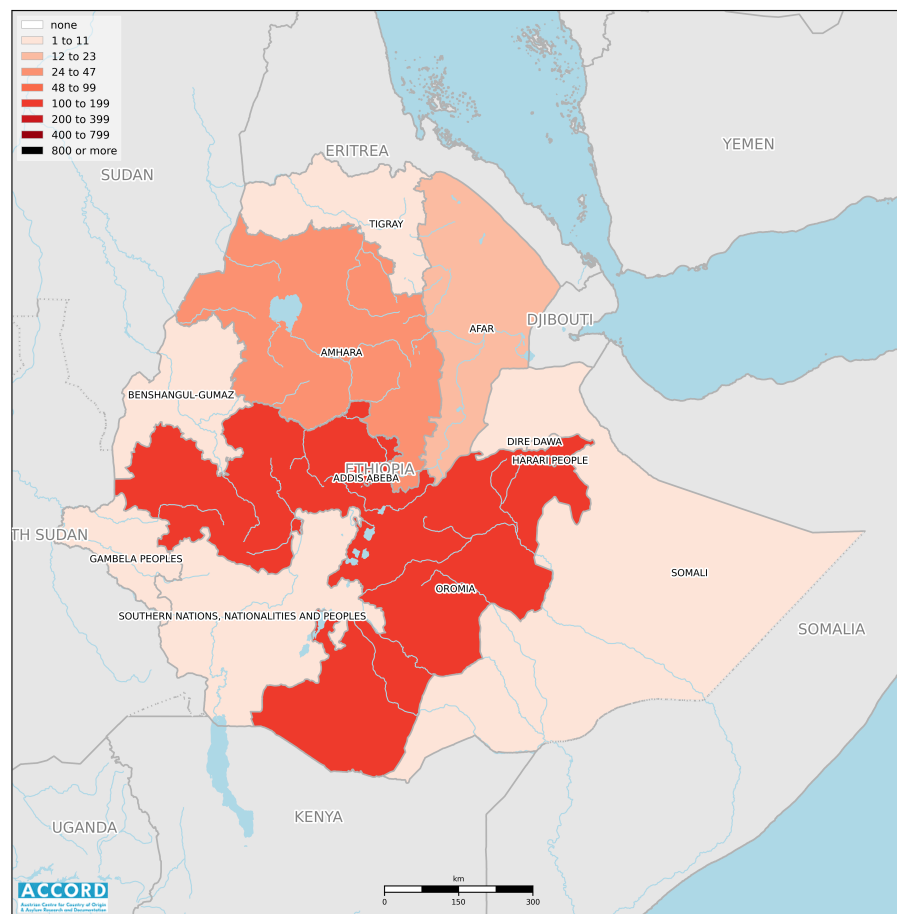


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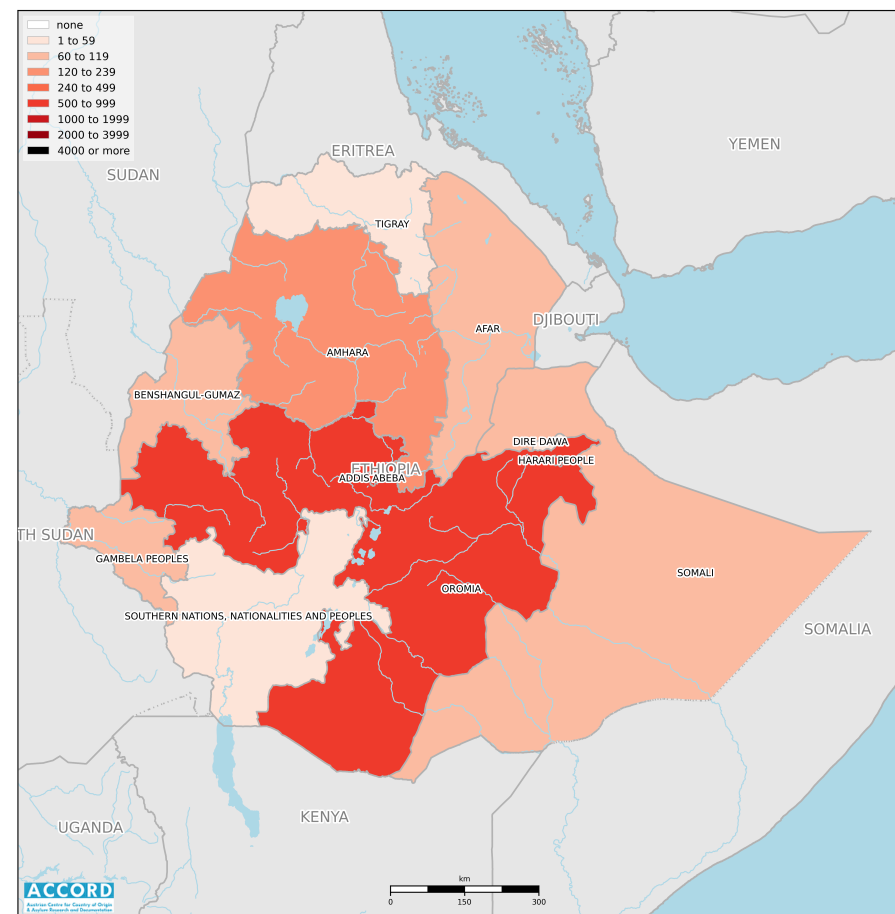
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 18 June 2018

## Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality



## Number of reported fatalities



National borders: [GADM, November 2015b](#); administrative divisions: [GADM, November 2015a](#); incident data: [ACLED, June 2018](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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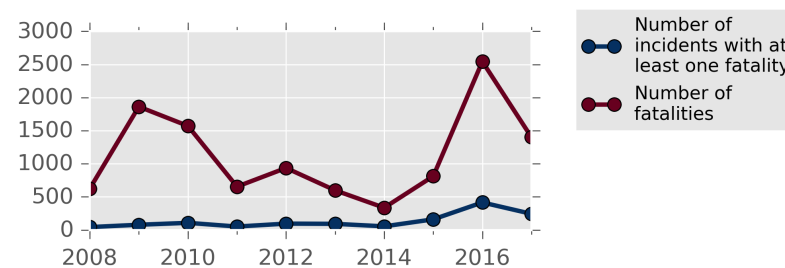
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## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Riots/protests	177	18	68
Battles	157	130	903
Violence against civilians	138	95	430
Strategic developments	21	0	0
Remote violence	7	0	0
Non-violent activities	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1401</b>

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, June 2018](#)).

## Development of conflict incidents from 2008 to 2017



This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, June 2018](#)).

## 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, Ethiopia being among them. ACLED researchers collect event data from a variety of sources and code them by date, location, agent, and event type.

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 states to use the most conservative estimate available. ACLED uses the reports' context to estimate fatalities for events with reported fatalities for which the exact number is unknown ("10" for plural fatalities, "100" if "hundreds" are mentioned, etc.). For further details on ACLED and for the full data, see [www.acleddata.com](http://www.acleddata.com) and [Raleigh; Linke; Hegre, and Karlsen, 2010](#).

Based on this data, the Austrian Centre for Country of Origin & Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD) compiles updates on conflict incidents and publishes them on [ecoi.net](http://ecoi.net) to offer another access point to the ACLED datasets.

It is advised to employ extreme caution when using fatality numbers.

The two maps above serve to compare the number of reported fatalities (potentially containing estimates) to the number of events with reported fatalities.

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. ACLED uses varying degrees of geographic precision for the individual incidents, depending on what level of detail is reported. Thus, towns may represent the wider region in which

an incident occurred, or the provincial capital may be used if only the province is known. Erroneous location data, especially due to identical place names, cannot be fully excluded.

Incidents comprise the following categories: battles, headquarters or bases 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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## Conflict incidents per province

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Addis Abeba	25	5	45
Afar	18	14	74
Amhara	74	34	120
Benshangul-Gumaz	14	11	104
Dire Dawa	3	1	1
Gambela Peoples	8	8	67
Harari People	1	0	0
Oromia	331	158	894
Somali	11	7	60
Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples	8	1	13
Tigray	8	4	23

## 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.). The data's precision varies among the incidents: a town may represent a region, or the provincial capital may be used if the precise location of an incident is unknown. 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 maps above.

In **Addis Abeba**, 25 incidents killing 45 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Addis Ababa, Akaki Beseka, Piazza**.

In **Afar**, 18 incidents killing 74 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Awash, Chifra, Erta Are Volcanic Site, Hadar, Semera**.

In **Amhara**, 74 incidents killing 120 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Addis Zemen, Arbaya, Arertu, Aykel, Azezo, Bahir Dar, Belessa, Debre Tabor, Dembia, Dessie, Gafra, Gonder, Habro, Ibnat, Kemise, Mekane Birhan, Metema, Quara, Senbete, Weldiya, Wirgesa**.

In **Benshangul-Gumaz**, 14 incidents killing 104 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Asosa, Belo Jegonfoy, Kamashi, Sherkole Wereda**.

In **Dire Dawa**, 3 incidents killing 1 person were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Dire Dawa**.

In **Gambela Peoples**, 8 incidents killing 67 people were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Gambella**.

In **Harari People**, 1 incident killing 0 people was reported. The following location was among the affected: **Harar**.

In **Oromia**, 331 incidents killing 894 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adaba, Agarfa, Alemaya, Ambo, Arero, Asasa, Asebe Teferi, Asela, Awaday, Aweday, Babile, Bale, Bedele, Bedeno, Beltu, Bishan Oda, Bishoftu, Biyo Karaba, Boke, Bokota, Boran, Borbor, Bordode, Bore, Boreda, Bule Hora, Bur Ano, Burka Dare, Chafe Donsa, Chamuk, Chelenko, Chinaksen, Chora, Darba, Darolebu, Debre Selam, Debre Zeyit, Deder, Defo, Dega, Dembi Dolo, Dendi, Dima, Doba, Dodola, Dumale, Ejere, Ejersa Goro, Ela Raya, Fedis, Fentale, Fiche, Fincha, Funyan Bira, Garbo**.

Gebre Guracha, Gefersa, Gelemso, Gimbi, Ginchi, Ginir, Girawa, Golo Oda, Goro, Guder, Guje, Gundo Meskel, Gursum, Gute, Hagere Maryam, Haro Dibe, Holeta Genet, Jeldu, Jido Kombolcha, Jima, Karamile, Kobo, Kofele, Kombolcha, Kumbi, Laga Hida, Liben, Masalaha, Meda Welabu, Mega, Metu, Meyumuluke, Midega, Mieso, Moyale, Muke Turi, Nazreth, Negele, Nejo, Nekemt, Nure Musa, Qelem, Rayitu, Robe, Sasiga, Shakiso, Shambu, Shashamane, Simane, Soka, Sululta, Tirtira, Tulu Bolo, Wabe, Waliso, Yabelo, Yayu, Ziway.

In **Somali**, 11 incidents killing 60 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Birkot, Dolo, Gode, Hamero, Jijiga**.

In **Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples**, 8 incidents killing 13 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arba Minch, Awasa, Chench, Chiro, Jinka, Welkite**.

In **Tigray**, 8 incidents killing 23 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adigrat, Irob, May Hargets, Welkait**.

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## Disclaimer

Event data may be revised or complemented in future updates. Updates in ACLED's datasets will not necessarily be reflected in ACCORD's reports if the update occurs close to or after the latter's publication. For more information on ACLED's methodology, please see [www.acleddata.com/resources/methodology/](http://www.acleddata.com/resources/methodology/). For more information on ACCORD's products based on the data, please see the [ecoi.net](http://ecoi.net) blog posts tagged with "ACLED". The lack of information on an event in this report

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