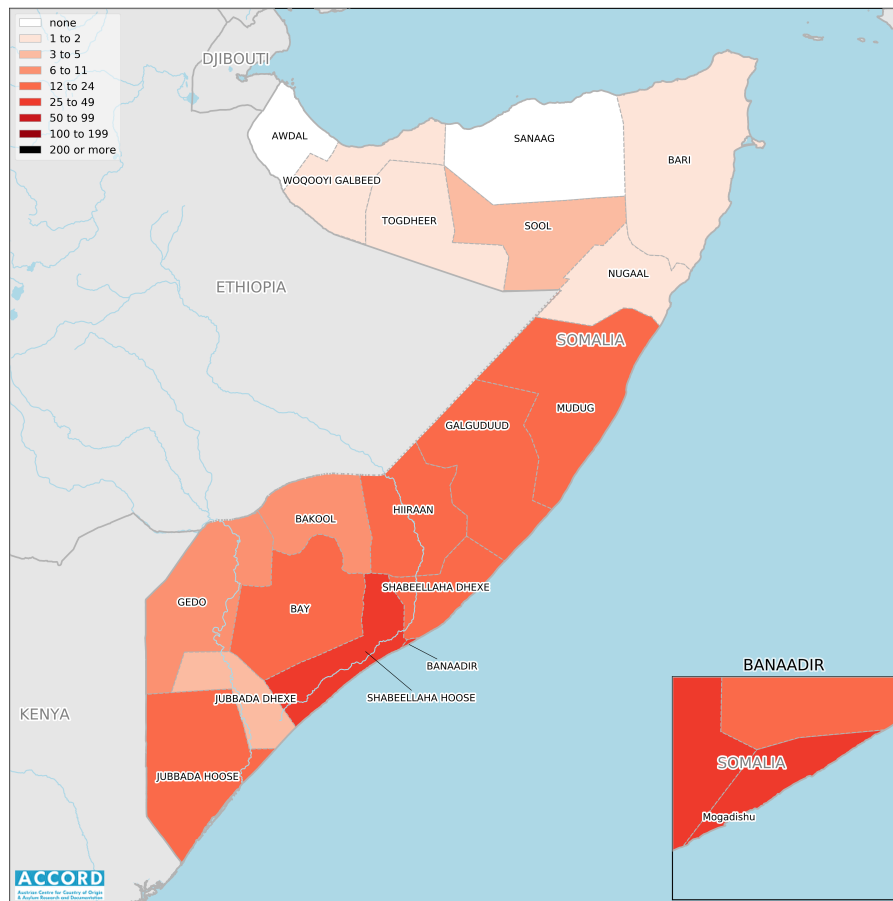


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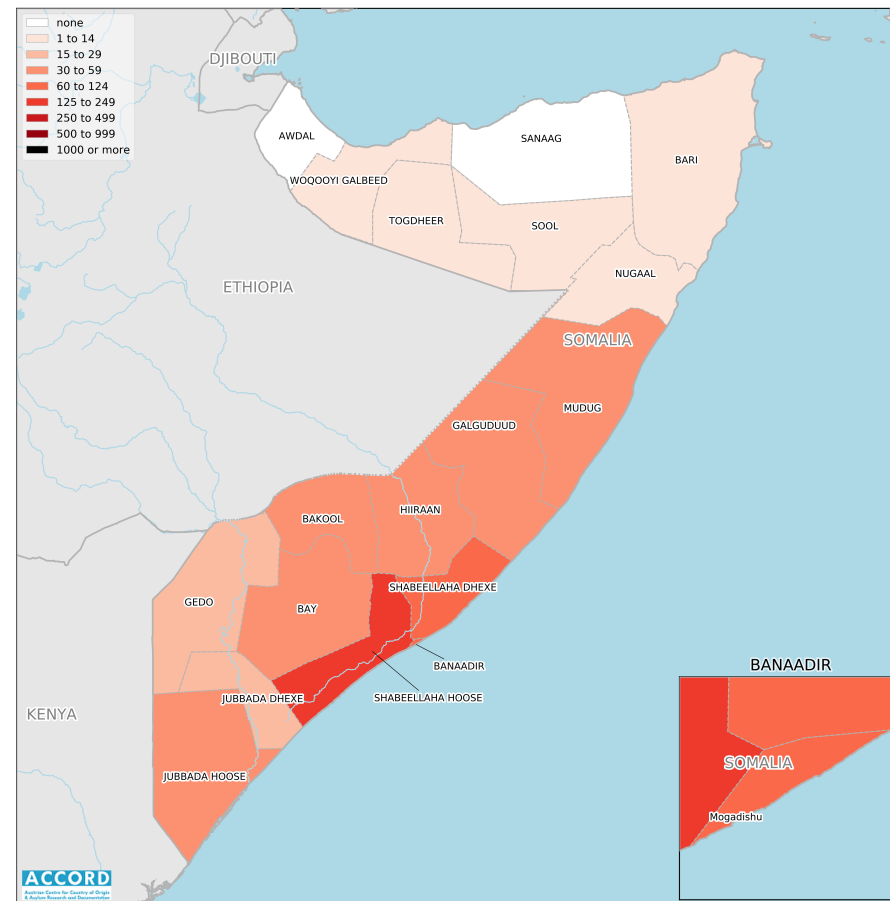
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 18 March 2021

Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality



Number of reported fatalities



National borders: [GADM, 6 May 2018a](#); administrative divisions: [GADM, 6 May 2018b](#); Ethiopia/Somalia border status: [CIA, 2014](#); incident data: [ACLED, 12 March 2021](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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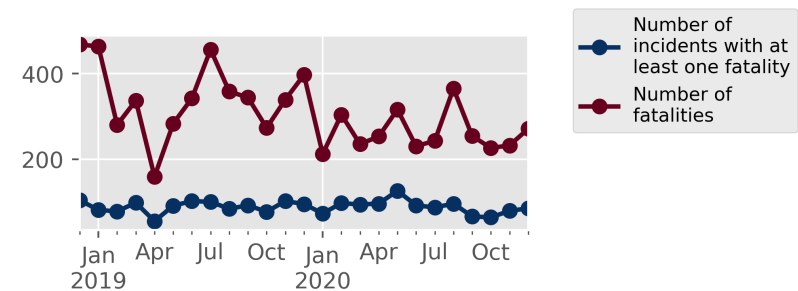
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Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Battles	421	111	437
Explosions / Remote violence	132	42	177
Violence against civilians	105	73	108
Protests	52	0	0
Strategic developments	11	1	2
Riots	10	1	5
Total	731	228	729

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

Development of conflict incidents from December 2018 to December 2020



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

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, Somalia 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 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

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

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Bakool	34	9	39
Banaadir	110	46	95
Bari	15	2	3
Bay	65	15	52
Galguduud	39	18	48
Gedo	44	8	15
Hiiraan	62	20	45
Jubbada Dhexe	6	3	17
Jubbada Hoose	78	19	49
Mudug	27	12	54
Nugaal	7	2	2
Sanaag	5	0	0
Shabeellaha Dhexe	45	22	63
Shabeellaha Hoose	175	43	230
Sool	10	5	8
Togdheer	5	2	6
Woqooyi Galbeed	4	2	3

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 **Bakool**, 34 incidents killing 39 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ceel Baar, Ceel Barde, Ceel Jelow, Duuray, Hudur, Maarey, Oddur, Tayeeglow, Ted, Waajid.**

In **Banaadir**, 110 incidents killing 95 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Mogadishu - Abdiiaziz, Mogadishu - Bondhere, Mogadishu - Daynile, Mogadishu - Dharkenley, Mogadishu - Hamar Jabjab, Mogadishu - Hamar Weyne, Mogadishu - Hawl Wadaag, Mogadishu - Heliwa, Mogadishu - Hodan, Mogadishu - Karan, Mogadishu - Kaxda, Mogadishu - Waaberi, Mogadishu - Wadajir, Mogadishu - Wardhigley, Mogadishu - Yaqshid.**

In **Bari**, 15 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Af-Urur, Bosaso, Galgala, Milxa, Qardho.**

In **Bay**, 65 incidents killing 52 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aawdiinle, Baidoa, Berdale, Buulo Amiin, Buundo Midow, Buur Xakaba, Cannole, Diinsoor, Gasarta, Halule, Kurta, Leego, Makuudo, Mayafulka, Qansax Dheere, Walaq.**

In **Galguduud**, 39 incidents killing 48 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balanbale, Balli-Howd, Bangeele, Bar Ujeed, Bulacle, Cabudwaaq, Cadaado, Ceel Buur, Ceel Dheer, Dhuusamarreeb, Galhareeri, Godinlabe, Guri-Ceel, Lebi Duule, Mareer Gur, Mirjicle, Warshubo, Xananburre, Xananbuuro.**

In **Gedo**, 44 incidents killing 15 people were reported. The following locations

were among the affected: **Bardera, Belet Xaawo, Buurdhuubo, Ceel Cadde, Cows Qurun, Dadabli, Dhamase, Doolow, Doolow-Luuq, El Wak, Garbahaarey, Garsaale, Likolay, Luuq, Qalwo.**

In **Hiiraan**, 62 incidents killing 45 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aborey, Bacad, Bacda, Belet Weyne, Bilcile, Bulo Burto, Buur Weyn, Halgan, Jalalaqsi, Matabaan, Maxaas, Qabno, Quracley, Tedan.**

In **Jubbada Dhexe**, 6 incidents killing 17 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arabow, Jilib, Saakow.**

In **Jubbada Hoose**, 78 incidents killing 49 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abdale Birole, Afmadow, Bar-Sanguun, Calanley, Canjeel, Dhobley, Farjano, Gobo Kibir, Haawina, Hosingow, Jamaame, Kismayo, Koday, Kolbiyow, Qoqani, Shaqalaha, Tabta, Yoontoy Yarey.**

In **Mudug**, 27 incidents killing 54 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baad Weyne, Camaara, Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo North, Galdogob, Garsoor, Hobyo, Israac, Saxquran.**

In **Nugaal**, 7 incidents killing 2 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Burtinle, Garowe.**

In **Sanaag**, 5 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Badhan, Ceerigaabo, Xidid.**

In **Shabeellaha Dhexe**, 45 incidents killing 63 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adan Yabaal, Balcad, Baraagta, Biyo Cadde, Burane, Buurane, Caamir, Cadale, Ceel Baraf, Ceel Geelow, Dhagaxow, Fila-Dheere, Gambole, Garsaalley, Gawey, Geel Gub, Gololey,**

Jowhar, Mahadaay, Miir-Taqwo, Tawakal, Warshiikh, Xaaji-Cali, Xawaadleey, Yaaqla.

In **Shabeellaha Hoose**, 175 incidents killing 230 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Afgooye, Almada, Awdheegle, Baasra, Bali Doogle, Ballo, Baraawe, Bariirre, Basra, Bulo Mareer, Buufow Bacaad, Buulallow, Cabdow Dibile, Ceel-Jaale, Ceelasha Biyaha, Cumar Beerre, Daniga, Danow, Embareeso, Gendershe, Golweyn, Janaale, Jazeera, Jilib-Marca, K13, K60, Kurtunwaarey, Lafoole, Marcadde, Marka, Mashalaay, Muuri, Qoryooley, Rusio, Saabid, Sablaale, Shalaambood, Wanla Weyne, Warmahan, Xaawo-Cabdi, Yaaq Biri Weyne.**

In **Sool**, 10 incidents killing 8 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adhicadeeye, Caynabo, Laascaanood.**

In **Togdheer**, 5 incidents killing 6 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balli Dhiig, Burco, Buuhoodle.**

In **Woqooyi Galbeed**, 4 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baligubadle, Berbera, Hargeysa.**

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Disclaimer

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collect incident data might affect the comparability of data over time. For more information on ACLED’s methodology, please see www.acleddata.com/resources/methodology/. For more information on ACCORD’s products based on the data, please see the [ecoi.net blog posts tagged with “ACLED”](#). The lack of information on an event in this report does not permit the inference that it did not take place. The boundaries and names displayed do not imply endorsement or acceptance by the Austrian Red Cross.

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