

MONTHLY UPDATE FOR MARCH 2024

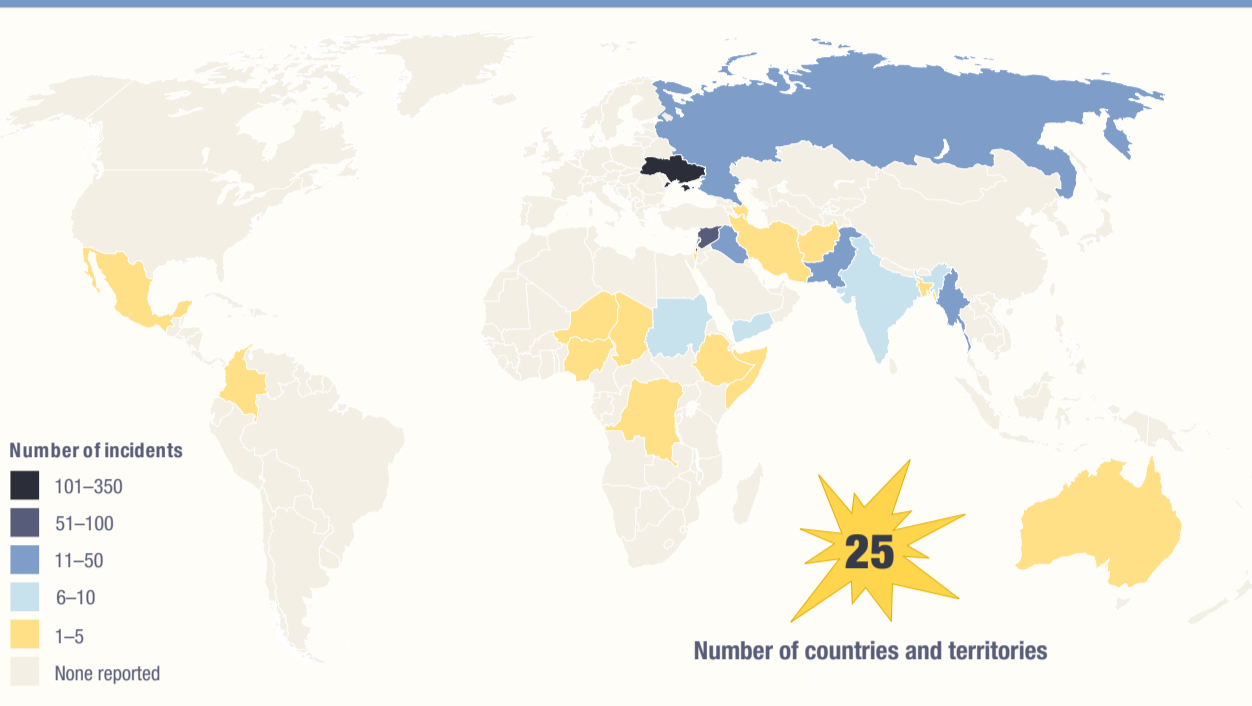
Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **25** countries and territories in March 2024. Worldwide, there were at least 693 reported incidents of explosive weapons use resulting in 4,156 casualties, of which 3,572 (86%) were civilians. About 49% 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, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine.

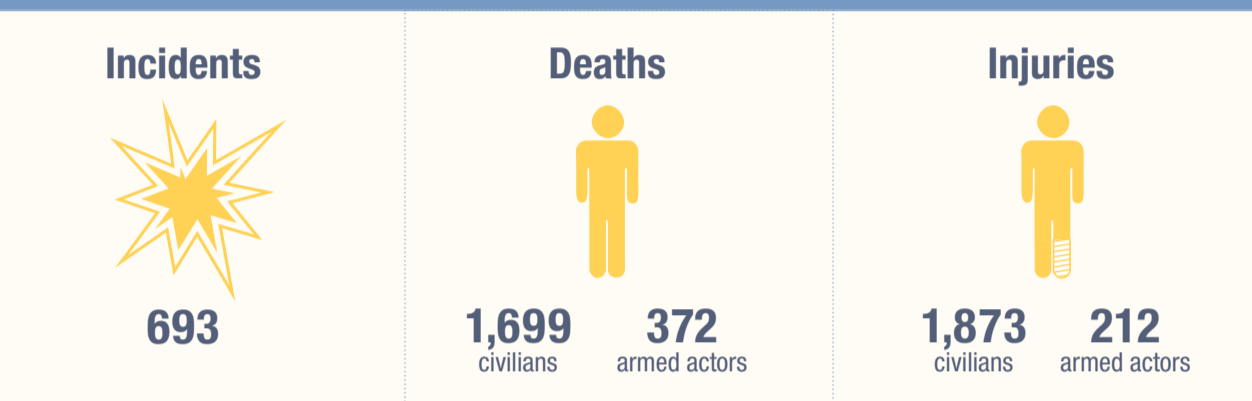
When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in March 2024, civilians reportedly accounted for 93% of all recorded casualties. This pattern of harm has been consistently recorded over the last decade.

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](#).

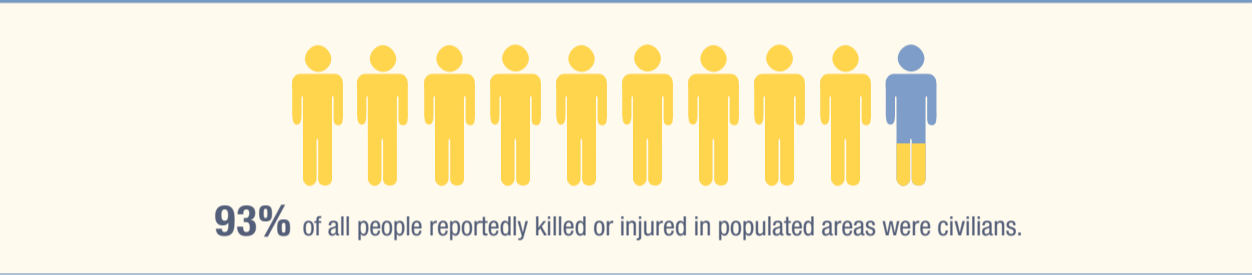
Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in civilian casualties by state/territory in March 2024



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



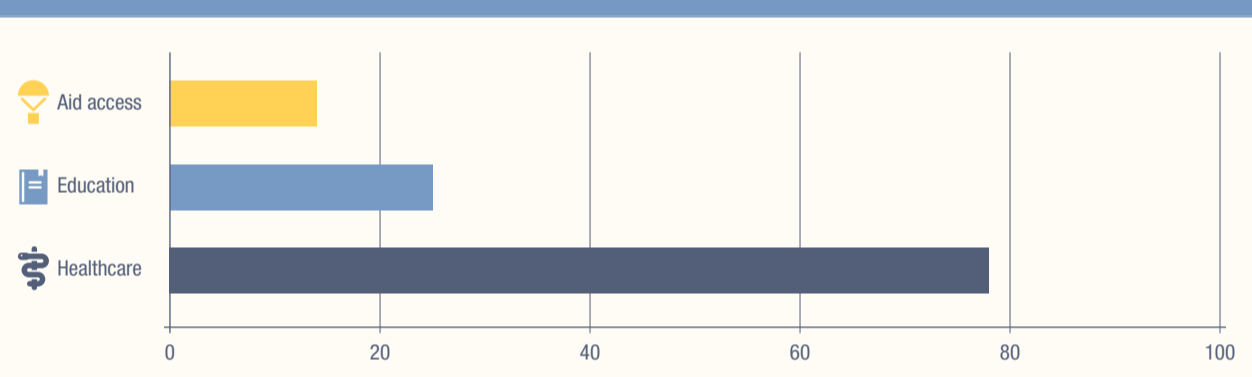
Impact on civilians in populated areas in February 2024



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

There were **117** incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services reported in nine countries and territories in March 2024. The majority of incidents were recorded in Ukraine, where incidents increased by over a third between February and March. Most incidents in Ukraine involved explosive weapons use that damaged hospitals and schools in Dnipropetrovsk and Sumy oblasts. High numbers of incidents were also recorded in Myanmar. Elsewhere in March, incidents increased in Russia and continued to be reported in Lebanon, Sudan, and Syria.

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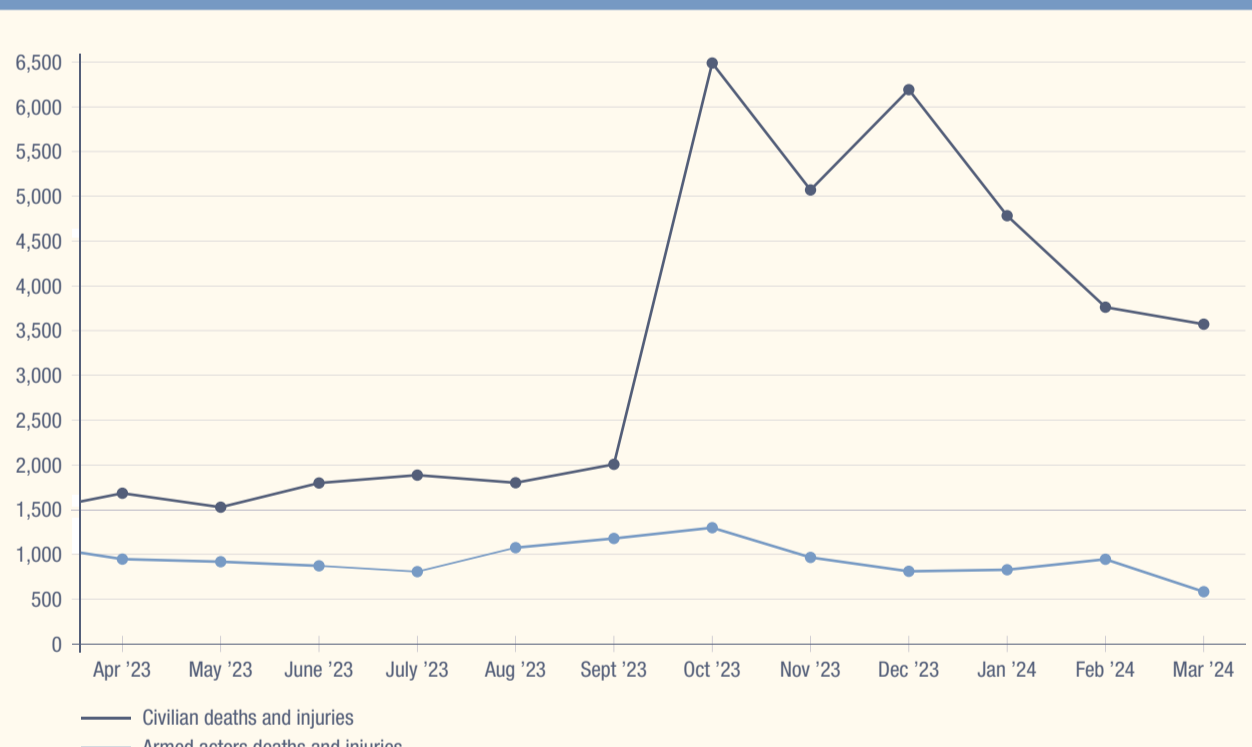


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Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

In the last year (April 2023 to March 2024), at least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **62** countries and territories. Worldwide, there were 8,019 incidents of explosive weapons use resulting in 53,969 casualties, of which 79% (42,826) were civilians. About 49% 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, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.

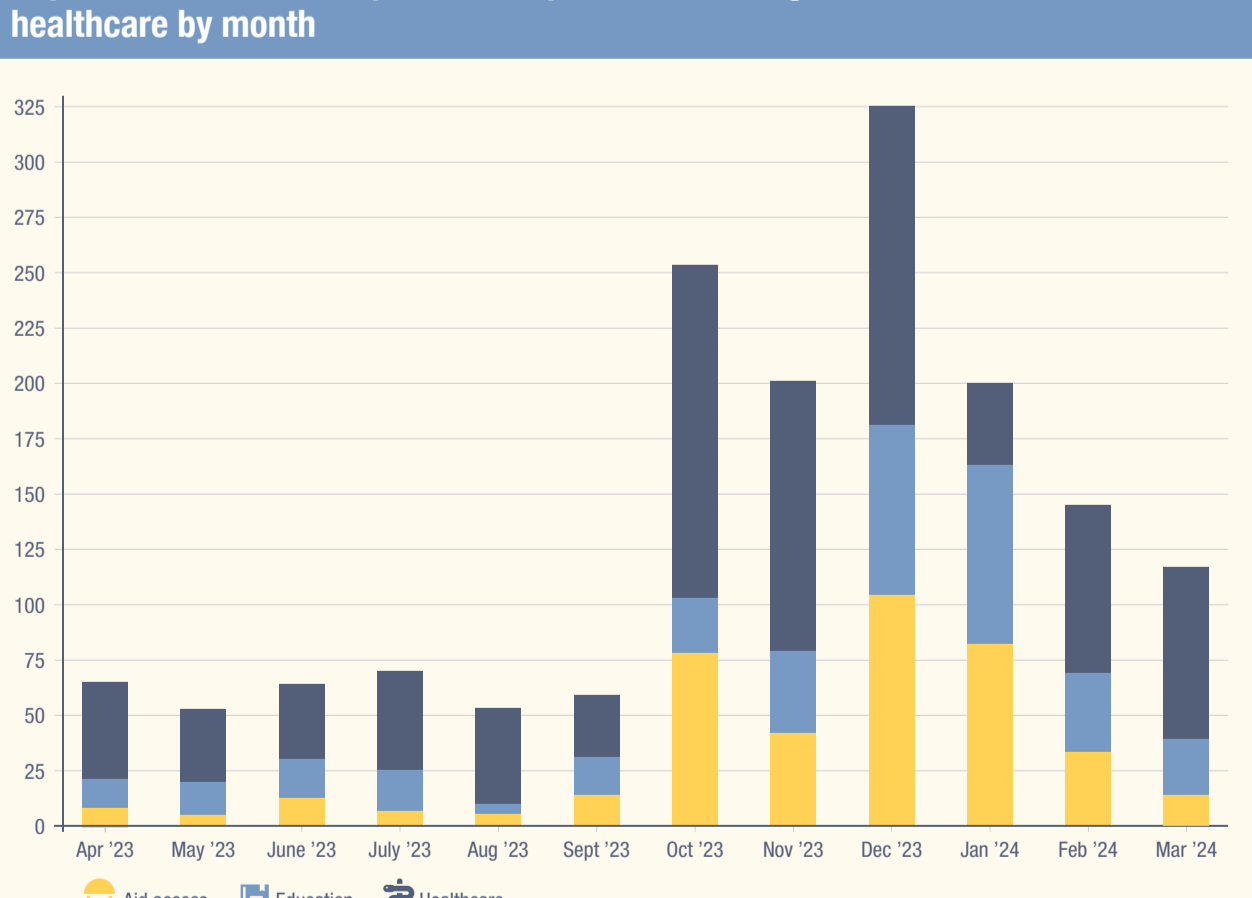
Reported civilian and armed-actor casualties by month



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

In the last year (April 2023 to March 2024), there were 1,685 recorded incidents of explosive weapons use affecting aid access, education, and healthcare services in **31** countries and territories. Half of these incidents affected aid access, education and healthcare services in the Occupied Palestinian Territories with high numbers also recorded in Ukraine and Myanmar. Incidents increased in Syria from October 2023 and in Lebanon from January 2024. At least 361 aid workers, educators, health workers and students were killed in these incidents.

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.

