a MG-M1/PKM machine gun and a 12.7mm NSV heavy machine gun. URL: https://twitter.com/war\_noir/status/1774457898539561283]

[The group had already claimed the attack in a statement released by the Islamic State’s Nashir News Agency, in which it said fighters had captured one heavy machine gun, one light machine gun, and ammunition. See NGA-2024-03-23-002]

*Report ID: NGA-2024-03-30-001*  
*Region: West Africa*  
*Country: Nigeria*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-22*  
*Primary Incident Type: Loss via Engagement*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Heavy Machine Gun, Light Machine Gun, Light Weapons Ammunition, Military Equipment (non-vehicular), Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Gujba, Gujba Local Government Area, Yobe State*   
*Report URL: Unavailable. Copy at: <https://a-r-d.shop/?p=59508 WARNING: Graphic images>*  
*Source: Nashir News Agency*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-30*  
*Multimedia Available: A 38-second video as described above*   
*Related Reports: NGA-2024-03-23-002*

### Nigeria: ISWAP claims capturing machine gun in attack on army barracks in Borno State

Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters captured a light machine gun when they attacked an army barracks in Gajiganna, Borno State, on March 29, the Islamic State claimed in a statement released via its social media channels. The group said it had attacked with various weapons, forcing soldiers to flee, and had destroyed a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

[Nigerian security analyst Zagazola Makama reported on X (formerly Twitter) on March 30 that ISWAP launched an attack on Gajiganna, but troops with air support had forced them to withdraw URL: https://twitter.com/ZagazOlaMakama/status/1773871231709618674 ]

[A Facebook account apparently run by a Borno state-based man named Hassana Bamma Ganar reported on March 31 on a visit by the Magumeri Local Government Area (LGA) head and other officials to Gajiganna to “commiserate” with the commander of the Gajiganna Forward Operating Base, Capt. A.I Akobe. Akobe said that troops had “successfully repelled” an attack by Boko Haram fighters on Gajiganna on March 29 at 9:40pm [local time], with no casualties on the military side, and the situation in the area was now stable. URL: https://facebook.com/hassan.bammagana/posts/pfbid02Dp514FJSCweXh9dTZphmwdi2sPv6aknCsA6JWtjzfC9vz7kiKoGfi7TUAusmm6pdl]

*Report ID: NGA-2024-03-30-002*  
*Region: West Africa*  
*Country: Nigeria*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-29*  
*Primary Incident Type: Loss via Engagement*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Light Machine Gun*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Gajiganna (Gajigana), Magumeri Local Government Area, Borno State*  
*Report URL: Unavailable*  
*Source: Nashir News Agency*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-30*  
*Multimedia Available: nan*  
*Related Reports: None*

## CENTRAL AFRICA

### Democratic Republic of the Congo: Assailants steal firearm in attack on soldier in Ituri Province

Unidentified armed men killed a DR Congo Armed Forces (FARDC) soldier and stole his service weapon in an ambush on the Bunia-Mongbwalu road in Ituri Province’s Djugu Territory on March 25, the Actu30.cd website reported.

Local civil society sources said a motorcycle taxi driver was also killed in the attack that occurred in Bwanga village.

[The Ituri Kwetu website reported that the attack was likely carried out by the MAPI or the CODECO militia, both of which are active in the area. URL: https://www.iturikwetu.net/insecurite-sur-la-route-bunia-mongbwalu-lhypocrisie-et-le-manque-de-volonte-cest-la-population-qui-en-patit/]

*Report ID: COD-2024-03-26-001*  
*Region: Central Africa*  
*Country: Democratic Republic of the Congo*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-25*  
*Primary Incident Type: Loss via Engagement*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Unspecified*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Bwanga village, approximately 12 km from Mongbwalu on the Bunia-Mongbwalu road, Djugu Territory, Ituri Province*  
*Report URL:* [*https://actu30.cd/2024/03/un-element-fardc-tue-et-son-arme-emportee-par-des-hommes-armes-non-identifies-a-djugu/*](https://actu30.cd/2024/03/un-element-fardc-tue-et-son-arme-emportee-par-des-hommes-armes-non-identifies-a-djugu/)  
*Source: Actu30*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Multimedia Available: nan*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Democratic Republic of the Congo: Weapons marking exercise held in Nord-Kivu Province

The National Commission for the Control of Light and Small Arms (CNC-ALPC), in collaboration with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) continued the marking of small arms and light weapons in Goma, Nord-Kivu Province, on March 26, the UN-sponsored Radio Okapi news website reported.

*Report ID: COD-2024-03-28-002*  
*Region: Central Africa*  
*Country: Democratic Republic of the Congo*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-26*  
*Primary Incident Type: PSSM*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle, Unspecified*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Goma, Nord-Kivu Province*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.radiookapi.net/2024/03/28/actualite/securite/goma-loperation-de-marquage-darmes-legeres-et-de-petit-calibre-pour*](https://www.radiookapi.net/2024/03/28/actualite/securite/goma-loperation-de-marquage-darmes-legeres-et-de-petit-calibre-pour)  
*Source: Radio Okapi*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Multimedia Available: Image captioned as showing the weapons marking exercise*  
*Related Reports: None*

## EAST AFRICA

### Kenya: Police firearm stolen by suspected Al-Shabab fighters in Lamu County attack

Suspected Al-Shabab fighters killed two police reservists in Lamu County and stole a service weapon during a raid on Ziwa la Taa village in the county’s Witu area, Citizen TV reported on YouTube on March 24. The attackers also looted the village and torched houses, the report said.

[The Star newspaper website reported that the incident occurred on March 23. See https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2024-03-24-gunmen-kill-2-police-reservists-injure-one-in-lamu/]

*Report ID: KEN-2024-03-24-001*  
*Region: East Africa*  
*Country: Kenya*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-23*  
*Primary Incident Type: Loss via Engagement*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Unspecified*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Ziwa la Taa village, Witu area, Lamu County, southeastern Kenya*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPK9W0Eb5IA*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPK9W0Eb5IA)  
*Source: Citizen TV Kenya - YouTube*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-24*  
*Multimedia Available: Video report featuring interviews with villagers and images of the damage caused in the attack*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Kenya: Police officer dies, service rifle lost in Nairobi floods

A police officer died and his AK service rifle went missing during operations to rescue people affected by floods in Nairobi on March 24, the Standard newspaper website reported.

The officer attached to Kamukunji Police Station was swept by flood waters after rescuing four people who were trapped in a stall in Nairobi’s Country Bus Station, Nairobi Police Chief Adamson Bungei told the newspaper.

[The Star newspaper reported on March 28 that police had not yet located the officer’s body or his rifle with 30 rounds of ammunition. URL: https://www.the-star.co.ke/news/realtime/2024-03-28-search-continues-for-cop-swept-by-floods-11-bodies-collected/]

*Report ID: KEN-2024-03-25-001*  
*Region: East Africa*  
*Country: Kenya*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-24*  
*Primary Incident Type: Loss*  
*Secondary Incident Type: None*  
*Weapons Type(s): Assault Rifle*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: Country Bus Station, Kamukunji, Nairobi,*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/amp/national/article/2001492100/a-police-officer-swept-by-floods-while-on-a-rescue-mission*](https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/business/amp/national/article/2001492100/a-police-officer-swept-by-floods-while-on-a-rescue-mission)  
*Source: The Standard (Kenya)*  
*Source Date: 2024-02-25*  
*Multimedia Available: nan*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Sudan: Video claims to show RSF firing mortars at military base west of Omdurman

On March 29 the Sudan War Monitor (SWM) reposted a video observed circulating on social media which it said showed “an [anti-government Rapid Support Forces] RSF mortar crew in Ombada, west of Omdurman, targeting the Markhiyat Hills, [on] March 28. and”likely targeting Al-Markhiyat [military] camp [west of Omdurman] located about 7.5 km from the site.” “Although the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) announced that they seized control of Omdurman, the video highlights the extent of the RSF deployment near the areas controlled by SAF in Omdurman,” SWM said.

The video showed a presumed RSF fighter in military camouflage preparing and firing a possible 81mm/82mm mortar three times at an unseen target, near a road with a building under construction in the background and a completed building further away.

At least eight other fighters are seen nearby assisting in the operation, bringing mortar rounds to the firing team from at least six boxes. A closed box and a number of cylinders, presumably cases for the mortar rounds are seen on the ground. In the video, a voice off-camera says: “Today is March 28 inside Al-Markhiyat.”

The Sudan War Monitor and the @OSINTSudan X account geolocated the location of the fighters to Ombada area, west of Omdurman.

SWM said it had obtained the video from @mujahed\_altayeb, which appears to be pro-RSF X account (see: https://twitter.com/mujahed\_altayeb/status/1773499121644470559).

[Two other videos said to be from Markhiyat were observed circulating on pro-RSF social media on March 28. The first one claimed to show RSF fighters in front of the Markhiyat hills [military zone] who had “defeated [Sudanese Armed Forces commander] Burhan’s militia.” URL: https://twitter.com/ashawes5/status/1773353837782355977. The second claimed to show a group of armed RSF fighters displaying “spoils” captured from government forces in Markhiyat. The items included what appeared to be a PK-type light machine gun and at least four AK-pattern rifles. URL: https://facebook.com/100022569753632/videos/962540571487091]

*Report ID: SDN-2023-03-29-001*  
*Region: East Africa*  
*Country: Sudan*  
*Incident Date: 2024-03-28*  
*Primary Incident Type: Use or Possession of Diverted Weapons*  
*Secondary Incident Type: Loss via Engagement*  
*Weapons Type(s): Light Weapons Ammunition - Explosive, Small Mortar System*  
*US Origin: Unknown*  
*Location: Ombada, west of Omdurman, Khartoum State*  
*Report URL:* [*https://sudanwarmonitor.com/p/20a*](https://sudanwarmonitor.com/p/20a)  
*Source: Sudan War Monitor*  
*Source Date: 2024-03-29*  
*Multimedia Available: A 1:03-minute video as described above*  
*Related Reports: None*

### Uganda: Soldier pleads guilty to loss of live ammunition during DR Congo tour of duty

A military court in Kampala convicted a soldier who lost 30 rounds of live ammunition while on a tour of duty in neighboring DR Congo, the New Vision website reported on February 28.

Private Edward Ssali, a member of the Uganda Peoples’ Defense Forces (UPDF) 9 Infantry Battalion, pleaded guilty to the charge of failing to protect war materials assigned to him. The court heard that Ssali lost 30 “submachine” [likely AK rifle] rounds while at Mabenga Trading Center in DR Congo’s Rutshuru Territory on or around July 31, 2023. Ssali’s commanding officer ordered a search of the center for the lost magazine, but with no result, one witness said.

The court adjourned the hearing until March 5 to allow for mitigating arguments, the report said.

*Report ID: UGA-2024-02-28-001*  
*Region: East Africa*  
*Country: Uganda*  
*Incident Date: 2024-02-28*  
*Primary Incident Type: Law Enforcement*  
*Secondary Incident Type: Loss*  
*Weapons Type(s): Small Arms Ammunition*  
*US Origin: No*  
*Location: General Court Martial in Makindye military barracks, Kampala*  
*Report URL:* [*https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/news/army-court-convicts-soldier-who-lost-30-bulle-NV\_182259*](https://www.newvision.co.ug/category/news/army-court-convicts-soldier-who-lost-30-bulle-NV_182259)  
*Source: New Vision*  
*Source Date: 2024-02-28*  
*Multimedia Available: Image of the convicted soldier*  
*Related Reports: None*

## SOUTHERN AFRICA