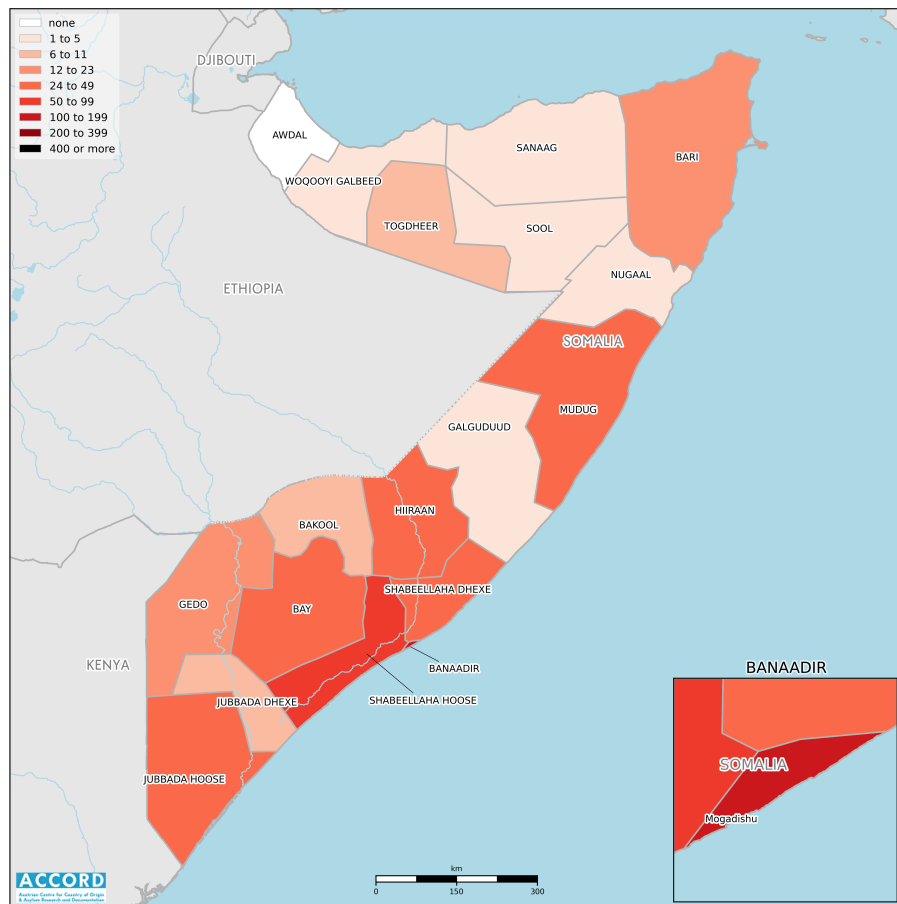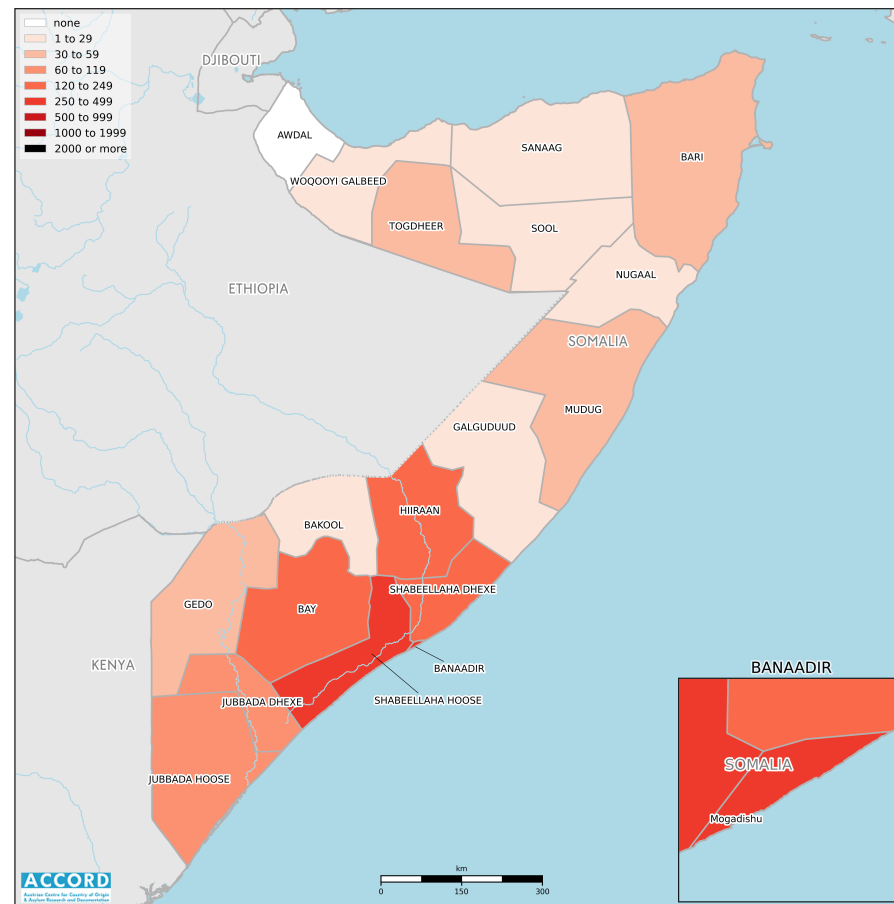# SOMALIA, FIRST HALFYEAR 2019:
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) - Updated 2nd edition compiled by ACCORD, 22 June 2020

Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 5
- 6 to 11
- 12 to 23
- 24 to 49
- 50 to 99
- 100 to 199
- 200 to 399
- 400 or more

Number of reported fatalities

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 29
- 30 to 59
- 60 to 119
- 120 to 249
- 250 to 499
- 500 to 999
- 1000 to 1999
- 2000 or more

National borders: GADM, November 2015a; administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015b; Ethiopia/Somalia border status: CIA, 2014; incident data: ACLED, 13 June 2020; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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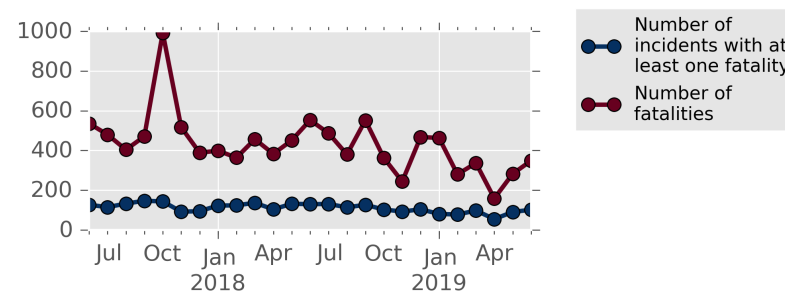# Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Battles	544	199	889
Explosions / Remote violence	332	112	633
Violence against civilians	278	188	333
Strategic developments	81	4	12
Protests	35	0	0
Riots	9	2	4
Total	1279	505	1871

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 13 June 2020).

Development of conflict incidents from June 2017 to June 2019

This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 13 June 2020).

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, Somalia 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 occured, 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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- ACLED – Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project: FAQs: ACLED Fatality Methodology, 27 January 2020 https://www.acleddata.com/download/17979/

Conflict incidents per province

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Awdal	2	0	0
Bakool	25	9	19
Banaadir	368	183	401
Bari	51	20	30
Bay	108	42	239
Galguduud	16	5	17
Gedo	52	13	48
Hiiraan	80	26	162
Jubbada Dhexe	21	11	118
Jubbada Hoose	99	29	112
Mudug	37	27	59
Nugaal	13	4	13
Sanaag	18	3	4
Shabeellaha Dhexe	128	35	204
Shabeellaha Hoose	212	82	403
Sool	17	4	6
Togdheer	15	9	33
Woqooyi Galbeed	17	3	3

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 unkown. 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 **Awdal**, 2 incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Borama, Gargara**.

In **Bakool**, 25 incidents killing **19** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abal, Ceel Barde, Doondardiir, Dudumaale, Kulunjerer, Lafaale, Moro Gabey, Oddur, Ofidow, Tayeeglow, Waajid, Xudur**.

In **Banaadir**, 368 incidents killing **401** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Mogadishu, Mogadishu-Abdiaziz, Mogadishu-Bondhere, Mogadishu-Daynile, Mogadishu-Dharkenley, Mogadishu-Hamar Jabjab District, Mogadishu-Hamar Weyne, Mogadishu-Hawl Wadaag, Mogadishu-Heliwa, Mogadishu-Hodan, Mogadishu-Karan, Mogadishu-Kaxda, Mogadishu-Shangaani, Mogadishu-Waaberi, Mogadishu-Wadajir, Mogadishu-Wardhigley, Mogadishu-Yaqshid**.

In **Bari**, 51 incidents killing **30** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Af-Urur, Al Madow, Bosaso, Bossaso, Dhadar, Galgala, Hirriro, Iskushuban, Karimo, Noobir, Qandala, Qardho, Rako Raaxo, Sheebaab, Timirshe**.

In **Bay**, 108 incidents killing **239** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aawdiinle, Abag-Tag, Baidoa, Bardaale, Buur Heybe, Buur Xakaba, Daynuunay, Diinsoor, Dugule, Gasarta, Goof Guduud, Gufguduud Burey, Gurbaan, Horseed, Jameecada, Jiiro Mad Sheeg, Koban,**

Koorow, Kurman, Leego, Lug-Habar, Makuudo, Mayafulka, Mooda Mooda, Qansax Dheere, Sabid, Xabaalo Barbar, Yaaq-Baraway.

In **Galguduud**, **16** incidents killing **17** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balanbale, Bulacle, Cabudwaaq, Cadaado, Ceel Buur, Ceel Garas, Ceel-Lahelay, Dhuusamarreeb, Guri-Ceel, Kooshin, Xeraale**.

In **Gedo**, **52** incidents killing **48** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Anole, Bakal, Bardera, Belet Xaawo, Birta-dheer, Budada, Bulo Gudud, Buraa, Busaar, Buurdhuubo, Ceel Boon, Ceel Cadde, Ceel Gaduud, Ceel Waaq - Ceel Adde Road, Daduma Addi, Dhamase, Doolow, El Wak, Faafax Dhuun, Garbahaarey, Geedweyne, Luuq, Reys Qode, Sheebow**.

In **Hiiraan**, **80** incidents killing **162** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bacad, Banyaaley, Belet Weyne, Booco, Bukurale, Bulo Burto, Buqda Caqable, Buqkoosaar, Buur Weyn, Ceel Cali, Ceel Gaal, Dabayoodle, Halgan, Hawo Tako, Jalalaqsi, Kalabeyr, Luuqjelow, Matabaan, Maxaas, Nurhawad, Shabeelley**.

In **Jubbada Dhexe**, **21** incidents killing **118** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arabow, Barwaaqo, Buaale, Jilib, Kuunyo-Barrow**.

In **Jubbada Hoose**, **99** incidents killing **112** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abdale Birole, Afmadow, Bangeeni, Baqdaad, Bar-Sanguun, Buulo Gaduud, Buur Gaabo, Deelholaa, Dhobley, Dif, Fanoole, Farjano, Hosingow, Hulugho-Kulbiyow Road, Jaldesa, Jamaame, Kismayo, Kobon, Liboi, Malayle, Qoqani, Ras Kamboni, Tabta, Waamo, Wadajir, Weel Maro, Welmaro**.

In **Mudug**, **37** incidents killing **59** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bacaadweyn, Ballibusle, Bitaale, Docol, Gaalkacyo, Galdogob, Garsoor, Hero Dayax, Horumar, Israac, Jariiban, Xarardheere**.

In **Nugaal**, **13** incidents killing **13** people were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Garowe**.

In **Sanaag**, **18** incidents killing **4** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Badhan, Ceerigaabo, Damale Xagare, Dararweyne, Garadag, Hadaaftimo, Xamilka, Xin-Galool, Yubbe**.

In **Shabeellaha Dhexe**, **128** incidents killing **204** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adale, Adan Yabaal, Balad, Balcad, Biyo Cadde, Burane, Buurane, Cadale, Cadley, Cali Fool Dheere, Cali Gaudud, Ceel Baraf, Ceel Geelow, Ceel Macaan, Ceel Muluq, Dooley, Fiidow, Geel Gub, Gololey, Gulane, Jilyaale, Jowhar, Kogar, Lebiga, Mahadaay, Miir-Taqwo, Mirtuugo, Qalimow, Raga Ceel, Sabbuun, Sokolwa, Warshiikh, Xaaji-Cali, Xawaadleey, Yaaqla**.

In **Shabeellaha Hoose**, **212** incidents killing **403** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Afgooye, Awdheegle, Baasra, Balad Amiin, Bali Doogle, Ballo, Baraawe, Bariirre, Basra, Bulo Mareer, Bulo Siidow, Buufow Bacaad, Buulo Folyo, Cabdow Dibile, Ceel Shiikh, Ceelasha Biyaha, Daarasalaam, Danow, Daydoog, Dhabaane, Dhagahtur, Dhanaane, Embareeso, Farsoley, Garowle, Golweyn, Hantiwadaag, Jambaluul, Janaale, K50, Kurtunwaarey, Lafoole, Madiina, Marka, Mashalaay, Qoryooley, Shalaambood, Siinka Dheer, Tortoroow, Ugunji, Wanla Weyne, Waraaboole, Warmahan, Xaawo-Cabdi, Yaaq Biri Weyne**.

In **Sool**, **17** incidents killing **6** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Gambadha, God Qaboobe, Kalabaydh, Laascaanood, Madareemin, Tuko Raq**.

In **Togdheer**, **15** incidents killing **33** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Burco, Buuhoodle, Qar Goliis, Sheikh**.

In **Woqooyi Galbeed**, **17** incidents killing **3** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Berbera, Hargeysa, Mahamud Haybe, Wajaale, Xumba Wayne**.

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