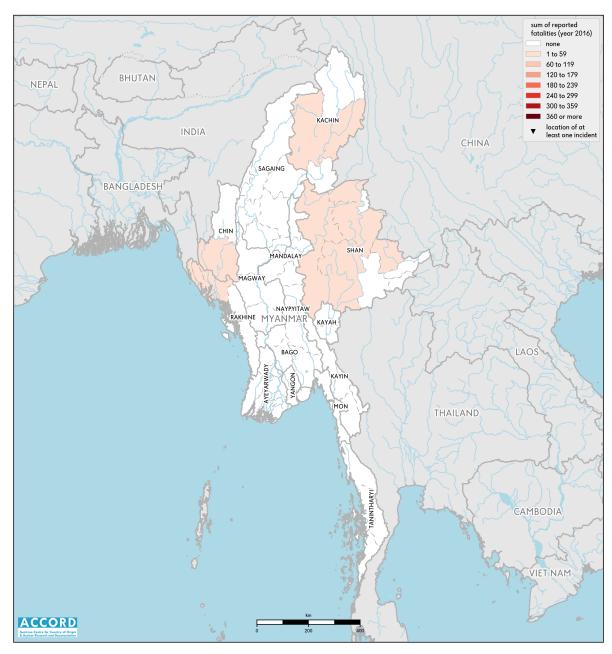
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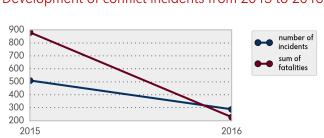
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# Conflict incidents by category

category	number of incidents	sum of fatalities
battle	131	160
riots/protests	69	0
strategic developments	31	0
remote violence	30	40
violence against civilians	27	28
total	288	228

This table is based on data from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (datasets used: ACLED, February 2017).

# Development of conflict incidents from 2015 to 2016



This graph is based on data from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (datasets used: ACLED, April 2016, and ACLED, February 2017).

#### 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 Bago, 2 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Bago, Pyinbongyi.

In Chin, 2 incidents killing 10 people were reported. The following location was affected: Paletwa.

In Kachin, 73 incidents killing 6 people were reported. The following locations were affected: **Bhamo, Hpakant, Kamaing, Laiza, Myitkyina, Waingmaw**.

In Kayin, 8 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Hpa-An, Kawkareik.

In Mandalay, 7 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Mahaaungmye, Mandalay, Myingyan.

In Mon, 1 incident killing 0 people was reported. The following location was affected: Mawlamyine.

In Naypyitaw, 1 incident killing 0 people was reported. The following location was affected: Naypyidaw.

In Rakhine, 41 incidents killing 90 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Buthidaung, Kanyinchaung, Kyauktaw, Maungdaw, Mrauk-U, Nyaung Chaung, Nyaunggyaung, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Sittwe.

In Sagaing, 6 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Monywa, Sagaing.

In Shan, 130 incidents killing 122 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Hsenwi, Hsipaw, Keng Tung, Kokang, Kutkai, Kyaukme, Lashio, Laukkai, Manton, Mong Hsu, Mong Kung, Mong Yaw, Mong Yu, Mongyang, Muse, Namhkam, Namhsan, Namkham, Namtu, Panglong, Pangsang, Tangyan, Taunggyi.

In Yangon, 17 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Bahan, Dagon Myothit, Dawei, Yangon.

### **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, Myanmar 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 <a href="https://www.acleddata.com">www.acleddata.com</a> 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 strategic activities, riots/protests, violence against civilians, non-violent transfer of territory, remote violence. For details on these categories, please see

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# **DISCLAIMER**

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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