

## MONTHLY UPDATE FOR MARCH 2023

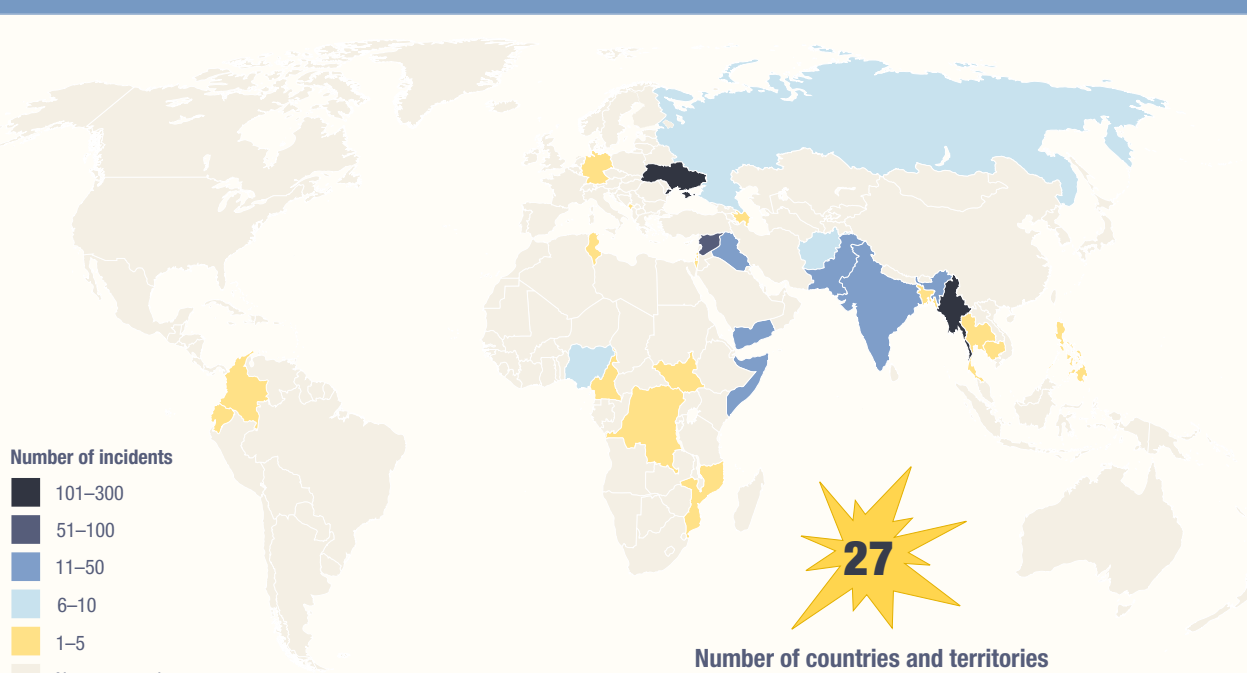
## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in 27 countries and territories in March 2023. Worldwide, there were at least 513 reported incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in at least 2,583 casualties, of which 1,467 (57%) were civilians. About 41% 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 Yemen.

When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in March 2023, civilians reportedly accounted for 85% 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 March 2023



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

## Incidents



513

## Deaths



368

civilians

777

armed actors

## Injuries



1,099

civilians

339

armed actors

## Impact on civilians in populated areas in February 2023



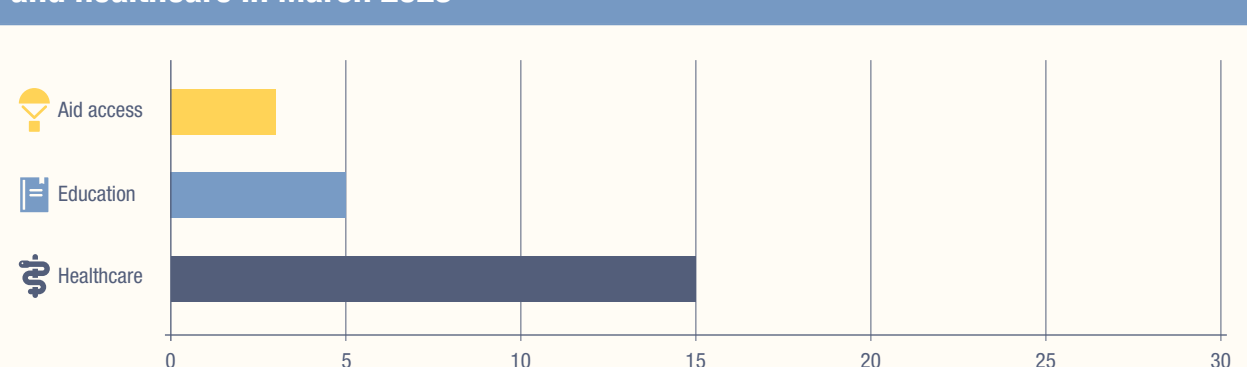
85% of all people reportedly killed or injured in populated areas were civilians.

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

There were 23 incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services in March 2023. Nearly all incidents, 22, occurred in Ukraine, a third of which were recorded in Donetsk oblast. In other oblasts, a humanitarian aid delivery point, kindergartens, health clinics, and pharmacies were damaged in Russian forces shelling. The remaining incident occurred in Myanmar, where a clinic belonging to the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) was damaged during a Myanmar military airstrike in Kachin state.

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 March 2023

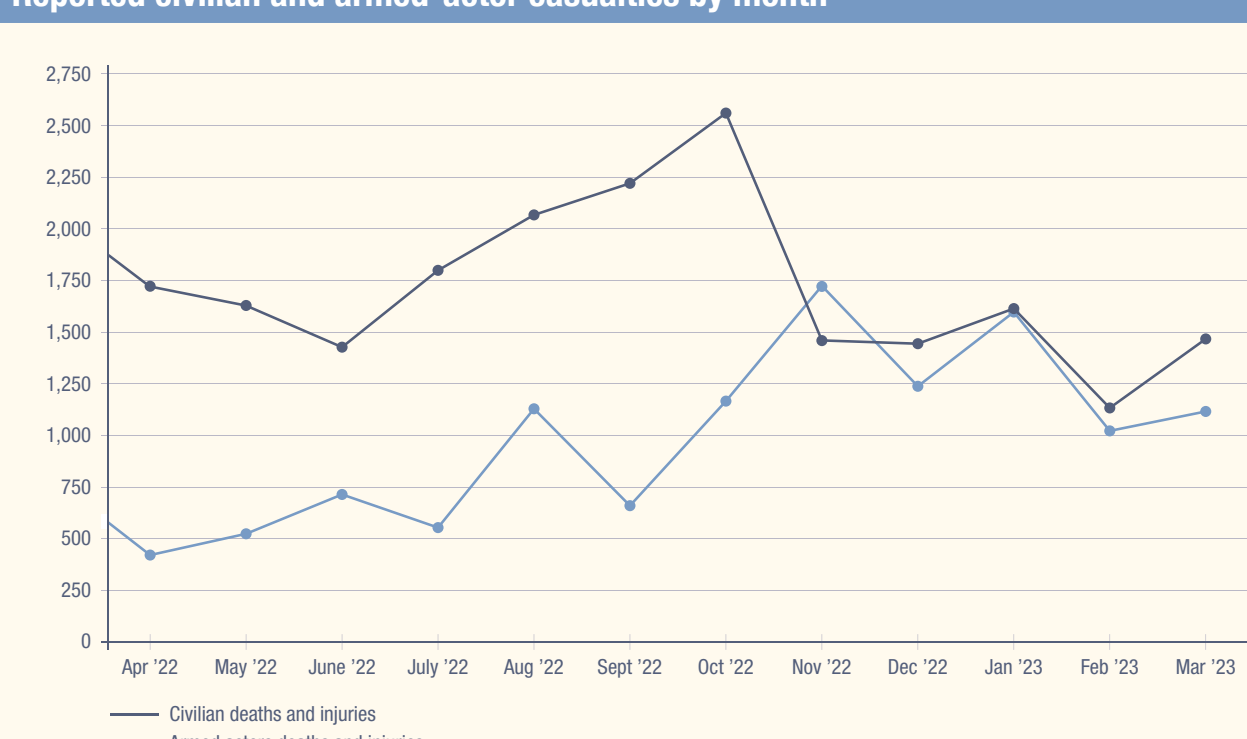


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## Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

In the last year (April 2022 to March 2023), at least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in 61 countries and territories. Worldwide, there were 5,220 incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 32,463 casualties, of which 64% (20,642) were civilians. About 51% 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, Myanmar, Syria, and Iraq.

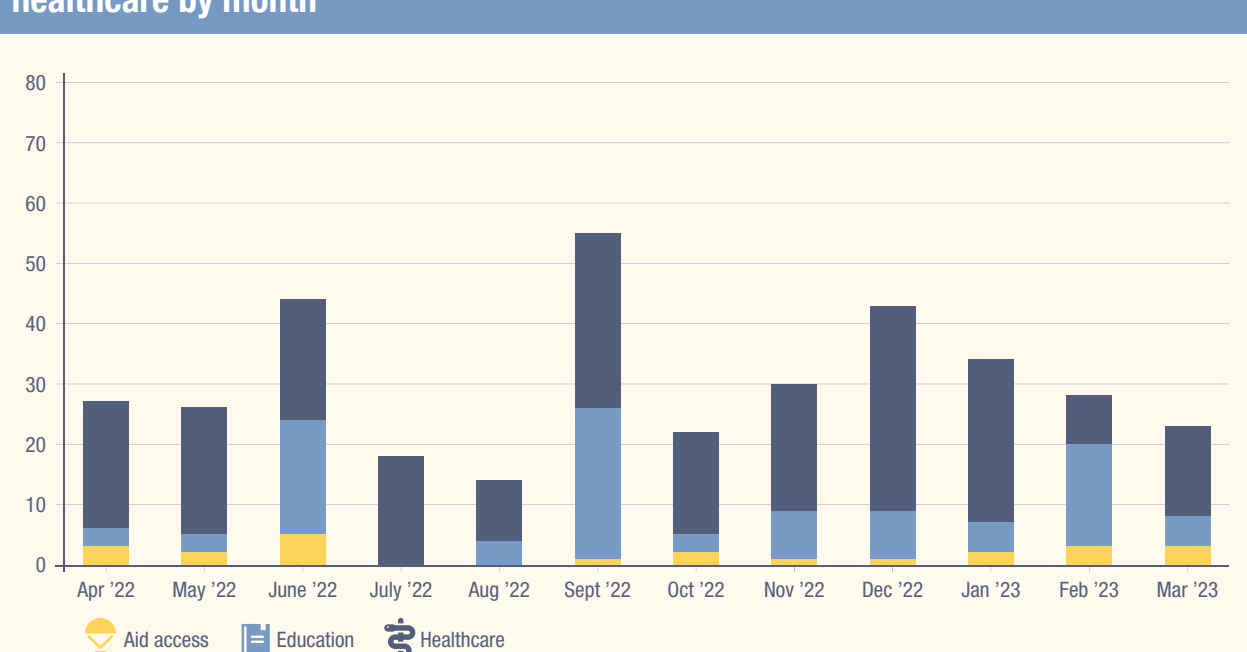
## Reported civilian and armed-actor casualties by month



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

In the last year (April 2022 to March 2023), there were 594 recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education, and healthcare services in 23 countries and territories. Over 100 aid workers, educators, and health workers were killed in these incidents. Air-launched weapons most frequently impacted aid access, education, and healthcare services in Ukraine and Myanmar while IEDs were more commonly recorded in Afghanistan and Myanmar.

## 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.