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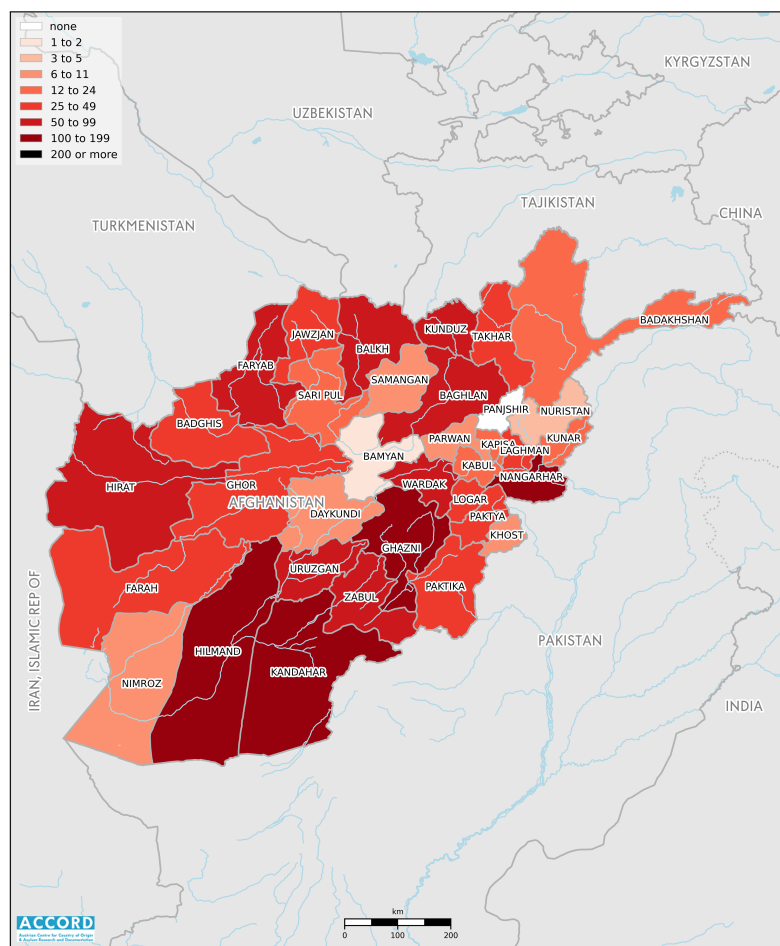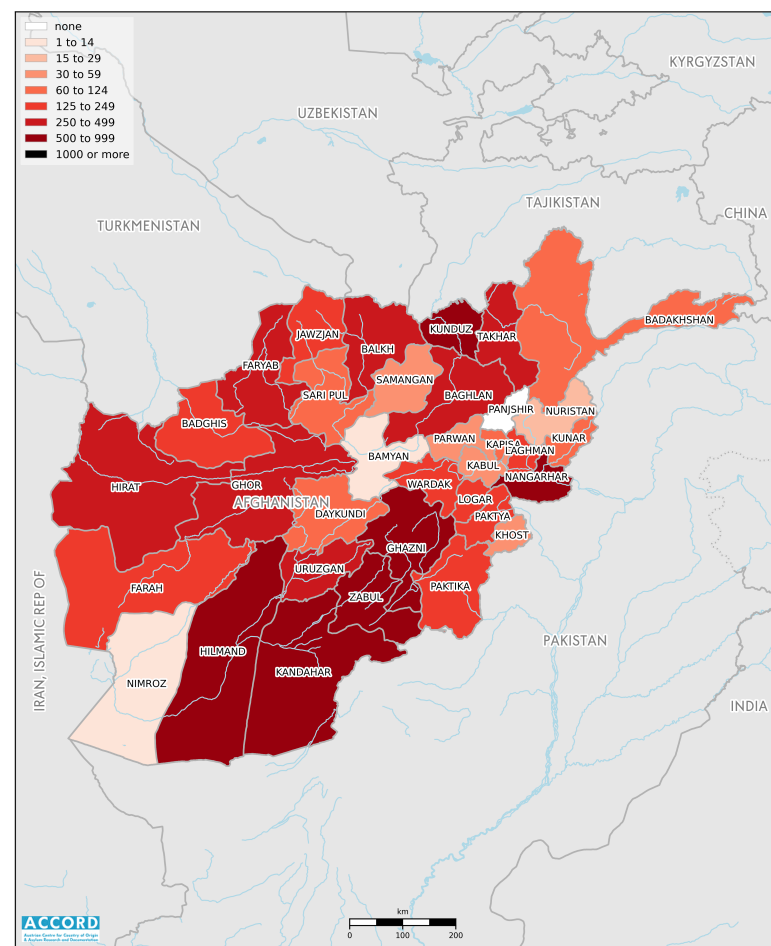## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

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 2015b; administrative divisions: GADM, November 2015a; Kashmir border status: CIA, 2004; geodata of disputed borders: GADM, November 2015b; Natural Earth, undated; incident data: ACLED, 20 June 2020; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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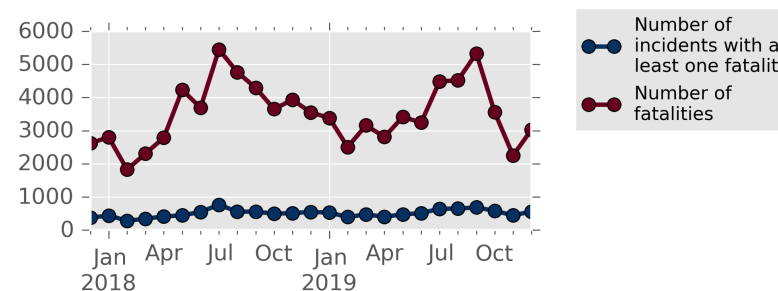## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Battles	2320	867	5181
Explosions / Remote violence	1146	647	3500
Violence against civilians	108	52	109
Strategic developments	70	11	39
Protests	37	2	4
Riots	1	0	0
Total	3682	1579	8833

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, 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

- 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

- ACLED – Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project: Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED) User Quick Guide, April 2019 https://www.acleddata.com/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2019/04/General-User-Guide_FINAL.pdf

- 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
Badakhshan	53	20	102
Badghis	62	34	203
Baghlan	128	60	474
Balkh	207	67	347
Bamyan	6	1	2
Daykundi	10	6	66
Farah	84	40	179
Faryab	106	62	352
Ghazni	346	163	865
Ghor	43	29	260
Hilmand	427	167	692
Hirat	143	82	373
Jawzjan	69	37	221
Kabul	62	14	31
Kandahar	264	102	669
Kapisa	60	23	106
Khost	86	11	34
Kunar	58	22	96
Kunduz	159	86	605
Laghman	51	26	160

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Logar	86	41	187
Nangarhar	185	103	531
Nimroz	30	6	12
Nuristan	11	3	22
Paktika	76	41	143
Paktya	174	45	176
Panjshir	2	0	0
Parwan	58	11	38
Samangan	13	6	50
Sari Pul	37	19	93
Takhar	68	46	473
Uruzgan	158	73	492
Wardak	183	53	197
Zabul	177	80	582

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**, **53** incidents killing **102** people were reported. The following

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locations were among the affected: **Argo, Baharak, Bashun, Darah-ye Jim, Eskan, Farman Qoli, Fayzabad, Jurm, Khwahan, Kohistan, Nusay, Warduj, Yamgan, Zebak, Ziraki**.

In **Badghis**, **62** incidents killing **203** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Achishkah, Chashmah-ye Duzakh, Gandah Ab, Jawand, Laman, Muqur, Murghab, Qadis, Qala i Naw, Sang Atesh, Sanjitak**.

In **Baghlan**, **128** incidents killing **474** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aka Khel, Bagh-e Shamal, Baghlani Jadid, Burka, Chaharshambah Tepah, Chashmah-ye Sher, Dahana i Ghuri, Dushi, Himat Khel, Kelagai, Khushkak, Nahrin, Pansiri, Pul-e Khumri, Shahabuddin, Tala wa Barfak**.

In **Balkh**, **207** incidents killing **347** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aq Tapah, Asya-ye Sharaf, Balkh, Banguliyah, Charbolak, Chashma, Chimtal, Dawlat Abad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Khwajah Iskandar, Kishindih, Mazar-e Sharif, Nahri Shahi, Sholgara, Shor Bulaq, Shortepa, Timurak, Zari**.

In **Bamyan**, **6** incidents killing **2** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baghak, Bamyan, Kahmard, Shibar**.

In **Daykundi**, **10** incidents killing **66** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Kajran, Nili, Surkh Nawer**.

In **Farah**, **84** incidents killing **179** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Anar Dara, Askarabad, Bala Buluk, Chin Afghani, Dehyak-e Kalan, Dewar-e Surkh, Farah, Ganjgin, Gulistan, Khak-e Safid, Lash wa Juwayn, Pashmikeh, Pur Chaman, Pusht Rod, Qal Kalah, Qala i Kah, Shewan, Sultan Bakwa**.

In **Faryab**, **106** incidents killing **352** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Almar, Andkhoy, Aqsay Arab, Bilchiragh, Bukhari Qalah, Chaqmaq, Dawlat Abad, Gadai Qala, Gul Darah, Gurziwan, Islim, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Khwajah Gowhar, Lash, Maymana, Now Dari Qalah, Pashtun Kot, Qala, Qara Ghuwally, Qaramqol, Qaysar, Qurghan, Shirin Tagab, Yangi Shaghasi**.

In **Ghazni**, **346** incidents killing **865** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Band, Andar, Dado, Dalani, Gelan, Ghazni, Jeghatoo, Khar Khashah, Khugiani, Khwaja Umari, Laghah Wat, Marwardar, Miray, Muqur, Musa Khel, Nani, Pana, Qalah-ye Jowz, Qara Baghi, Qarabagh, Ramak, Rashidan, Waghaz**.

In **Ghor**, **43** incidents killing **260** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Awak, Awlad-e Khayrullah, Chaghcharan, Dahan-e Alandar, Delak, Garamab, Kasi, Kharistan, Lal, Lokah-ye Mazar, Mang, Nayni, Pasaband, Pay Ghar, Shahrak, Sharshar-e Sufla, Shinyah, Sumak, Taywara**.

In **Hilmand**, **427** incidents killing **692** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Pashak Mandeh, Adam Khan Mandeh, Alukozai, Amanullah Karez, Anjaran, Babaji, Chah Anjir, Dagian, Deh Adam Khan, Deh-e Adam Khan, Garmsir, Girishk, Haidarabad, Karez-e Now, Kharki, Khushrabad, Lashkargah, Lowy Manda, Malgir, Marghozar, Marja, Musa Qala, Nad-e Ali, Nawa-e Barakzayi, Nawzad, Nikehzai, Pay Gharakay, Popalzai, Saidan, Sangin, Sarband-e Shamalan Kelay, Sorkh Doz, Torah Shah Ghundey, Tut Shah, Washir, Yakhchal**.

In **Hirat**, **143** incidents killing **373** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adraskan, Azizabad, Baranabad, Bowran, Changan, Chishti Sharif, Degai, Farsi, Ghoryan, Gulran, Guzara, Herat, Injil, Islam Qalah, Kohsan, Kushki Kuhna, Obe, Pashtun Zarghun, Qudus Abad,**

Rabat-e Sangi-ye Pain, Sabirah-ye Bala, Sarayak, Sayrwan, Shaydai, Shindand, Toraghundi, Zinda Jan.

In **Jawzjan**, 69 incidents killing 221 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aqcha, Darzab, Fayzabad, Khamyab, Khaniqa, Mardyan, Mingajik, Qarqin, Qush Tepa, Shibirghan**.

In **Kabul**, 62 incidents killing 31 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghandih-e Pain, Bagrami, Chahar Asyab, Kabul, Mussahi, Paghman, Qarabagh, Surobi, Tarakhel**.

In **Kandahar**, 264 incidents killing 669 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghandab, Arghistan, Bagh De Srah, Band Temur, Bayab Banak, Bazar-e Panjvai, Chinar, Chinartu, Daman, Duab, Fatehullah Kelay, Ghanigay, Howz-e Madad, Kandahar, Khak Chopan, Khakrez, Manu, Maruf, Maywand, Miyanishin, Naish, Pasab, Rang Rayzan, Reg, Sang Bur, Sar-e Gaw, Shah Joy, Shah Wali Kot, Shalghami, Sherghah, Shorabak, Spin Boldak, Spin Kechah, Takhta Pul, Talukan, Tanachoy, Tor Kotal, Torah Garah, Zangitan**.

In **Kapisa**, 60 incidents killing 106 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Afghanyah, Alasay, Hajjikheyl, Kesektan, Mahmud-e-Raqi, Nijrab, Tagab, Tatar Khel**.

In **Khost**, 86 incidents killing 34 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alisher, Bak, Dadwal, Jaji Maydan, Khost, Khulbisat, Musa Khel, Nadir Shah Kot, Qalandar, Sekhamir Kalay, Spera, Tani, Yakubi**.

In **Kunar**, 58 incidents killing 96 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Asadabad, Asmar, Chawkay, Dangam, Dukalam, Ghaziabad, Manogai, Marawara, Nurgal, Shaigal Aw Shiltan, Sirkanay,**

Wata Pur, Yakhah Chinah.

In **Kunduz**, 159 incidents killing 605 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Firosh, Ali Abad, Aq Tapa, Archi, Bagh-e Mir, Chahar Tut, Chardara, Charkab, Gortapa, Imam Sahib, Ismail Qishlaq, Joy-e-Begum, Khan Abad, Konchak, Kunduz, Malarghi, Qalay i Zal, Sherkhan Bandar, Talowkah**.

In **Laghman**, 51 incidents killing 160 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alingar, Alishing, Dawlat Shah, Lalkhanabad, Mehtar Lam, Qalatak, Shahi**.

In **Logar**, 86 incidents killing 187 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Azra, Baraki Barak, Charkh, Deh-e Shaykh, Kharwar, Lashkari Khel, Mohammad Agha, Puli Alam, Zarghun Shahr**.

In **Nangarhar**, 185 incidents killing 531 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bati Kot, Chaparhar, Dih Bala, Goshta, Jalalabad, Jow Darah, Kaga, Kama, Lal Pur, Mohmand Dara, Nukur Khel, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Sherzad, Shewa, Shinwar, Sra Kala, Sulaiman Khel, Sultanpur**.

In **Nimroz**, 30 incidents killing 12 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Delaram, Khash, Kotalak, Munar, Pushtah-ye Hasan, Shishabah, Zaranj**.

In **Nuristan**, 11 incidents killing 22 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Barg-e Matal, Du Ab, Kamdesh, Nurgaram, Pashahgar**.

In **Paktika**, 76 incidents killing 143 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Barmal, Dila, Jani Khel, Khayr Kot, Mata Khan,**

Nazar Muhammad Kala, Omna, Sar Hawza, Sarobi, Sharan, Srah Maidan, Sultani, Urgun, Waza Khwa, Wor Mamay, Yahya Khel, Yosuf Khel, Zarghun Shahr, Ziruk.

In **Paktya**, **174** incidents killing **176** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ahmadabad, Chamkani, Dand Wa Patan, Gardez, Ibrahim Khel, Jaji, Jani Khail, Kuz Ali-Sangi, Laja Mangal, Lazha Ahmad Khel, Mirzaka, Sayed Karam, Shegah, Zadran, Zurmat**.

In **Panjshir**, **2** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bazarak, Darah**.

In **Parwan**, **58** incidents killing **38** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bagram, Charikar, Ghorband, Gulghundi, Jabal Saraj, Kohi Safi, Qimchaq, Rabat, Sayyid Khel, Shinwari**.

In **Samangan**, **13** incidents killing **50** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dara i Sufi Payan, Khuram Wa Sarbagh, Qa'lah, Rabatak, Ruyi Du Ab, Samangan, Zeraki**.

In **Sari Pul**, **37** incidents killing **93** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balghali, Balkhab, Gosfandi, Kohistanat, Sar-e Pol, Sayyad, Sozma Qala, Tokhmana, Tukzar**.

In **Takhar**, **68** incidents killing **473** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baharak, Darqad, Dashti Qala, Ishkamish, Khurmab, Khwaja Baha Wuddin, Khwaja Ghar, Khwajah Band Kusha, Lalah Guzar, Namak Ab, Nowabad, Qurugh, Taloqan, Yangi Qala**.

In **Uruzgan**, **158** incidents killing **492** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chora, Dasht-e Zartale, Deh Rahwod, Garm Ab, Gizab, Hoshi, Khan Agha, Khas Urozgan, Kotwal, Lublan, Mirabad,** Naychin, Qalah-ye Ragh, Sangah Shaykh, Shah Mansur, Shahidi Hassas, Sinha, Tarinkot, Tor Nasir, Yak Lingah, Zar Tale Ghar.

In **Wardak**, **183** incidents killing **197** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chaki Wardak, Daymirdad, Jaghatu, Jalrez, Kan-e Ezzat, Maidan Shar, Mangali, Saydabad**.

In **Zabul**, **177** incidents killing **582** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Akhundzadah Khel, Alam Karez, Arghandab, Atghar, Chinah, Daychopan, Deh Afghanan, Kakaran, Mizan, Muchamed Dshan, Naw Bahar, Nowrak, Qalat, Shah Joy, Shahr-e Safa, Shamulzayi, Shinkay, Spin Ghbargah, Tabaq Sar, Takir, Zafar Khel**.

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