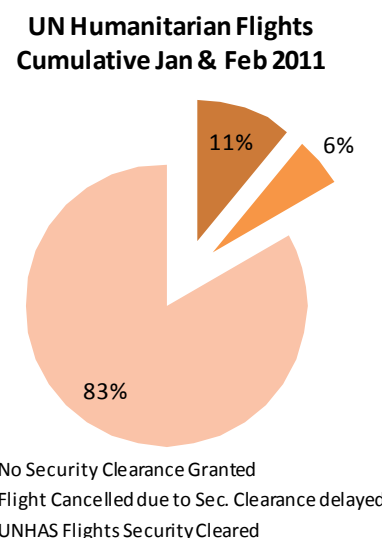
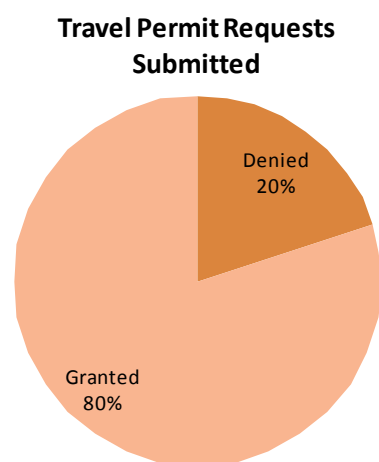


This report aims to illustrate the various restrictions and interferences aid agencies experienced in January and February 2011 for the four northern governorates. Restrictions and interferences have a direct impact on the delivery of services and supplies distributed to populations in need.

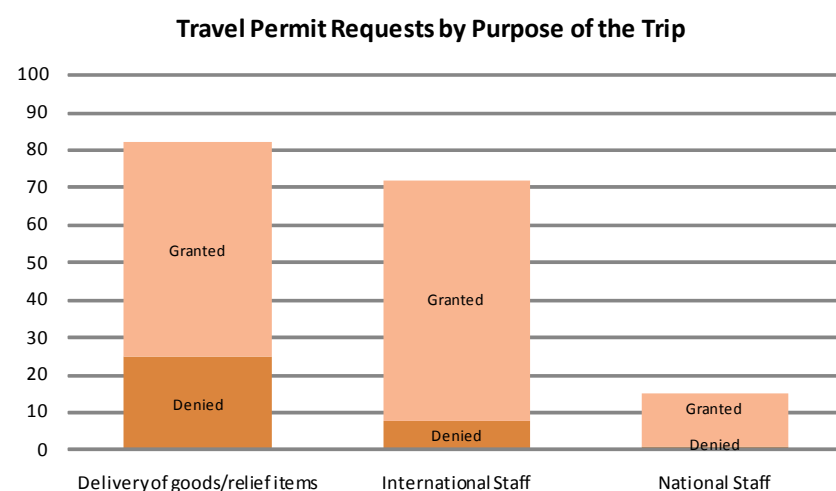
During these two months the main restriction that faced UN agencies was the refusal of travel permits to travel to the Sa'ada Governorate to deliver non-food and food items followed by international staff visits. Access to Al-Jawf and Amran Governorates were occasionally restricted while restrictions in Hajjah were rare.

### NORTHERN GOVERNORATES

According to information reported by UN Agencies, during January 2011 34 out of 169 (20%) permits to travel by road submitted to the GoY were denied.



### Road Travel Permit Requests by Purpose



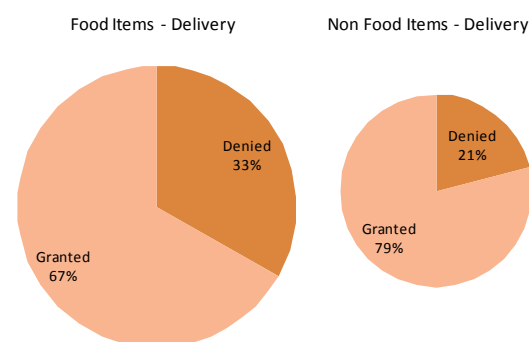
48.5% of the total requests were aimed at delivery aid/relief items to communities in need. 42.6% comprised International Staff traveling on mission (meeting local authorities or assessing communities in need).

25 (30.5%) out of 82 road travel permit requests submitted to the GoY to deliver aid/relief items were denied.

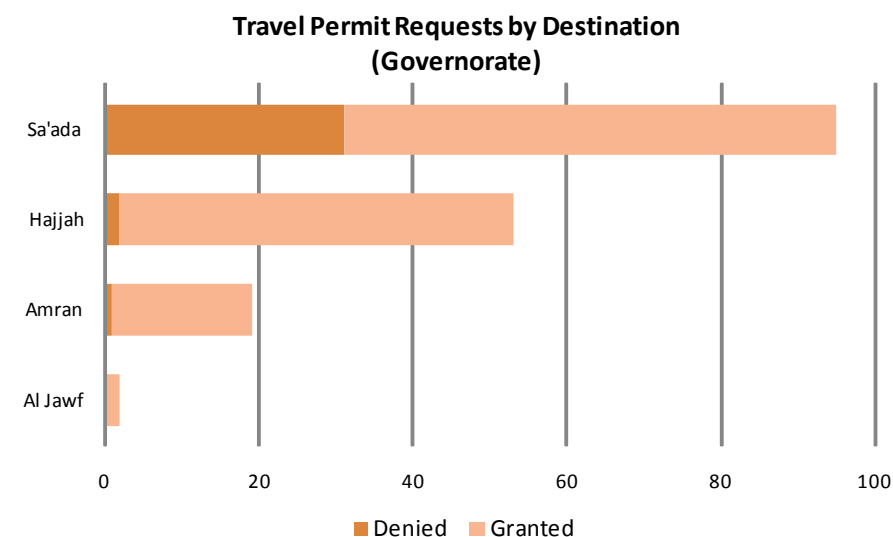
### Road Travel Permit Requests for delivery of goods/relief items:

**Food Items:** 33% of all travel permit requests submitted to the GoY with the aim to deliver food items were denied during these two first months of the year.

**Non Food Items:** 21% refusals for travel permits by road for non-food items such as water, hygiene and sanitation items, educational kits and emergency shelter kits were reported.



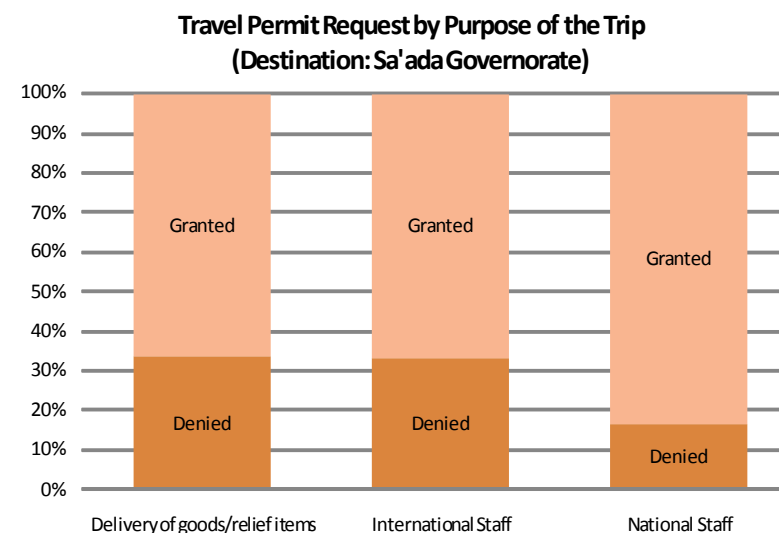
### Road Travel Permit Requests by Destination



Sa'ada and Hajjah are the governorates from which the highest number of requests were recorded in January with 95 and 53 submissions respectively.

The highest percentage of road travel permit denials were for Sa'ada Governorate with 33% of requests denied or did not receive a response.

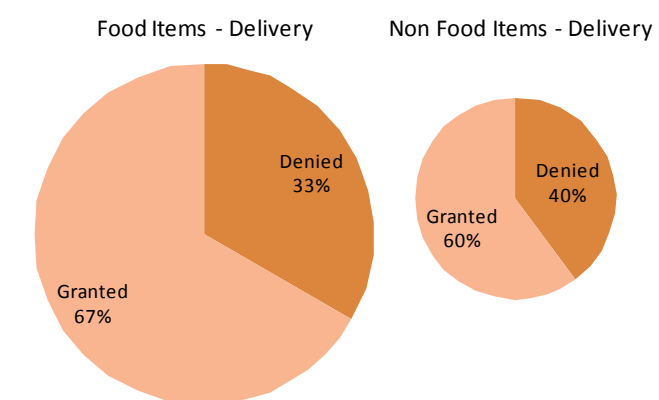
### SA'ADA GOVERNORATE



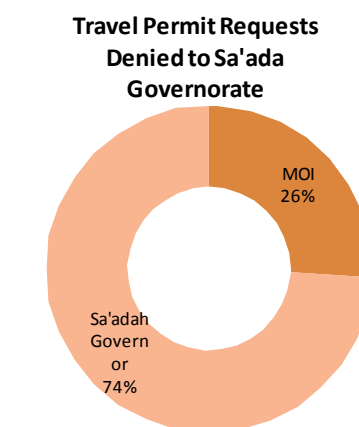
68 out of the 95 travel permit requests to the Sa'ada Governorate were for the purpose of delivering goods/relief items. A total of 34% of the above mentioned requests were denied.

21 out of 95 travel permit requests were for international staff requiring access to Sa'ada for the intentions of a mission. A total of 33% for the above mention requests were denied.

### Road Travel Permit Requests to delivery of goods/relief items:



Non-Food Items: Travel permit requests submitted to deliver non-food items had the highest percentage of denials (40%) during both, January and February 2011.



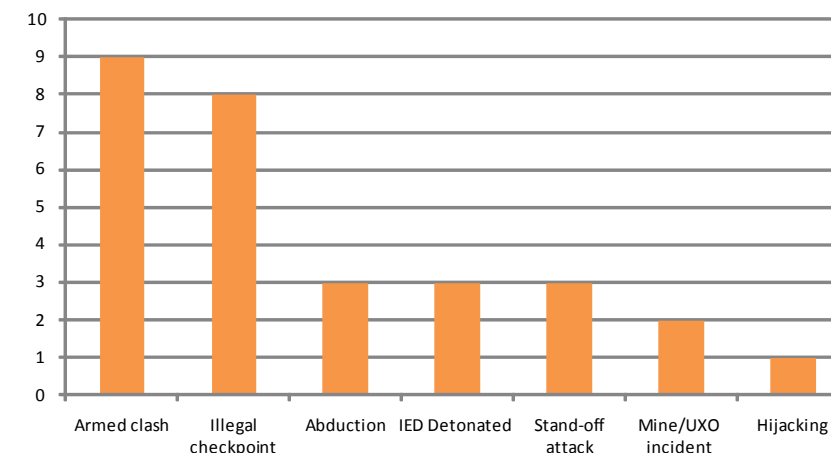
The Governor of Sa'ada was responsible for almost 75% of all denials in this Governorate.

\* MOI: Ministry of Interior



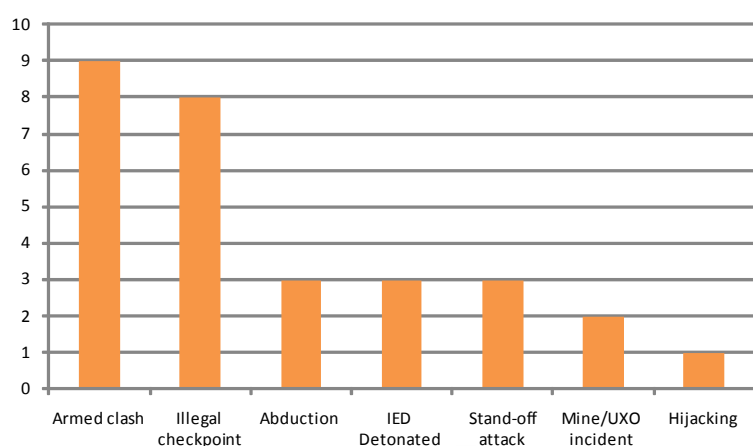
The security situation throughout northern governorates remains volatile. Risk for the aid community remains high due to both, hostile activities and UXO/Landmines. The ongoing hostilities and consequent restrictions on the movement of humanitarian personnel continue to hamper access to people in need and impact the timely delivery of assistance.

### Cumulative Violence and Landmine/UXO/IED Incidents Northern Governorates

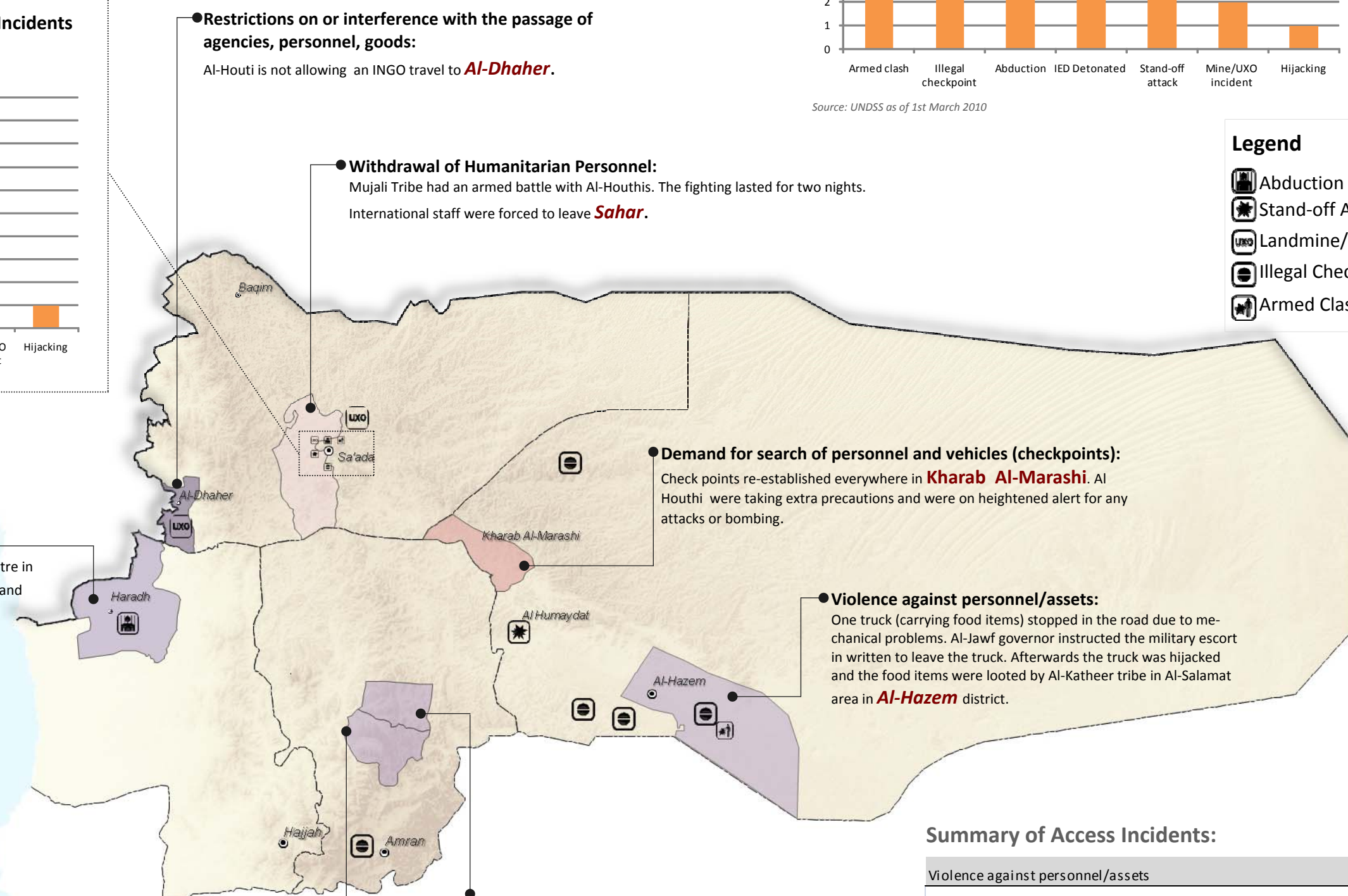


Source: UNDSS as of 1st March 2010

### Cumulative Violence and Landmine/UXO/IED Incidents Sa'ada District



Source: UNDSS as of 1st March 2010



● **Restrictions on or interference with the passage of agencies, personnel, goods:**

Al-Houthi is not allowing an INGO travel to **Al-Dhaher**.

● **Withdrawal of Humanitarian Personnel:**

Mujali Tribe had an armed battle with Al-Houthis. The fighting lasted for two nights. International staff were forced to leave **Sahar**.

● **Demand for search of personnel and vehicles (checkpoints):**

Check points re-established everywhere in **Kharab Al-Marashi**. Al Houthi were taking extra precautions and were on heightened alert for any attacks or bombing.

● **Violence against personnel/assets:**

One truck (carrying food items) stopped in the road due to mechanical problems. Al-Jawf governor instructed the military escort in written to leave the truck. Afterwards the truck was hijacked and the food items were looted by Al-Katheer tribe in Al-Salamat area in **Al-Hazem** district.

● **Violence against personnel/assets:**

At least 300 IDPs demonstrated and attacked the distribution centre in **Haradh**. Government and security officials arrived to the area and were able to defuse the situation.






● **Violence against personnel/assets:**

An ambulance belonging to Al-Salam hospital was hijacked by a group of unknown tribesman in **Bani Surain**. The ambulance was returned by the security authorities a day later.

● **Violence against personnel/assets:**

An INGO vehicle was hijacked at a tribal illegal checkpoint in **Khamir**.

### Legend

-  Abduction
-  Stand-off Attack
-  Landmine/UXO/IED Incident
-  Illegal Checkpoint
-  Armed Clash

### Summary of Access Incidents:

Violence against personnel/assets	4
Withdrawal of Humanitarian Personnel	1
Restrictions on or interference with the passage of agencies, personnel, goods	1
Demand for search of personnel and vehicles (checkpoints)	1