

MONTHLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2023

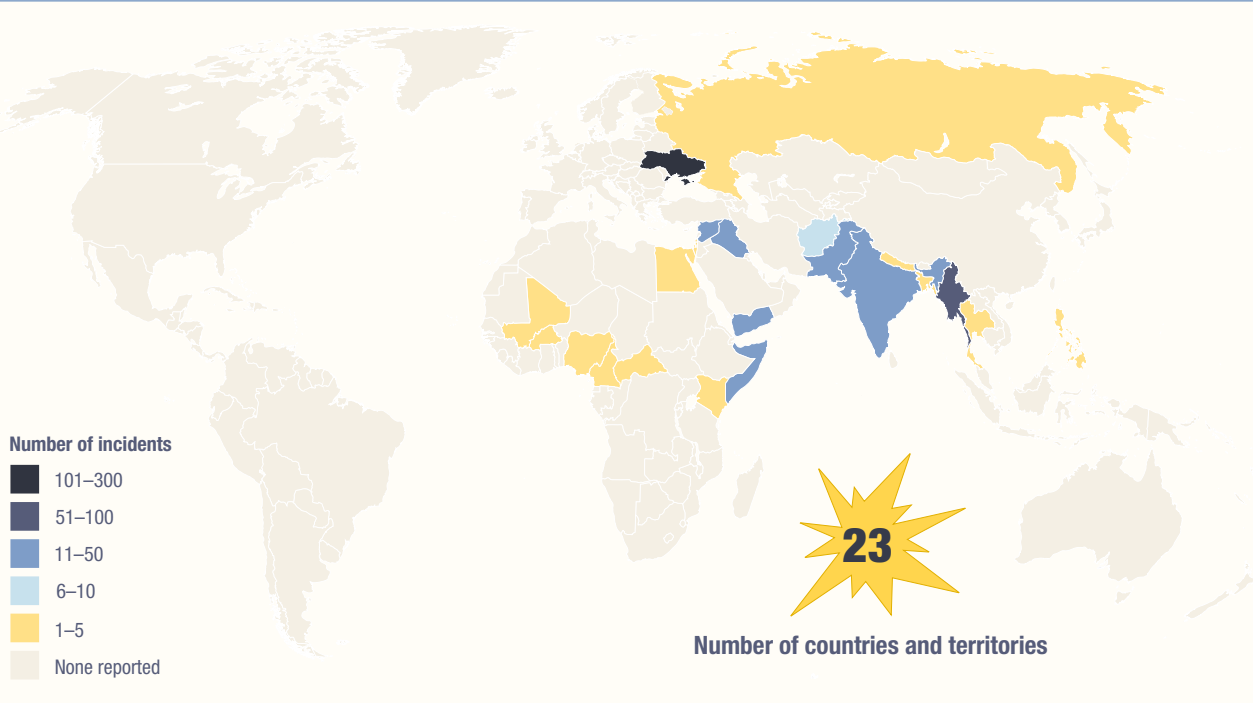
Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **23** countries and territories in February 2023. Worldwide, there were at least 469 reported incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in at least 2,155 casualties, of which 1,133 (53%) were civilians. About 40% 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 Somalia, Myanmar, Syria, and Pakistan.

When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in February 2023, civilians reportedly accounted for 74% 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 February 2023



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

Incidents



469

Deaths



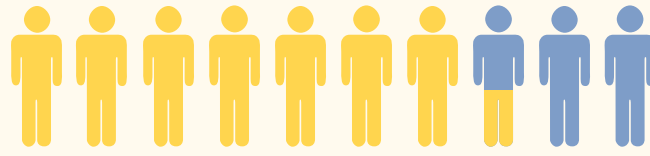
324 civilians
698 armed actors

Injuries



809 civilians
324 armed actors

Impact on civilians in populated areas in February 2023



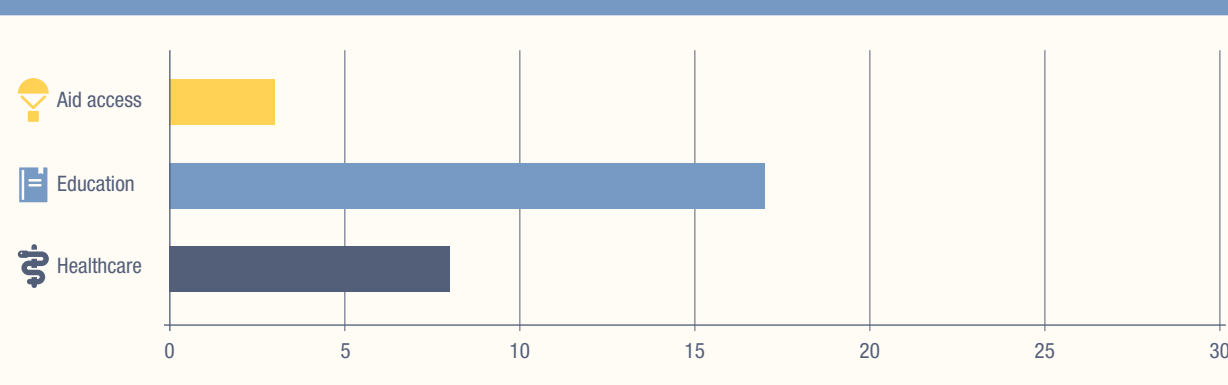
74% of all people reportedly killed or injured in populated areas were civilians.

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 recorded in five countries and territories in February 2023. High incident numbers continued to be reported in Ukraine where ground-launched artillery shells and missiles impacted education and healthcare services. Additionally, air-launched explosive weapons and IED explosions continued to impact education and healthcare services in Myanmar. Aid access, education and healthcare was also reportedly disrupted by explosive weapon use in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Somalia, and Syria in February 2023.

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 February 2023

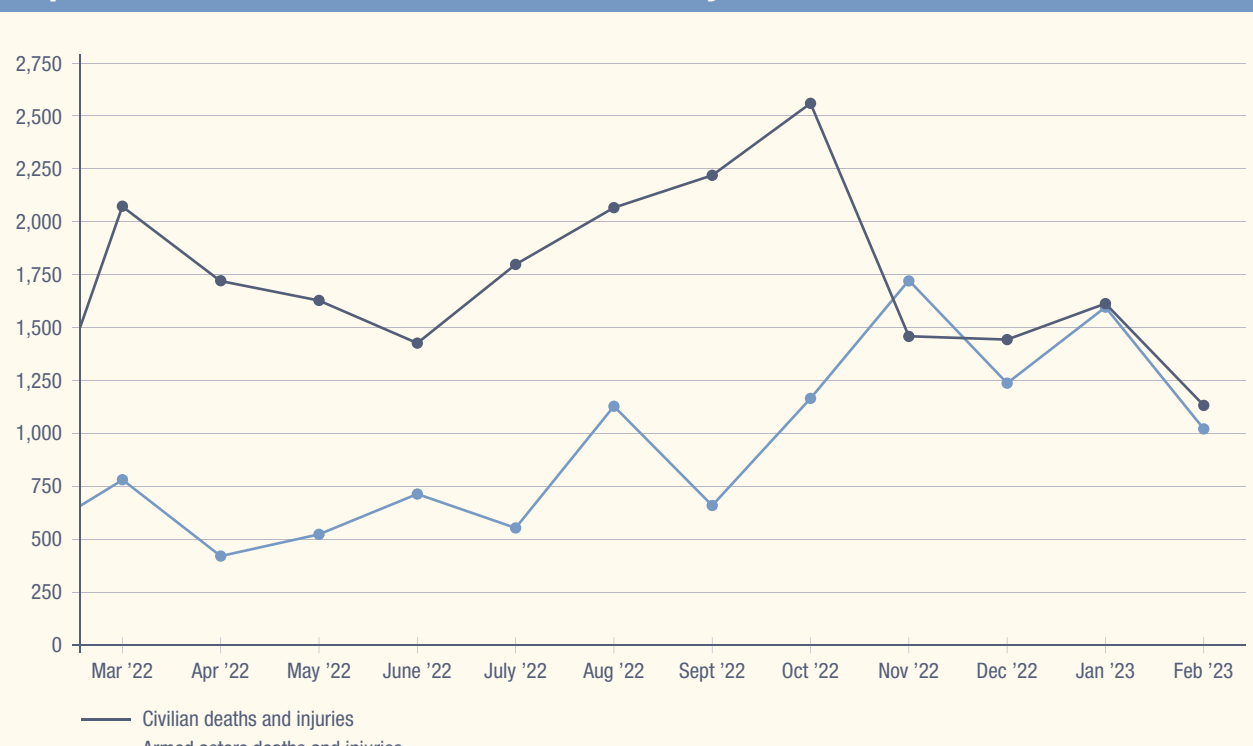


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Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

In the last year (March 2022 to February 2023), at least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **58** countries and territories. Worldwide, there were 4,918 incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 33,018 casualties, of which 65% (21,528) were civilians. About 53% 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 Somalia, Afghanistan, Syria, Myanmar, and Iraq.

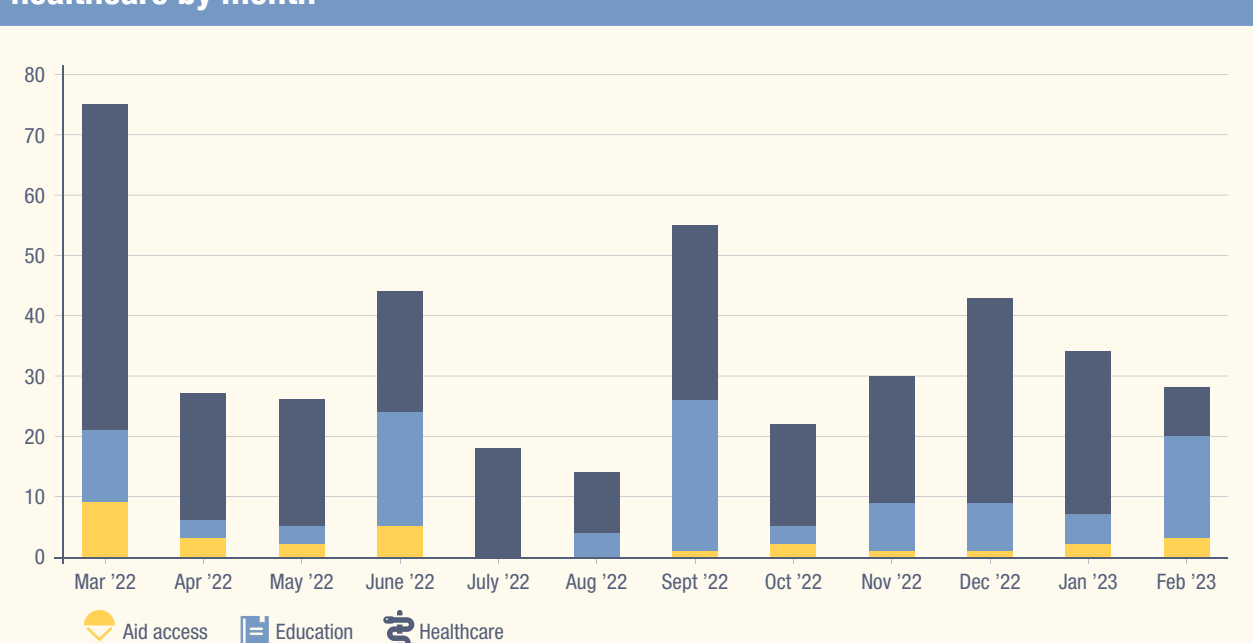
Reported civilian and armed-actor casualties by month



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

In the last year (March 2022 to February 2023), there were **729** recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education, and healthcare services in 24 countries and territories. At least 88 aid workers, educators, and health workers were killed in these incidents. Overall, most incidents involved health facilities, educators and schools in Ukraine which were damaged or destroyed. High numbers of incidents were also reported in Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria and Yemen.

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.