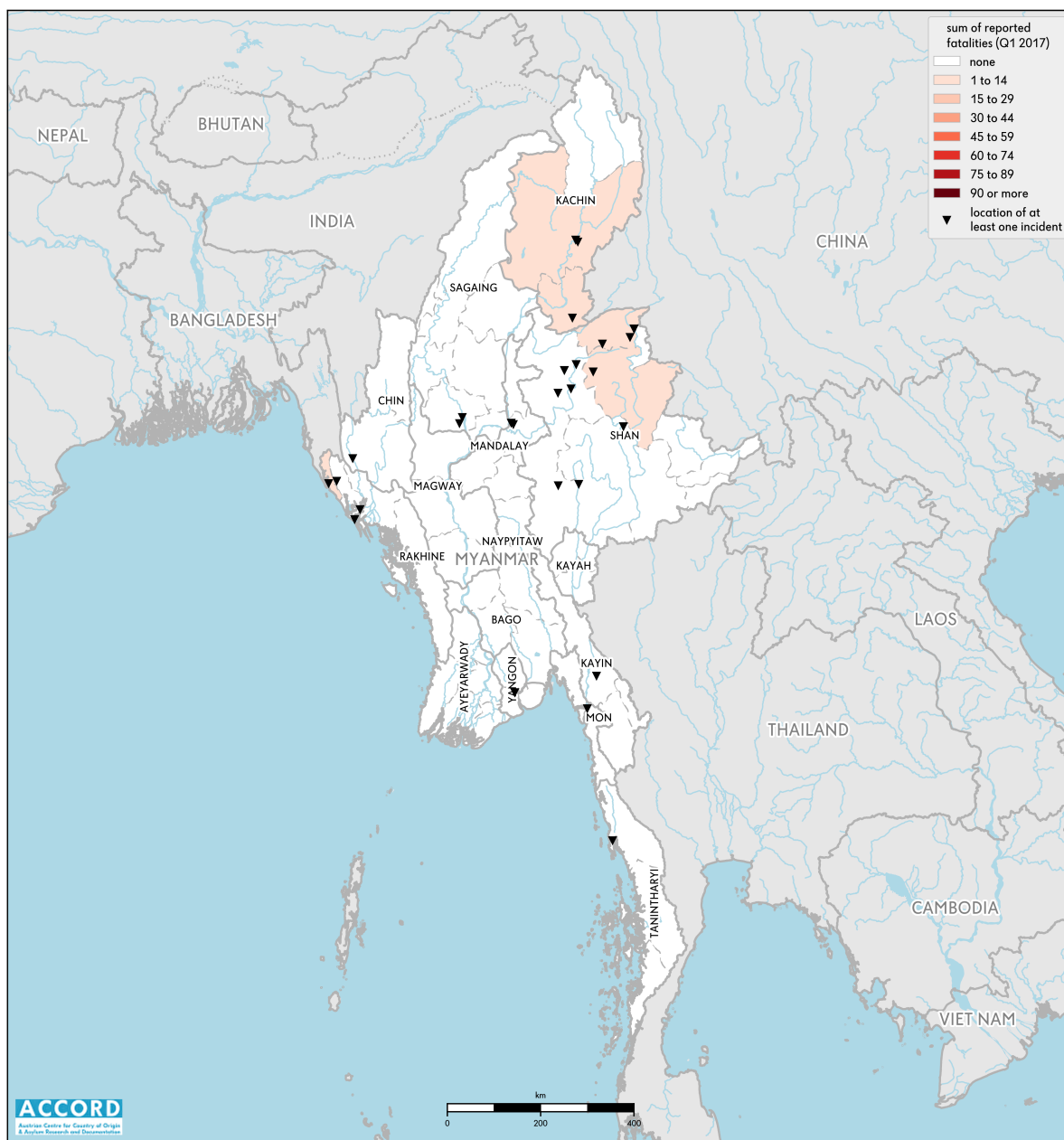


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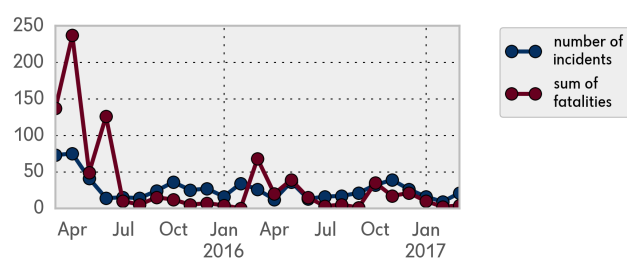
National borders: [GADM, November 2015a](#); administrative divisions: [GADM, November 2015b](#); Bhutan/China border status: [CIA, 2012](#); China/India border status: [CIA, 2006](#); geodata of disputed borders: [GADM, November 2015a](#); [Natural Earth, undated](#); incident data: [ACLED, May 2017](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

## Conflict incidents by category

category	number of incidents	sum of fatalities
battle	25	13
riots/protests	13	0
violence against civilians	5	2
remote violence	2	1
strategic developments	1	0
total	46	16

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

## Development of conflict incidents from March 2015 to March 2017



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

## LOCALIZATION OF CONFLICT INCIDENTS

**Note:** 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 **Chin**, 1 incident killing 0 people was reported. The following location was affected: **Paletwa**.

In **Kachin**, 3 incidents killing 9 people were reported. The following locations were affected: **Mansi, Myitktina, Waingmaw**.

In **Kayin**, 1 incident killing 0 people was reported. The following location was affected: **Hlaingbwe**.

In **Mandalay**, 2 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following location was affected: **Mandalay**.

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

In **Rakhine**, 6 incidents killing 1 person were reported. The following locations were affected: **Buthidaung, Maungdaw, Ponnagyun, Sittwe**.

In **Sagaing**, 2 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were affected: **Letpadaung, Salingyi**.

In **Shan**, 24 incidents killing 5 people were reported. The following locations were affected: **Hsipaw, Kokang, Kutkai, Kyaukme, Lashio, Laukkai, Mong Pawn, Monghsu, Namhsan, Namtu, Taunggyi**.

In **Tanintharyi**, 1 incident killing 0 people was reported. The following location was affected: **Yebyu**.

In **Yangon**, 5 incidents killing 1 person were reported. The following location was affected: **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 [www.acleddata.com](http://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. Geographic map data is primarily based on GADM, complemented with other sources if necessary. ACLED's location data is then used to located incidents in these maps. Incidents that could not be located are ignored. The numbers included in this overview might therefore differ from the original ACLED data.

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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