MONTHLY UPDATE FOR APRIL 2024

Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in civilian casualties occurred in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Other affected countries and territories in terms of civilian casualties occurred in Afghanistan, Libya, Yemen and Ukraine. 90% of the recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare were recorded in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in civilian casualties by state/territory in April 2024

- Occupied Palestinian Territories: 31
- Afghanistan: 3
- Libya: 3
- Yemen: 1
- Ukraine: 1

Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties by state/territory in April 2024

- Occupied Palestinian Territories: 5
- Afghanistan: 2
- Libya: 2
- Yemen: 1
- Ukraine: 1

Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in deaths and injuries by state/territory in April 2024

- Occupied Palestinian Territories: 3
- Afghanistan: 2
- Libya: 2
- Yemen: 1
- Ukraine: 1

Aid access, education and healthcare in April 2024

- Incidents: 1,469
- Deaths: 173
- Injuries: 1,496

An estimated 58% of all recorded incidents of explosive weapon use occurred in populated areas, and 93% of all recorded deaths and injuries occurred in populated areas. Insecurity Insight classifies 90% of all recorded deaths and injuries as civilians. In the Occupied Palestinian Territories, the percentage of deaths and injuries that occurred in populated areas was 100%. This data is based on information from official sources in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, as well as information from the Ministry of Health in Gaza. The Ministry of Health in Gaza reports civilian casualties that are not attributed to specific incidents of explosive weapon use.

The use of explosive weapons is particularly harmful to civilians, especially women and children, who are more likely to be living in populated areas. The majority of deaths and injuries caused by incidents of explosive weapon use occur in populated areas. The Occupied Palestinian Territories have experienced a high number of incidents of explosive weapon use in recent years, with 1,073 incidents recorded in the first four months of 2024.

Insecurity Insight is a civil society initiative that combines research and analysis on harms from explosive weapons with an active advocacy program to support a global norm against the use, production and stockpiling of these weapons. The Insecurity Insight team produces data on incidents of explosive weapon use and casualties (including deaths and injuries) around the world. This data is collected from English-language media reports. It does not attempt to exhaustively capture all incidents of explosive weapon use, but to serve as an indicator of the scale and pattern of harm. This data is collected and reported by the International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW).

The INEW is a non-profit organization that was established to raise awareness of the harms caused by explosive weapons, and to work towards a global norm against their use, production and stockpiling. The INEW is supported by governments, civil society organizations and other stakeholders who share the goal of reducing the harm caused by explosive weapons.

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