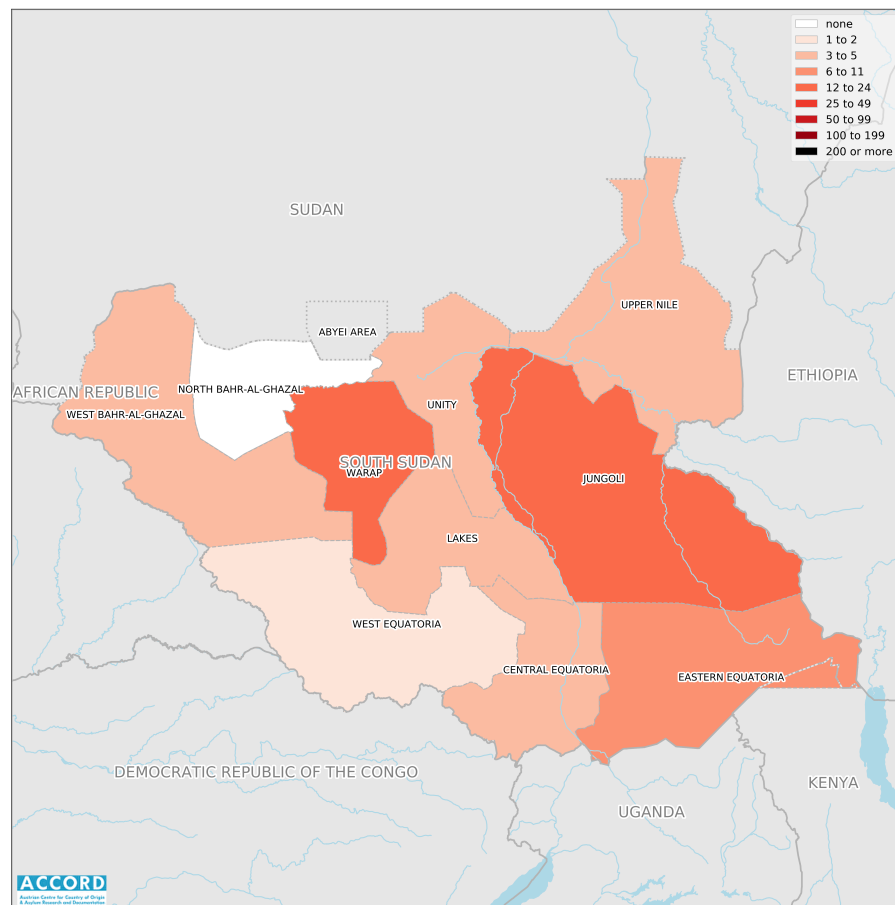


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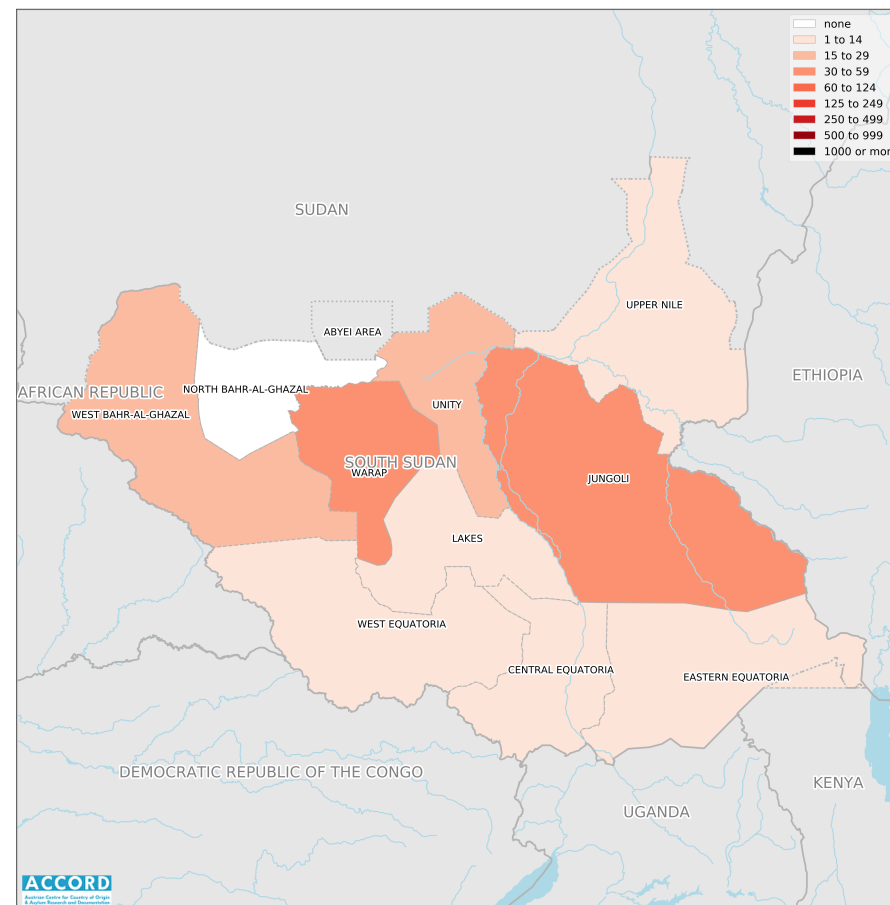
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 8 April 2024

## 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](#); Abyei Area: [SSNBS, 1 December 2008](#); Ilemi triangle status and South Sudan/Sudan border status: [UN Cartographic Section, October 2011](#); incident data: [ACLED, 29 March 2024](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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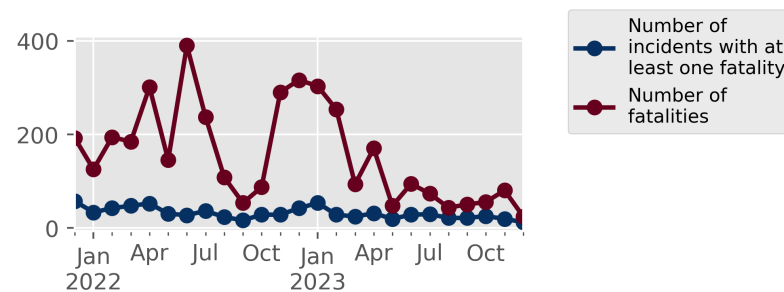
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## Conflict incidents by category

| Category                   | Number of incidents | Number of incidents with at least one fatality | Number of fatalities |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| Violence against civilians | 55                  | 26   | 49                   |
| Battles                    | 39                  | 30   | 110                  |
| Strategic developments     | 19                  | 0  | 0                    |
| Protests                   | 8                   | 0  | 0                    |
| Riots                      | 3                   | 0  | 0                    |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>124</b>          | <b>56</b>                                      | <b>159</b>           |

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 29 March 2024](#)).

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



This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: [ACLED, 29 March 2024](#)).

## 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, South Sudan 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.

Note: Administrative divisions (based on GADM data) are outdated and are reflected as of before the October 2015 reform.

Data on incidents in the Abyei area are not included in this overview.

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 |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Central Equatoria   | 18                  | 3                                   | 3                    |
| Eastern Equatoria   | 17                  | 6                                   | 8                    |
| Jungoli             | 31                  | 17                                  | 43                   |
| Lakes               | 7                   | 5                                   | 8                    |
| Unity               | 10                  | 4                                   | 22                   |
| Upper Nile          | 6                   | 3                                   | 4                    |
| Warap               | 21                  | 14                                  | 53                   |
| West Bahr-al-Ghazal | 9                   | 3                                   | 17                   |
| West Equatoria      | 5                   | 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 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 **Central Equatoria**, 18 incidents killing 3 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abaya, Gondokoro, Juba, Langabu, Lokiliri, Mogiri, Ngerjebi, Wudabi, Yei.**

In **Eastern Equatoria**, 17 incidents killing 8 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Camp 15, Haforiere, Iluhum, Kimotong, Kuron, Lokoges, Loryok, Lotukei, Nadapal, New Site, Nimule, Ongelet, Torit.**

In **Jungoli**, 31 incidents killing 43 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ayod, Baidit, Boma, Bor, Duk Padiet, Duk Payuel, Gadiang, Labarab, Lankien, Mareng, Panyagor, Partet, Pochalla, Pulbuok, Verteth, Waat, Walgak, Yuai.**

In **Lakes**, 7 incidents killing 8 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abiriu, Malueth, Maper, Mingkaman, Pacong, Rumbek, Yiol.**

In **Unity**, 10 incidents killing 22 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Guit, Kaigai, Mankien, Panyijjar, Rubkuay, Tong, UNMISS Rubkona Protection of Civilians site, Wang Kei.**

In **Upper Nile**, 6 incidents killing 4 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Maban, Malakal UNMISS Protection of Civilians site, Nasir, Nyatot, Renk, Tonga.**

In **Warap**, 21 incidents killing 53 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ajak, Ajakkuac, Alabek, Biol, Bombel, Kuajok, Kurchok, Liet-nhom, Makuac, Makwoich, Manyang, Romich, Rualbet, Turalei, Warrap Town.**

In **West Bahr-al-Ghazal**, 9 incidents killing 17 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Jur, Tharkueng, Wau.**

In **West Equatoria**, 5 incidents killing 1 person were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Lakamadi, Mvolo, Yambio.**

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## Disclaimer

Event data may be revised or complemented in future updates. Updates in ACLED's datasets will not necessarily be reflected in ACCORD's reports if the update occurs close to or after the latter's publication. Changes in the sources used by ACLED to collect incident data might affect the comparability of data over time. For more information on ACLED's methodology, please see [www.acleddata.com/resources/](http://www.acleddata.com/resources/). For more information on ACCORD's products based on the data, please see the [ecoi.net](http://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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