



19 August 2014 - Last year, more humanitarian workers were kidnapped, seriously injured or killed than ever before. Today, on [World Humanitarian Day](#), we commemorate all people who have lost their lives in humanitarian service and to celebrate the spirit that inspires humanitarian work around the world.

World Humanitarian Day falls on 19 August, the day in 2003 when 22 aid workers were killed in a bombing at the UN headquarters in Baghdad.

Attacks on neutral humanitarian workers have risen sharply during the last decade. In 2003, seven humanitarians were kidnapped, in 2013 the figure had increased to 132. In the same period, the number of humanitarian workers killed has gone up from 87 to 155. Just in the past few weeks, dozens of humanitarians have lost their lives in South Sudan and Gaza.

