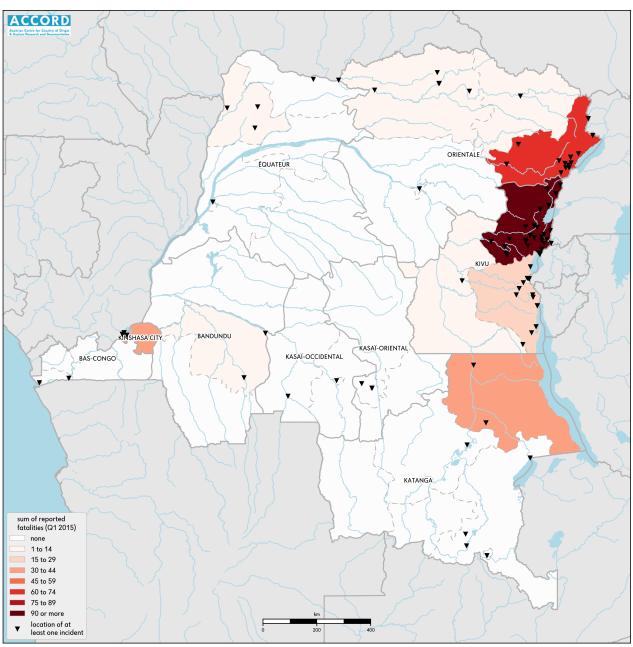
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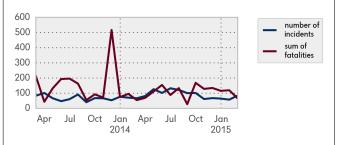
National borders: GADM, November 2015b; administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015a; incident data: ACLED, 14 November 2015; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

#### Conflict incidents by category

category	number of incidents	sum of fatalities
battle	72	144
violence against civilians	61	111
riots/protests	57	44
non-violent activities	14	0
remote violence	1	0
total	205	299

This table is based on data from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (datasets used: ACLED, 14 November 2015).

#### Development of conflict incidents from March 2013 to March 2015



This graph is based on data from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (datasets used: ACLED, undated, ACLED, 14 November 2015).

## LOCALIZATION OF CONFLICT INCIDENTS

<u>Note:</u> The following list is an overview of the incident data included in the ACLED dataset. More details are available in the actual dataset (date, location data, event type, involved actors, information sources, etc.). In the following list, the names of event locations are taken from ACLED, while the administrative region names are taken from GADM data which serves as the basis for the map above.

In **Bandundu**, **2** incidents killing **1** person were reported. The following locations were affected: **Gungu**, **Loange Bridge**.

In Bas-Congo, 3 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Kitona, Matadi.

In Kasaï-Occidental, 2 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Kananga, Tshikapa.

In Kasaï-Oriental, 5 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Kabeya-Kamwanga, Mbuji-Mayi.

In Katanga, 15 incidents killing 32 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Kongolo, Likasi, Lubumbashi, Malemba Nkulu, Manono, Pweto, Tenke.

In Kinshasa City, 19 incidents killing 36 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Gombe, Kinshasa, Kinshasa Urban, Lemba, Masina, Ngaba, Ngaliema.

In Kivu, 107 incidents killing 150 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Baraka, Beni, Binza, Bukavu, Bukumbirwa, Bunagana, Fizi, Goma, Itebero, Kabare, Kalevia, Kalima, Kamango, Kasindi, Katale, Kirumba, Kiwanja, Lemera, Lubero, Lukweti, Lulimba, Luvungi, Mabenga, Masisi, Mpofi, Mulenge, Mwenga, Mweso, Ndosho, Nyabibwe, Nyabiondo, Nyamilima, Nyanzale, Nyiragongo, Rutshuru, Tongo, Ulindi, Uvira, Virunga National Park, Walikale, Walungu.

In Orientale, 42 incidents killing 70 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Ango, Aru, Aveba, Bavi, Bili, Boga, Bondo, Bunia, Digba, Dungu, Geti, Irumu, Kaswara, Kisangani, Lagabo, Mahagi, Okapi Wildlife Reserve, Penge, Talolo.

In Équateur, 10 incidents killing 10 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Bumba, Gemena, Kotakoli, Lisala, Mbandaka.

## METHODOLOGY

The data used in this report was collected by the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED). ACLED collects data on reported conflict events in selected African and Asian countries, Democratic Republic of Congo being among them. ACLED researchers collect event data from a variety of sources and code them by date, location, agent, and event type. For further details on ACLED and for the full data, see www.acleddata.com und Raleigh; Linke; Hegre, and Karlsen, 2010.

Based on these data, the Austrian Centre for Country of Origin & Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD) compiles updates on conflict incidents.

Incidents comprise the following categories: battle, headquarters or base established, non-violent activity by a conflict actor, riots/protests, violence against civilians, non-violent transfer of territory, remote violence. For details on these categories, please see

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Most of the data collected by ACLED is gathered based on publicly available, secondary reports. It may therefore underestimate the volume of events. Fatality data particularly is vulnerable to bias and inaccurate reporting, and ACLED uses the most conservative estimate available. Furthermore, event data may be revised or complemented in future updates. The lack of information on an event in this report does not permit the inference that it did not take place. The boundaries and names displayed do not imply endorsement or acceptance by the Austrian Red Cross.

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