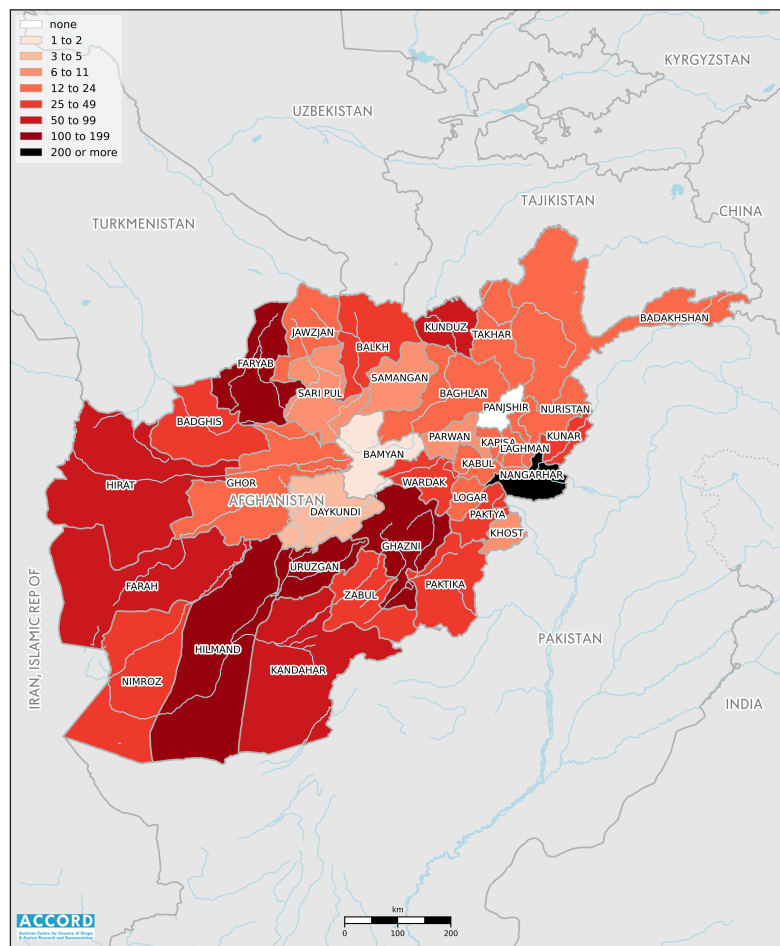# AFGHANISTAN, FOURTH QUARTER 2018:
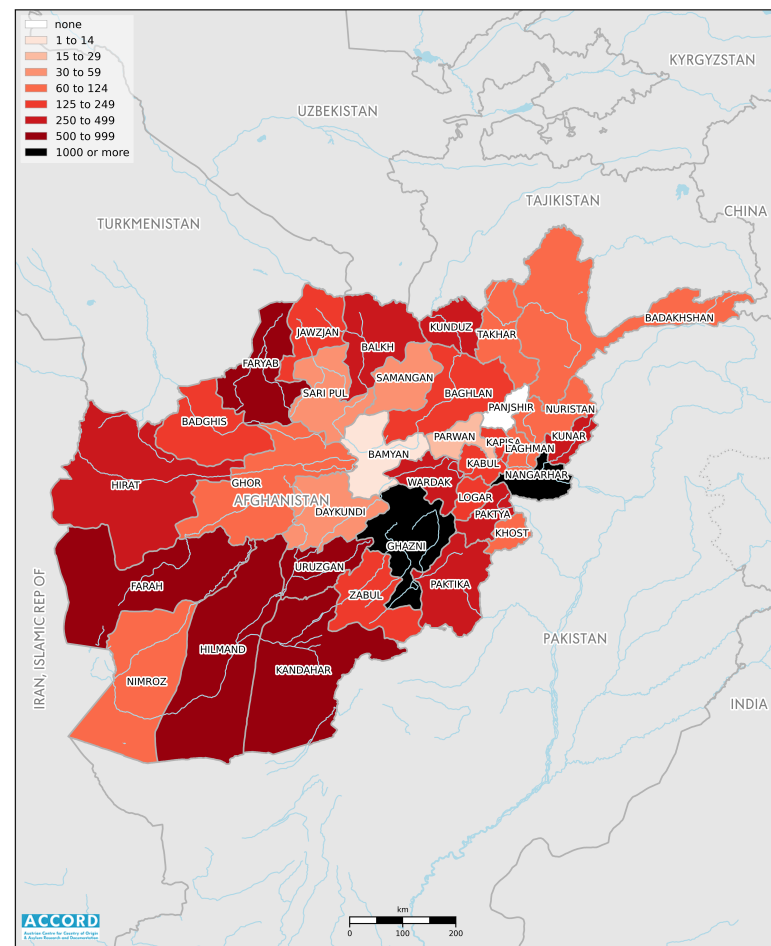## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 26 February 2020

Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality

	none
	1 to 2
	3 to 5
	6 to 11
	12 to 24
	25 to 49
	50 to 99
	100 to 199
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Number of reported fatalities

	none
	1 to 14
	15 to 29
	30 to 59
	60 to 124
	125 to 249
	250 to 499
	500 to 999
	1000 or more

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National borders: GADM, November 2015b; administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015a; Kashmir border status: CIA, 2004; geodata of disputed borders: GADM, November 2015b; Natural Earth, undated; incident data: ACLED, 22 February 2020; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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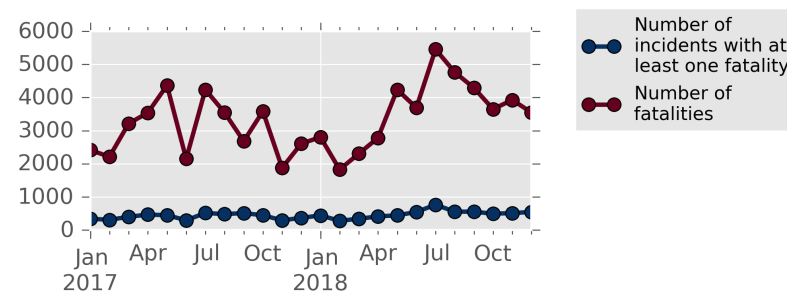## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Battles	2192	1165	8548
Explosions / Remote violence	688	329	2324
Violence against civilians	54	27	102
Strategic developments	48	24	136
Protests	5	1	9
Riots	4	2	3
Total	2991	1548	11122

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 22 February 2020).

Development of conflict incidents from January 2017 to December 2018

This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 22 February 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, Afghanistan 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.

Please see ACLED's additional methodological papers for Afghanistan: ACLED, 16 December 2019, ACLED, 19 December 2019

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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Conflict incidents per province

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Badakhshan	40	17	112
Badghis	76	28	186
Baghlan	47	18	154
Balkh	70	28	250
Bamyan	1	1	2
Daykundi	7	5	52
Farah	134	88	772
Faryab	167	113	811
Ghazni	276	189	1824
Ghor	27	13	61
Hilmand	383	172	917
Hirat	99	50	280
Jawzjan	30	18	146
Kabul	69	13	192
Kandahar	189	77	542
Kapisa	45	17	138
Khost	49	11	71
Kunar	81	44	264
Kunduz	94	56	405
Laghman	66	22	105

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Logar	79	22	151
Nangarhar	280	202	1481
Nimroz	46	25	120
Nuristan	26	16	108
Paktika	75	48	332
Paktya	94	34	258
Parwan	33	7	15
Samangan	14	6	35
Sari Pul	29	9	54
Takhar	35	21	101
Uruzgan	133	102	674
Wardak	78	29	277
Zabul	119	47	232

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 **Badakhshan**, **40** incidents killing **112** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghanj Khwa, Argo, Baharak, Darayim,**

Farman Qoli, Fayzabad, Jurm, Keran wa Menjan, Kohistan, Mashhad, Nusay, Shuhada, Such, Tishkan, Ziraki.

In **Badghis**, **76** incidents killing **186** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Akazai, Chashmah-ye Shirin, Gormach, Jawand, Joy-e Khwajah, Laman, Muqur, Murghab, Murichaq, Qadis, Qala i Naw, Sang Atesh**.

In **Baghlan**, **47** incidents killing **154** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baghlani Jadid, Burka, Chashmah-ye Sher, Dahana i Ghuri, Dushi, Guzargahi Nur, Nahrin, Pul-e Khumri, Tala wa Barfak**.

In **Balkh**, **70** incidents killing **250** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balkh, Charbolak, Chimtal, Dawlat Abad, Kaldar, Kishindih, Mazar-e Sharif, Nahri Shahi, Sabzi Kar, Sholgara, Shortepa, Zari**.

In **Bamyan**, **1** incident killing **2** people was reported. The following location was among the affected: **Bamyan**.

In **Daykundi**, **7** incidents killing **52** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Kajran, Kiti, Nili, Pato, Sowf**.

In **Farah**, **134** incidents killing **772** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Anar Dara, Bala Buluk, Farah, Ganjabad, Girani, Gulistan, Kal Qalah, Kanisk, Khak-e Safid, Lash wa Juwayn, Pur Chaman, Pusht Koh, Pusht Rod, Qala i Kah, Shahr-e Kuhnah, Shewan, Shib Koh, Sultan Bakwa**.

In **Faryab**, **167** incidents killing **811** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Almar, Andkhoy, Aqsay Arab, Arkalik, Bazar Qalah, Chaghatak, Dawlat Abad, Divana Khana, Gurziwan, Islam**

Qala, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Koh-e Sayyad, Maymana, Nughayli Pa'in, Pashtun Kot, Qala, Qaramqol, Qaysar, Qizil Kotal, Qurghan, Sang-e Zard, Sar-e Howz, Shirin Tagab, Yakah Tut.

In **Ghazni**, **276** incidents killing **1824** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Band, Arzu, Chahar Dewar-e Mulla Ali, Dado, Dehak, Gelan, Ghazni, Jaghuri, Khugiani, Khwaja Umari, Laghah Wat, Malistan, Miray, Muqur, Mushakai, Nawa, Pana, Qalah-ye Qazi, Qarabagh, Ramak, Rashidan, Waghaz, Zarak**.

In **Ghor**, **27** incidents killing **61** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chaghcharan, Delak, Du Layna, Lal, Mang, Pasaband, Qal-e Zubayd, Shahrak, Taywara, Tulak**.

In **Hilmand**, **383** incidents killing **917** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Pashak Mandeh, Ainak, Babaji, Bahram Chah, Chah Anjir, Deh Adam Khan, Garmsir, Girishk, Kajaki, Khanashin, Kharki, Lashkargah, Lowy Manda, Marja, Musa Qala, Nad-e Ali, Naqilabad Kelay, Nawa-e Barakzayi, Nawzad, Sangin, Sarband-e Shamalan Kelay, Sorkh Doz, Torah Shah Ghundey, Washir, Yakhchal**.

In **Hirat**, **99** incidents killing **280** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adraskan, Azizabad, Chishti Sharif, Farsi, Ghoryan, Gulran, Guzara, Herat, Injil, Kohsan, Kushki Kuhna, Obe, Pashtun Zarghun, Rabat-e Sangi-ye Pain, Shindand, Zamanabad**.

In **Jawzjan**, **30** incidents killing **146** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aqcha, Fayzabad, Gurjak, Khamyab, Mingajik, Qarqin, Qush Tepa, Shibirghan**.

In **Kabul**, **69** incidents killing **192** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bagrami, Chahar Asyab, Gogamundah, Hamid**

Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Khak-e Jabbar, Kotahgay, Mussahi, Paghman, Qarabagh, Shakardara, Surobi, Tarakhel.

In **Kandahar**, 189 incidents killing 542 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Almesh, Arghandab, Arghistan, Bagh Khalil, Band Temur, Bayab Banak, Bazar-e Panjvai, Daman, Howz-e Madad, Kandahar, Karam Karez, Khak Chopan, Khakrez, Mandozai, Maruf, Maywand, Miyanishin, Mundigak, Nagahan, Naish, Pasab, Sangi Sar, Shah Wali Kot, Shalghami, Shorabak, Spin Boldak, Takhtah Pul, Tor Kotal, Zangitan, Zhari.

In **Kapisa**, 45 incidents killing 138 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Afghanyah, Alasay, Fayrozahi, Hajjikheyl, Mahmud-e-Raqi, Nijrab, Tagab.

In **Khost**, 49 incidents killing 71 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Alisher, Bak, Dadwal, Khost, Musa Khel, Nadir Shah Kot, Qalandar, Sekhamir Kalay, Spera, Yakubi.

In **Kunar**, 81 incidents killing 264 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Asadabad, Asmar, Badel, Chapa Dara, Chawkay, Dangam, Dara i Pech, Ghaziabad, Kuz Narang, Manogi, Marawara, Nari, Shaigal Aw Shiltan, Sirkanay, Wata Pur.

In **Kunduz**, 94 incidents killing 405 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Ali Abad, Alifberdi, Aq Tapa, Archi, Chahar Tut, Chardara, Du Wandi, Imam Sahib, Khan Abad, Khwajah Pistah, Kunduz, Qalay i Zal, Qarlugh.

In **Laghman**, 66 incidents killing 105 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Alingar, Alishing, Dawlat Shah, Gula Khel, Lalkhanabad, Mehtar Lam, Qalatak.

In **Logar**, 79 incidents killing 151 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Azra, Baraki Barak, Charkh, Kharwar, Khoshi, Mohammad Agha, Pul-e Qandahari, Puli Alam, Surkh Ab.

In **Nangarhar**, 280 incidents killing 1481 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Bagh-e Bawlay, Baghdara, Bandar Darah, Barikab, Bati Kot, Behsud, Chaparhar, Chihil Gazi, Dih Bala, Duaw, Dur Baba, Fatehabad, Ghani Khel, Gulai, Hisarak, Jalalabad, Kaga, Kama, Kot, Kuz Biyar, Lal Pur, Marki Khel, Mohmand, Mohmand Dara, Nazyan, Pachir Wa Agam, Papin, Rodat, Sherzad, Shinwar, Siyah Chob, Sra Kala, Sultanpur, Torah Borah, Wazir, Zawa.

In **Nimroz**, 46 incidents killing 120 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Chahar Burjak, Chakhansur, Delaram, Kang, Khash, Zaranj.

In **Nuristan**, 26 incidents killing 108 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Barg-e Matal, Kamdesh, Nurgaram, Parun, Wama, Waygal.

In **Paktika**, 75 incidents killing 332 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Barmal, Gayan, Gomal, Jani Khel, Khoshamand, Mata Khan, Nika, Omna, Sar Hawza, Sarobi, Sharan, Terwa, Urgun, Waza Khwa, Wor Mamay, Yahya Khel, Yosuf Khel, Zarghun Shahr.

In **Paktya**, 94 incidents killing 258 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Ahmadabad, Chamkani, Dand Wa Patan, Gardez, Ibrahim Khel, Jaji, Jani Khail, Laja Mangal, Lazha Ahmad Khel, Sahak, Sayed Karam, Zurmat.

In **Parwan**, 33 incidents killing 15 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Bagram, Ghorband, Jabal Saraj, Kohi Safi,

Shinwari.

In **Samangan**, **14** incidents killing **35** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dara i Sufi Payan, Hazrat-e Sultan, Qadam Ali, Samangan**.

In **Sari Pul**, **29** incidents killing **54** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balkhab, Gosfandi, Qarah Khawal, Sar-e Pol, Sayyad, Sozma Qala, Tukzar**.

In **Takhar**, **35** incidents killing **101** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Darqad, Dashti Qala, Ishkamish, Khwaja Baha Wuddin, Khwaja Ghar, Namak Ab, Rustaq, Taloqan, Yangi Qala**.

In **Uruzgan**, **133** incidents killing **674** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chora, Deh Rahwod, Gizab, Khas Urozgan, Khas Uruzgan, Kotwal, Rijwani, Safed Khar-e Gharbi, Shah Mansur, Shahidi Hassas, Talani, Tarinkot**.

In **Wardak**, **78** incidents killing **277** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ambo Khak, Chaki Wardak, Jaghatu, Jalrez, Kan-e Ezzat, Maidan Shar, Mangali, Saydabad**.

In **Zabul**, **119** incidents killing **232** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghandab, Atghar, Daychopan, Mizan, Naw Bahar, Qalat, Shah Joy, Shahr-e Safa, Shamulzayi, Shinkay, Spin Ghbargah, Surkh Sang, Tarnak Wa Jaldak, Tazi**.

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