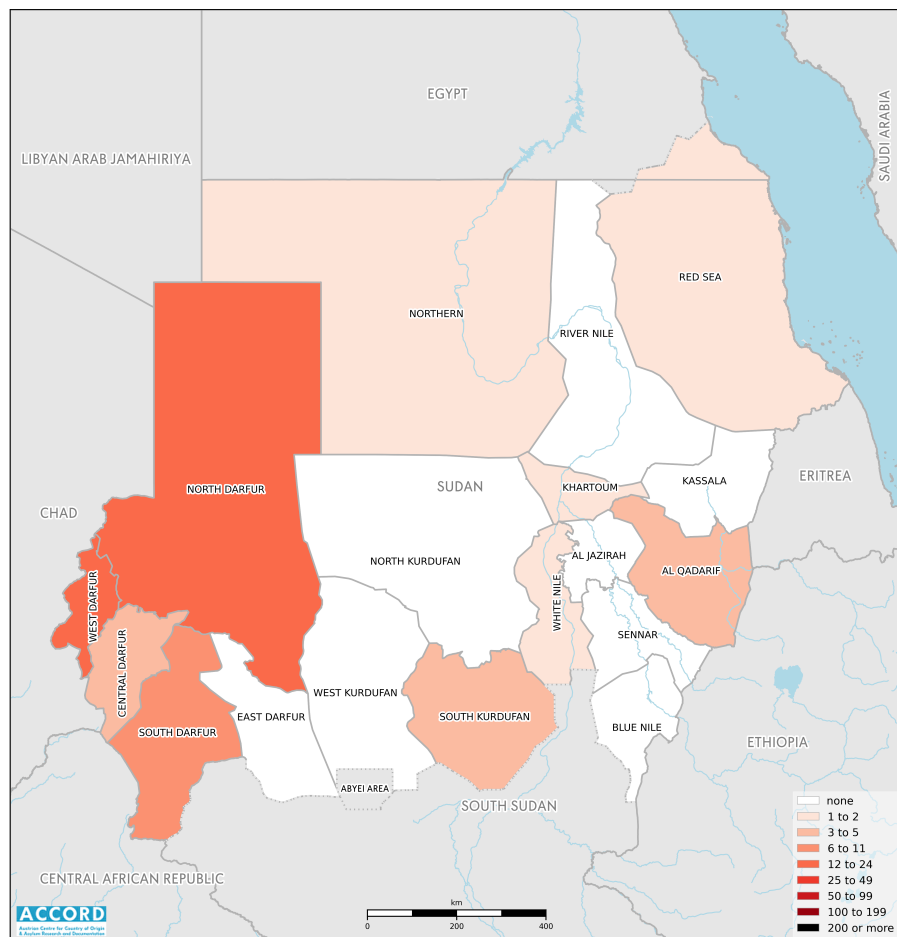# SUDAN, FOURTH QUARTER 2019:
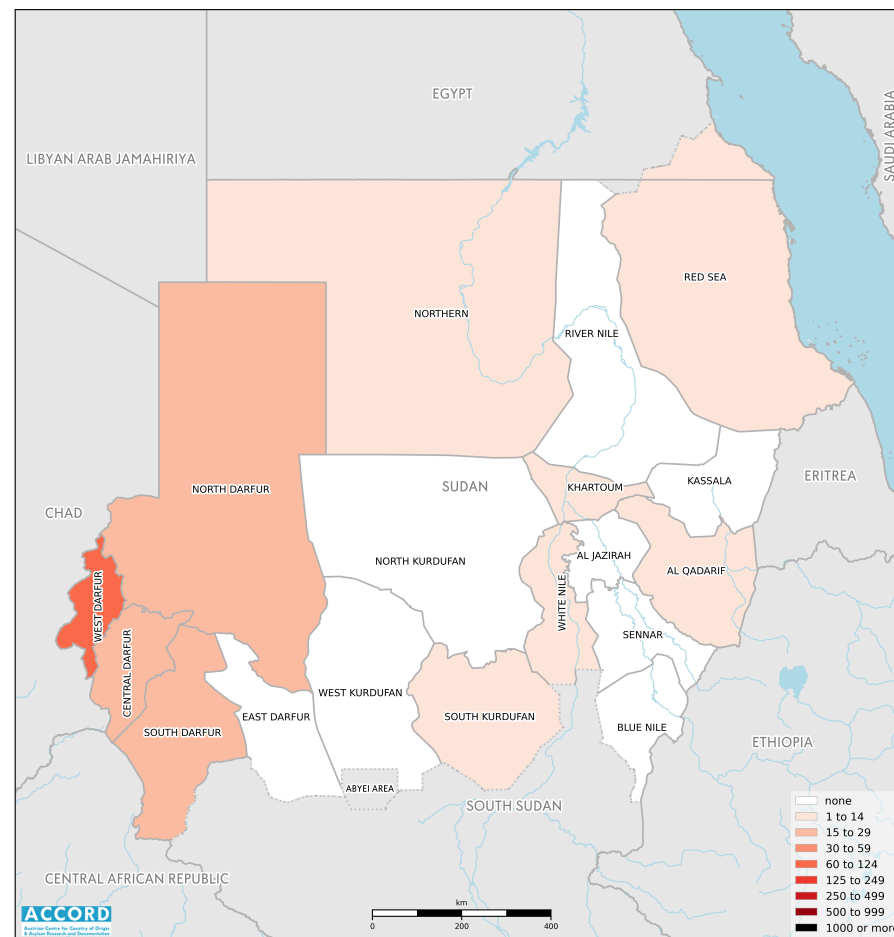## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

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 2015a; administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015b; Abyei Area: SS-NBS, 1 December 2008; South Sudan/Sudan border status, Hala'ib triangle and Bir Tawil: UN Cartographic Section, March 2012; incident data: ACLED, 20 June 2020; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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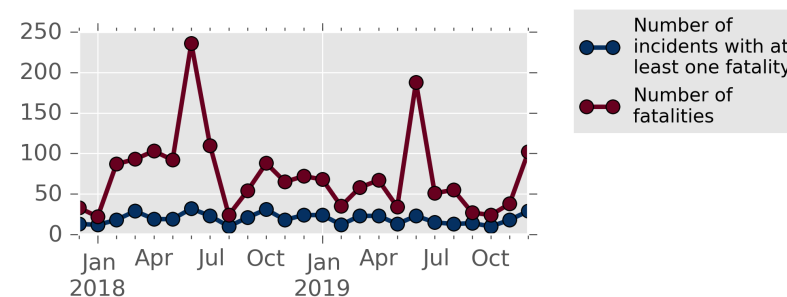## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Protests	156	1	1
Violence against civilians	107	38	86
Battles	26	14	68
Riots	24	3	6
Strategic developments	9	1	3
Total	322	57	164

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

Development of conflict incidents from December 2017 to December 2019

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, Sudan 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.

Note: Data on incidents in the Abyei area are not included in this overview.

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
Al Jazirah	10	0	0
Al Qadarif	6	3	5
Blue Nile	4	0	0
Central Darfur	33	5	20
East Darfur	5	0	0
Kassala	7	0	0
Khartoum	65	2	2
North Darfur	62	13	23
North Kurdufan	4	0	0
Northern	4	1	3
Red Sea	11	2	6
River Nile	7	0	0
Sennar	6	0	0
South Darfur	31	10	18
South Kurdufan	21	5	14
West Darfur	34	14	71
West Kurdufan	8	0	0
White Nile	4	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 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 **Al Jazirah**, **10** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu Ushar, El Hasahisa, Hilaliya, Wad Medani**.

In **Al Qadarif**, **6** incidents killing **5** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ad Dahhab, Galabat, Gedaref, Mobiat, Wad Faiya**.

In **Blue Nile**, **4** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bout, Ed Damazin, Qeissan**.

In **Central Darfur**, **33** incidents killing **20** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dali, Golo, Guldo, Hamidiya IDP Camp, Hasahisa IDP Camp, Jebel Marrah, Khor Ramla, Kombo Denko, Koron, Koto, Mali, Miri, Mukjar, Nertiti, Taham, Thur, Turra, Umm Dukhun, Zalingei**.

In **East Darfur**, **5** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Ed Daein**.

In **Kassala**, **7** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu Gamal, Kassala**.

In **Khartoum**, **65** incidents killing **2** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Kalakla, Jabal Aulia, Khartoum, Khartoum North, Omdurman**.

In **North Darfur**, **62** incidents killing **23** people were reported. The following

locations were among the affected: **Abu Gamra, Abu Sakin, Dobo Umda, El Fasher, Hamra, Kadareik, Kafod, Kalkal, Katur, Kebkabiya, Korma, Kosa, Kutum, Misteriya, Saraf Omra, Sarafaya, Shadad, Shangil Tobay, Shoba, Sortony, Tabit, Tangarara, Tawila, Um Sayala, Zamzam**.

In **North Kurdufan**, **4** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **El Obeid, Umm Rawaba**.

In **Northern**, **4** incidents killing **3** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dongola, Ed Debba, Karima, Tangasi**.

In **Red Sea**, **11** incidents killing **6** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Haya, Port Sudan, Suakin**.

In **River Nile**, **7** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Atbara, Berber, Ed Damer**.

In **Sennar**, **6** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu Naama, Kenana, Sennar, Singa**.

In **South Darfur**, **31** incidents killing **18** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Brobas, Buram, Deribat, Endur, Faluja, Gereida, Joghana, Kass, Lia, Manawashi, Nabagai, Nyala, Ras El Fil, Sabun El Fagur, Songo, Tebeldina, Tullus, Um Obeish**.

In **South Kurdufan**, **21** incidents killing **14** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu Kershola, Al Abbasiya, Banat El Moreib, Delling, Fayu, Habila, Kadugli, Shag El Kitir, Talodi, Waral**.

In **West Darfur**, **34** incidents killing **71** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Kereinik, Asonga, Atia, Bir Daqiq, Derjeil, Durti, El Geneina, Gokar, Habila, Kondobei, Krinding IDP Camp, Murnei,**

Sirba, Sisi, Um Shalaiya.

In **West Kurdufan**, **8** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **An Nahud, Babanussa, Baleela, El Fula, Heglig Oil Field**.

In **White Nile**, **4** incidents killing **2** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Redis 1 Refugee Camp, Asalaya, Khor Al Warral Refugee Camp, Rabak**.

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