

Weekly 2 - March 26 - April 3, 2012

Ushahidi Weekly Update (#2)

We are a growing community. This weekly report is for the whole community and team to share what you are working on and what you need help with. Highlight your presentations, events, code and more. These reports will go out every Tuesday.

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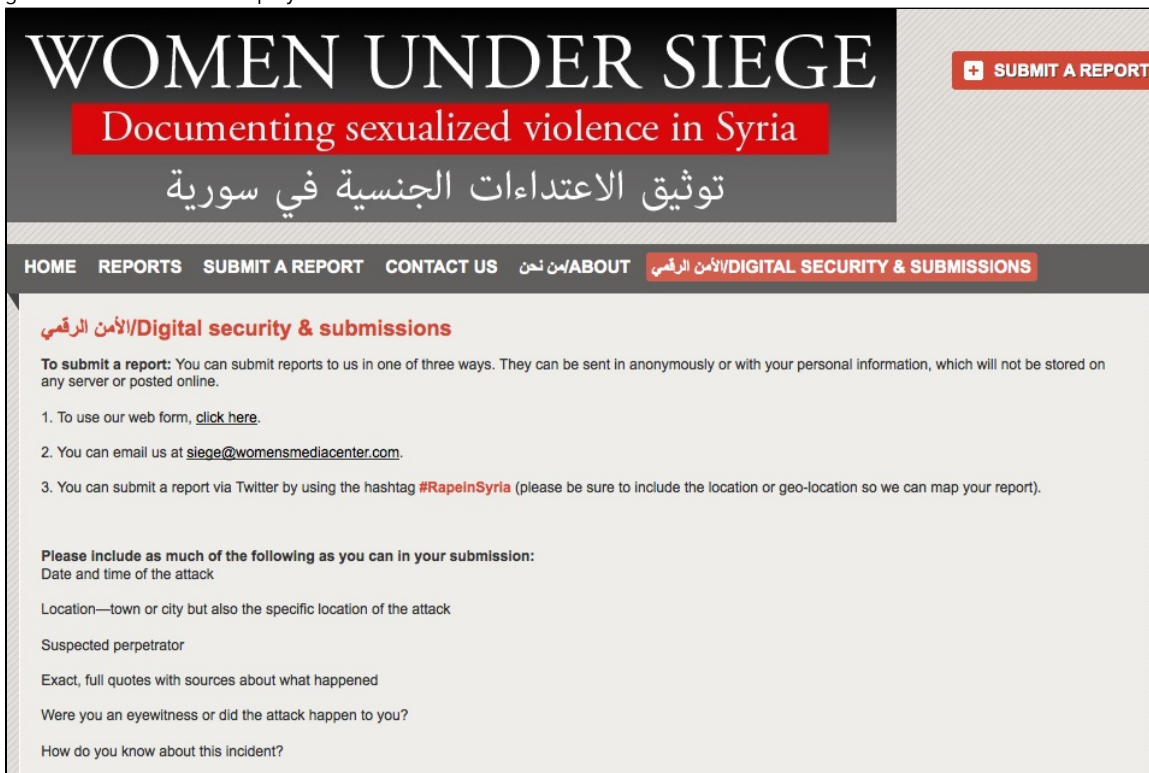
Community and Deployers:

About: What are you working on? What do you need help with?

Deployment of the Week: [Syria Tracker](#). See all the [Deployments of the Week](#)

Can you help the [International Detention Coalition](#) with their outreach campaign? They are mapping incidents involving children in immigration detention.

The [Women's Media Center](#) launched their map Women under Siege. This team has done a phenomenal amount of outreach for the project. It is a good use case for other deployers to model.



The screenshot shows the 'WOMEN UNDER SIEGE' website. The main header features the title 'WOMEN UNDER SIEGE' in large white letters on a black background, with a red banner below it reading 'Documenting sexualized violence in Syria'. Below this is the Arabic text 'توثيق الاعتداءات الجنسية في سورية'. A red button with a plus sign and the text 'SUBMIT A REPORT' is visible in the top right. The navigation bar includes links for 'HOME', 'REPORTS', 'SUBMIT A REPORT', 'CONTACT US', 'من نحن/ABOUT', and 'الأمن الرقمي/DIGITAL SECURITY & SUBMISSIONS'. The main content area is titled 'الأمن الرقمي/Digital security & submissions' and contains the following text:

To submit a report: You can submit reports to us in one of three ways. They can be sent in anonymously or with your personal information, which will not be stored on any server or posted online.

1. To use our web form, [click here](#).
2. You can email us at siege@womensmediacenter.com.
3. You can submit a report via Twitter by using the hashtag [#RapeInSyria](#) (please be sure to include the location or geo-location so we can map your report).

Please include as much of the following as you can in your submission:

- Date and time of the attack
- Location—town or city but also the specific location of the attack
- Suspected perpetrator
- Exact, full quotes with sources about what happened
- Were you an eyewitness or did the attack happen to you?
- How do you know about this incident?

Code:

About: What code are you working on? What needs help?

A security patch for the Ushahidi Platform is being tested and will be released this week.

Crowdmap had an outage on Friday, March 30th due to a DDOS attack on our hosting provider. We are making some technical changes (scalability) this week to address these issues. The Crowdmap team will be working on topical maps in the coming weeks.

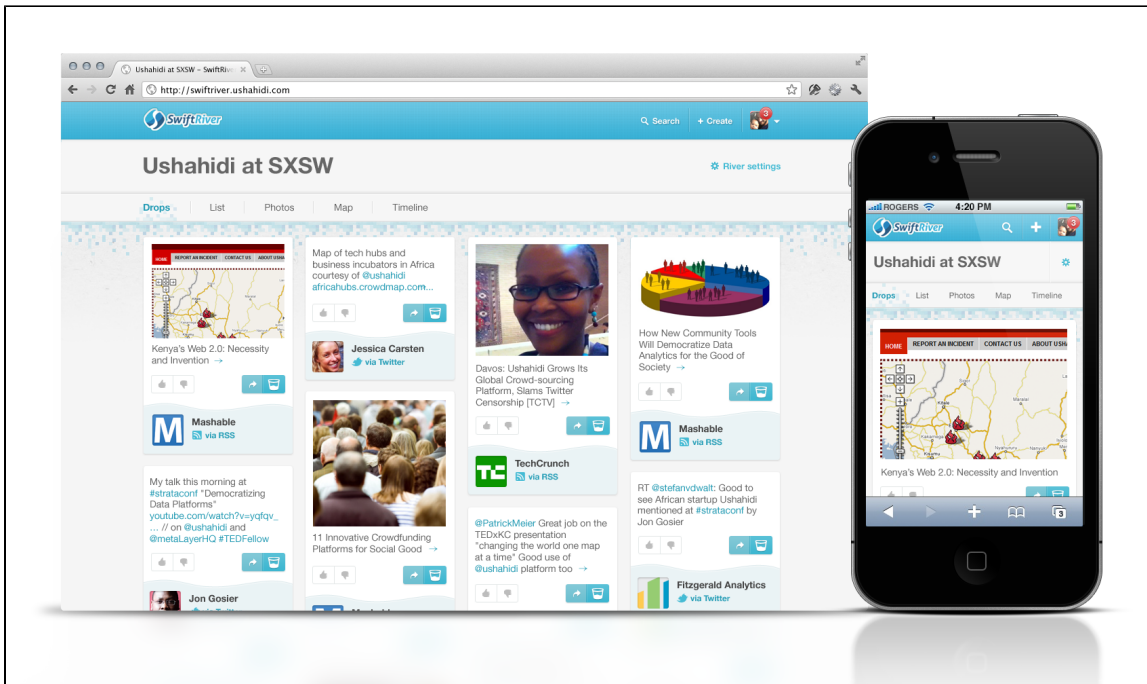
SwiftRiver beta is pending. Brian M., Brandon, David and Emmanuel are integrating the UI changes. The timeline for private beta on April 9, 2012: <http://swiftly.org/beta/>

Ushahidi core team is testing a security update, [db schema changes/documentation](#), and bug fixing/testing. They are also working separate the map load and timeline in Ushahidi core. This will help improve map load.

Henry is testing the Android release and working on the auto-upgrader for Ushahidi core. Dale is testing the ios update and is looking for community help on this.

Evan released a pre-built Ushahidi virtual machine intended for demonstrating the platform.

We continue to collect feedback for Ushahidi 3.0. What is your wish list?



Ideas / Plans:

About: What plans, projects, and ideas do you have?

Have you read *Wicked Problems* by Jon Kolko?

Community changes:

About: This section is for any major change announcements.

A community newsletter will go out on April 3rd to encourage people to join the wiki community. We are working on a community site redesign to integrate all the community touch-points (wiki, forums, and community site).

Events:

About: Events, presentations and hosting by Ushahidi Core, Community. Share your presentations, your videos etc.

Hosting:

Heather Ford is hosting a WikiSweeper Research Workshop in San Francisco on April 4th. If you are local, [you can participate](#). The recording will be posted after the event.

There will be an Ushahidi *Istanbul Meetup* on April 9th.

Attending:

Heather Leson attended the Ontario Government's Social Media Conference on March 29th. She was on a panel with the City of Calgary and the Canadian Red Cross. Heather will be at *TedXSilkRoad* on April 11th

Juliana Rotich joined Clinton Global Initiative University working session on peace and human rights on March 31st in Washington DC. It was live <http://live.cgju.org>. On April 2nd, Juliana met with World Bank regarding open data initiatives.

Patrick Meier is speaking and attending [WhereConf](#) on April 3-4th.

Meetings:

About: Ushahidi core team will share about their meetings to improve the Community experience. If you are meeting about Ushahidi, feel free to share too!

Heather will be meeting with some folks from Google Ideas to brain on opportunities for our community.

Patrick is organizing a demo of the ReallImpact.me platform to visualize Crowdmap data.