

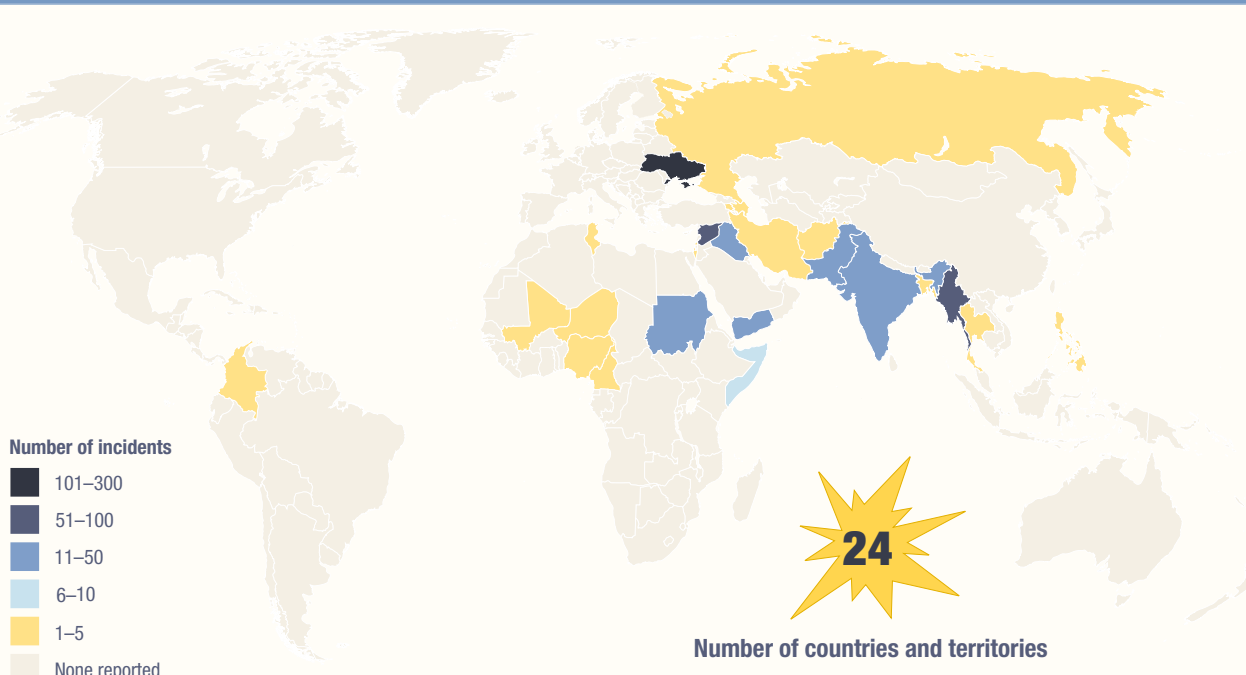
## MONTHLY UPDATE FOR APRIL 2023

## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **24** countries and territories in April 2023. Worldwide, there were at least 447 reported incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 2,632 casualties, of which 1,684 (64%) were civilians. About 35% of all reported civilian casualties occurred in Ukraine. Some of the other most affected countries and territories in terms of civilian casualties from the use of explosive weapons were Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, and Syria.

When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in April 2023, civilians reportedly accounted for 79% of the total recorded casualties. This pattern of harm has been consistently recorded over the last decade.

This data is collected from English-language media reports. It does not attempt to exhaustively capture all incidents of explosive weapon use around the world but to serve as an indicator of the scale and pattern of deaths and injuries.

Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in civilian casualties  
by state/territory in April 2023

## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use and civilian and armed-actor casualties in April 2023

## Incidents



447

## Deaths



483

civilians

541

armed actors

## Injuries



1,201

civilians

407

armed actors

## Impact on civilians in populated areas in April 2023



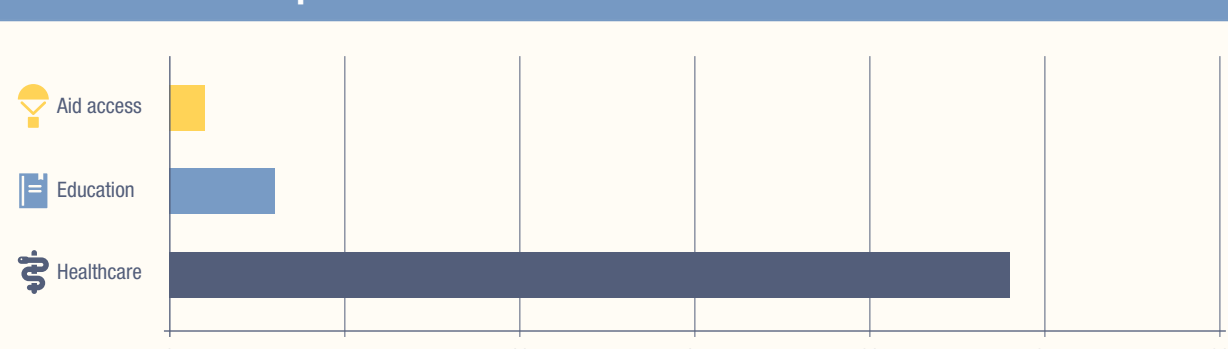
79% of all people reportedly killed or injured in populated areas were civilians.

## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare

There were **28** incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services reported in five countries in April 2023. Nearly half of all incidents affected education and healthcare in Ukraine as a result of Russian airstrikes, shelling, and missiles. In seven incidents recorded in Sudan, health facilities were damaged and health workers killed by shelling by Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) forces. In Myanmar, Myanmar military airstrikes hit hospitals, schools and IDP camps in Kachin and Kayin. Additionally, missiles fired by Israeli armed forces struck a children's hospital and surrounding housing in Gaza in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and an armed drone dropped explosives on a medical unit in Yemen.

This data may include some incidents where a device did not detonate or where there were no civilian casualties, and includes incidents where historical items such as unexploded ordnance were found and which affected the provision of these services.

## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare in April 2023

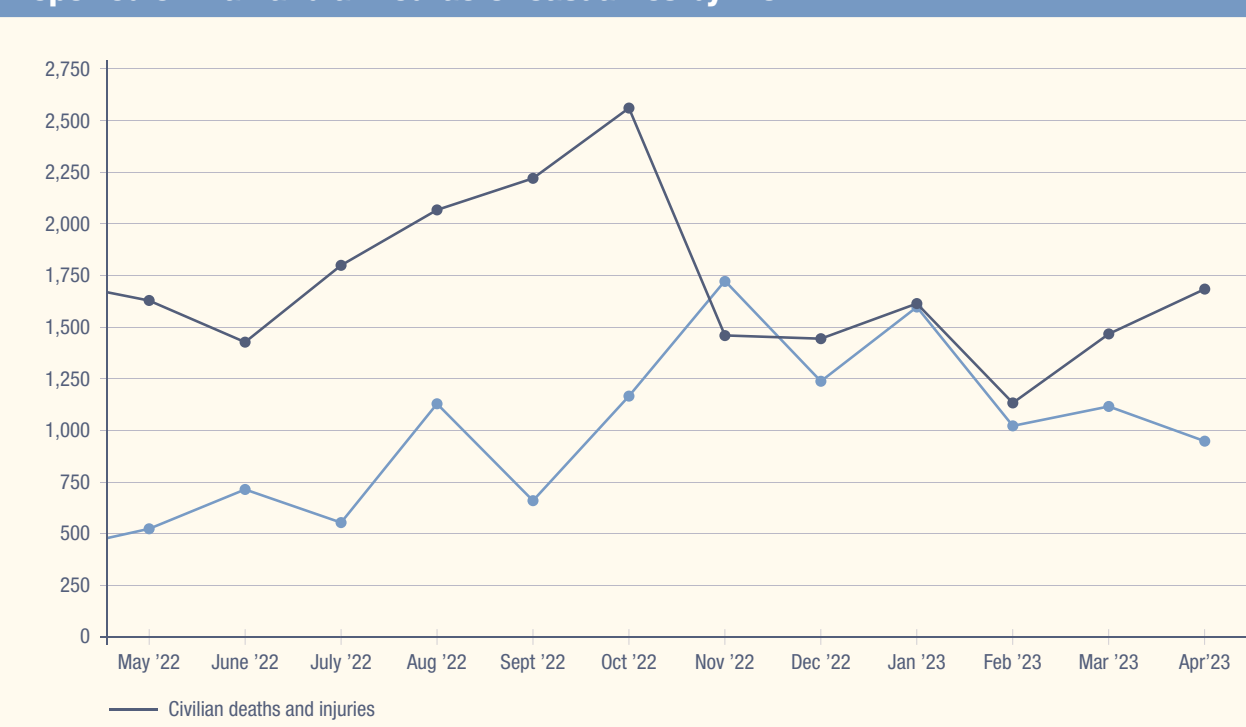


## ANNUAL UPDATES FOR 2022–2023

## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

In the last year (May 2022 to April 2023), at least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **60** countries and territories. Worldwide, there were 5,430 incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 32,938 casualties, of which 63% (20,605) were civilians. About 59% of all reported civilian casualties occurred in Ukraine. Some of the other most affected countries and territories in terms of civilian casualties from the use of explosive weapons were Myanmar, Syria, Somalia, Nigeria, and Iraq.

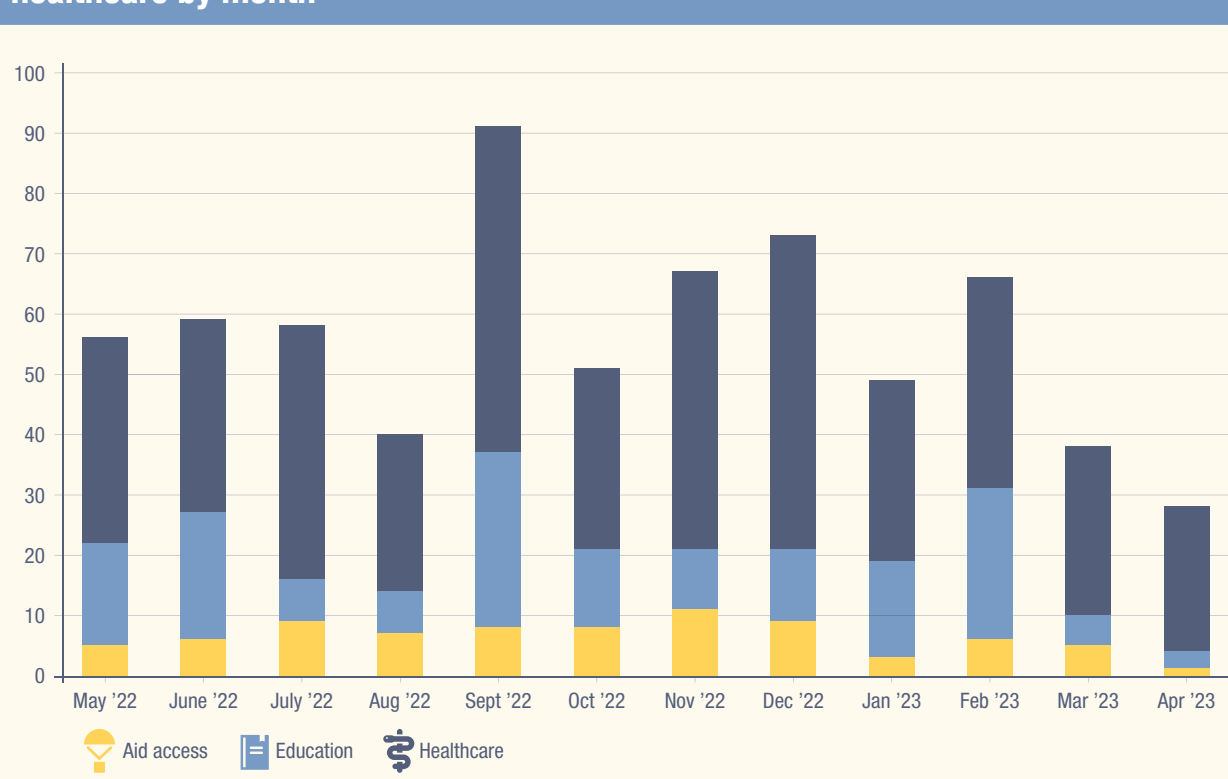
## Reported civilian and armed-actor casualties by month



## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare

In the last year (May 2022 to April 2023), there were **676** recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education, and healthcare services in 27 countries and territories. Air-launched explosive weapons were reportedly used in nine countries, including Ethiopia, Iraq, Mali, Myanmar, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and Yemen. Ground-launched missiles and shelling were reportedly used in at least 19 countries and territories, while directly-emplaced IEDs were reportedly used frequently in two countries, including Afghanistan and Myanmar.

## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare by month



Data collection is ongoing and data may change as more information is made available.

This bulletin produced by Explosive Weapons Monitor publishes data on incidents of explosive weapon use around the world as reported in open sources. It uses data collected by [Action on Armed Violence \(AOAV\)](#) on incidents of explosive weapon use and casualties (including deaths and injuries), and data collected by [Insecurity Insight](#) on incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare.