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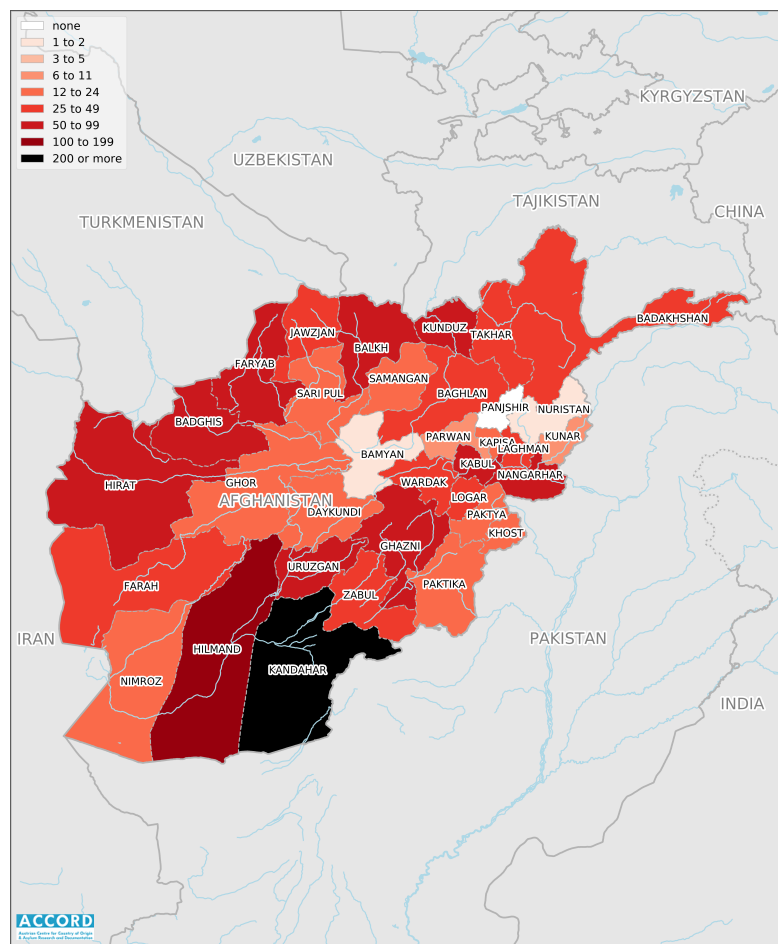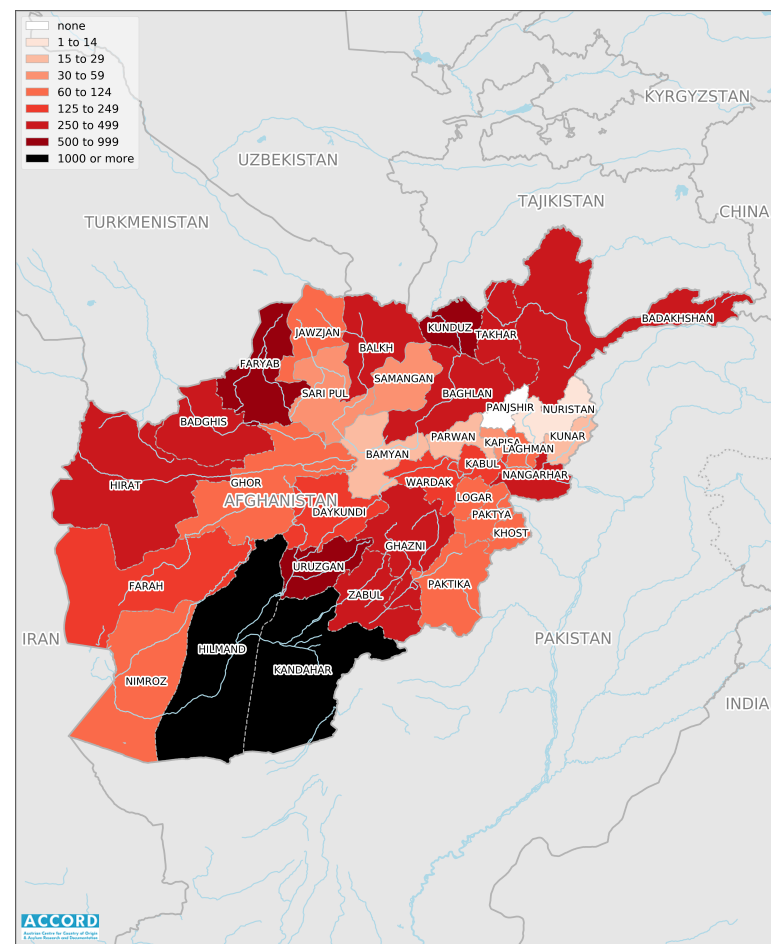## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

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, 30 July 2021; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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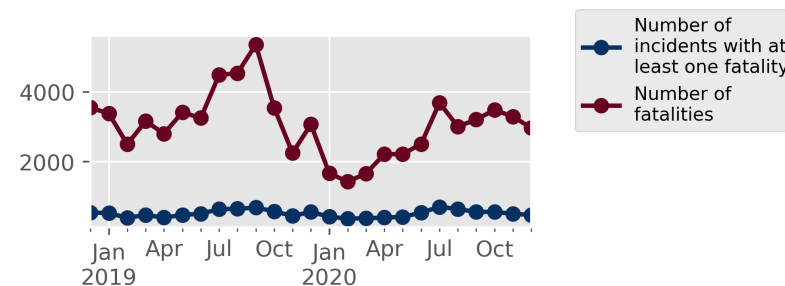## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Battles	1827	936	6709
Explosions / Remote violence	868	444	2700
Violence against civilians	203	131	228
Strategic developments	112	31	93
Protests	34	0	0
Riots	2	1	8
Total	3046	1543	9738

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 30 July 2021).

Development of conflict incidents from December 2018 to December 2020

This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 30 July 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, 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 2019a, ACLED, 19 December 2019b

This edition replaces the version previously published for the same reporting period, as ACLED has updated their data on Afghanistan for 2020.

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	80	48	297
Badghis	86	64	263
Baghlan	93	48	268
Balkh	224	80	425
Bamyan	5	2	18
Daykundi	27	17	174
Farah	45	34	214
Faryab	138	94	512
Ghazni	155	61	357
Ghor	21	15	86
Hilmand	259	161	1111
Hirat	122	82	333
Jawzjan	59	26	110
Kabul	159	73	240
Kandahar	321	229	2395
Kapisa	51	13	30
Khost	86	23	83
Kunar	42	7	20
Kunduz	156	92	531
Laghman	66	25	110

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Logar	110	26	76
Nangarhar	163	66	395
Nimroz	24	12	97
Nuristan	11	1	10
Paktika	47	18	90
Paktya	101	22	115
Parwan	28	8	28
Samangan	19	13	32
Sari Pul	31	13	38
Takhar	59	37	257
Uruzgan	91	61	611
Wardak	99	30	155
Zabul	68	42	257

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**, **80** incidents killing **297** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghanj Khwa, Argo, Bagh Mubarak,**

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Baharak, Darah-ye Jim, Darayim, Farman Qoli, Fayzabad, Ishkashim, Jamarj-e Bala, Jurm, Keran wa Menjan, Khwahan, Nusay, Qaleh-ye Kuf, Shahr-e Buzurg, Warduj, Yaftali Sufla, Yawan, Ziraki.

In **Badghis**, 86 incidents killing 263 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Kamari, Chashmah-ye Duzakh, Gandah Ab, Gharchahghay, Gormach, Kokchail, Kundalan, Laman, Muqur, Murghab, Qadis, Qala i Naw, Sang Atesh, Tagab-e Ismail**.

In **Baghlan**, 93 incidents killing 268 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baghlani Jadid, Chashmah-ye Sher, Dahana i Ghuri, Dih Salah, Dushi, Gurgurak, Guzargahi Nur, Husain Khel, Kelagai, Khinjan, Khost Wa Fereng, Khwajah Alwan, Nahrin, Pansiri, Pul-e Khumri, Puli Hisar, Tala wa Barfak, Wazirabad**.

In **Balkh**, 224 incidents killing 425 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bagh-e Pahlawan, Balkh, Banguliyah, Boka, Charbolak, Charkint, Chimtal, Dawlat Abad, Hairatan, Kaldar, Khanabad, Kishindih, Mazar-e Sharif, Nahri Shahi, Sabzi Kar, Sar-e Asya, Sholgara, Shortepa, Timurak, Zari**.

In **Bamyan**, 5 incidents killing 18 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bamyan, Shibar**.

In **Daykundi**, 27 incidents killing 174 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Darah-ye Sayyidan, Gizab, Nili**.

In **Farah**, 45 incidents killing 214 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Anar Dara, Bala Buluk, Dehyak-e Kalan, Farah, Gulistan, Kanisk, Lash wa Juwayn, Pusht Rod, Shewan, Shib Koh, Sultan Bakwa**.

In **Faryab**, 138 incidents killing 512 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Almar, Andkhoy, Aqsay Arab, Arkalik, Bilchiragh, Bukhari Qalah, Chilgazi, Dahan-e Darah, Dawlat Abad, Deh-e Miran, Gurziwan, Imam Sahib, Khani Chahar Bagh, Khwaja Sabz Posh, Kosa Qala, Kuhi, Lash, Maymana, Now Dari Qalah, Qala, Qaramqol, Qaysar, Qurghan, Shirin Tagab, Tukali Namusah**.

In **Ghazni**, 155 incidents killing 357 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Andar, Charale, Dehak, Gelan, Ghata Kala, Ghazni, Jaghuri, Jeghatoo, Kamal Khel, Khar Khashah, Khugiani, Khwaja Umari, Miray, Muqur, Pana, Qalah-ye Jowz, Qarabagh, Rahim Khel, Ramak, Rowzah, Shalez, Sultan Bagh**.

In **Ghor**, 21 incidents killing 86 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chaghcharan, Delak, Shahrak, Sharshar-e Sufla, Taywara**.

In **Hilmand**, 259 incidents killing 1111 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Pashak Mandeh, Amanullah Karez, Babaji, Bashran Mandeh, Bolan, Chah Anjir, Garmsir, Girishk, Khar Koh, Khushrabad, Lashkargah, Lowy Manda, Loy Bagh, Malgir, Nad-e Ali, Nawa-e Barakzayi, Popalzai, Saidan, Sangin, Torah Shah Ghundey, Washir, Yakhchal**.

In **Hirat**, 122 incidents killing 333 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, Qudus Abad, Rabat-e Sangi-ye Pain, Shindand, Toraghundi, Zinda Jan**.

In **Jawzjan**, 59 incidents killing 110 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aqcha, Fayzabad, Gurjak, Haidarabad, Khaniqa,**

Khwaja Du Koh, Kukal Dash, Mardyan, Mingajik, Qush Tepa, Shibirghan, Shor Quduq.

In **Kabul**, **159** incidents killing **240** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghandeh, Bagrami, But Khak, Chahar Asyab, Dar-ul Aman, Dehnawe Farza, Doghabad, Kabul, Kabul-Darul Aman, Kalakan, Khak-e Jabbar, Kotal-e Khair Khana, Mussahi, Paghman, Qarabagh, Qarghah, Shakardara, Surobi, Tarakhel, Tulat**.

In **Kandahar**, **321** incidents killing **2395** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghandab, Arghistan, Bazar-e Panjvai, Biabanak, Daman, Darwayshan, Ghorak, Howz-e Madad, Kandahar, Kogak, Loy Karez, Malang, Maruf, Maywand, Miyanishin, Naday, Nagahan, Nalgham, Pasab, Qazi Karez, Shah Joy, Shah Wali Kot, Shalghami, Shorabak, Spin Boldak, Surkh Bayd, Takhta Pul, Yaro Kelay, Zalah Khan, Zangabad, Zangitan, Zhari**.

In **Kapisa**, **51** incidents killing **30** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alasay, Hajjikheyl, Kesektan, Kohistan, Mahmud-e-Raqi, Nijrab, Tagab**.

In **Khost**, **86** incidents killing **83** 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, Shamal, Spera, Tani, Yakubi**.

In **Kunar**, **42** incidents killing **20** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Asadabad, Asmar, Badel, Chapa Dara, Ghaziabad, Gulsalik, Kuz Narang, Manogai, Marawara, Nurgal, Shaigal Aw Shiltan, Sirkanay, Wata Pur**.

In **Kunduz**, **156** incidents killing **531** people were reported. The following

locations were among the affected: **Ali Abad, Ali Khel, Archi, Chahar Tut, Chardara, Du Wandi, Dung Qishlag, Gortapa, Imam Sahib, Ismail Qishlaq, Khan Abad, Kunduz, Mulla Ghulam, Nahr-e Sufi, Nawabad, Qalay i Zal, Qerghiz, Qurghan Tapah, Sanduq Say, Sherkhan Bandar, Shorabad, Talowkah**.

In **Laghman**, **66** incidents killing **110** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alingar, Alishing, Badayabad, Dawlat Shah, Islamabad, Lalkhanabad, Mehtar Lam, Qalah-ye Husain**.

In **Logar**, **110** incidents killing **76** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alozi, Azra, Baraki Barak, Charkh, Kharwar, Mohammad Agha, Puli Alam, Qalah-ye Ali Khan, Waghjan**.

In **Nangarhar**, **163** incidents killing **395** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bandar Darah, Bati Kot, Behsud, Chaparhar, Cheknowar, Dih Bala, Dur Baba, Fatehabad, Ghani Khel, Hisarak, Jalalabad, Kaga, Kama, Khayrabad, Kot, Lal Pur, Lalma, Mohmand Dara, Nazyan, Pachir Wa Agam, Rodat, Shamshah Pur, Sherzad, Shewa, Shinwar, Sra Kala, Sultanpur, Zawa**.

In **Nimroz**, **24** incidents killing **97** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chahar Burjak, Dehmazang, Delaram, Kang, Khash, Khwajah Sar Joy, Munar, Zaranj**.

In **Nuristan**, **11** incidents killing **10** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Barg-e Matal, Du Ab, Kamdesh, Nurgaram, Wama, Waygal**.

In **Paktika**, **47** incidents killing **90** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baki Khel, Barmal, Dila, Gomal, Jani Khel, Mamur Khel, Mata Khan, Sar Hawza, Sarobi, Sharan, Sultani, Urgun, Waza Khwa,**

Yahya Khel, Yosuf Khel, Ziruk.

In **Paktya**, **101** incidents killing **115** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ahmadabad, Chamkani, Chowni, Dand Wa Patan, Gardez, Ibrahim Khel, Jaji, Jani Khail, Laja Mangal, Lazha Ahmad Khel, Mirzaka, Nayk Nam Kelay, Rabat, Sayed Karam, Zadran, Zurmat**.

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

In **Samangan**, **19** incidents killing **32** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dara i Sufi Payan, Khuram Wa Sarbagh, Kokjar, Mangtash, Qa'lah, Samangan**.

In **Sari Pul**, **31** incidents killing **38** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aq Gunbaz, Balkhab, Gosfandi, Imam Jafar, Kohistanat, Sar-e Pol, Sayyad, Sozma Qala, Tukzar**.

In **Takhar**, **59** incidents killing **257** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aikhanom, Baharak, Bangi, Chah Ab, Chal, Darqad, Dashti Qala, Fakhrak, Farkhar, Ishkamish, Khwaja Baha Wuddin, Khwaja Ghar, Lalah Guzar, Namak Ab, Sagab, Shingan, Taloqan**.

In **Uruzgan**, **91** incidents killing **611** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chora, Deh Rahwod, Khan Agha, Khas Urozgan, Lublan, Lundiyanah, Naychin, Shahidi Hassas, Tarinkot, Zar Tale Ghar**.

In **Wardak**, **99** incidents killing **155** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chaki Wardak, Daymirdad, Deh-e Afghanan, Haft Asya, Ismail Khel, Jaghatu, Jalrez, Kan-e Ezzat, Kotah-ye Ashro, Lorah,**

Maidan Shar, Mali Khel, Mashin Kala, Saydabad, Sultan Khel.

In **Zabul**, **68** incidents killing **257** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Arghandab, Atghar, Chinah, Mizan, Nowrak, Qalat, Shah Joy, Shahr-e Safa, Shamulzayi, Shinkay, Surkh Sang**.

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