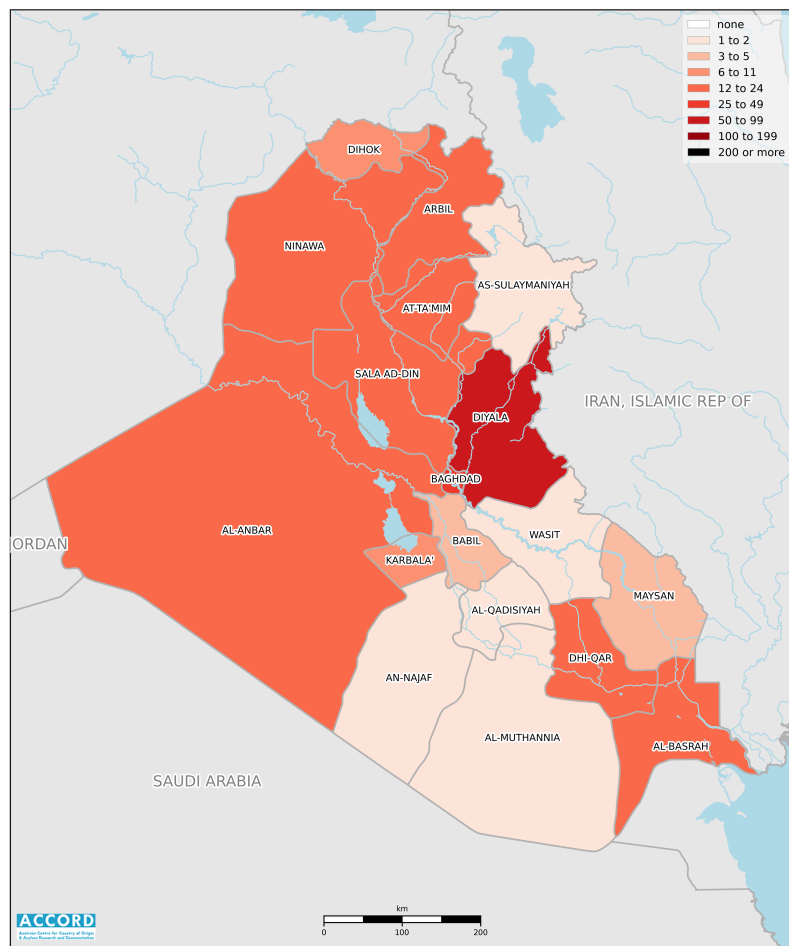


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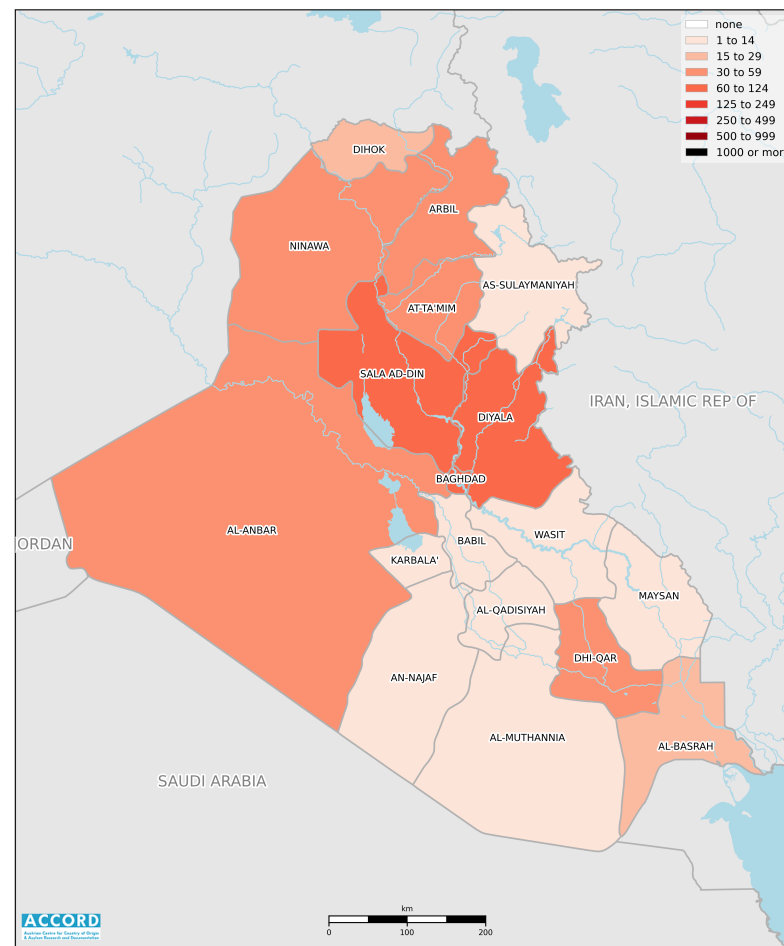
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 23 June 2020

## Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality



## Number of reported fatalities



National borders: [GADM, November 2015a](#); administrative divisions: [GADM, November 2015b](#); incident data: [ACLED, 20 June 2020](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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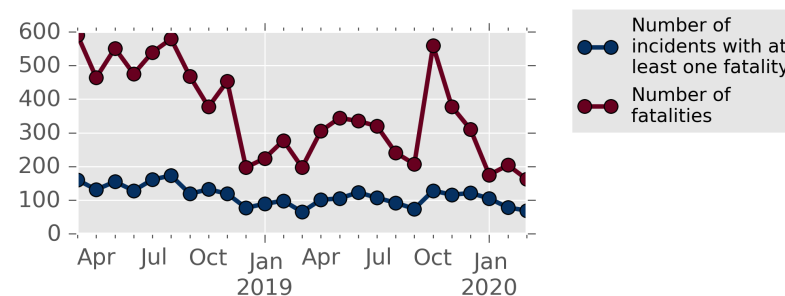
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## Conflict incidents by category

| Category                     | Number of incidents | Number of incidents with at least one fatality | Number of fatalities |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| Protests                     | 433                 | 11   | 34                   |
| Explosions / Remote violence | 286                 | 50   | 105                  |
| Riots                        | 163                 | 20   | 37                   |
| Battles                      | 135                 | 90   | 259                  |
| Violence against civilians   | 123                 | 77   | 102                  |
| Strategic developments       | 64                  | 4  | 4                    |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>1204</b>         | <b>252</b>                                     | <b>541</b>           |

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 20 June 2020](#)).

## Development of conflict incidents from March 2018 to March 2020



This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 20 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, Iraq 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.

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 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Al-Anbar        | 35                  | 13                                  | 32                   |
| Al-Basrah       | 96                  | 16                                  | 20                   |
| Al-Muthannia    | 76                  | 2                                   | 2                    |
| Al-Qadisiyah    | 68                  | 1                                   | 1                    |
| An-Najaf        | 44                  | 2                                   | 13                   |
| Arbil           | 94                  | 17                                  | 55                   |
| As-Sulaymaniyah | 24                  | 2                                   | 5                    |
| At-Ta'mim       | 50                  | 20                                  | 37                   |
| Babil           | 23                  | 3                                   | 7                    |
| Baghdad         | 181                 | 43                                  | 69                   |
| Dhi-Qar         | 142                 | 17                                  | 32                   |
| Dihok           | 61                  | 11                                  | 20                   |
| Diyala          | 106                 | 54                                  | 84                   |
| Karbala'        | 32                  | 6                                   | 7                    |
| Maysan          | 18                  | 3                                   | 4                    |
| Ninawa          | 56                  | 21                                  | 37                   |
| Sala ad-Din     | 44                  | 19                                  | 114                  |
| Wasit           | 54                  | 2                                   | 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 **Al-Anbar**, 35 incidents killing 32 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ain Assad Air Base, Akashat, Al Baghdadi, Al Halqaniyah, Al Muhammadi, Al Nukhib, Al Qaim, Al Waleed Border Crossing, Alsawar, Anah, Ar Rutba, Fallujah, Haditha, Hit, Karma, Ramadi.**

In **Al-Basrah**, 96 incidents killing 20 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu al-Khaseeb, Al Nashwa, Al Qiblah, Al-Faw, Al-Hartha, Al-Madiana, Al-Zubair, Ar Ramilah, Ar Rumaylah, Basrah, Khor al Zubair, Majnoon Oil Field, Nahiyat ad Dayr, Qurna, Safwan, Umm Qasr, West Qurna 1 Oilfield.**

In **Al-Muthannia**, 76 incidents killing 2 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Khidr, Al Warka, Al-Hilal, As Salman, As Samawah, Qaryat al Mamlahah, Rumaitha.**

In **Al-Qadisiyah**, 68 incidents killing 1 person were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Afak, As Sinniyah, Ash-Shinafiyah, Diwaniya, Hamza, Shamiya.**

In **An-Najaf**, 44 incidents killing 13 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Kufa, Najaf.**

In **Arbil**, 94 incidents killing 55 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Choman, Erbil, Jabal Biradawst, Koisanjaq, Lolan, Makhmur, Mergasur, Qaraj, Ruala, Sidakan, Silsilat Jibal Qandil, Wadi Khakurik.**

In **As-Sulaymaniyah**, 24 incidents killing 5 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bazian, Chamchamal, Dokan, Halabja, Kalar, Penjwin, Seyid Sadiq, Sulaymaniyah, Xelekan.**

In **At-Ta'mim**, 50 incidents killing 37 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Daquq, Hamrin Mountains - Kirkuk, Haweeja, Jaghmaghah, Kirkuk, Mamah, Nahiyat ar Riyad, Nahiyat az Zab, Qaryat Albu Sibah, Qaryat Tuwayliah, Rashad, Shay Valley, Taza, Tuwayriyah, Wadi Zaghaytun.**

In **Babil**, 23 incidents killing 7 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Qasim, Hilla, Jurf Al Nasr.**

In **Baghdad**, 181 incidents killing 69 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu Ghraib, Al Latifiyah, Al Mahmudiyah, Al Yusufiyah, At Tarmiyah, Baghdad, Baghdad - 9 Nissan, Baghdad - Adhamiya, Baghdad - Al Rashid, Baghdad - Kadhimiya, Baghdad - Karadah, Baghdad - Karkh, Baghdad - Mansour, Baghdad - Rusafa, Baghdad - Sadr City, Baghdad International Airport, Bismayah, Hawr Rajab, Jisr Diyala, Nahrawan, Taji.**

In **Dhi-Qar**, 142 incidents killing 32 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Akaika, Al Gharraf, Al Islah, Batha, Chibayish, Nahiyat al Fudaylah, Nahiyat al Fuhud, Nassriya, Qalat Sukkar, Rifai, Shatra, Suq Al-Shoyokh.**

In **Dihok**, 61 incidents killing 20 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Amadiya, Chiya-e Gara, Dahuk, Fish Khabur, Haftanin, Metina, Sheladiz.**

In **Diyala**, 106 incidents killing 84 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu Saida, Adhaim, Al Abbarah, Al Azim, Al Hadd**

**al Akhdar, Al Husseiniya, Al Mandhariyah, Al-Khalis, Al-Mansouriyah, Al-Muqdadiya, Al-Zoor, Balad Ruz, Baquba, Buhriz, Dur al Waqf, Hamrin Mountains - Diyala, Jalawla, Kahriz, Khan Bani Saad, Khanaqin, Kifri, Lake Hamrin, Mandali, Naft Khanah, Qarah Tabah, Qaryat Jayzani, Qaryat al Aswad al Bazayiz, Qaryat al Islah, Qaryat al Mukhaysah, Qaryat as Sadah, Qaryat ash Shaykhi, Shaykh Bawa, Umm al Hintah, Zaghiniyah.**

In **Karbala'**, 32 incidents killing 7 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Hindyah, Kerbala, Nahiyat al Haydariyah.**

In **Maysan**, 18 incidents killing 4 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Amara, Muhayn, Qalat Salih.**

In **Ninawa**, 56 incidents killing 37 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Akre, Al Ayadhiyah, Al Baaj, Al Barit, Al Kuwayr, Al Muhallabiyah, Al Qayyarah, Atashana Mountains, Ath Thaljah, Badush, Hajj Ali, Hammam al Alil, Hatra, Khana Sor, Mosul, Mosul - Al Karamah, Mosul - Al-Hadbaa, Mosul - Al-Jadeda, Mosul - Al-Rabee, Mosul - Al-Salam, Munira, Qaraj Tahtali, Shurah, Sinjar, Sinuni, Telafar, Tilkaif.**

In **Sala ad-Din**, 44 incidents killing 114 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Khanukiyah, Amerli, Aradi Hawi al Maytah, Baiji, Balad, Daur, Dujail, Hamrin Mountains - Sala al-Din, Maftul, Makhol Mountain, Mukeshfeh, Mutaibijah, Nahiyat al Ishaqi, Qaryat Albu Faraj, Qaryat al Huwaysh, Samarra, Sulayman Bak, Tikrit, Tuz Khurma.**

In **Wasit**, 54 incidents killing 2 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Aziziyah, Hai, Kut, Namaniya, Suwaira.**

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## Disclaimer

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