

MONTHLY UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY 2024

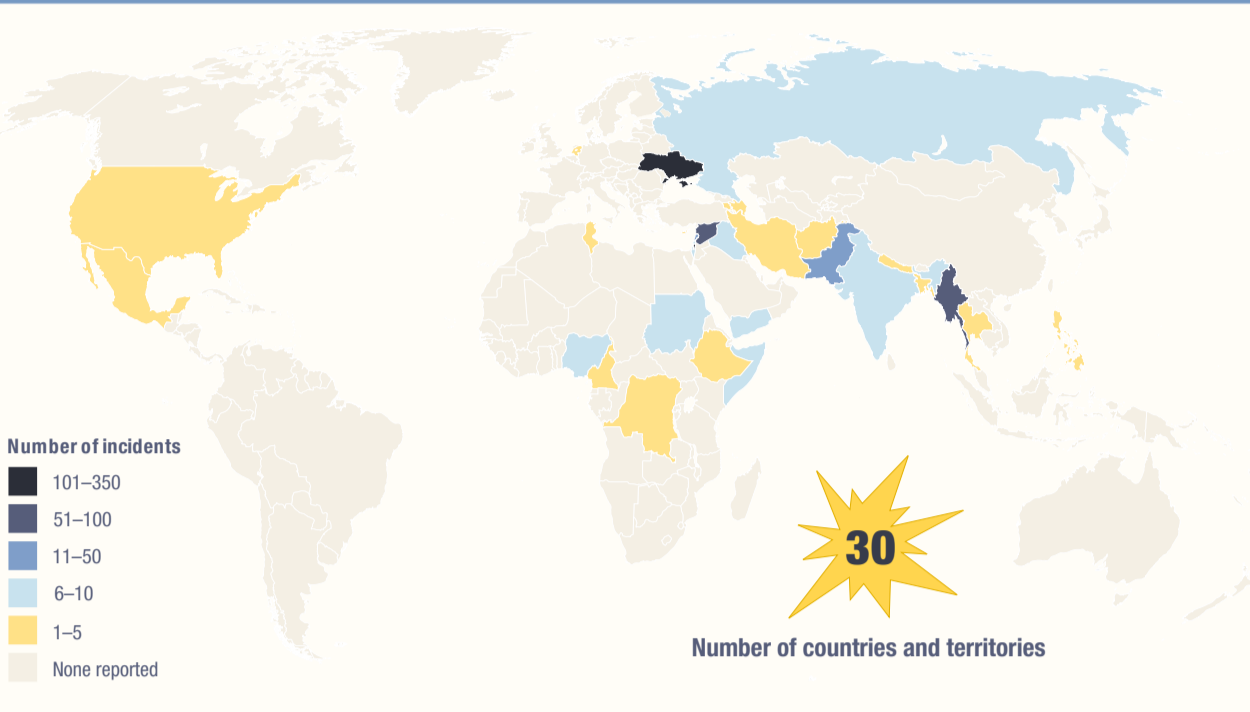
Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **30** countries and territories in February 2024. Worldwide, there were at least 703 reported incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 4,600 casualties, of which 3,762 (82%) were civilians. About 58% of all reported civilian casualties occurred in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Other affected countries and territories in terms of civilian casualties from the use of explosive weapons were Myanmar, Pakistan, Syria and Ukraine.

When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in February 2024, civilians reportedly accounted for 91% of all 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. In the Occupied Palestinian Territories, English-language media underreported the numbers of casualties caused by incidents of explosive weapons use. Additionally, the use of explosive weapons in the Occupied Palestinian Territories was so frequent that it was difficult in many cases to attribute civilian casualties to specific incidents of use, as required by the methodology for this data collection. As such, the data presented here underrepresents the extent to which casualties were caused by explosive weapons. For more information on casualties from official sources in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, see the Ministry of Health in Gaza figures reported, when possible, by the [UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#).

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



Reported incidents of explosive weapon use and civilian and armed-actor casualties in February 2024

Incidents



703

Deaths



1,871 civilians
571 armed actors

Injuries



1,891 civilians
267 armed actors

Impact on civilians in populated areas in February 2024

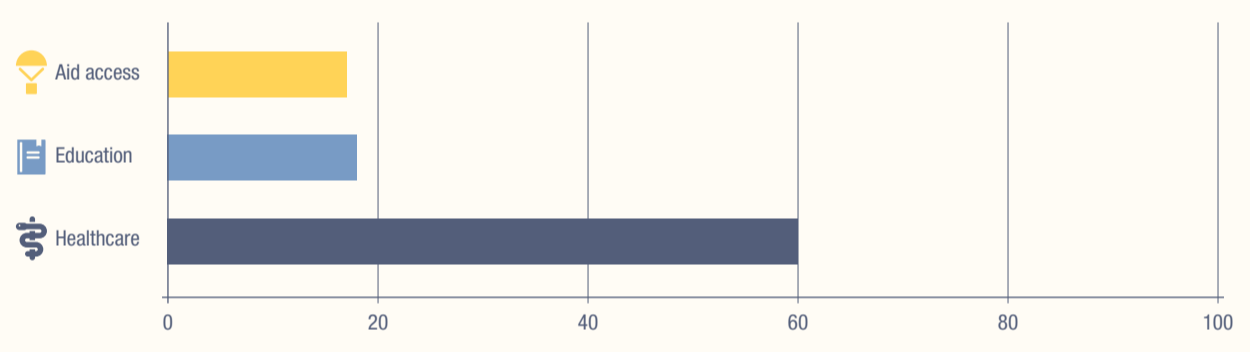


91% of all people reportedly killed or injured in populated areas were civilians.

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

There were **95** incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services reported in four countries and territories in February 2024, marking a decrease from the 183 incidents reported in January 2024. For the fifth consecutive month, the majority of these incidents occurred in the Occupied Palestinian Territories with cases also documented in Lebanon, Myanmar, and Ukraine. Two-thirds of the 95 incidents involved the use of air-launched explosive weapons fired by Israeli Defense Forces, Russian armed forces and the Myanmar military, damaging hospitals and refugee camps.

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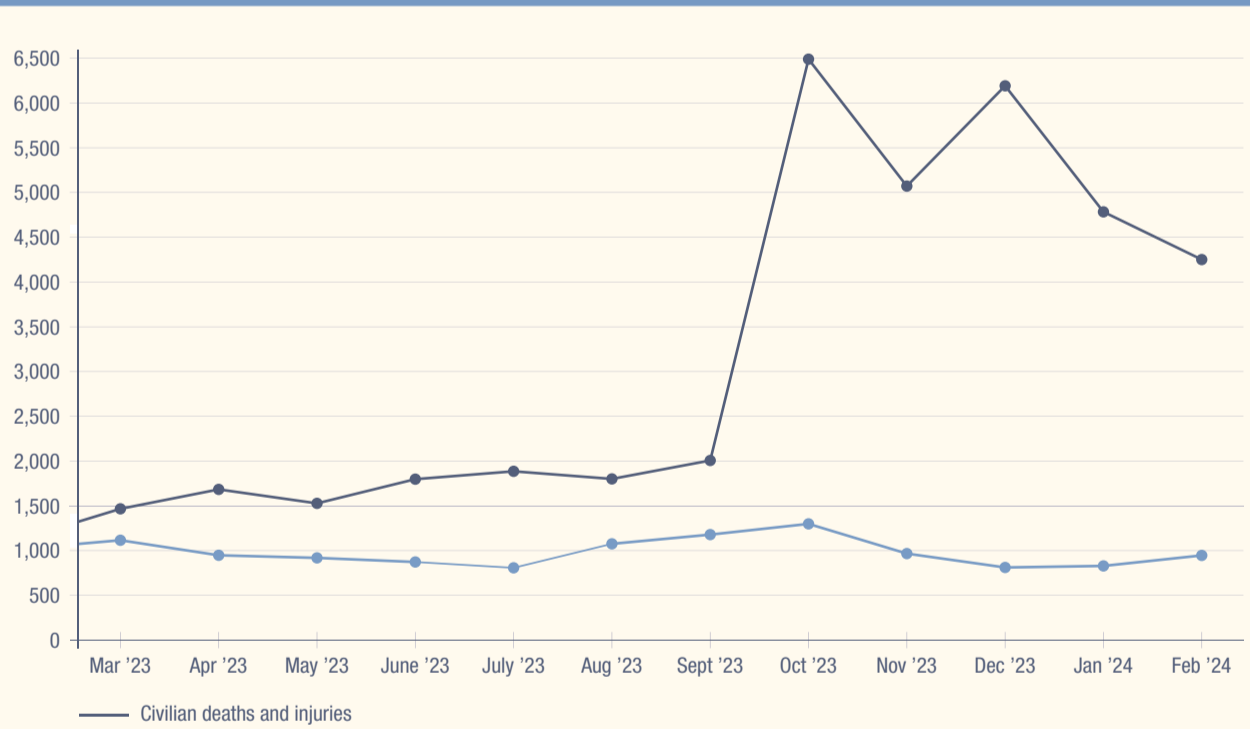


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Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

In the last year (March 2023 to February 2024), at least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **65** countries and territories. Worldwide, there were 7,840 incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 52,634 casualties, of which 78% (40,926) were civilians. About 47% of all reported civilian casualties occurred in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Other affected countries and territories in terms of civilian casualties from the use of explosive weapons were Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.

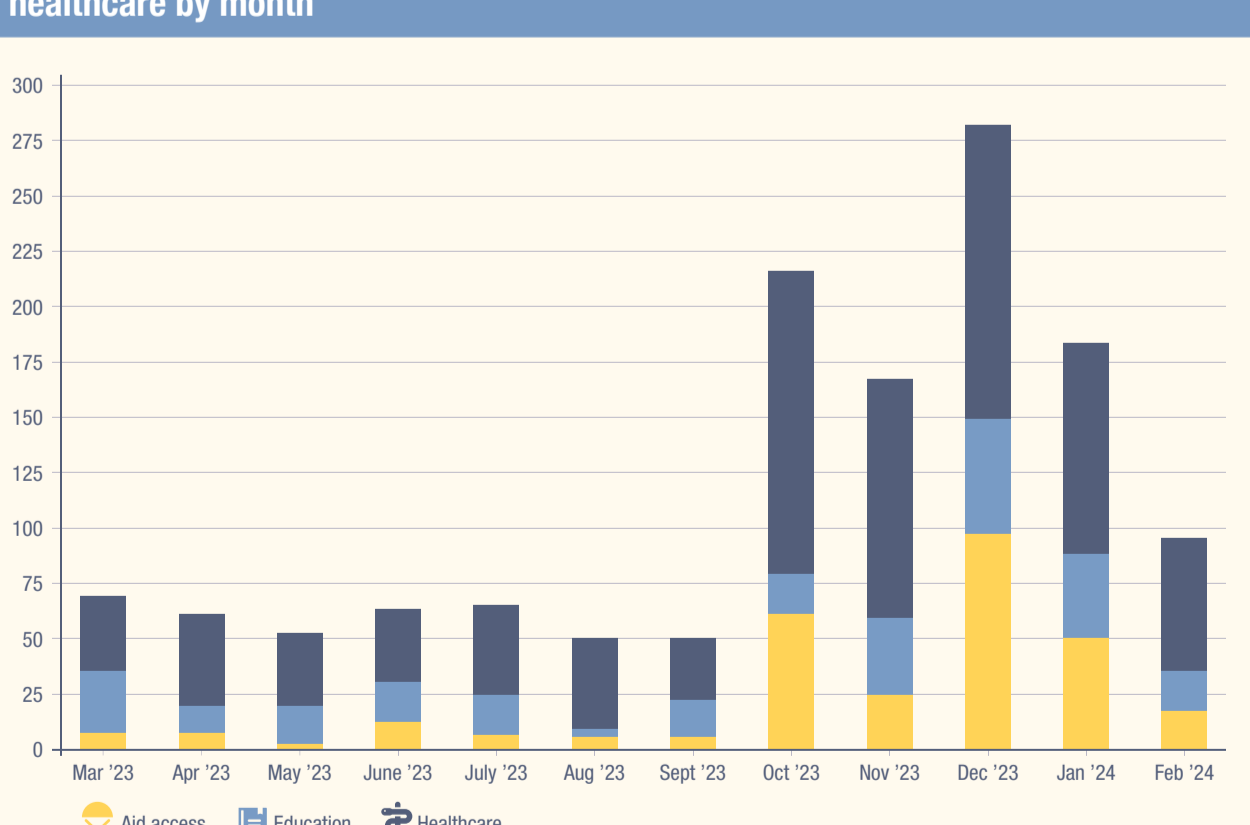
Reported civilian and armed-actor casualties by month



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

In the last year (March 2023 to February 2024), there were 1,353 recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education, and healthcare services in **29** countries and territories. At least 337 aid workers, educators, health workers and students were killed in these incidents. Half of these incidents affected aid access, education and healthcare services in the Occupied Palestinian Territories where the use of air-launched explosive weapons was frequently reported since 7 October 2023. Aid access and healthcare services in Syria were also often affected by air- and ground-launched explosive weapons between October 2023 and January 2024.

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.

