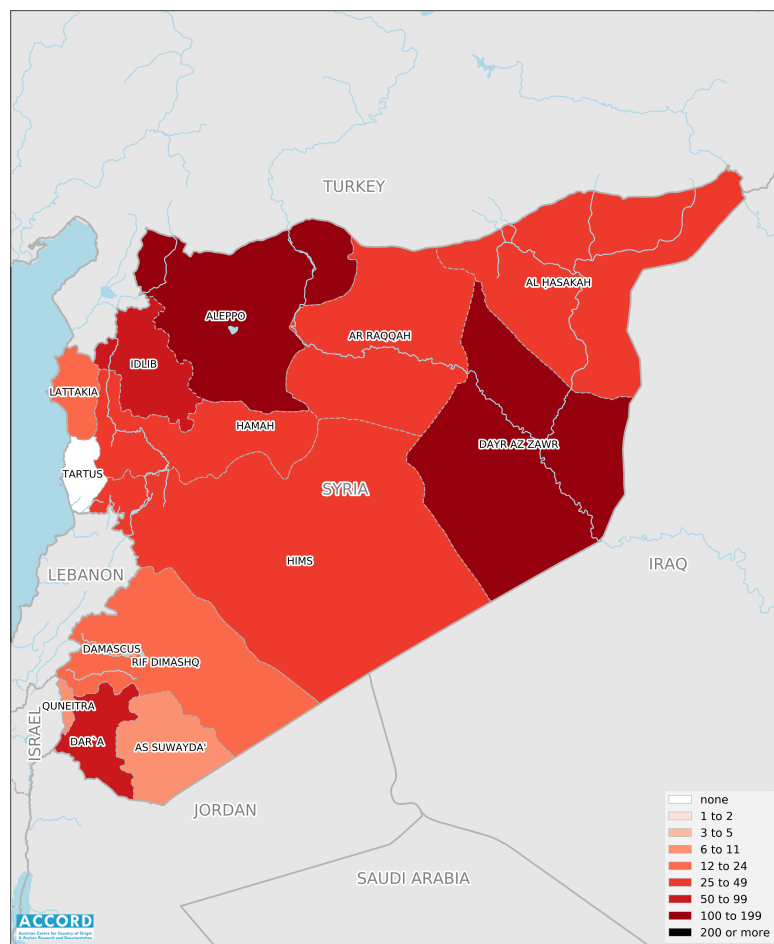


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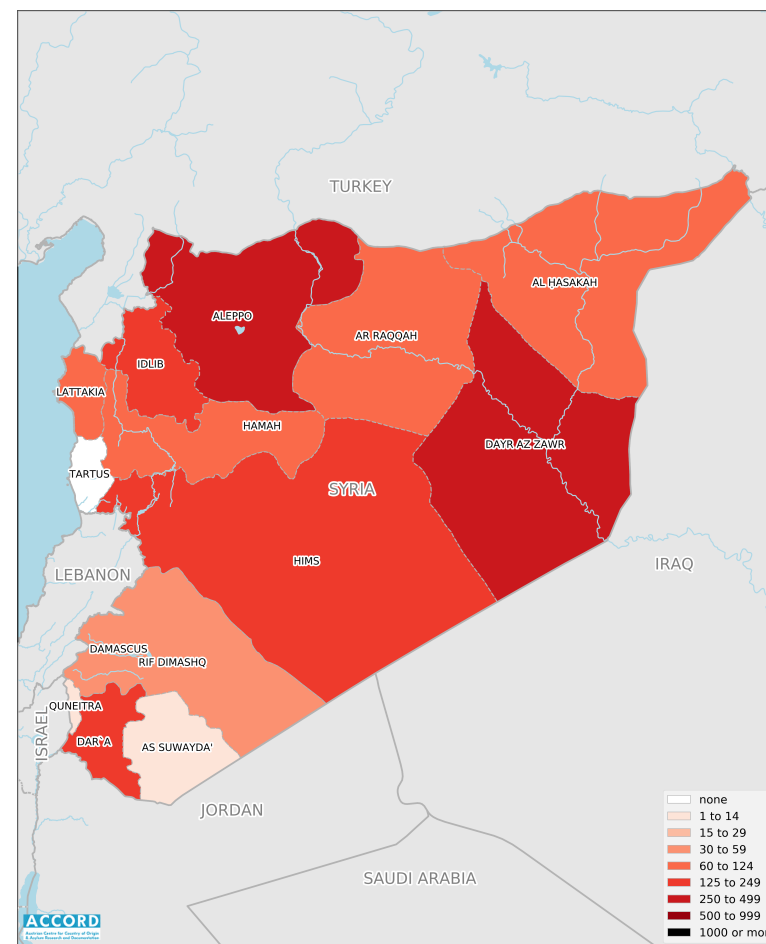
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 4 September 2023

## Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality



## Number of reported fatalities



National borders: [GADM, 6 May 2018a](#); administrative divisions: [GADM, 6 May 2018b](#); incident data: [ACLED, 4 August 2023](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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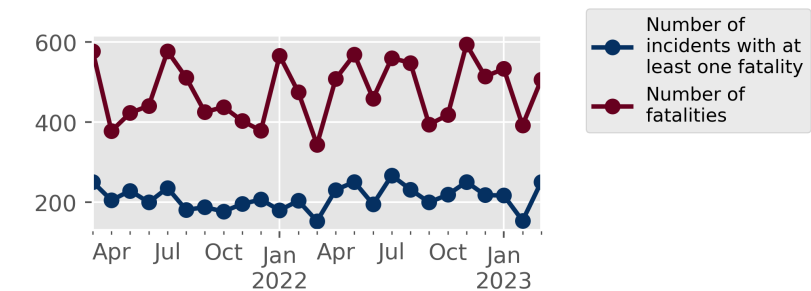
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## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Explosions / Remote violence	917	197	524
Violence against civilians	469	164	300
Battles	456	259	602
Strategic developments	197	2	5
Protests	148	0	0
Riots	31	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2218</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>1431</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, Syria 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 paper for Syria: [ACLED, March 2019a](#), [ACLED, April 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, 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
Al Hasakah	204	40	69
Aleppo	527	100	261
Ar Raqqa	217	43	76
As Suwayda'	32	8	9
Damascus	15	10	27
Dar'a	185	84	157
Dayr Az Zawr	384	158	296
Hamah	113	30	90
Hims	61	38	174
Idlib	347	63	156
Lattakia	52	19	76
Quneitra	10	7	10
Rif Dimashq	71	22	30

## 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 Al Hasakah, 204 incidents killing 69 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Abiad, Abu Rasin, Al Atshana, Al Hamaniyat, Al Jas'a, Al Jawadiyah, Al Waleed Border Crossing, Al-Ahras, Al-Hasakeh, Al-Hasakeh - Al Kallaseh, Al-Hasakeh - Al Nashweh Al Gharbiyeh, Al-Hasakeh - Ghoweran, Al-Hasakeh - Tal Hajar, Al-Maabdaa, Al-Malikeyyeh, Al-Silmasa, Amuda, Aradah, Aziziyeh, Dagham Ajaj, Darbasiyah, Dardara, Dsheisha, Eastern Gharibah, Fakkeh, Hamu, Hole, Hole Camp, Kawkab, Kharab Al Jayr Airbase, Kozliyah, Mabrouka, Manajir, Markada, Mashuq, Musayleh, Muzan, Naem Al Jallud, Qahtaniyyah, Qara Hasan, Quamishli, Quamishli Airbase, Qubur al-Qarajna, Rad Shaqra, Ras al-Ain, Rashidiya, Rasm Al Drou', Rmelan, Roj Camp, Sarmasak, Shadadah, Tal Al Fares, Tal Anbar, Tal Arqam, Tal Azan, Tal Brak, Tal Hamidi, Tal Hmis, Tal Shayr, Tal Tamer, Tall Tawil, Tawileh, Tuffahiyeh, Umm Al-Kayf, Yusefiyeh, Zayn Al Mubrej, Zein Elmabraj.

In Aleppo, 527 incidents killing 261 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: A'rima, Abla, Abu Zandin, Abzemo, Afrin, Aghjah Li, Aghtrin, Ahras, Ain al Arab, Ajil, Al Bab, Al Baylouniyeh, Al Birah, Al Habata, Al Hussyah, Al Khalidiyah, Al Khattaf, Al Ziyarah, Al-Baylonah, Al-Malikeyyeh, Aleppo, Aleppo - Al-Ansari Mashhad, Aleppo - Al-Ashrafiyya, Aleppo - Al-Khalidiya, Aleppo - Al-Layramoun, Aleppo - Al-Nayrab, Aleppo - International Airport, Aleppo - Sha'ar, Aleppo - Shahabaa, Aleppo - Sheikh Maqsoud, Ar-Ra'ee, Aster, Atareb, Atshanah, Azaz, Ba'ay, Baadinli, Bab Al Salameh, Bafillur, Bahfis, Bala, Bashmra, Basufan, Basuta, Bene, Big Amya, Bir Tafreeah, Blinta, Boban, Bulbul, Busraton, Dabiq, Dadat, Daret Azza, Dargir - Deir al Kabir, Deir Ballut, Deir Samaan, Deir Sawan, Ein Daqneh, Enab, Fafertin, Ghaz, Hadath, Haj Qassem, Hamran, Harbal, Hazwan, Hsajek, Ibbin, Ihtaymilat, Jaadet Elsamawat, Jabal Al Sayadah, Jandairis, Jarablus, Jat, Jeineh, Julqan, Kabashin, Kafr Aleppo, Kafr Amma, Kafr Kalbein, Kafr Khasher, Kafr Nabu, Kafr Naseh Tal Refaat, Kafr Noran, Kafr Taal, Kafr Zayt, Khanaser, Khirbat az Zuwayn, Kirzele, Kulyan, Ma'btali, Maarrata, Makbas, Maraanaaz, Maratet Um Hosh, Mare', Mayasa, Meidan

Ekbis, Menagh, Menbij, Meydanki, Mirkan, Nabul, Nayrab Air Base, Nayrabiyyeh, Niddeh, Qabasin, Qarah Qawzak Bridge, Qebtan al Jabal, Qubbet Elsheikh, Raju, Regiment 111 Army Base, Regiment 46 - Military Base, Sad Al-Shahba, Sagher, Sahara, Saidiyeh, Sarin, Shaalah, Shamarekh, Shamarin, Sharan, Shawarighat al Arz, Shaykh Sulayman, Sheikh Isa, Sheikh al-Hadid, Shekhotka, Shuyukh, Solan, Sorhane, Suran, Tadaf, Tadil, Tal Jijin, Tal Madeeq, Talil Elsham, Tall Refaat, Tallaf, Taqad, Tayha, Tlilet Manbaj, Tokhar, Um Adae Ajami, Upper Shyookh, Urum al-Kubra, Urum al-Sughra, Western Khaltan, Yabseh, Za'ra, Zoghra, Zur Maghar.

In **Ar Raqqa**, 217 incidents killing 76 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Abu Hammad, Abu Haya, Al Mu'allaq, Al Tabqa, Al Tabqa - Airbase, Al-Khaldiyah, Al-Khalidiyah, Al-Rasafah, Ar-Raqqa, Ar-Raqqa - Al-Dar'eyyah, Ar-Raqqa - Al-Mashlab, Ar-Raqqa - Hutteen, Ar-Raqqa - Nazalat Shada-Furat, Artawaziya, Ath-Thawrah Oil Fields, Debsi Afnan, Division 17, Eastern Salhabiya, Eastern Zamleh, Ein Issa, Fatsa, Ghanim al-Ali, Hamra Buwaytiyyah, Hamrat Nasir, Hazimeh, Hoshan, Jadida, Jdaidat Baladiya, Jdaidat Kahit, Jdidet Khabur, Jeidine, Jurneyyeh, Karama, Kor Hassan, Maadan, Mahmudli, Mansura, Mayselun, Modar, Mweileh, Qantari, Raqqet Samra, Sabka, Saida, Sheib Eldakar, Sukaryu, Tal Samn, Tall Othman, Tell Abiad, Tiba, Zamlah.

In **As Suwayda'**, 32 incidents killing 9 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: As-Sweida, Qarayya, Salakhed, Salkhad, Sama Elbardan, Shahba, Sleim, Tall Masih, Thebeen.

In **Damascus**, 15 incidents killing 27 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Damascus, Damascus - Al-Midan, Damascus - Al-Salihiyah, Damascus - Al-Shaghour, Damascus - Def Shok, Damascus - Kafr Sousah, Damascus - Qaboun, Damascus - Qanawat.

In **Dar'a**, 185 incidents killing 157 people were reported. The following locations

were among the affected: Abtaa, Al-Harra, Alyeh, Ankhel, As-Sanamayn, Ash-Shajara, Atman, Auja, Bisir Elharir, Busra Esh-Sham, Da'el, Dar'a, Dar'a - Al Dahieh, Dar'a - Al Kashef, Dar'a - Al-Abbasiyah, Dar'a - Al-Balad, Dar'a - Al-Sad, Deir Eladas, Eastern Ghariyyeh, Ein Thakar, Ghabagheb, Ghasm, Hosh Hammad, Hrak, Jasim, Jizeh, Jlein, Jomleh, Khabab, Kharab Shahem, Kherbet Ghazala, Lajat, Maaraba, Mahjeh, Mankat Al-Hatab, Mataeiyyeh, Mzeireb, Namar, Nasib Border Crossing, Nawa, Sahm El Golan, Sahwa, Samlin, Sayda, Shaqra, Tafas, Tal Shihab, Tassil, Tiba, Um Elmayathen, Yadudeh, Zamrin.

In **Dayr Az Zawr**, 384 incidents killing 296 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Abbas, Abu Hamam, Abu Hardoub, Abu Khashab, Abul Nitel, Al Mayadin, Al Sabkhah, Al Shanan, Al Sikhah, Al-Asbah farms, Al-Bukamal, Al-Hawayij, Al-Heri, Al-Hessan, Al-Hussainiyah, Al-Kashma, Al-Kubar, Al-Omar Oil Field, Al-Panorama, Al-Sayjan - Oil Field, Al-Ward - Oil Field, Al-Zabari, Ali, As Sukkariyyah, Ash Shula, Ashara, Ayyash, Baghuz, Barsham, Basira, Bishri Mountain - Deir-ez-Zor, Bogeleyyah, Breiha, Daman, Darnaj, Deir-ez-Zor, Deir-ez-Zor - Al-Arifi, Deir-ez-Zor - Al-Joura-Al-Thawra, Deir-ez-Zor - Al-Qosor, Deir-ez-Zor - Hamidiya, Deir-ez-Zor - Tashreen - Harabesh, Dweir, Eastern Jurdi, Gharanij, Hajin, Halabiyah Castle, Harijiyyah, Harizah, Harmushiyyah, Hawayej Bumasaa, Hawayij Thiban, Hejneeh, Hreiji, Jadid Bakkara, Jalaa, Jasmi, Jazaret Elbuhmeid, Jdid Ekeidat, Kaba Jeb, Kasra, Kharita, Kishkiyyeh, Koniko Gas Field, Lower Baqras, Marashdeh, Mashekh, Masrab, Mathlum, Mhemideh, Moezleh, Mrat, Mreiyyeh, Muayyilah, Namliyyah, Omar - Oil Fields, Qetet Elbuleil, Quriyyeh, Rawda, Ruwayshid, Saalu, Sabah al Khayr, Sawa, Sbeikhan, Shafa, Shiheil, Sosa, Sur, Sweiyeh, Tabni, Tarif, Tayib Al-Fal, Ttayana, Thiban, Tuwamiyyeh, Wasifah, Zir, al-Mojawdeh.

In **Hamah**, 113 incidents killing 90 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Al Ghab Plain, Al-Qahera, Al-Sirmaniyah, Ankawi, As-Saan, As-Salamiyyeh, As-Suqaylabiyah, Bahsa, Barakeh, Dweir Elakrad,

Ein al Kurum, Ithariyah, Jurin, Karnaz, Kherbet Elnaqus, Lower Amiq, Mansura, Masyaf, Muhradah, Na'our Jurin, Oqeirbat, Qalat Mirza, Qarqur, Qastun, Qatret Elrihan, Qulaydin, Shat-ha, Tal Wassit, Tanjarah, Tehmaz, Theil Elejel, Wadi Al Uyun, Wadi Al-Azeeb, Zelin Checkpoint, Ziyara.

In Hims, 61 incidents killing 174 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Al 'Amiriyah, Al-Hail - Oil Field, Al-Koum, Arak, Ashrafiya, Ayon Hussein, Halihla, Harbisha, Homs, Homs - Abbasiyeh Muhajreen, Homs - Baba Amr, Homs - Karm al-Louz, Hweisis, Jabal Al Marah, Jabal Sha'er, Jeb Ej-Jarrah, Kherbet Duwayzin, Qaryatein, Rawda, Sawane - Phosphate Mine, Sokhneh, Tadmor, Talbiseh, Tall Kalakh, Tiyas - Airbase, Tweinan, Wadi Dabiyat.

In Idlib, 347 incidents killing 156 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Afes, Al Burayj, Al Duweir, Al Fatatra, Al Hallubah, Al-Dana, Aqrabat, Ariha, Arshani, Atmah, Atmah Camp, Azmarin, Bab El Hawa, Balyun, Banin, Bara, Bennsh, Dadikh, Dana, Dar Al-Kabira, Deir Hassan, Deir Sunbul, Ehsem, Fleifel, Foah, Ftireh, Ghaniyah, Haranbush, Harim, Hazarin, Hersh Banin, Idleb, Jabal al-Zawiya, Jadraya, Jarada, Jisr-Ash-Shugur, Jobas, Joseph, Kadoura, Kafr Battikh, Kafr Lusin, Kafr Nobol, Kafr Oweid, Kafr Takharim, Kafraya, Kafrsajna, Kafruma, Kansafra, Kawkabah, Kelly, Khan al-Sabeel, Kherbet Eljoz, Kinda, Lajj, Ma'arrat An Nu'man, Ma'arrat Mukhus, Ma'arrat Tamasrin, Maarbalit, Maaret Al Naasan, Maaret Alia, Majdaliya, Milaja, Milis, Nayrab, Qah, Qourqeena, Ruwaiha, Salqin, San, Saraqab, Sarmada, Sarmin, Sfuhen, Tah, Tal Elkaramaj, Teftnaz, Termanin, Turnabah, Upper Sheikh Sindyan, Zardana Mashehad.

In Lattakia, 52 incidents killing 76 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Al Tufahiya, Al-Bayda, Atirah, Barzeh Fawqani, Ein Issa, Jabal al-Akrad, Jabal al-Turkman, Kabani, Kansaba, Kellez, Lattakia, Nahshabba, Qal'at Shalaf, Rabee'a, Saraf, Shamiya, Tallat Abu Ali, Tardeen.

In Quneitra, 10 incidents killing 10 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: Beer Ajam, Breiqa, Khan Arnaba, Kodneh, Nabe Elsakher, Qusaybah, Rafid, Rweheineh, Sweisa.

In Rif Dimashq, 71 incidents killing 30 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: 1st Armored Division, Adra Central Prison, Al Sabboura, Al-Kashkool, Arbin, At Tall, Az-Zabdani, Bada, Bait Jan, Damascus - International Airport, Ein Terma, Hajar Aswad, Horayra, Hosh Arab, Hujayra, Jabal Al Mani, Jaramana, Jirud, Kafr Hoor, Kisweh, Ma'aret Sidnaya, Madaya, Mazraet Beit Jin, Meraba, Qalamoun, Qatana, Qodsayya, Raheiba, Rukban, Sayyeda Zeinab, Sidnaya, Sidnaya Military Prison, Talfita, Tanf, Yabroud, Yalda, Zakiyeh.

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