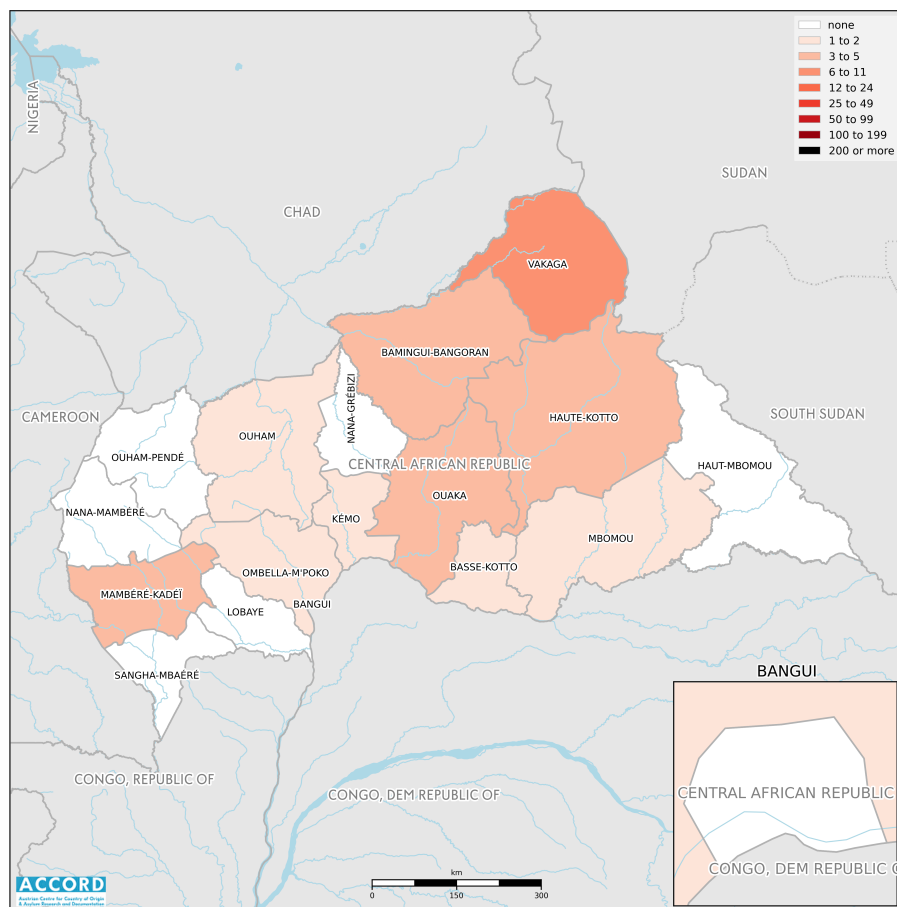# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, FIRST QUARTER 2020:
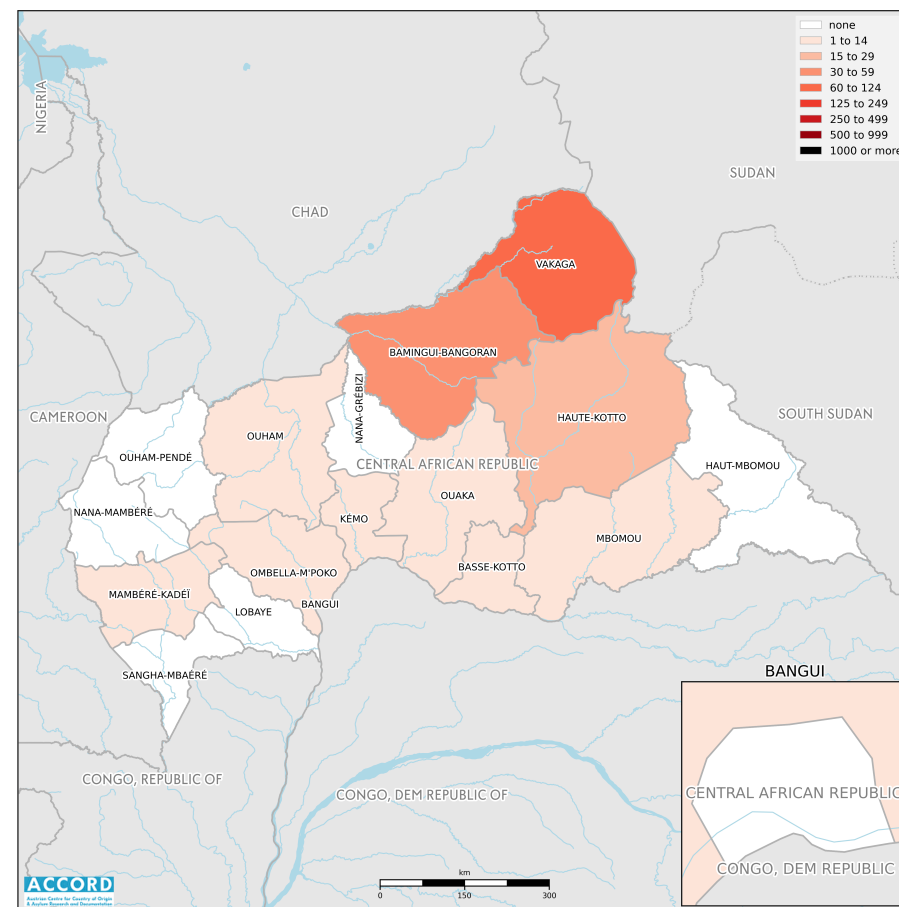## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 23 June 2020

Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 2
- 3 to 5
- 6 to 11
- 12 to 24
- 25 to 49
- 50 to 99
- 100 to 199
- 200 or more

Number of reported fatalities

Legend:
- 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

National borders: GADM, November 2015b; administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015a; Abyei Area: SSNBS, 1 December 2008; South Sudan/Sudan border status: UN Cartographic Section, October 2011; incident data: ACLED, 20 June 2020; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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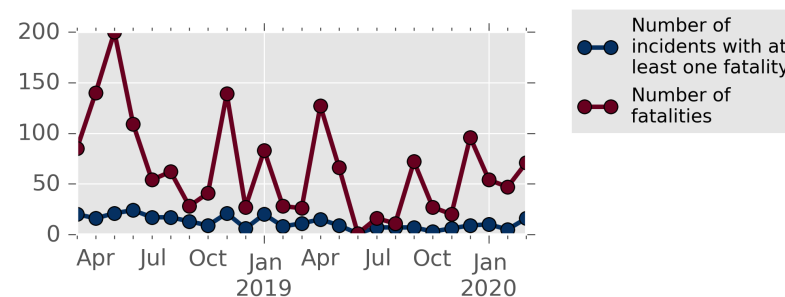# Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Violence against civilians	33	16	32
Battles	23	15	140
Strategic developments	15	0	0
Protests	7	0	0
Riots	2	0	0
Total	80	31	172

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, Central African Republic 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

- ACLED – Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project: Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED) Codebook (2019), 10 April 2019 https://www.acleddata.com/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2017/10/ACLED_Codebook_2019FINAL_pbl.pdf

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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
Bamingui-Bangoran	11	5	47
Bangui	4	0	0
Basse-Kotto	2	1	14
Haut-Mbomou	9	0	0
Haute-Kotto	16	5	17
Kémo	1	1	2
Lobaye	1	0	0
Mambéré-Kadéï	4	3	8
Mbomou	2	1	3
Nana-Grébizi	4	0	0
Nana-Mambéré	1	0	0
Ombella-M'Poko	2	2	4
Ouaka	4	4	6
Ouham	4	1	1
Vakaga	15	8	70

Localization of conflict incidents

<u>Note:</u>   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 **Bamingui-Bangoran**, **11** incidents killing **47** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bamingui, Ndele**.

In **Bangui**, **4** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bangui, Bangui-5**.

In **Basse-Kotto**, **2** incidents killing **14** people were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Alindao**.

In **Haut-Mbomou, 9** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bambouti, Mboki, Obo**.

In **Haute-Kotto**, **16** incidents killing **17** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aigbando 1, Bria, Sam-Ouandja, Yangoudroundja**.

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

In **Lobaye**, **1** incident killing **0** people was reported. The following location was among the affected: **Moungoumba**.

In **Mambéré-Kadéï**, **4** incidents killing **8** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Berberati, Carnot, Djomo, Nandobo**.

In **Mbomou, 2** incidents killing **3** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bakouma, Dembia**.

In **Nana-Grébizi, 4** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following

location was among the affected: **Kaga-Bandoro**.

In **Nana-Mambéré**, **1** incident killing **0** people was reported. The following location was among the affected: **Bouar**.

In **Ombella-M'Poko**, **2** incidents killing **4** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bimbo, Yaloke**.

In **Ouaka**, **4** incidents killing **6** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Grimari, Ippy**.

In **Ouham**, **4** incidents killing **1** person were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bouca, Kabo, Markounda**.

In **Vakaga**, **15** incidents killing **70** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Birao, Ouanda-Djalle**.

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