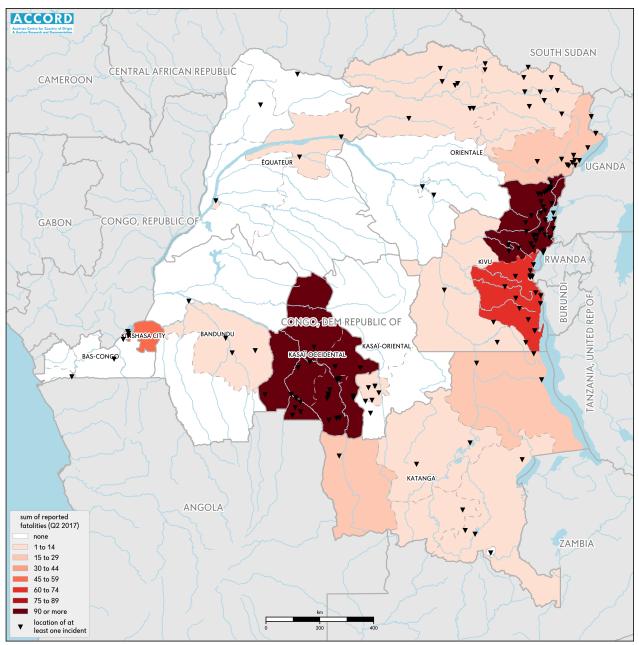
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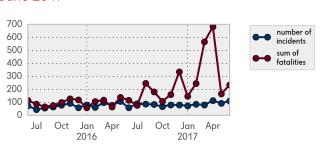
National borders: GADM, November 2015b; administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015a; incident data: ACLED, 9 September 2017; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

Conflict incidents by category

| category | number of incidents | sum of fatalities |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| battle | 113 | 419 |
| violence against civilians | 98 | 639 |
| riots/protests | 71 | 10 |
| strategic developments | 32 | 13 |
| non-violent activities | 2 | 0 |
| total | 316 | 1081 |

This table is based on data from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (datasets used: ACLED, 9 September 2017).

Development of conflict incidents from June 2015 to June 2017



This graph is based on data from the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (datasets used: ACLED, January 2017, and ACLED, 9 September 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.

Administrative divisions (based on GADM data) are reflected as of before the 2015/2016 reform.

In **Bandundu**, 5 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were affected: **Bandundu**, **Bulungu**, **Idiofa**, **Kikwit**.

In Bas-Congo, 3 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Kasangulu, Matadi, Mbanza Ngungu.

In Kasaï-Occidental, 61 incidents killing 693 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Demba, Dibaya, Dimbelenge, Kambongo, Kamonia, Kananga, Kasanji, Kazumba, Luachimo, Luebo, Luiza, Mai-Munene, Mombela, Mudiadia, Mujanji, Mutumba, Mweka, Ndekesha, Nganza, Nguejia, Tshiboko, Tshikapa, Tshimbulu, Tshisuku, Tshitundu.

In Kasaï-Oriental, 9 incidents killing 13 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Bena-Tshiswaka, Kalonji, Kamiji, Mbuji Mayi, Miabi, Mwene-Ditu.

In Katanga, 30 incidents killing 41 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Bendera, Kalamba-Kashama, Kalemie, Kalonga, Kamina, Kapolowe, Kongolo, Lubumbashi, Malemba Nkulu, Mumpundu, Mutabi.

In **Kinshasa City**, 17 incidents killing 57 people were reported. The following locations were affected: **Kinshasa**, **Limete Njili**, **Matete**.

In Kivu, 116 incidents killing 229 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Alimbongo, Bagira, Baswagha, Beni, Bihambwe, Bijombo, Bukavu, Bunyatenge, Bweru, Fizi, Goma, Kabambare, Kabare, Kabasha, Kalehe, Kalembe, Kamandi, Kaseghe, Kashusha, Kasindi, Katundu, Kavumu, Kibirizi, Kindu, Kirumba, Kitingi, Kitshanga, Kivuye, Lake Edward, Lemera, Lubero, Lulimba, Lungungu, Lunyasenge, Mambasa, Masisi, Mbau, Minembwe, Misisi, Miti, Mokoto, Mudaka, Mukulia, Munigi, Musindi, Mutanda, Mweso, Namoya, Nyakakoma, Nyamilima, Rutshuru, Supa, Uvira, Virunga National Park, Vurondo, Walikale.

In Orientale, 66 incidents killing 39 people were reported. The following locations were affected: Ango, Aru, Aveba, Bamangana, Banda, Bapia, Bogoro, Bunga, Bunia, Buta, Diabaka, Faradje, Gangala, Garamba National Park, Irumu, Ituri, Kanyasi, Kasenyi, Kisangani, Koga, Kpasi, Limai, Magbanga, Mahagi, Mambasa, Masumbu, Parka, Poko, Sambia, Samongo, Sirigi, Sisa, Tshopo.

In **Équateur**, 9 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were affected: **Bongandanga**, **Bumba**, **Gbadolite**, **Gemena**, **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. Geographic map data is primarily based on GADM, complemented with other sources if necessary. ACLED's location data is then used to locate 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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