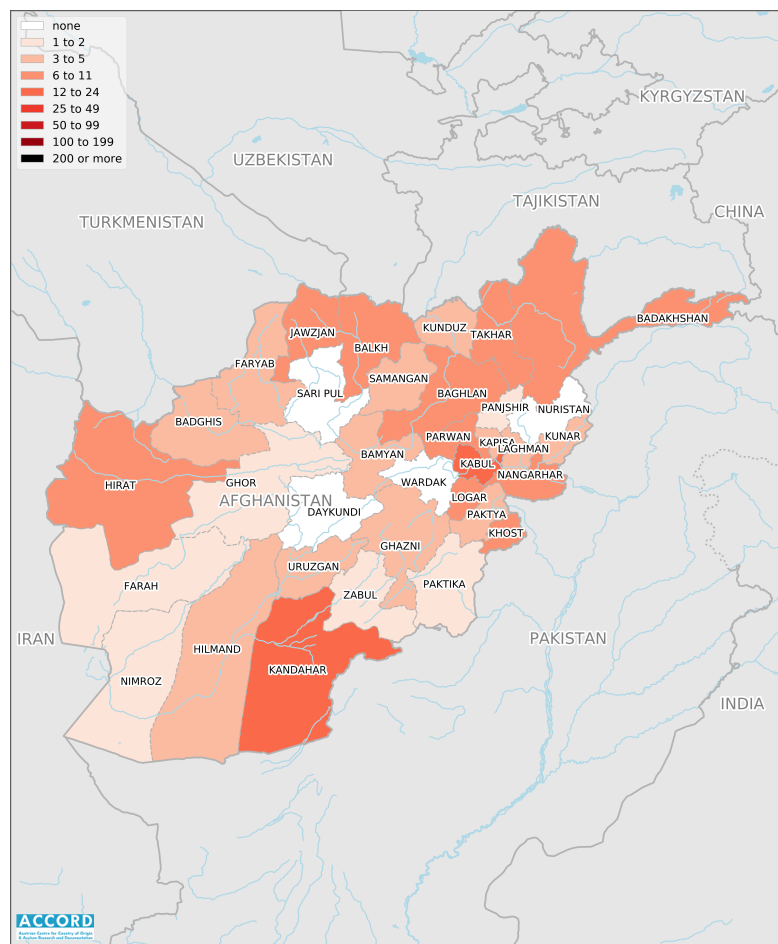


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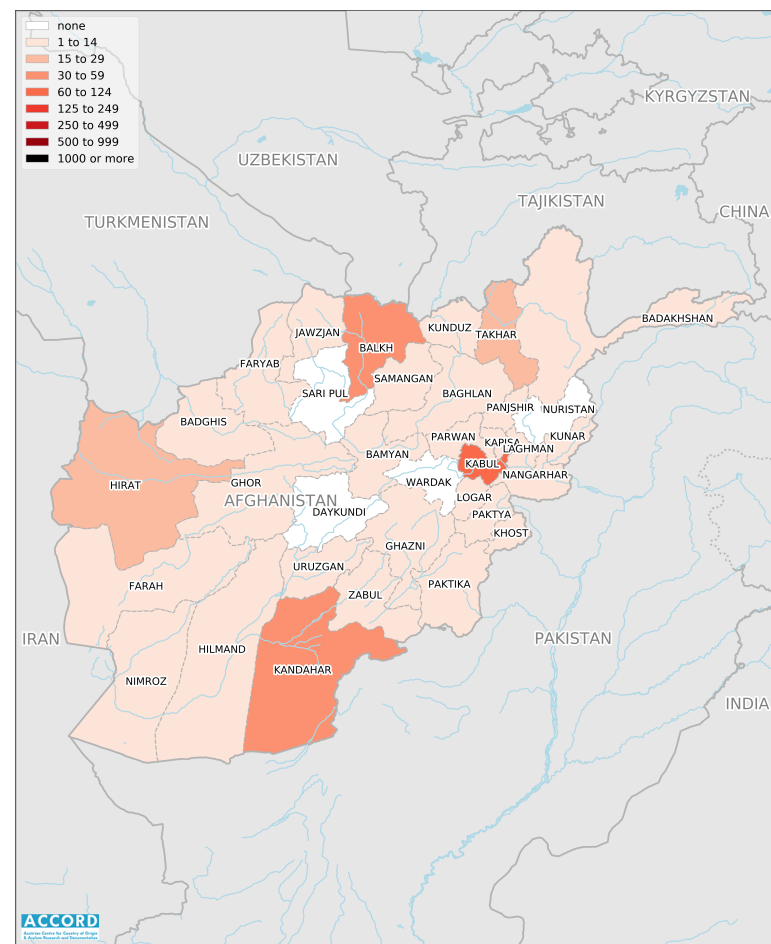
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 4 September 2023

## Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality



## Number of reported fatalities



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, 4 August 2023](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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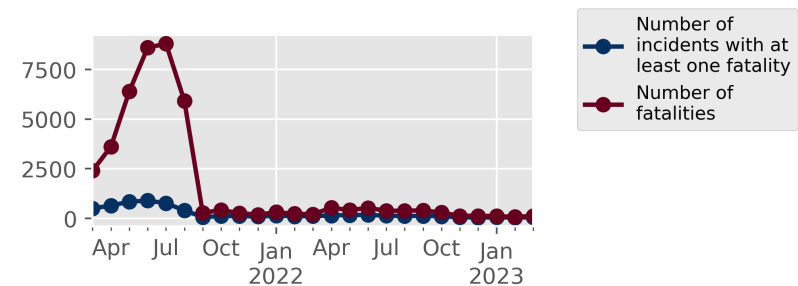
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## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Violence against civilians	159	85	109
Strategic developments	93	13	18
Protests	86	0	0
Battles	50	39	89
Explosions / Remote violence	42	25	105
Riots	8	6	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>332</b>

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 4 August 2023](#)).

## Development of conflict incidents from March 2021 to March 2023



This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 4 August 2023](#)).

## 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](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 see ACLED's additional methodological papers for Afghanistan: [ACLED, February 2022](#)

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, 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	11	6	7
Badghis	7	4	6
Baghlan	18	7	14
Balkh	29	10	33
Bamyan	3	3	5
Daykundi	3	0	0
Farah	5	2	2
Faryab	15	5	8
Ghazni	8	3	3
Ghor	5	2	7
Hilmand	16	3	3
Hirat	16	8	15
Jawzjan	11	8	10
Kabul	71	22	79
Kandahar	36	20	30
Kapisa	8	5	7
Khost	14	6	13
Kunar	7	3	10
Kunduz	6	3	3
Laghman	5	3	3

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Logar	14	6	8
Nangarhar	21	8	11
Nimroz	4	1	1
Nuristan	1	0	0
Paktika	7	2	8
Paktya	6	5	6
Panjshir	17	1	1
Parwan	15	6	9
Samangan	9	3	4
Sari Pul	4	0	0
Takhar	26	7	20
Uruzgan	11	4	4
Wardak	5	0	0
Zabul	4	2	2

## 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**, 11 incidents killing 7 people were reported. The following

locations were among the affected: **Baharak, Eshkashim, Faiz Abad, Jamarj-e Bala, Jurm, Mashhad, Wakhan.**

In **Badghis**, 7 incidents killing 6 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ab Kamari, Ghormach, Jawand, Qala-i-Now, Sang Atesh.**

In **Baghlan**, 18 incidents killing 14 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Andarab, Baghlan-e-Jadeed, Deh Salah, Dushi, Husain Khel, Khost Wa Firing, Pul-e-Hisar, Pul-i-Khumri, Sharshar.**

In **Balkh**, 29 incidents killing 33 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balkh, Dawlat Abad, Dehdadi, Jar Qalah, Khulm, Mazar-e-Sharif.**

In **Bamyan**, 3 incidents killing 5 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bamyan, Kahmard, Yakawlang.**

In **Daykundi**, 3 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Nili.**

In **Farah**, 5 incidents killing 2 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Farah, Shewan.**

In **Faryab**, 15 incidents killing 8 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Almar, Aq Darah, Aqsay Arab, Chur Darya, Maimana.**

In **Ghazni**, 8 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Andar, Ghazni, Waghaz.**

In **Ghor**, 5 incidents killing 7 people were reported. The following locations were

among the affected: **Chighcheran, Mang.**

In **Hilmand**, 16 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Garm Ser, Girishk, Kajaki, Lashkargah, Marja, Musa Qala, Nawa-i-Barikzayi, Sangin.**

In **Hirat**, 16 incidents killing 15 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Enjil, Guzera, Herat, Pashtun Zarghun, Shindand.**

In **Jawzjan**, 11 incidents killing 10 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aqchah, Faizabad, Jar-e Quduq, Qarqin, Sheberghan.**

In **Kabul**, 71 incidents killing 79 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **But Khak, Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Taimani.**

In **Kandahar**, 36 incidents killing 30 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Daman, Kandahar, Karez-e Salim, Maiwand, Mulla Wali Waleh, Nesh, Shorabak, Spin Boldak, Wesh.**

In **Kapisa**, 8 incidents killing 7 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Kesektan, Kohistan, Mahmood Raqi, Sherak Pirak, Tagab.**

In **Khost**, 14 incidents killing 13 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alisher, Baak, Baran Khel, Jaji Maidan, Khost, Spera, Tanay.**

In **Kunar**, 7 incidents killing 10 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Asad Abad, Khas Kunar, Sar Kani, Sawkai.**

In **Kunduz**, 6 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ali Abad, Chahar Darah, Kunduz, Qala-e-Zal**.

In **Laghman**, 5 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Alingar, Lalkhanabad, Mehterlam, Nurah Lam**.

In **Logar**, 14 incidents killing 8 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Azra, Babus, Charkh, Deh-e Now, Mohammad Agha, Puli Alam, Surkh Ab**.

In **Nangarhar**, 21 incidents killing 11 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Behsud, Darah-e-Noor, Deh Bala, Dur Baba, Goshta, Jalalabad, Sher Zad, Shewa, Torkham**.

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

In **Nuristan**, 1 incident killing 0 people was reported. The following location was among the affected: **Waygal**.

In **Paktika**, 7 incidents killing 8 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Barmal, Margha, Sharan, Wormamay, Yahya Khel**.

In **Paktya**, 6 incidents killing 6 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Gardez, Jaji, Sulaimankhel**.

In **Panjshir**, 17 incidents killing 1 person were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bazarak, Darah, Hissa-e-Awal (Khinj), Paryan, Piyawust, Rukha, Unaba**.

In **Parwan**, 15 incidents killing 9 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bagram, Charikar, Ghurband, Jabulussaraj**.

In **Samangan**, 9 incidents killing 4 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aybak, Katah Qishlaq, Qa'lah**.

In **Sari Pul**, 4 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Kohistanat, Sar-e-Pul, Sozma Qala**.

In **Takhar**, 26 incidents killing 20 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Dashti Qala, Hazar Bagh, Khwaja Ghar, Rustaq, Taluqan**.

In **Uruzgan**, 11 incidents killing 4 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chahar Asyab, Dehraoud, Shahidhassas, Tirinkot**.

In **Wardak**, 5 incidents killing 0 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Chak-e-Wardak, Hissa-e-awali Behsud, Maidan Shahr**.

In **Zabul**, 4 incidents killing 2 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Naw Bahar, Qalat, Shah Joi**.

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