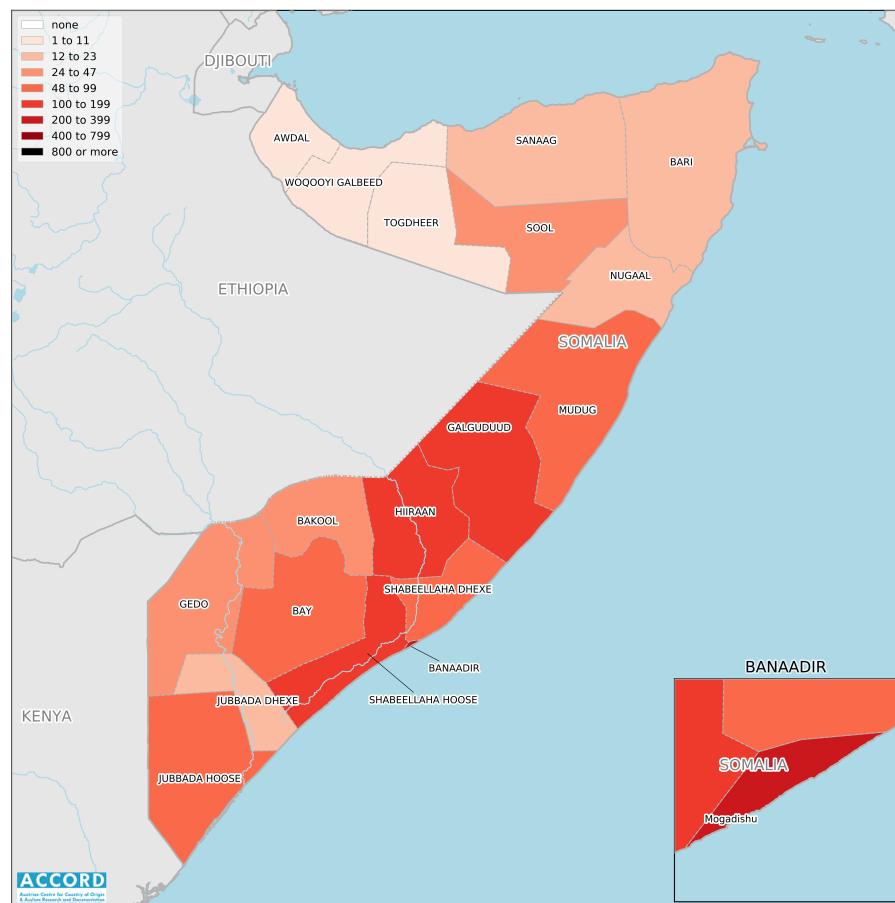


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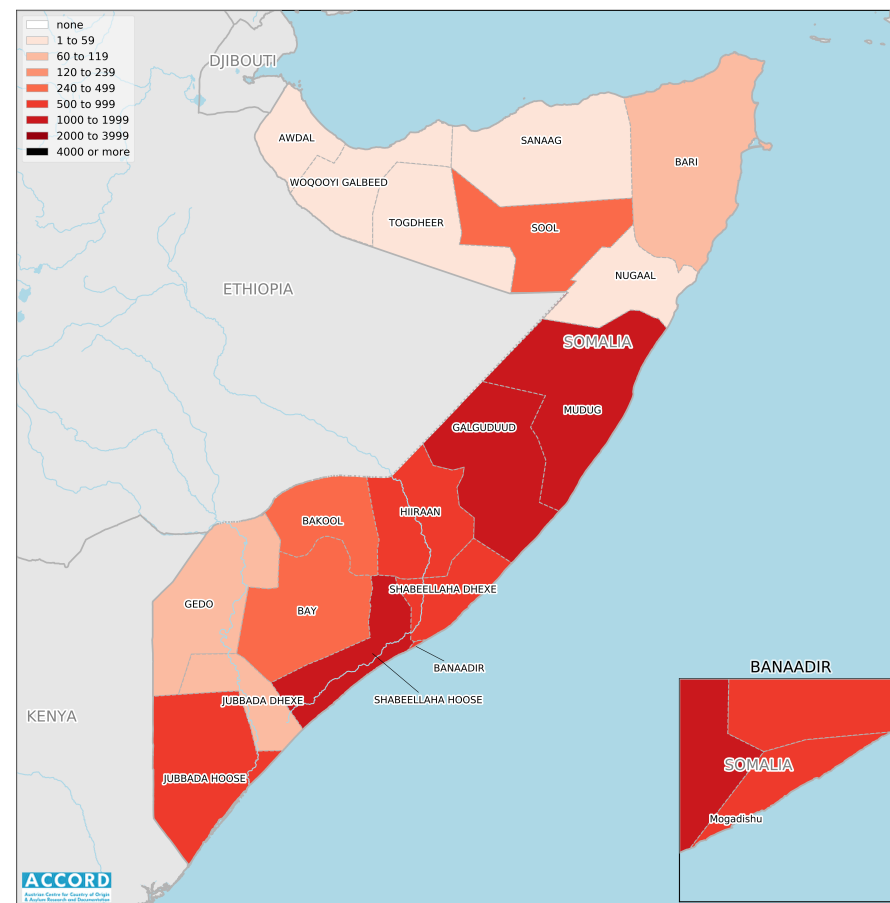
Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

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](#); Ethiopia/Somalia border status: [CIA, 2014](#); incident data: [ACLED, 29 March 2024](#); coastlines and inland waters: [Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015](#)

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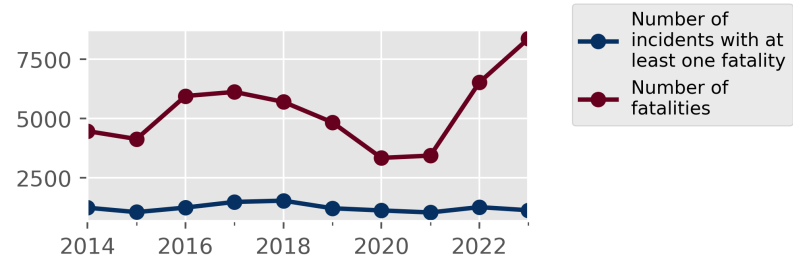
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Conflict incidents by category

| Category                     | Number of incidents | Number of incidents with at least one fatality | Number of fatalities |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| Battles                      | 1648                | 587  | 6388                 |
| Explosions / Remote violence | 665                 | 288  | 1576                 |
| Violence against civilians   | 350                 | 247  | 377                  |
| Strategic developments       | 315                 | 8  | 20                   |
| Protests                     | 74                  | 1  | 1                    |
| Riots                        | 16                  | 3  | 4                    |
| Total                        | 3068                | 1134   | 8366                 |

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

Development of conflict incidents from 2014 to 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, Somalia 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.

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 |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Awdal             | 5                   | 1                                   | 1                    |
| Bakool            | 124                 | 30                                  | 494                  |
| Banaadir          | 538                 | 269                                 | 545                  |
| Bari              | 65                  | 22                                  | 84                   |
| Bay               | 297                 | 64                                  | 332                  |
| Galguduud         | 263                 | 122                                 | 1399                 |
| Gedo              | 89                  | 25                                  | 78                   |
| Hiiraan           | 281                 | 105                                 | 704                  |
| Jubbada Dhexe     | 41                  | 21                                  | 101                  |
| Jubbada Hoose     | 248                 | 81                                  | 733                  |
| Mudug             | 146                 | 84                                  | 1500                 |
| Nugaal            | 46                  | 13                                  | 44                   |
| Sanaag            | 26                  | 14                                  | 44                   |
| Shabeellaha Dhexe | 176                 | 81                                  | 772                  |
| Shabeellaha Hoose | 567                 | 152                                 | 1147                 |
| Sool              | 93                  | 38                                  | 326                  |
| Togdheer          | 46                  | 9                                   | 54                   |
| Woqooyi Galbeed   | 16                  | 3                                   | 8                    |
| Other             | 1                   | 0                                   | 0                    |

## 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 **Awdal**, 5 incidents killing 1 person were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Awdal, Borama, Lawya Caddo**.

In **Bakool**, 124 incidents killing 494 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abaq Beeday, Abaq Turuuruq, Ato, Baar, Buur Caddey, Ceel Baar, Ceel Barde, Ceel Garas, Ceel Gudo, Dudumaale, Dudumale Wiin, Duuray, Eel Leheli, Faraq, Garas Weyne, Hudur, Hunyaley/Lugay Weene, Imilow, Lagaley, Luuka Gurow, Maarey, Oor-Gaafin, Rab Dhuure, Tayeeglow, Ted, Waajid, War-Wiin Kamiisle, Washaaqo, Yeed**.

In **Banaadir**, 538 incidents killing 545 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Mogadishu, Mogadishu - Abdiaziz, Mogadishu - Bondhere, Mogadishu - Daynile, Mogadishu - Dharkenley, Mogadishu - Hamar Jabjab, Mogadishu - Hamar Weyne, Mogadishu - Hawl Wadaag, Mogadishu - Heliwa, Mogadishu - Hodan, Mogadishu - Karan, Mogadishu - Kaxda, Mogadishu - Shangaani, Mogadishu - Shibis, Mogadishu - Waaberi, Mogadishu - Wadajir, Mogadishu - Wardhigley, Mogadishu - Yaqshid**.

In **Bari**, 65 incidents killing 84 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bali-Dhiddin, Biyo Kulule, Bosaso, Buuraha Cali Miskat, Carmo, Dangoroyo, Dasaan, Dharoor, Iskushuban, Kalabeyr, Laag, Qandala,**

**Qardho, Sherbi, Sugure.**

In **Bay**, 297 incidents killing 332 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aawdiinle, Adegow, Adey Garaar, Baidoa, Bansaole, Bardaale, Berdale, Bilile, Bisiq Cadde, Boonkay, Buulo Fulaay, Buulo Fur, Buur Ellaadhe, Buur Xakaba, Buurhakaba, Carah Guduud, Ceel Bashir, Ceel Doon, Daynuunay, Deg-Gomor, Dhay-Dhay, Diinsoor, Duray, Goof Guduud, Gufguduud Burey, Gurbaan, Habare, Iska-Darka, Jameecada, Kurman, Lafaale, Leego, Makuudo, Masagaale, Mayafulka, Miisra, Mooda Mooda, Qansax Dheere, Raxoole, Tabarow, Tugaar-Hoosle, Walaq, War-Gaduud.**

In **Galguduud**, 263 incidents killing 1399 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Balanbale, Bar Ujeed, Baxdo, Budbud, Bulacle, Cabudwaaq, Cada Kibir, Cadaado, Ceel Buur, Ceel Ciid, Ceel Dheer, Ceel Garas, Ceel Gorof, Ceel Lahelay, Ceel Qoxle, Ceel-Bacad, Ceel-Lahelay, Dalsan, Dhabad, Dhuusamarreeb, Gadoon, Gal-Libaax, Galcad, Galhareeri, Galinsoor, Galxagare, Godinlabe, Guri-Ceel, Hareeri Kalle, Ilix, Jowlo, Labagale, Lasxadow, Lebi Duule, Liibaangalle, Maraay Suuley, Masagaway, Oswein, Sayle, Shiiqow Gaab, Wabxo, Warxoolo, Xananburre, Xeraale, Xin Dheere.**

In **Gedo**, 89 incidents killing 78 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aboow, Bardera, Barwaaqo, Belet Xaawo, Buurdhuubo, Carro Case, Ceel Cadde, Doolow, El Wak, Faafax Dhuun, Garbahaarey, Garow, Geedweyne, Geriley, Luuq, Urkut, Uusi Yareey.**

In **Hiiraan**, 281 incidents killing 704 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aborey, Af Cad, Afar Irdood, Baaray, Baardheere, Baarey, Bacda, Beer Yabual, Beer-Gadiid, Beerxaano, Belet Weyne, Berdile, Booco, Bood, Bulo Burto, Buqda Caqable, Buqkoosaar, Bur Daar, Buur Dacar, Buur Weyn, Camalow, Ceel Gaal, Ceel Lahelay, Ceel-Dheer, Ceelbaar, Dhagaxyo-Weyne, Dhoqor, Farlibaax, Feerfeer,**

**Gadan, Garasiyaani, Goobo, Gumburlaawe, Halgan, Hawo Gadid, Hilo Bacaad, Jalalaqsi, Jawil, Jibiley, Jicibow, Jiracle, Kalabeyr, Luuqjelow, Matabaan, Maxaas, Maxamed Hasan, Moqokori, Morodiile, Mukayle, Nuur Fanaax, Qabno, Quracley, Shaw, Sugow, Tabantaab, Taragente, Xarartiir.**

In **Jubbada Dhexe**, 41 incidents killing 101 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Buaale, Hargeysa Yare, Jilib, Kuunyo-Barrow, Mareerey, Saakow, Salagle.**

In **Jubbada Hoose**, 248 incidents killing 733 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abdale Birole, Abdi-Dhore, Afmadow, Baarka, Badhaadhe, Bar-Sanguun, Beerhani, Beermaasi, Biibi, Bula Haji, Buulo Gaduud, Buulo Xaaji, Canjeel, Dabader, Dhobley, Hagar, Harbole, Hawindha, Hosingow, Jamaame, Jana Cabdalle, Kamjaroon, Kismayo, Kolbiyow, Kwamola, Makalaago, Miido, Qalawiley, Qam Qam, Qoqani, Ras Kamboni, Sooyaac, Sunguuni, Tabta, Turdho, Weel Maro, Yoontoy Yarey.**

In **Mudug**, 146 incidents killing 1500 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Af Barwaaqo, Baad Weyne, Baalal Dheere, Bandiidley, Barag, Baragcise, Bursaalax, Caad, Camaara, Carfuuda, Ceel Huur, Dabagalo, Deegaan, Dumaaye, Gaalkacyo, Gaalkacyo North, Galdogob, Galgalad, Garsoor, Hobyo, Israac, Jariiban, Jeexdin, Kalabeyr, Miliqo, Qaycad, Qosol Tiro, Saaxo, Seego, Wisil, Xaarxaar, Xarardheere, Xarfa, Xinlabi.**

In **Nugaal**, 46 incidents killing 44 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Baarweyn, Birta Dheer, Budunbuto, Burtinle, Eyl, Garowe, Libaaxo, Mayle, Tuur.**

In **Sanaag**, 26 incidents killing 44 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Boodacad, Ceel Afweyn, Ceelayo, Ceerigaabo, Dararweyne, Dhoob, Durduri, God Waraabe, Laasqoray, Sanaag.**

In **Shabeellaha Dhexe**, 176 incidents killing 772 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Adan Yabaal, Al-Kowsar, Balad, Balcad, Barow Weyne, Biyo Cadde, Bur-Dheere, Burane, Buulo-Doonka, Buurane, Cadale, Caddaan Laxey, Cali Fool Dheere, Cali Gaudud, Ceel Geelow, Ceel Muluq, Ceel-Cali Weyd, Dhagaxow, Fiidow, Gambole, Garasdeele, Garirow, Gololey, Hilowle Gaab, Jowhar, Maaxaay, Mahadaay, Mansuur, Mareerey, Masagawaay, Mirtuugo, Muuryaale, Nuur Dugle, Qalimow, Qorilow, Qurac Madoobe, Raga Ceel, Run-nirgod, Shaam, Xaaji-Cali, Xaanshooley, Xawaadleey.**

In **Shabeellaha Hoose**, 567 incidents killing 1147 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Afgooye, Almada, Arabiiska, Awbocow, Awdheegle, Balad Amiin, Baraawe, Bariirre, Basra, Beled Amin, Beledulkariim, Bulo Mareer, Buufow Bacaad, Buulo Folyo, Ceel Waregow, Ceelasha Biyaha, Cumar Beerre, Danow, Deg-Wariiri, Dhagahtur, Dhanaane, Doonka, Embareeso, Golweyn, Haawaay, Iidoow-Guudow, Jambaluul, Janaale, Jazeera, Jilib-Marca, K50, K60, Kunyo Barrow, Kurtunwaarey, Laantabuur, Lafoole, Lambar 50, Malable, Mareerey, Marka, Moordiinle, Mubaarak, Mudul-Braawe, Mukaiga, Muraale, Qoryooley, Raydabiey, Saabid, Sablaale, Shalaambood, Siinka Dheer, Tixsiile, Towfiiq, Wanla Weyne, Warmahan, Xaawo-Cabdi, Yaaq Biri Weyne.**

In **Sool**, 93 incidents killing 326 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Laascaanood, Tuko Raq, Tuulo Samakaab.**

In **Togdheer**, 46 incidents killing 54 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Bisiqa, Buq-Dharkayn, Burco, Buuhoodle, Dabaqabad, Dari Maraa, Iskudar, Maygaagle, Ood Weyne, Qoorlugud, Xood, Yagoori, Yeyle.**

In **Woqooyi Galbeed**, 16 incidents killing 8 people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abdaal, Berbera, Dacar-Budhuq, Gabiley,**

**Gacan Libaah, Hargeysa.**

In the **South Arabian Sea**, 1 incident killing 0 people was reported.

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