MONTHLY UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2023

Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

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In the last year, explosive weapons were used in 55 countries and territories in 96% of all recorded incidents. The Occupied Palestinian Territories was the most affected country, with a total of 387 incidents, followed by Ukraine with 266 incidents and Sudan with 130 incidents. Other affected countries and territories included Myanmar (65 incidents), Somalia (58 incidents) and Syria (56 incidents).

Casualties from the use of explosive weapons in December 2023

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in 768 incidents in December 2023, resulting in a total of 485 civilian casualties and 282 armed-actor casualties. This represents a decrease of 14% compared to November 2023, and an increase of 25% compared to December 2022. The Occupied Palestinian Territories accounted for 26% of all reported civilian casualties, followed by Ukraine (19%) and Sudan (14%). Other affected countries and territories included Myanmar (6%), Somalia (5%) and Syria (5%)

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