Reported incidents of explosive weapons use that resulted in casualties in May 2023:

- **Incidents**: 682
- **Deaths**: 597
- **Injuries**: 1,207

This data includes incidents where explosive weapons were used in populated areas between June 2022 and May 2023, affecting aid access, education, and healthcare services in 29 countries and territories. Nearly 90% of the casualties occurred in Ukraine. Other affected countries and territories in terms of civilian casualties from the use of explosive weapons were Somalia, Myanmar, Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. In total, at least 75 aid workers, educators, and health workers were killed. The damage or destruction to health and educational facilities often led to their closure, impacting the population’s access to these services.

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An additional nine incidents were recorded in Myanmar in May, eight of which involved Myanmar military mobile health units. A mortar shell fired by the Myanmar military killed at least 15 people and destroyed a mobile health unit and a medical warehouse.

In Ukraine, 40% of all reported incidents of explosive weapon use occurred in populated areas in May. Nearly two-thirds of all recorded incidents affected healthcare and education, and includes incidents where historical items such as unexploded ordnance were found and stockpiles were destroyed. In addition, a Local Defense Force (LDF) in Ukraine shot down two Russian drones over Kyiv. When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in May 2023, civilians reportedly accounted for 62% of all people reportedly killed or injured in populated areas. Insecurity Insight

Reported incidents of explosive weapons use affecting aid access, education and healthcare by month:

- **June '22**: Incidents - 56, Deaths - 17, Injuries - 27
- **July '22**: Incidents - 76, Deaths - 32, Injuries - 69
- **Aug '22**: Incidents - 92, Deaths - 41, Injuries - 81
- **Sept '22**: Incidents - 101, Deaths - 37, Injuries - 115
- **Oct '22**: Incidents - 122, Deaths - 60, Injuries - 129
- **Nov '22**: Incidents - 130, Deaths - 70, Injuries - 134
- **Dec '22**: Incidents - 123, Deaths - 59, Injuries - 113
- **Jan '23**: Incidents - 102, Deaths - 43, Injuries - 89
- **Feb '23**: Incidents - 87, Deaths - 34, Injuries - 105
- **Mar '23**: Incidents - 104, Deaths - 51, Injuries - 146
- **Apr '23**: Incidents - 120, Deaths - 61, Injuries - 139
- **May '23**: Incidents - 682, Deaths - 597, Injuries - 1,207

This data may include some incidents where a device did not detonate or where there were no civilian casualties. Reporting on incidents of explosive weapon use often involves challenges. For example, during the 2022 Russia-Ukraine conflict, nearly 2,500 recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affected aid access, education, and healthcare. The data collection and analysis process has continued during the 2023 conflict, with teams visiting locations across Ukraine to document incidents and gather data.