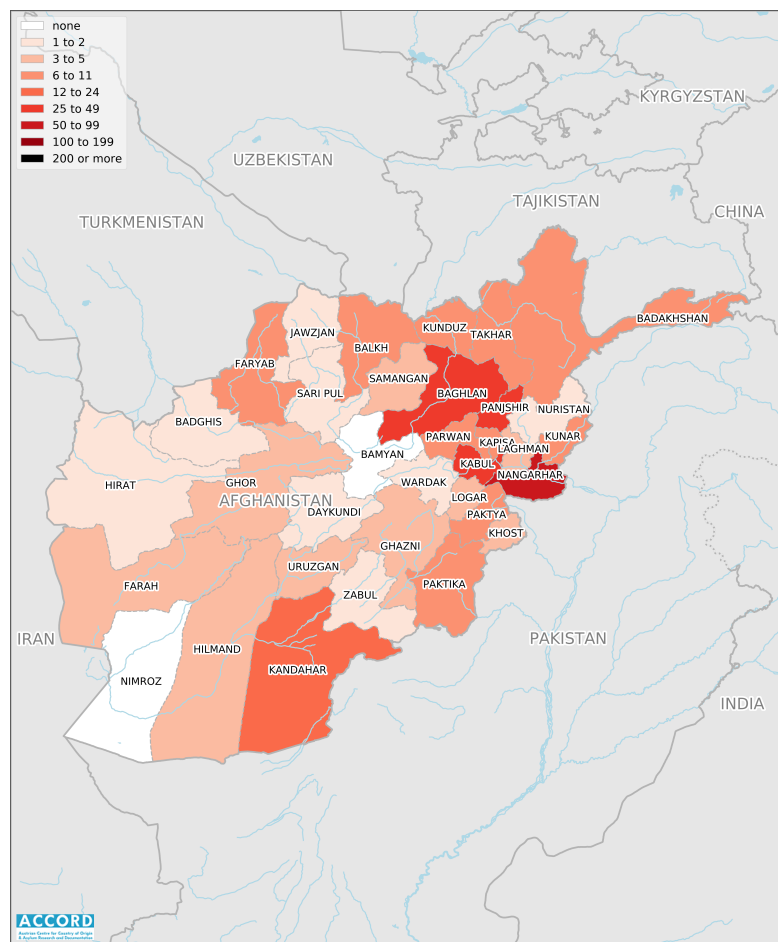# AFGHANISTAN, FOURTH QUARTER 2021:
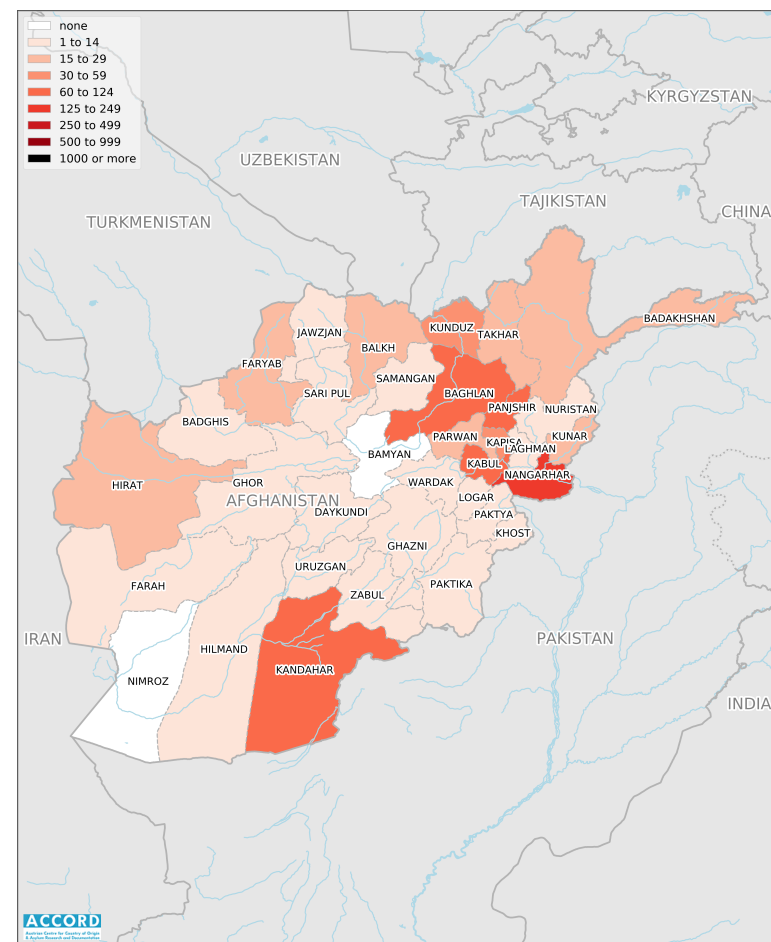## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

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, 20 May 2022b; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015
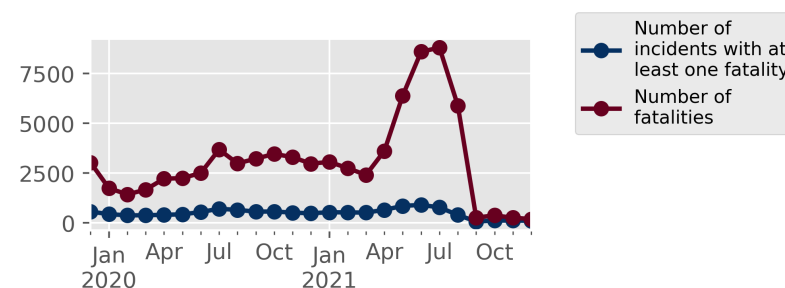
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Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Battles	185	154	464
Violence against civilians	175	116	208
Explosions / Remote violence	82	48	138
Protests	52	0	0
Strategic developments	37	1	1
Total	531	319	811

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 20 May 2022b).

Development of conflict incidents from December 2019 to December 2021

This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 20 May 2022b).

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 ("3" or "10" for plural fatalities, depending on the context; "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 pub-lishes 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, February 2022a

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, violence against civilians, remote violence, riots/protests, non-violent strategic activities. 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	18	11	23
Badghis	8	2	4
Baghlan	31	26	77
Balkh	16	8	20
Bamyan	6	0	0
Daykundi	6	1	2
Farah	3	3	3
Faryab	13	8	15
Ghazni	8	4	4
Ghor	9	5	8
Hilmand	6	5	6
Hirat	7	2	17
Jawzjan	5	2	6
Kabul	109	40	105
Kandahar	18	13	78
Kapisa	16	11	31
Khost	4	3	4
Kunar	17	8	23
Kunduz	12	10	56
Laghman	4	3	3

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Logar	6	4	6
Nangarhar	96	73	143
Nimroz	2	0	0
Nuristan	1	1	1
Paktika	10	8	10
Paktya	9	7	9
Panjshir	49	34	93
Parwan	12	7	24
Samangan	3	3	7
Sari Pul	1	1	3
Takhar	17	11	21
Uruzgan	3	3	5
Wardak	2	1	3
Zabul	4	1	1

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**, **18** incidents killing **23** people were reported. The following

locations were among the affected: **Baharak, Eshkashim, Faiz Abad, Kiran Wa Menjan, Mashhad, Nusay, Yaftal-e-Sufla, Yamgan, Zargaran, Ziraki**.

In **Badghis**, 8 incidents killing **4** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chashmah-ye Duzakh, Darah-ye Bum, Jawand, Qala-i-Now**.

In **Baghlan**, 31 incidents killing **77** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Andarab, Burka, Charkh-e Falak, Deh Salah, Dushi, Khinjan, Khost Wa Firing, Nahreen, Pul-e-Hisar, Pul-i-Khumri, Tala wa Barfak**.

In **Balkh**, 16 incidents killing **20** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Marmul, Mazar-e-Sharif**.

In **Bamyan**, 6 incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Bamyan**.

In **Daykundi**, 6 incidents killing **2** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Gizab, Miramor, Nili**.

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

In **Faryab**, 13 incidents killing **15** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Andkhoy, Dawlat Abad, Koh-e Sayyad, Maimana, Maymana, Shirin Tagab**.

In **Ghazni**, 8 incidents killing **4** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Deh Yak, Ghazni, Muqur**.

In **Ghor**, 9 incidents killing **8** people were reported. The following locations were

among the affected: **Chighcheran, Deh Mardah, Korak**.

In **Hilmand**, 6 incidents killing **6** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Garm Ser, Lashkargah, Marja**.

In **Hirat**, 7 incidents killing **17** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Herat, Shindand**.

In **Jawzjan**, 5 incidents killing **6** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Darzab, Qush Tepa, Sheberghan**.

In **Kabul**, 109 incidents killing **105** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Kabul, Paghman, Paktia Kot, Qarabagh, Shakar Dara, Tarakhel**.

In **Kandahar**, 18 incidents killing **78** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Kandahar, Pasab**.

In **Kapisa**, 16 incidents killing **31** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Hajjikheyl, Kesektan, Kohistan, Mahmood Raqi**.

In **Khost**, 4 incidents killing **4** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Khost, Lalmay**.

In **Kunar**, 17 incidents killing **23** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Asad Abad, Asmar, Chapa Dara, Dangam, Khas Kunar, Nari, Noorgal, Sar Kani, Sawkai, Shaigal Aw Shiltan**.

In **Kunduz**, 12 incidents killing **56** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ali Abad, Chahar Darah, Imam Sahib, Kunduz**.

In **Laghman**, 4 incidents killing **3** people were reported. The following locations

were among the affected: **Lalkhanabad, Mehterlam**.

In **Logar**, **6** incidents killing **6** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Hesarak, Ilyas Khan Kala, Puli Alam**.

In **Nangarhar**, **96** incidents killing **143** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bati Kot, Behsud, Chaparhar, Deh Bala, Hisarak, Jalalabad, Kama, Muhmand Dara, Nazyan, Nukur Khel, Pachir Waagam, Qalah-ye Muqam Khan, Sher Zad, Shewa, Shinwar, Sra Kala, Sultanpur, Torkham**.

In **Nimroz**, **2** incidents killing **0** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Char Burjak, Zaranj**.

In **Nuristan**, **1** incident killing **1** person was reported. The following location was among the affected: **Paroon**.

In **Paktika**, **10** incidents killing **10** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Khayr Kot, Mata Khan, Sharan, Urgoon, Yahya Khel, Yosuf Khel, Zarghun Shahr**.

In **Paktya**, **9** incidents killing **9** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ahmadabad, Chowni, Gardez, Michalghu**.

In **Panjshir**, **49** incidents killing **93** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bazarak, Darah, Hissa-e-Awal (Khinj), Kotal-e Khawak, Rokha, Shutul, Unaba**.

In **Parwan**, **12** incidents killing **24** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bagram, Charikar, Rabat, Salang**.

In **Samangan**, **3** incidents killing **7** people were reported. The following locations

were among the affected: **Qa'lah, Samangan**.

In **Sari Pul**, **1** incident killing **3** people was reported. The following location was among the affected: **Sar-e-Pul**.

In **Takhar**, **17** incidents killing **21** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chahab, Dashti Qala, Eshkamesh, Khwaja Bahawuddin, Khwaja Ghar, Taluqan, Warsaj, Yangi Qala**.

In **Uruzgan**, **3** incidents killing **5** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dehraoud, Tirinkot**.

In **Wardak**, **2** incidents killing **3** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Hissa-e-awali Behsud, Markaz-e-Behsud**.

In **Zabul**, **4** incidents killing **1** person were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Qalat**.

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