

MONTHLY UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 2023

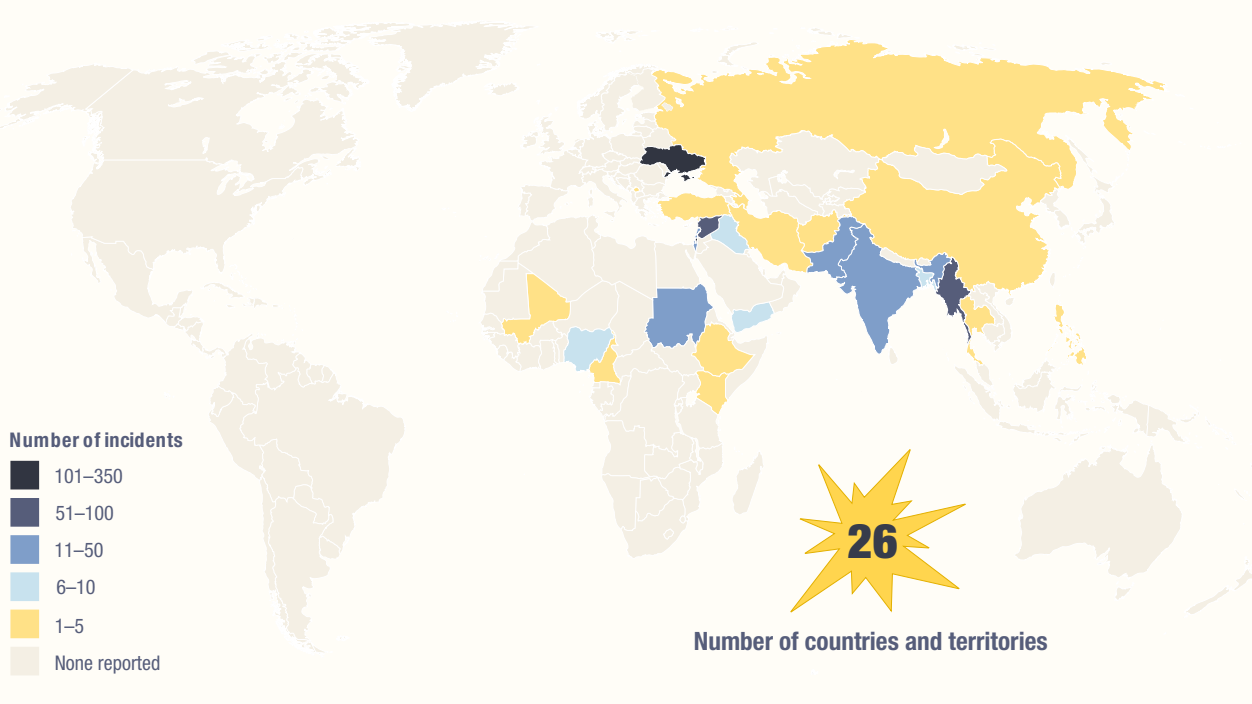
Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

At least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **26** countries and territories in November 2023. Worldwide, there were at least 762 reported incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 6,038 casualties, of which 5,071 (84%) were civilians. About 66% 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.

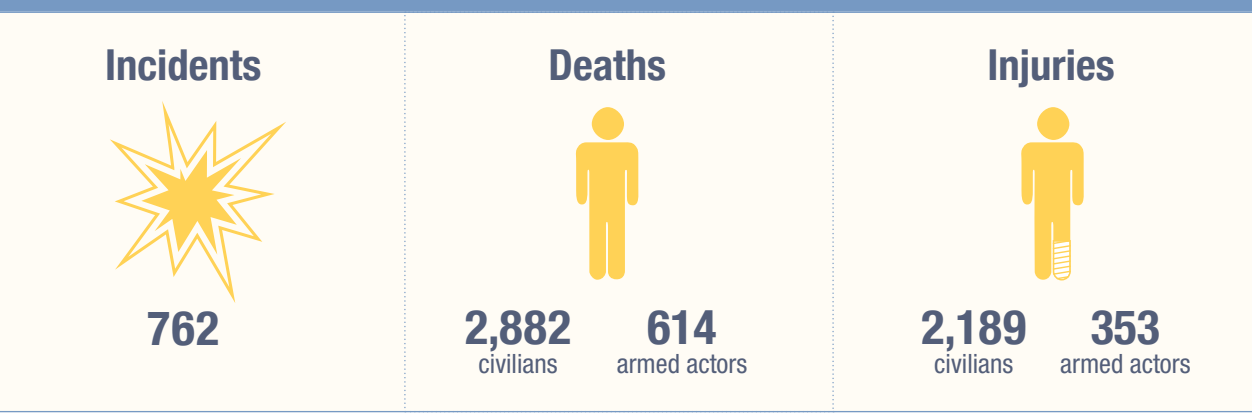
When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in November 2023, civilians reportedly accounted for 94% of all recorded casualties. This pattern of harm has been consistently recorded over the last decade.

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 November 2023



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



Impact on civilians in populated areas in November 2023

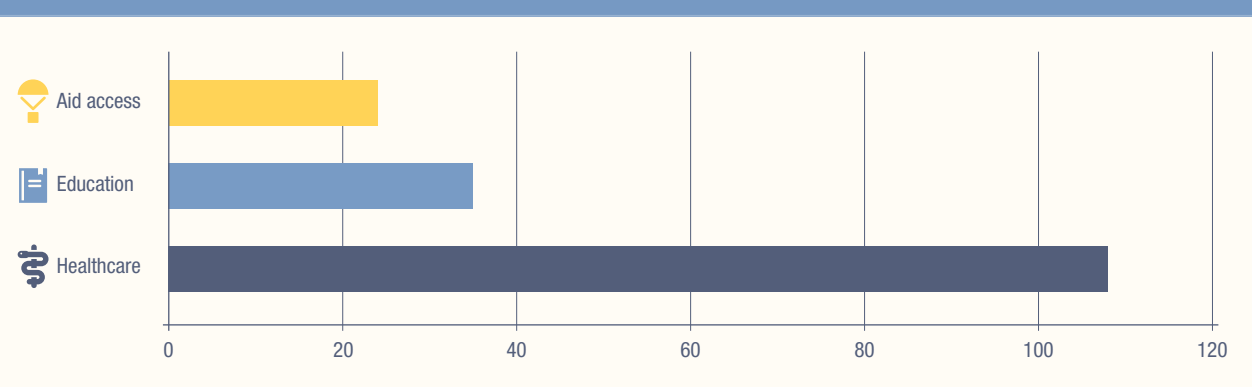


Reported incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare

There were **167** incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services reported in nine countries and territories in November 2023. For the second consecutive month, over three-quarters of incidents were recorded in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. In these 136 incidents, health workers, teachers and United Nations staff members were killed and injured. Health facilities, schools sheltering displaced people and refugee camps were struck and damaged by air- and ground-launched explosive weapons used by Israeli armed forces.

Incidents were also reported in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Mexico, Myanmar, Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen. Education and healthcare services in Myanmar, Sudan and Ukraine continued to be affected by explosive weapons use. In Lebanon, artillery fire by Israeli armed forces was reported in the vicinity of a school and an ambulance was hit by an Israeli armed drone, wounding four health workers.

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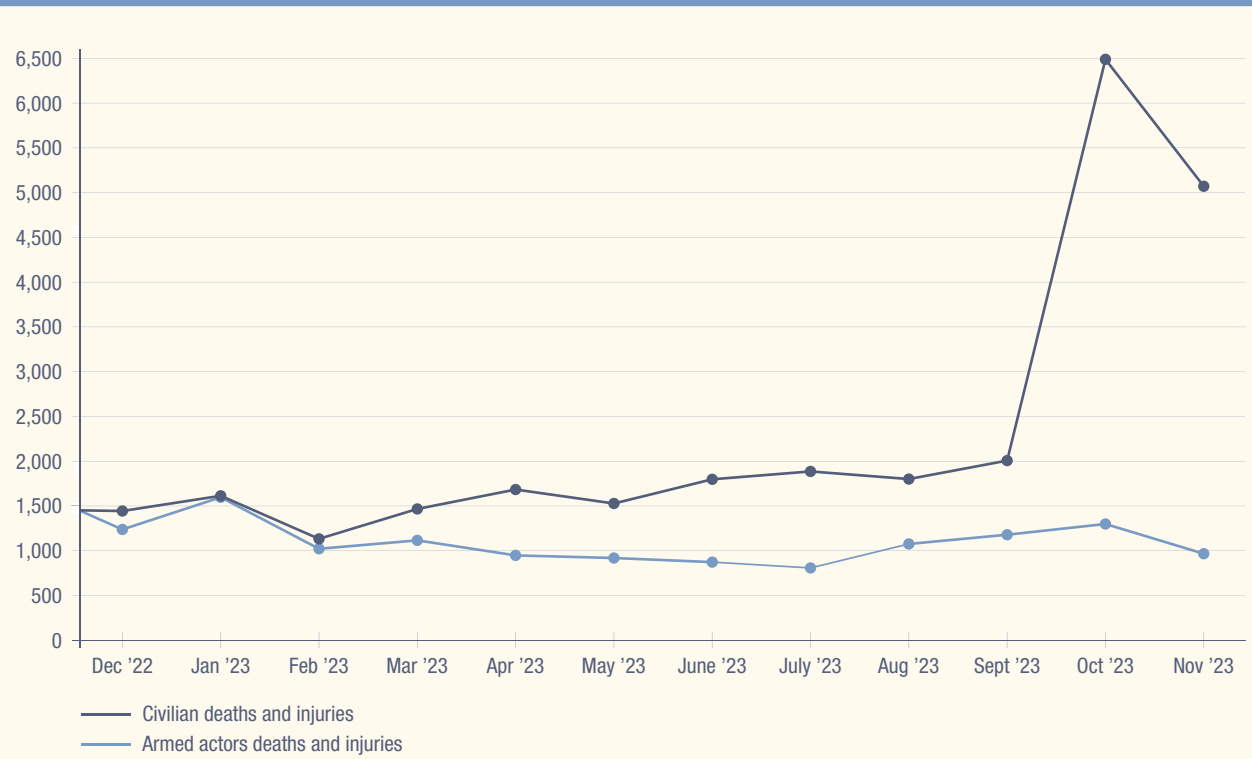


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Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

In the last year (October 2022 to November 2023), at least one death or injury from the use of explosive weapons was recorded in **65** countries and territories. Worldwide, there were 7,969 incidents of explosive weapon use resulting in 48,856 casualties, of which 67% (32,918) were civilians. About 31% of all reported civilian casualties occurred in Ukraine. Other affected countries and territories in terms of civilian casualties from the use of explosive weapons were the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan and Syria.

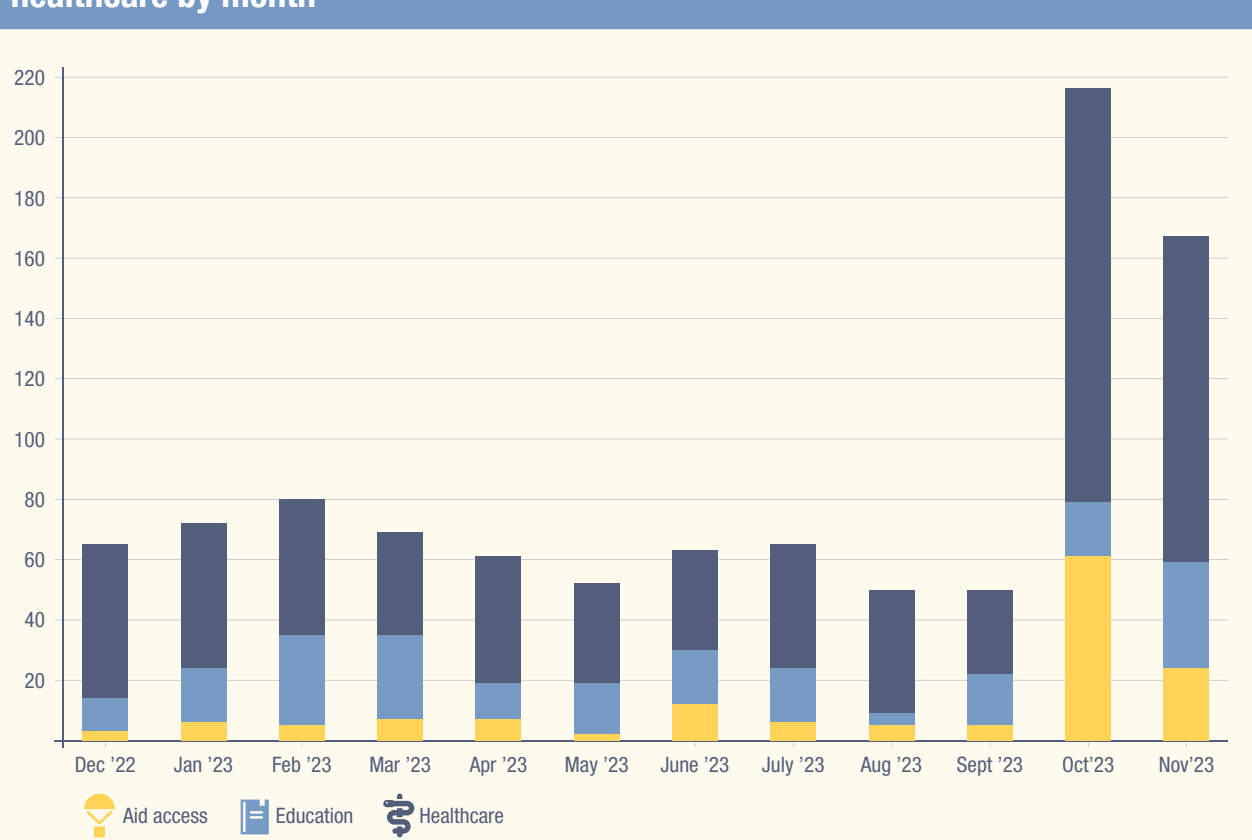
Reported civilian and armed-actor casualties by month



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

In the last year (December 2022 to November 2023), there were 1,010 recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services in 27 countries and territories. Nearly 70% of all incidents were recorded in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Ukraine. Two-thirds of the 1,010 recorded incidents affected local healthcare providers, where the damage or destruction to health facilities by explosive weapons use often led to their closure, impacting the population's access to these services. In addition, 242 aid workers, educators, health workers and students were killed by explosive weapons use in the last year.

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.

