EMERGING SECURITY SECTOR LEADERS SEMINAR
Session 6: Violent Conflict Trends

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State Failure Events in Africa, 1955-2017

Source: Political Instability Task Force
Political Conflict in Africa, 2000-2016

Source: ACLED
Political Violence & Protests in Africa

(1 Jan 2018—25 May 2019)

Source: ACLED
Africa: Total Organized Violence Fatalities, 1989-2016
* Excluding one-sided violence in the 1994 Rwandan genocide

Battle-related deaths best estimate
Best One-Sided Fatality Estimate
Best Non-State Fatality Estimate

- Non-State armed conflict (best estimated fatalities)
- One-Sided Violence (best estimated fatalities)
- Battle-related Deaths (best estimate)

Rwanda genocide
A Typology of Organized Violence in Africa

- Intrastate Armed Conflicts
- Interstate Armed Conflicts
- Non-State Armed Conflicts
- One-Sided Violence
- Military Coups
- Electoral Violence
- Livelihood Struggles
Resource Wars

Clash of (religious) Civilizations

Greedy Warlords

Post-Colonial Elites

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Key Drivers?

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