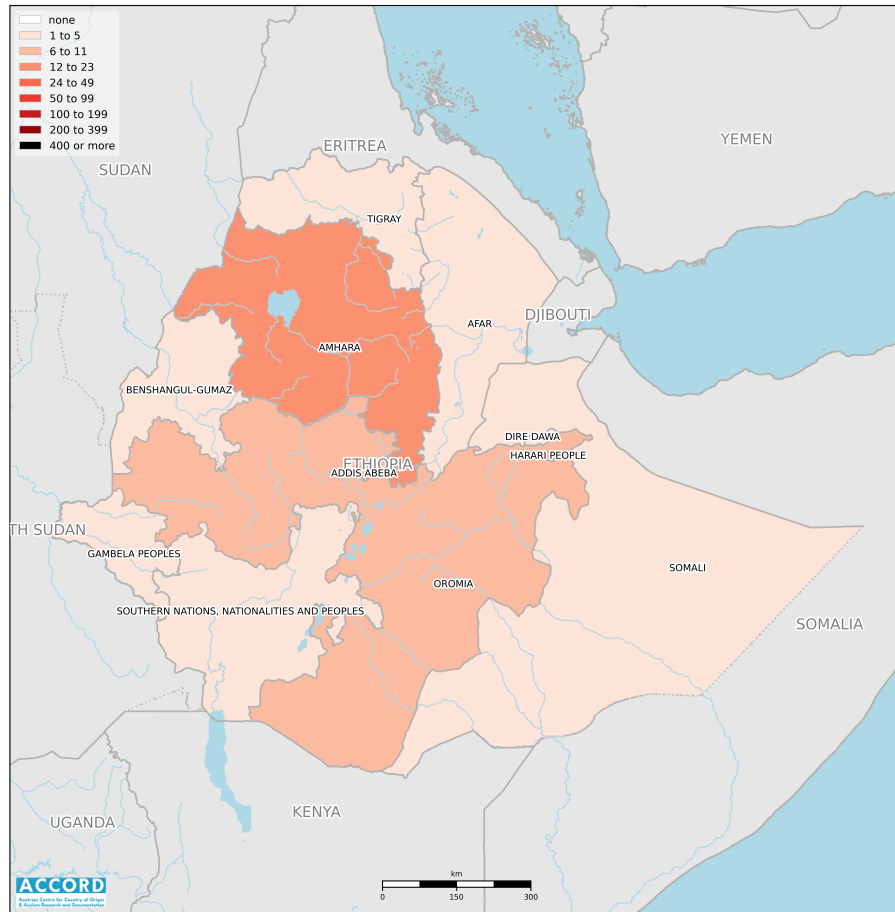


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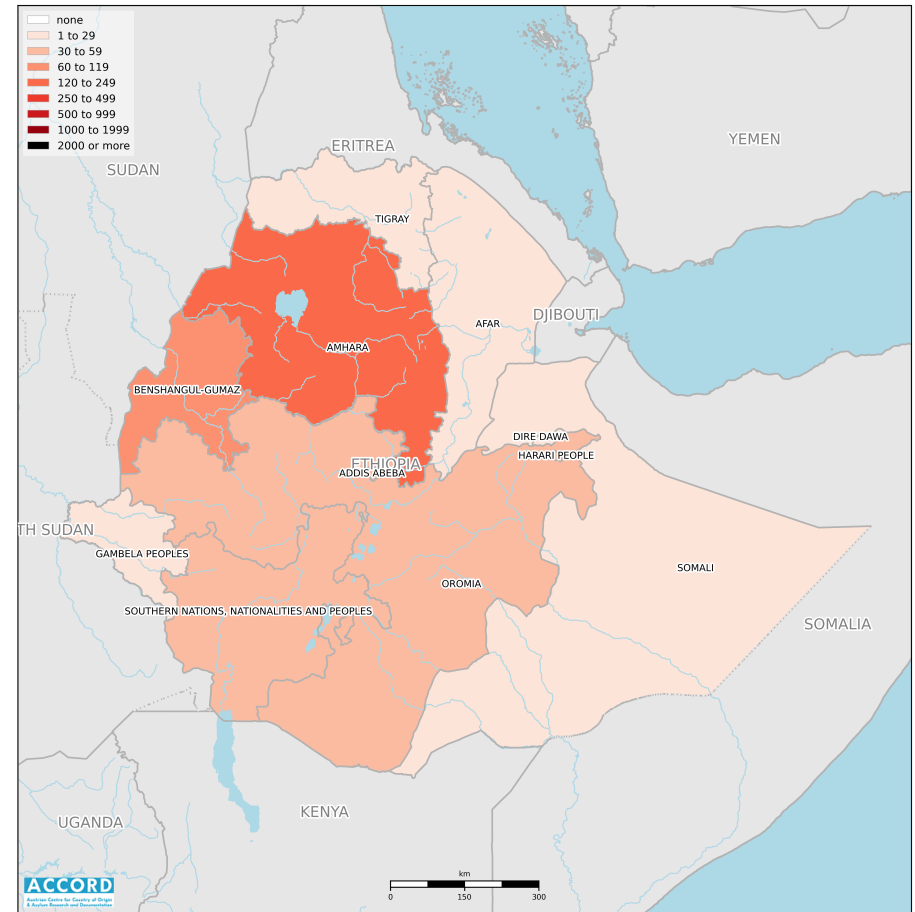
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 19 December 2019

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, 14 December 2019](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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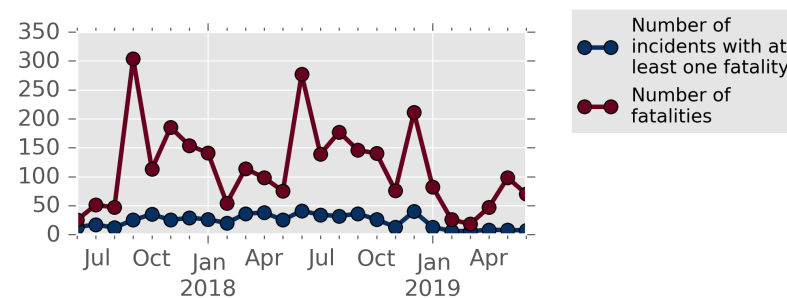
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Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Protests	59	1	8
Violence against civilians	30	23	226
Battles	17	16	87
Riots	15	6	13
Strategic developments	12	0	0
Explosions / Remote violence	3	2	7
Total	136	48	341

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 14 December 2019](#)).

Development of conflict incidents from June 2017 to June 2019



This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 14 December 2019](#)).

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 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 to offer another access point to the ACLED datasets.

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

Assessments of the security situation should not be based solely on quantitative analysis of event data.

Geographic map data is primarily based on GADM, complemented with other sources if necessary. Incidents are mapped to GADM provinces using the provinces in ACLED data. Province names and borders may differ between ACLED and GADM. 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	9	1	2
Afar	7	2	2
Amhara	34	15	134
Benshangul-Gumaz	5	4	82
Dire Dawa	5	1	1
Gambela Peoples	5	4	12
Harari People	1	0	0
Oromia	38	11	40
Somali	8	4	16
Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples	19	5	50
Tigray	5	1	2

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**, 9 incidents killing 2 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Addis Ababa, Akaki Kality, Lege Tafo**.

In **Afar**, 7 incidents killing 2 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Argoba, Aysaita, Galaluaa, Gewane, Semera**.

In **Amhara**, 34 incidents killing 134 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Addis Zemen, Ataye, Aykel, Bahir Dar, Bati, Dembia, Dessie, Gonder, Injibara, Kemise, Metema, North Welo Zone, Quorata, Weldiya**.

In **Benshangul-Gumaz**, 5 incidents killing 82 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Asosa, Guba**.

In **Dire Dawa**, 5 incidents killing 1 person were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Dire Dawa**.

In **Gambela Peoples**, 5 incidents killing 12 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**, 38 incidents killing 40 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adaba, Asela, Aweday, Babile, Bedele, Borana Zone, Bore, Bule Hora, Chinaksen, Chiro, Ciro, Dangi, Debre Berhan, Dembi Dolo, Fentale, Gefersa, Gimbi, Haramaya University, Hidilola, Holeta Genet, Jima, Metu, Moyale, Nazreth, Negele, Nejo, Nekemt, Robe, Sasiga, Shakiso, Shambu, Shashamane, Waliso**.

In **Somali**, 8 incidents killing 16 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arabi, Aydola, Fideli, Jijiga, Kededuma, Shinile**.

In **Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples**, 19 incidents killing 50 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alaba, Bonga, Guraghe, Hawasa, Kele, Konso, Silte, Sodo, Tepi, Wendo Genet**.

In **Tigray**, 5 incidents killing 2 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Humera, Mekele, Shire, Welkait, Zela Ambesa**.

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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. Changes in the sources used by ACLED to collect incident data might affect the comparability of data over time. For more information on ACLED’s methodology, please see www.acleddata.com/resources/methodology/. For more information on ACCORD’s products based on the data,

please see the [ecoi.net blog posts tagged with "ACLED"](#). 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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