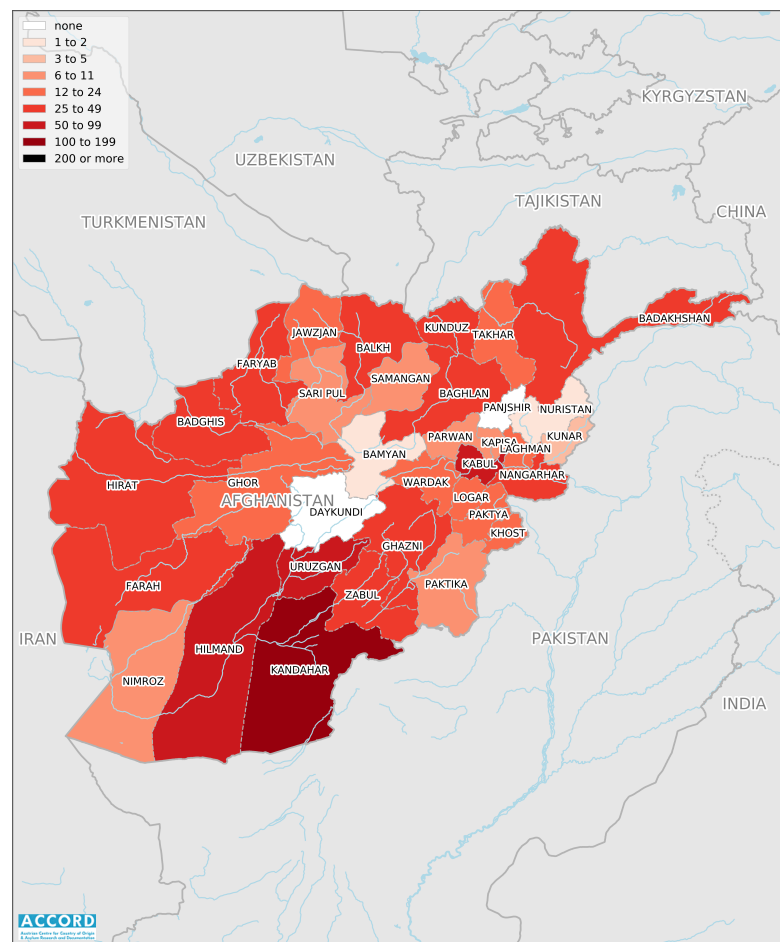


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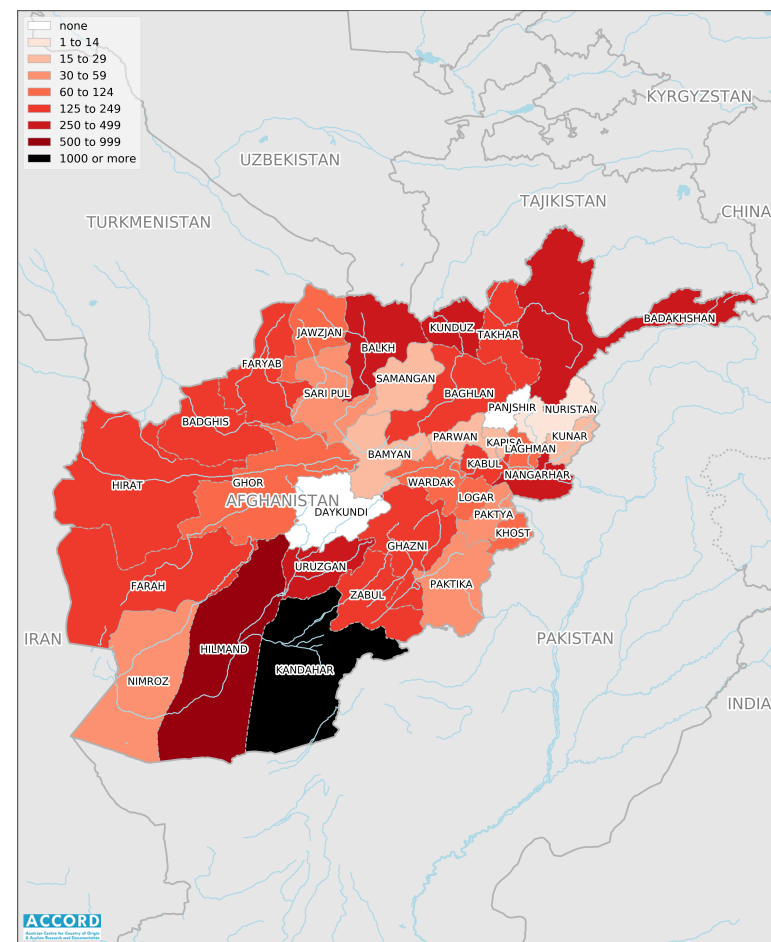
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 26 March 2021

## Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality



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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](#)

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## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Battles	1313	559	4290
Explosions / Remote violence	572	279	1680
Violence against civilians	114	62	102
Strategic developments	76	4	9
Protests	32	0	0
Riots	2	2	10
Total	2109	906	6091

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

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

ACLED currently advises against comparisons of 2020 figures with previous years for 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](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.

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 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
Badakhshan	52	29	250
Badghis	57	34	181
Baghlan	65	30	188
Balkh	161	49	275
Bamyan	3	1	17
Farah	45	27	183
Faryab	76	42	221
Ghazni	109	33	221
Ghor	24	17	89
Hilmand	171	86	611
Hirat	81	49	246
Jawzjan	37	13	87
Kabul	110	51	181
Kandahar	196	123	1223
Kapisa	42	10	24
Khost	60	18	91
Kunar	29	4	18
Kunduz	103	48	333
Laghman	53	16	111
Logar	85	12	95

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Nangarhar	116	38	252
Nimroz	20	7	55
Nuristan	5	1	10
Paktika	30	8	31
Paktya	64	14	49
Parwan	30	8	26
Samangan	11	6	20
Sari Pul	17	7	35
Takhar	33	20	193
Uruzgan	86	53	440
Wardak	77	22	110
Zabul	61	30	225

## 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 **Badakhshan**, 52 incidents killing 250 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghanj Khwa, Argo, Baharak, Darayim, Fayzabad, Jamarj-e Bala, Jurm, Khwahan, Nusay, Qaleh-ye Kuf, Shahr-e**

**Buzurg, Warduj, Yaftali Sufla, Ziraki.**

In **Badghis**, 57 incidents killing 181 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Gharchahghay, Gormach, Kokchail, Laman, Muqur, Murghab, Qadis, Qala i Naw, Sang Atesh, Sanjitak.**

In **Baghlan**, 65 incidents killing 188 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baghlani Jadid, Burka, Chashmah-ye Sher, Dahana i Ghuri, Dih Salah, Dushi, Gurgurak, Guzargahi Nur, Jar-e Khushk, Kelagai, Khinjan, Khost Wa Fereng, Khwajah Alwan, Nahrin, Pul-e Khumri, Tala wa Barfak, Wazirabad.**

In **Balkh**, 161 incidents killing 275 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balkh, Charbolak, Charkint, Chintal, Dawlat Abad, Dihdadi, Kaldar, Kishindih, Mazar-e Sharif, Nahri Shahi, Sholgara, Shortepa, Timurak, Zari, Zuzan.**

In **Bamyan**, 3 incidents killing 17 people were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Bamyan.**

In **Farah**, 45 incidents killing 183 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Anar Dara, Bala Buluk, Dehyak-e Kalan, Farah, Gulistan, Kanisk, Khak-e Safid, Khwajah Khizir, Lash wa Juwayn, Pur Chaman, Pusht Rod, Shewan.**

In **Faryab**, 76 incidents killing 221 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Almar, Arkalik, Dawlat Abad, Gurziwan, Imam Sahib, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Kosa Qala, Kuhi, Maymana, Now Dari Qalah, Pashtun Kot, Qala, Qaramqol, Qaysar, Shirin Tagab.**

In **Ghazni**, 109 incidents killing 221 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Band, Charale, Dehak, Gelan, Ghazni,**

Jeghatoo, Khalo Khel-e Ulya, Khar Khashah, Khugiani, Khwaja Umari, Miray, Muqur, Pana, Qalah-ye Jowz, Qarabagh, Ramak, Rowzah.

In **Ghor**, 24 incidents killing 89 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Ahangaran, Awak, Chaghcharan, Delak, Du Layna, Qazi, Shahrak, Shamak, Taywara.

In **Hilmand**, 171 incidents killing 611 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Ab Pashak Mandeh, Balochan, Bashran Mandeh, Bolan, Chah Anjir, Garmsir, Girishk, Haidarabad, Hazar Asp, Khar Koh, Khushk Awah, Khushrabad, Lashkargah, Lowy Manda, Marja, Nad-e Ali, Nawa-e Barakzayi, Popalzai, Saidan, Sangin, Sorkh Doz, Torah Shah Ghundey, Washir, Yakhchal, Yaklang.

In **Hirat**, 81 incidents killing 246 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Adraskan, Chishti Sharif, Ghoryan, Gulran, Guzara, Herat, Injil, Islam Qalah, Karukh, Kohsan, Kushki Kuhna, Obe, Pashtun Zarghun, Rabat-e Sangi-ye Pain, Shindand, Toraghundi, Zinda Jan.

In **Jawzjan**, 37 incidents killing 87 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Aqcha, Fayzabad, Haidarabad, Khamyab, Khaniqa, Khwaja Du Koh, Khwajah Gogirdak, Mardyan, Mingajik, Shibirghan.

In **Kabul**, 110 incidents killing 181 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Arghandeh, Bagrami, Chahar Asyab, Dar-ul Aman, Dehnawe Farza, Istalif, Kabul, Kalakan, Khak-e Jabbar, Mussahi, Paghman, Qalah-ye Bahadur Khan, Qarabagh, Shakardara, Surobi, Tulat.

In **Kandahar**, 196 incidents killing 1223 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Arghandab, Arghistan, Band Temur, Bazar-e Panjvai, Daman, Darwayshan, Ghorak, Howz-e Madad, Kandahar, Khakrez, Maruf, Maywand, Miyanishin, Pasab, Shah Joy, Shah Wali Kot,

Shorabak, Spin Boldak, Surkh Bayd, Takhta Pul, Yaro Kelay, Zangitan.

In **Kapisa**, 42 incidents killing 24 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Alasay, Kesektan, Kohistan, Mahmud-e-Raqi, Nijrab, Tagab.

In **Khost**, 60 incidents killing 91 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, Yakubi.

In **Kunar**, 29 incidents killing 18 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Asadabad, Asmar, Chapa Dara, Chawkay, Ghaziabad, Manogai, Marawara, Nawah, Nurgal, Shaigal Aw Shiltan, Sirkanay, Wata Pur.

In **Kunduz**, 103 incidents killing 333 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Ali Abad, Archi, Chardara, Charkab, Dung Qishlag, Gortapa, Imam Sahib, Ismail Qishlaq, Khan Abad, Kunduz, Qalay i Zal, Qurghan Tapah, Sherkhan Bandar, Talowkah.

In **Laghman**, 53 incidents killing 111 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Alingar, Alishing, Dawlat Shah, Islamabad, Lalkhanabad, Mehtar Lam.

In **Logar**, 85 incidents killing 95 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Azra, Baraki Barak, Charkh, Kharwar, Mohammad Agha, Puli Alam, Waghjan.

In **Nangarhar**, 116 incidents killing 252 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Angurah, Bandar Darah, Bati Kot, Behsud, Chaparhar, Cheknowar, Dih Bala, Fatehabad, Hisarak, Jalalabad, Kaga, Khayrabad, Kot, Lal Pur, Mohmand Dara, Nazyan, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat,

**Sherzad, Shewa, Shinwar, Sra Kala, Sultanpur.**

In **Nimroz**, 20 incidents killing 55 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chahar Burjak, Dehmazang, Delaram, Kang, Khash, Khwajah Sar Joy, Munar, Zaranj.**

In **Nuristan**, 5 incidents killing 10 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Du Ab, Kamdesh, Nurgaram.**

In **Paktika**, 30 incidents killing 31 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baki Khel, Barmal, Dila, Jani Khel, Khayr Kot, Mamur Khel, Mata Khan, Muhammad Hasan, Sar Hawza, Sarobi, Sharan, Sultani, Urgun, Waza Khwa, Yahya Khel, Yosuf Khel, Zarghun Shahr, Ziruk.**

In **Paktya**, 64 incidents killing 49 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chamkani, Chowni, Dand Wa Patan, Gardez, Ibrahim Khel, Jaji, Jani Khail, Laja Mangal, Lazha Ahmad Khel, Mirzaka, Rabat, Sayed Karam, Sekandar Khel, Zadrin, Zurmat.**

In **Parwan**, 30 incidents killing 26 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bagram, Charikar, Ghorband, Khalazai, Salang, Sayed Khel, Shinwari.**

In **Samangan**, 11 incidents killing 20 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dara i Sufi Payan, Khuram Wa Sarbagh, Mangtash, Qa'lah, Samangan.**

In **Sari Pul**, 17 incidents killing 35 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aq Gunbaz, Gosfandi, Masjid-e Sabz, Sar-e Pol, Sayyad, Sozma Qala, Tukzar.**

In **Takhar**, 33 incidents killing 193 people were reported. The following locations

were among the affected: **Baharak, Chah Ab, Chal, Chin Zai, Darqad, Dashti Qala, Farkhar, Ishkamish, Khwaja Baha Wuddin, Khwaja Ghar, Sagab, Shingan, Taloqan.**

In **Uruzgan**, 86 incidents killing 440 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chora, Deh Rahwod, Garm Ab, Gizab, Khan Agha, Khas Urozgan, Lublan, Lundiyanah, Naychin, Shahidi Hassas, Tarinkot, Zar Tale Ghar.**

In **Wardak**, 77 incidents killing 110 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chaki Wardak, Daymirdad, Deh-e Afghanan, Ismail Khel, Jaghatu, Jalrez, Kan-e Ezzat, Kotah-ye Ashro, Maidan Shar, Mali Khel, Saydabad, Sultan Khel.**

In **Zabul**, 61 incidents killing 225 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghandab, Atghar, Chinah, Mizan, Qalat, Shah Joy, Shahr-e Safa, Shamulzayi, Shinkay, Surkh Sang.**

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