Conflict Threats & Violence Rates Across Africa

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Conflict Patterns

- 1. Conflict is widespread, varied, and often beneficial to political interests
- 2. Political competition causes conflict
- 3. Global powers have interests, not preferred local outcomes
- 4. Groups and elites respond to the 'violence market'
- 5. Conflict isn't a breakdown in governance: it is a feature of modern governance and political change



Violent Market

Labor costs

by middle men and warlords

of the conflict

Violence per unit

Scale

& profits

Goals

Agents

Involved

Leads to

Impacts on

Outcomes

Transforms into

Conflict

Main resources

The market the emerges to hire and staff armed, organized violent groups. It details the terms of exchange and reimbursement for violent actions. It is the cost of initiating and continuing violence.

War Business

Economic opportunities in the context of conflict. It is concerned primarily with financial opportunities and incentives that emerge during violence.

Conflict Investments and Assets

Details how key placed elites can change the ownership and asset structure of the state by taking advantage of conflict to acquire key infrastructure, land, control of routes, institutions, etc.

Local populations, repeated in many locations, and

Local, regional, and intersecting trade routes Short term time scale Commodities and contraband Food, arms, drugs, money laundering, public goods, smuggling, and route security Money Warlords localized or in charge of market segment. Requires some control of territory and violence in situ. A-political Incentive to keep conflict active until the * costs are higher than profits Short term control of prices and areas * Continued black market Local violence * Creates local conflict incentives and local * conflict groups to protect interests High levels of competition between same type of entities Low level cooperation *

Assets (Land, institutions, market share resources) Businesses (money laundering, aid delivery, transport, trade) Infrastructure (ownership and control of key areas and structures) Contracts for rebuilding Individuals as hired guns; Regime financing, or non-state group financing structures; hiring done

Incentive to keep conflict active until elites are threatened by the rising power of challenging or constraints begin (e.g. sanctions) Exclusion of particular interest

- Large-scale corruption

by middle men and warlords

reinforced cooperation

Creates future labor group

Sets prices for re-starting conflict

May lead to incorporate into military

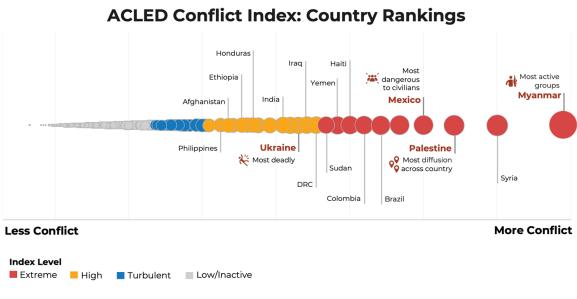
Organized Crime

Senior elites, and changes in state asset structure

How Much Conflict is Occuring?

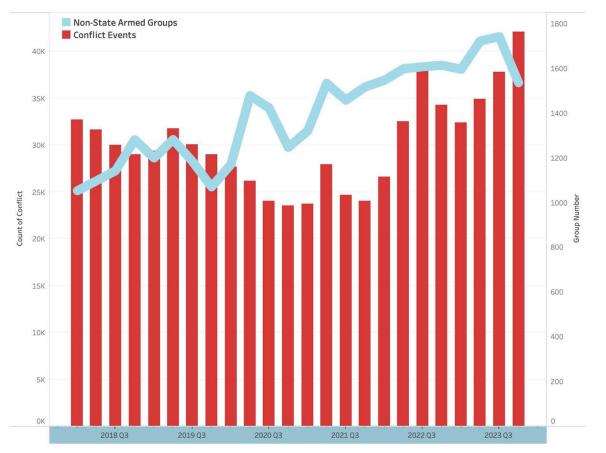
ACLED collects data for more than **240 countries** and territories in near real time, and the majority — 167 — saw at least one incident of political violence in the past 12 months.

Over 139,000 political violence events were recorded worldwide during this period, resulting in a conservative estimate of more than 147,000 fatalities.





Rise of Conflict & Armed Groups (2018-2023)





Region	Global Actor Type	Percentage of Regional Population	Total Events
Africa	State Forces	10.80%	14,132
Africa	Militias Militias	10.21%	10,564
Africa	Rioters	8.23%	4,117
Africa	Rebel Groups	4.03%	13,900
Africa	Foreign/Other	1.33%	1,170

ACLED Conflict Alert System (CAST)

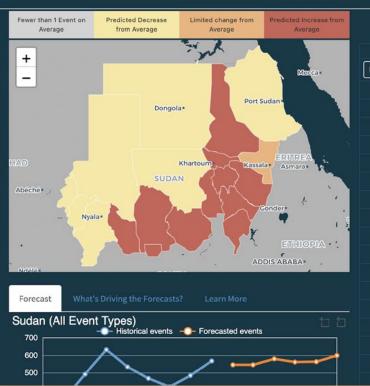


Forecasts

Accuracy Metric

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Violence Type	Forecasted Events	Predicted Change
All Event Types	546	个
Explosions & Remote Violence	282	个
Battles	208	_
Violence Against Civilians	56	=
Country		
Sudan		•
ADMIN1		
All		•
Outcome		
All Event Type	es	•
Compare forec	ast to	
Last 12 month	ne.	-



Forecasted Events (All Event Types) for February 2024 Relative to 12-Month Average

ADMIN1	Forecast	Average	Predicte	d Change
Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	
Khartoum	394	263		+50%
Aj Jazirah	53	13		+308%
South Kordofan	17	12		+42%
West Kordofan	14	6		+133%
Abyei PCA	10	4		+150%
North Darfur	10	15	-33%	
North Kordofan	9	14	-36%	
Sennar	8	2		+300%
South Darfur	6	22	-73%	
White Nile	5	2		+150%
East Darfur	4	2		+100%
River Nile	4	1		+300%
Central Darfur	3	13	-77%	
Gedaref	3	1		+200%
West Darfur	3	14	-79%	
Blue Nile	2	1		+100%
Kassala	1	1		+0%

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