Reporting incidents of explosive weapon use is critical to understanding the extent and impact of explosive weapons on populations and infrastructure affected. 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.

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 use and effects.

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

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The impact on civilians in populated areas in January 2023

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in 50 countries and territories. The most affected countries and territories for explosive weapon use in January 2023 were Afghanistan, Yemen, Myanmar, Somalia, and Iraq. In January 2023, explosive weapon use affected aid access, education, and healthcare services in 21 countries. Incidents were most frequent in Ukraine, where explosive weapons damaged hospitals, ambulances, and other healthcare infrastructure. Additionally, healthcare was disrupted in three countries in January 2023. Of these, 65% were reported in Ukraine, where explosive weapons damaged hospitals.

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WHO'S BEING AFFECTED?

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