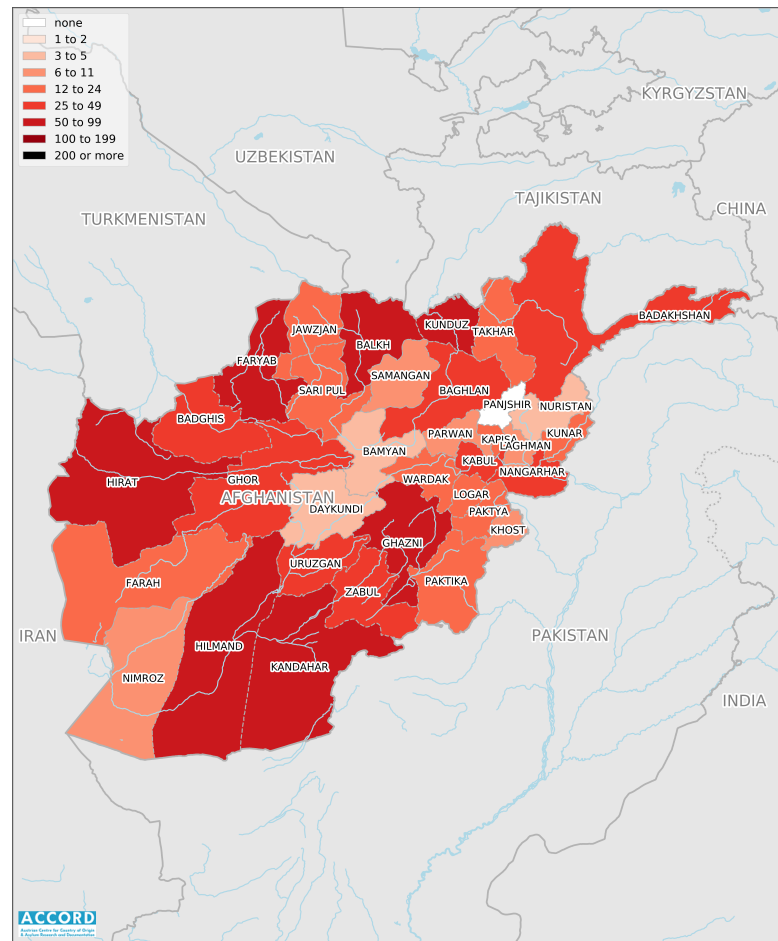# AFGHANISTAN, THIRD QUARTER 2020:
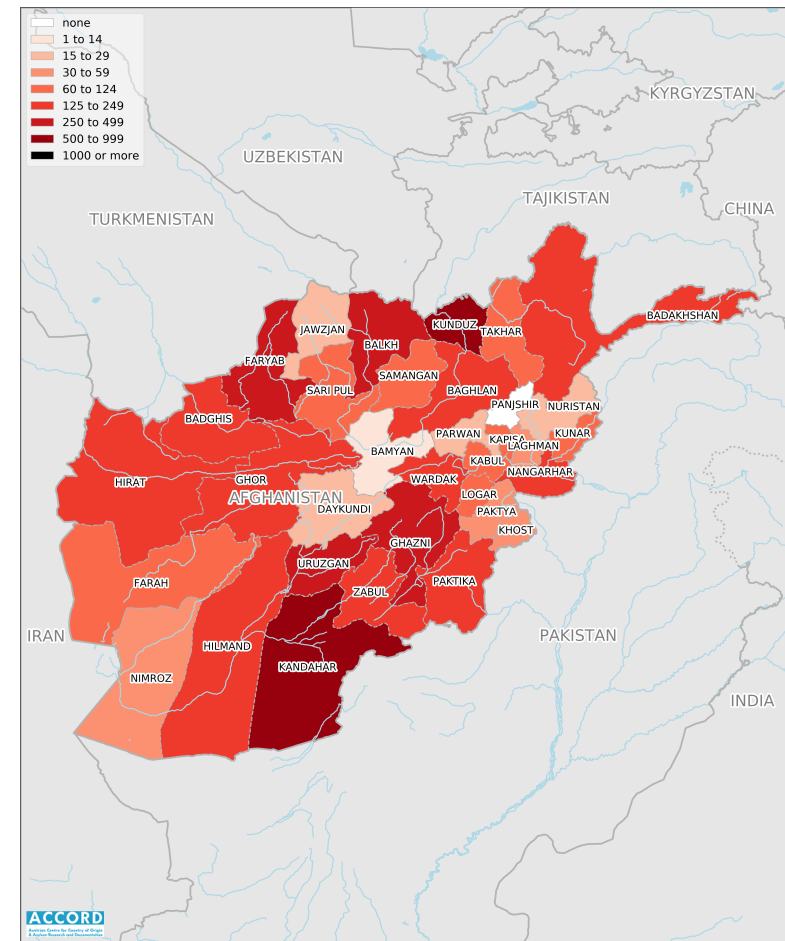## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

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, 6 May 2018b; administrative divisions: GADM, 6 May 2018a; Kashmir border status: CIA, 2004; geodata of disputed borders: GADM, 6 May 2018b; Natural Earth, nodate; incident data: ACLED, 12 March 2021; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

Contents

Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Battles	1004	628	3935
Explosions / Remote violence	479	279	1246
Strategic developments	91	18	57
Violence against civilians	85	47	87
Protests	41	0	0
Riots	1	1	6
Total	1701	973	5331

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 12 March 2021).

Development of conflict incidents from September 2018 to September 2020

ACLED currently advises against comparisons of 2020 figures with previous yearsfor reasons of possible changes in source reporting. See below.

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 note that as of early 2021, ACLED writes: "ACLED is currently reviewing trends in coverage between 2019 and 2020 in Afghanistan. We believe a shift in reporting by the Afghan Ministry of Defense (MOD) and the Taliban's Voice of Jihad (VOJ) may have contributed to a trend depicting a reduction in violence. The team is currently supplementing coverage by drawing on additional sources. While this review is being undertaken, we would advise against drawing comparisons in violence/fatalities in Afghanistan between 2019 and 2020." (ACLED, undated)

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

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	43	27	148
Badghis	55	42	211
Baghlan	70	44	223
Balkh	110	62	402
Bamyan	3	3	12
Daykundi	8	5	28
Farah	32	19	87
Faryab	81	60	326
Ghazni	82	51	277
Ghor	44	29	137
Hilmand	131	61	239
Hirat	90	54	214
Jawzjan	18	12	29
Kabul	92	47	90
Kandahar	158	99	645
Kapisa	22	15	66
Khost	25	9	42
Kunar	37	14	81
Kunduz	100	71	549
Laghman	19	8	41

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Logar	45	18	84
Nangarhar	63	33	239
Nimroz	20	9	44
Nuristan	4	4	16
Paktika	44	19	141
Paktya	49	16	54
Panjshir	2	0	0
Parwan	16	6	28
Samangan	13	10	75
Sari Pul	24	13	74
Takhar	28	17	78
Uruzgan	66	43	290
Wardak	50	21	141
Zabul	57	32	220

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**, 43 incidents killing **148** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Argo, Baharak, Darayim, Farman Qoli, Fayzabad, Ishkashim, Jamarj-e Bala, Jurm, Keran wa Menjan, Khash, Kohistan, Mashhad, Nusay, Qaleh-ye Kuf, Shahr-e Buzurg, Shuhada, Warduj, Yaftali Sufla, Yawan, Ziraki**.

In **Badghis**, 55 incidents killing **211** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Gandah Ab, Gharchahghay, Jawand, Laman, Mubarak Shah, Muqur, Murghab, Qadis, Qala i Naw, Sang Atesh**.

In **Baghlan**, **70** incidents killing **223** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Andarab, Bagh-e Shamal, Baghlani Jadid, Burka, Chashmah-ye Sher, Dahana i Ghuri, Dih Salah, Dushi, Farang Wa Gharu, Husain Khel, Kelagai, Khwajah Alwan, Nahrin, Omar Khel, Pul-e Khumri, Tala wa Barfak**.

In **Balkh**, **110** incidents killing **402** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balkh, Charbolak, Charkint, Chimtal, Dawlat Abad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Kishindih, Mazar-e Sharif, Nahri Shahi, Sabzi Kar, Sholgara, Shortepa, Timurak, Uruzgani, Zari**.

In **Bamyan**, 3 incidents killing **12** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bamyan, Shibar**.

In **Daykundi**, 8 incidents killing **28** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ishtarlay, Kajran, Nili**.

In **Farah**, 32 incidents killing **87** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bala Buluk, Dehyak-e Kalan, Farah, Ganjgin, Gulistan, Kanisk, Khairabad, Pur Chaman, Pusht Koh, Pusht Rod, Qala i Kah, Shewan, Shib Koh**.

In **Faryab**, 81 incidents killing **326** people were reported. The following locations

were among the affected: **Almar, Andkhoy, Arkalik, Bilchiragh, Chaghatak, Chilgazi, Dawlat Abad, Gurziwan, Katah Qishlaq, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Kuhi, Maymana, Pashtun Kot, Qala, Qaramqol, Qaysar, Qurghan, Shirin Tagab**.

In **Ghazni**, 82 incidents killing 277 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Band, Andar, Chahar Dewar-e Mulla Ali, Gelan, Ghazni, Jeghatoo, Khugiani, Khwaja Umari, Miray, Muqur, Qarabagh, Qaryah-ye Zabit, Ramak, Sar Tasan, Shalez, Waghaz**.

In **Ghor**, 44 incidents killing 137 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Badgah, Chaghcharan, Delak, Du Layna, Kharistan, Mang, Shahrak, Shamak, Shinyah, Taywara**.

In **Hilmand**, 131 incidents killing 239 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Pashak Mandeh, Alukozai, Deh Adam Khan, Garmsir, Girishk, Haidarabad, Hazar Asp, Kajaki, Karez-e Now, Khanashin, Khar Koh, Lashkargah, Marja, Musa Qala, Nad-e Ali, Nawa-e Barakzayi, Popalzai, Saidan, Sangin, Washir, Yakhchal, Yaklang, Zamboli**.

In **Hirat**, 90 incidents killing 214 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adraskan, Ahmadabad, Azizabad, Chishti Sharif, Deh-e Aman, Ghoryan, Gulran, Guzara, Herat, Injil, Islam Qalah, Karez-e Ilyas, Karukh, Kohsan, Kushki Kuhna, Mahallah-ye Bazar, Nishin, Obe, Pashtun Zarghun, Qudus Abad, Rabat-e Sangi-ye Pain, Salimi, Shindand, Zamanabad, Zinda Jan**.

In **Jawzjan**, 18 incidents killing 29 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aqcha, Darzab, Fayzabad, Khaniqa, Qush Tepa, Shibirghan**.

In **Kabul**, 92 incidents killing 90 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bagrami, Chahar Asyab, Dar-ul Aman, Guldara,** **Kabul, Kalakan, Khak-e Jabbar, Mussahi, Paghman, Pul-e Charkhi Kuhnah, Qalah-ye Dasht, Qalah-ye Mir Abbas, Qalah-ye Now, Qarabagh, Shakardara, Surobi, Tarakhel**.

In **Kandahar**, 158 incidents killing 645 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghandab, Arghistan, Bagh De Srah, Band Temur, Bazar-e Panjvai, Biabanak, Daman, Darwayshan, Ghanigay, Ibrahim Khalifah Baba Kelay, Kandahar, Karz, Khakrez, Loy Karez, Mandozai, Maruf, Maruf Karez, Maywand, Miyanishin, Naish, Pasab, Shah Joy, Shah Wali Kot, Shalghami, Shorabak, Spin Boldak, Surkh Bayd, Takhta Pul, Tanachoy**.

In **Kapisa**, 22 incidents killing 66 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alasay, Hajjikheyl, Kesektan, Nijrab, Sherkhel, Tagab**.

In **Khost**, 25 incidents killing 42 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dadwal, Khost, Khulbisat, Musa Khel, Nadir Shah Kot, Qalandar, Sekhamir Kalay, Spera, Yakubi**.

In **Kunar**, 37 incidents killing 81 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Asadabad, Asmar, Chapa Dara, Chawkay, Dangam, Ghaziabad, Khas Kunar, Kuz Narang, Manogai, Marawara, Nurgal, Shaigal Aw Shiltan, Sirkanay, Wata Pur**.

In **Kunduz**, 100 incidents killing 549 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ali Abad, Archi, Chahar Tut, Chardara, Charkab, Dung Qishlag, Gortapa, Imam Sahib, Joy-e-Begum, Khan Abad, Konchak, Kunduz, Qarlugh, Qerghiz, Qurghan Tapah, Talowkah**.

In **Laghman**, 19 incidents killing 41 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alingar, Alishing, Lalkhanabad, Mehtar Lam, Sabrabad, Uluk**.

In **Logar**, **45** incidents killing **84** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Azra, Baraki Barak, Charkh, Chowney, Kharwar, Lashkari Khel, Mohammad Agha, Pad Khwab-e Shanah, Puli Alam**.

In **Nangarhar**, **63** incidents killing **239** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bati Kot, Chaparhar, Cheknowar, Dih Bala, Ghani Khel, Hakimabad, Hisarak, Jalalabad, Kaga, Kama, Lal Pur, Mohmand Dara, Nazyan, Nukur Khel, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Sherzad, Shewa, Sultanpur, Wazir, Zawa**.

In **Nimroz**, **20** incidents killing **44** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chakhansur, Dehmazang, Delaram, Khash, Kotalak, Makaki, Munar, Zaranj**.

In **Nuristan**, **4** incidents killing **16** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Kamdesh, Parun, Waygal**.

In **Paktika**, **44** incidents killing **141** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baki Khel, Barmal, Dila, Hasti, Jani Khel, Mata Khan, Omna, Sar Hawza, Sarobi, Sharan, Urgun, Waza Khwa, Wor Mamay, Yahya Khel, Yosuf Khel, Ziruk**.

In **Paktya**, **49** incidents killing **54** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ahmadabad, Chamkani, Dand Wa Patan, Gardez, Ibrahim Khel, Jaji, Lazha Ahmad Khel, Mirzaka, Shaykhan, Zurmat**.

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

In **Parwan**, **16** incidents killing **28** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bagram, Charikar, Ghorband, Kohi Safi, Sayed Khel, Shinwari**.

In **Samangan**, **13** incidents killing **75** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dara i Sufi Payan, Feroz Nakhchir, Hazrat-e Sultan, Khuram Wa Sarbagh, Qa'lah, Ruyi Du Ab, Samangan**.

In **Sari Pul**, **24** incidents killing **74** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balkhab, Darah Band, Gosfandi, Kotarma, Sar-e Pol, Sayyad, Sozma Qala, Tokhmana, Tukzar**.

In **Takhar**, **28** incidents killing **78** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baharak, Bangi, Darqad, Dashti Qala, Farkhar, Ishkamish, Kalafgan, Khwaja Ghar, Lalah Guzar, Namak Ab, Nowabad, Taloqan, Yangi Qala**.

In **Uruzgan**, **66** incidents killing **290** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chora, Chowtu, Deh Rahwod, Gizab, Khan Agha, Khas Urozgan, Kotwal, Lundiyanah, Naychin, Shahidi Hassas, Tarinkot**.

In **Wardak**, **50** incidents killing **141** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chaki Wardak, Daymirdad, Deh-e Afghanan, Duranay, Jaghatu, Kan-e Ezzat, Kashmirian, Maidan Shar, Saydabad, Shaykhabad**.

In **Zabul**, **57** incidents killing **220** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alam Karez, Arghandab, Atghar, Khala, Mizan, Naw Bahar, Nowrak, Qalat, Shah Joy, Shahr-e Safa, Shamulzayi, Shinkay, Takir**.

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