MONTHLY UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2023

Reported incidents of explosive weapon use that resulted in casualties

In October 2023, there were 933 recorded incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services in 27 countries and territories. Over a third of all reported incidents were recorded for the Occupied Palestinian Territories. In the same period, there were 3,662 armed actors deaths and injuries. The number of civilians killed and injured in October 2023 was 689 and 610, respectively.

Data collection is ongoing and data may change as more information is made available.

ANNUAL UPDATES FOR 2022–2023

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In the last 12 months (December 2021 to November 2022), there were 3,662 armed actors deaths and injuries from the use of explosive weapons. In the same period, there were 11,392 civilians killed and injured. The use of explosive weapons results in the deaths and injuries of civilians and armed actors alike. Since 2018, the use of explosive weapons has resulted in the deaths and injuries of civilians and armed actors, with the highest number of casualties in 2020.

This bulletin produced by Explosive Weapons Monitor publishes data on incidents of explosive weapon use affecting aid access, education and healthcare services in 27 countries and territories. 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 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 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 around the world as reported in open sources.

Data on People in Danger, a civil society initiative that conducts research and analysis on harms caused by the use of explosive weapons, has worked closely with the Monitoring Mission of the International Network on Explosive Weapons (INEW) for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. As such, the data presented here underrepresents the extent to which casualties were caused by explosive weapons. Additionally, the use of explosive weapons results in the deaths and injuries of civilians and armed actors alike. Since 2018, the use of explosive weapons has resulted in the deaths and injuries of civilians and armed actors, with the highest number of casualties in 2020.

When explosive weapons were used in populated areas in October 2023, civilians reportedly accounted for 95% of all recorded casualties. This pattern of harm has been consistently recorded over the last decade. While explosive weapons are designed to kill or maim, they also cause long-term suffering, affecting aid access, education and healthcare services. The use of explosive weapons results in the deaths and injuries of civilians and armed actors alike. Since 2018, the use of explosive weapons has resulted in the deaths and injuries of civilians and armed actors, with the highest number of casualties in 2020.