

MONTHLY UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2024

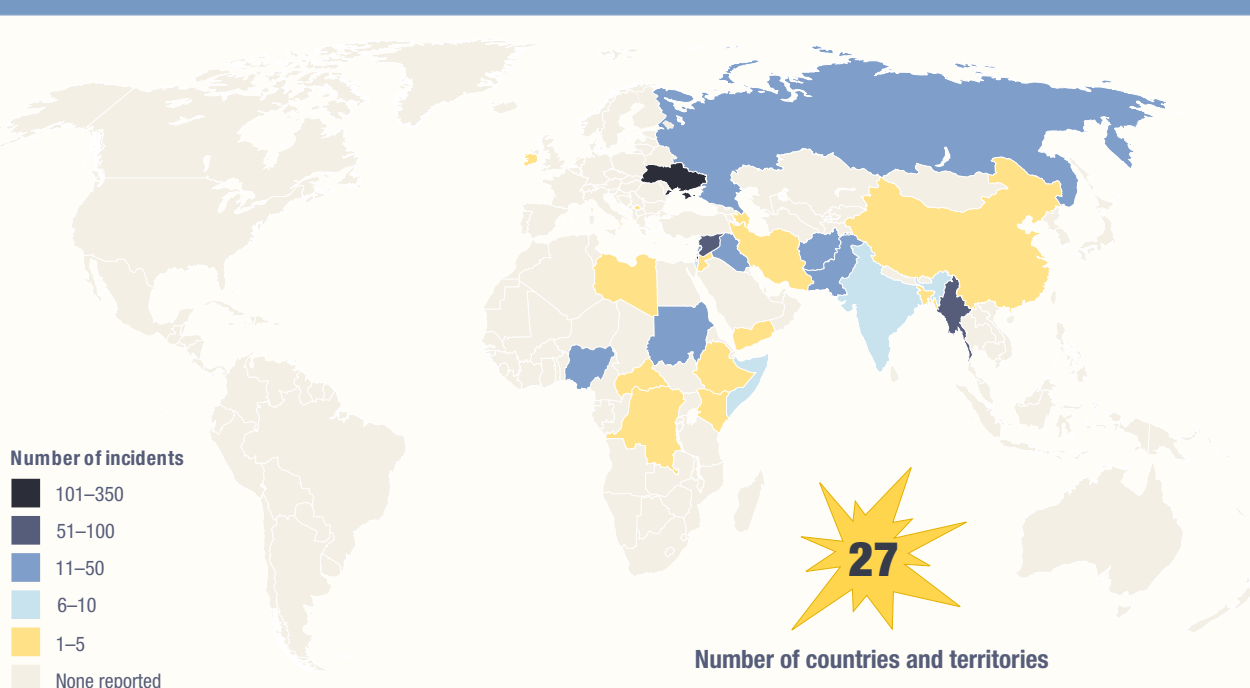
Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **27** countries and territories in January 2024. Worldwide, there were at least 757 reported incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 5,612 casualties, of which 4,783 (85%) were civilians. About 54% 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 Iran, Myanmar, Sudan and Ukraine.

When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in January 2024, civilians reportedly accounted for 95% 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 January 2024



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

Incidents



757

Deaths



2,529

civilians

513

armed actors

Injuries



2,254

civilians

316

armed actors

Impact on civilians in populated areas in January 2024



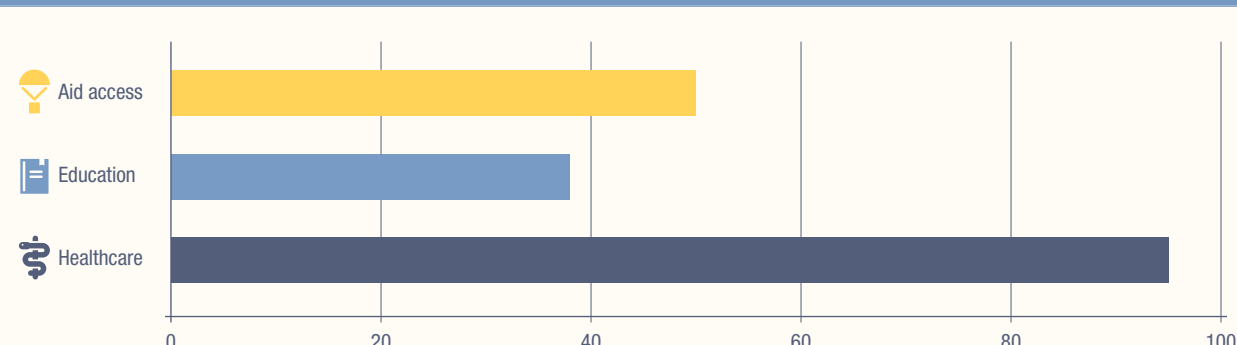
95% of all people reportedly killed or injured in populated areas were civilians.

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

There were **183** incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services reported in six countries and territories in January 2024, marking a decrease from the 282 incidents reported in December 2023. For the fourth consecutive month, the majority of these incidents occurred in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Of these 148 incidents, most involved the use of air-launched explosive weapons fired by Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

Incidents also occurred in Iran, Israel, Myanmar, Pakistan and Ukraine. In Iran, an Islamic State bomb killed three paramedics responding to victims of a previous bombing. In Israel, a Hamas anti-tank missile targeting an IDF helicopter in Gaza struck a clinic. In Pakistan, a roadside IED killed five of 25 police officers protecting polio vaccination workers. The numbers of reported incidents decreased in Myanmar and Ukraine in January compared to previous months.

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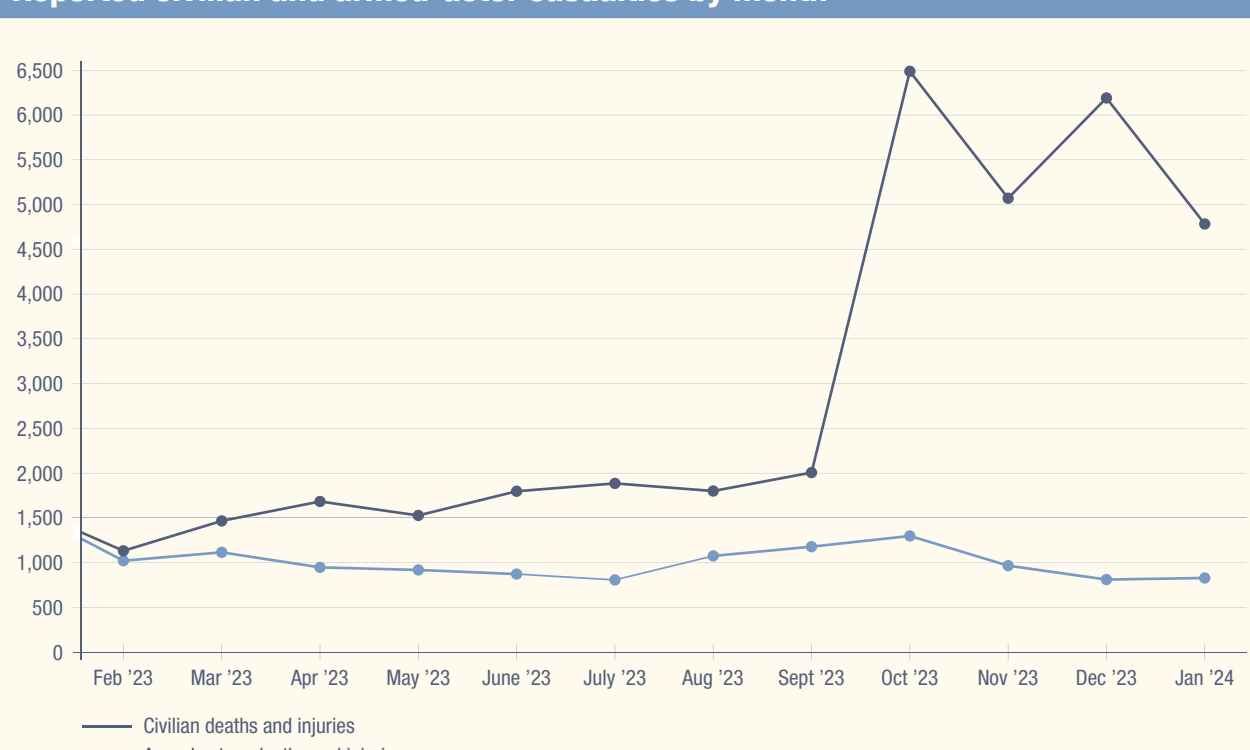


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Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

In the last year (February 2023 to January 2024), at least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **63** countries and territories. Worldwide, there were 7,588 incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 49,812 casualties, of which 76% (37,915) were civilians. About 43% 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.

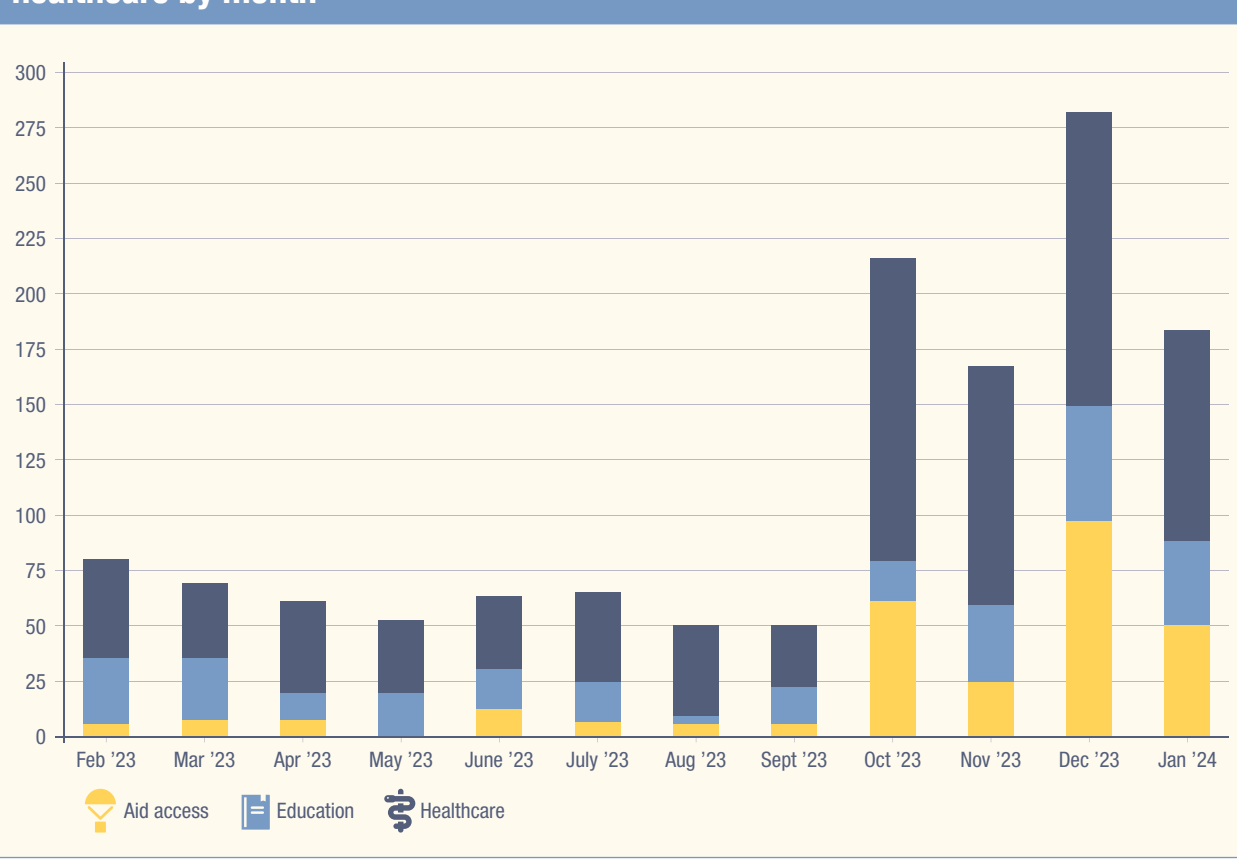
Reported civilian and armed-actor casualties by month



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

In the last year (February 2023 to January 2024), there were 1,338 recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education, and healthcare services in **30** countries and territories. At least 322 aid workers, educators, health workers and students were killed in these incidents. Nearly half of the 1,338 incidents involved the use of air-launched explosive weapons affecting aid access, education and healthcare services in ten countries and territories.

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.