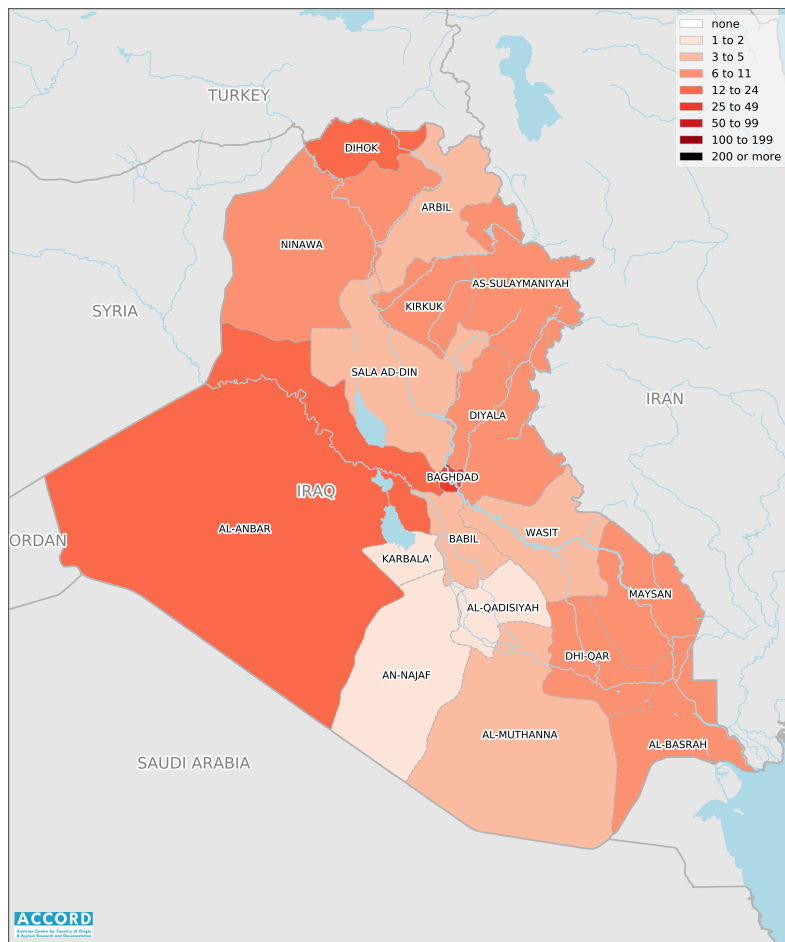# IRAQ, FIRST QUARTER 2024:
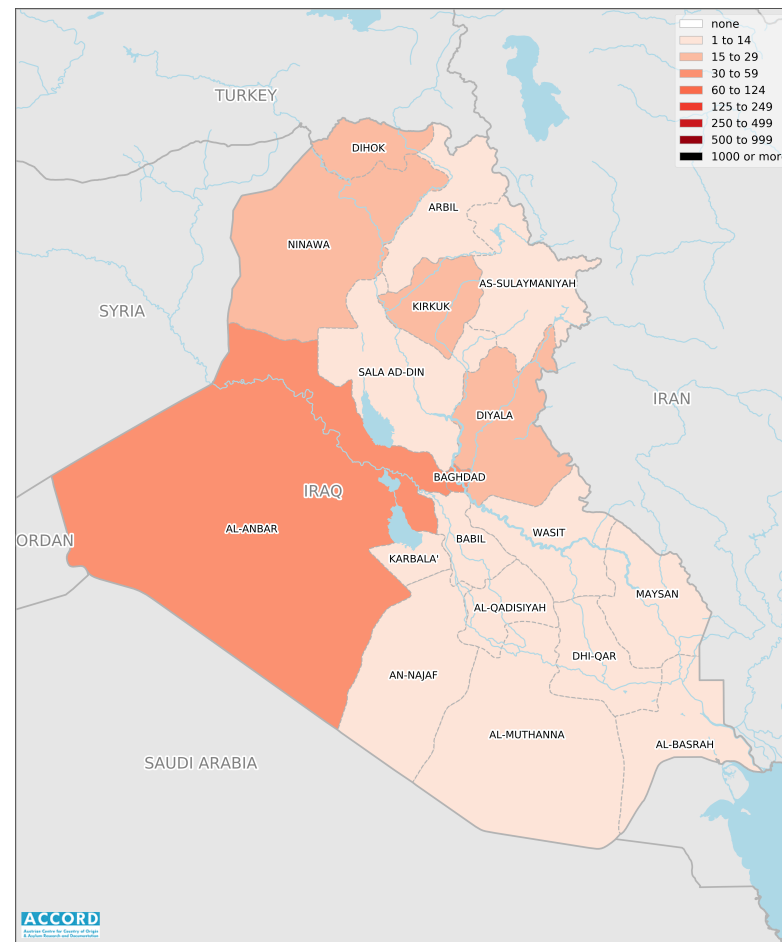## Update on incidents according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

compiled by ACCORD, 15 May 2024

Number of reported incidents with at least one fatality

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 2
- 3 to 5
- 6 to 11
- 12 to 24
- 25 to 49
- 50 to 99
- 100 to 199
- 200 or more

Number of reported fatalities

Legend:
- none
- 1 to 14
- 15 to 29
- 30 to 59
- 60 to 124
- 125 to 249
- 250 to 499
- 500 to 999
- 1000 or more

National borders: GADM, 6 May 2018b; administrative divisions: GADM, 6 May 2018a; incident data: ACLED, 3 May 2024; coastlines and inland waters: Smith and Wessel, 1 May 2015

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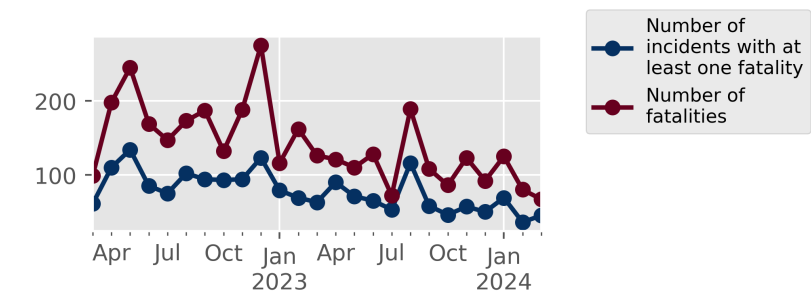## Conflict incidents by category

Category	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with at least one fatality	Number of fatalities
Explosions / Remote violence	1417	40	102
Strategic developments	263	0	0
Battles	187	59	107
Protests	186	0	0
Violence against civilians	85	51	63
Riots	11	0	0
Total	2149	150	272

This table is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 3 May 2024).

Development of conflict incidents from March 2022 to March 2024

This graph is based on data from ACLED (datasets used: ACLED, 3 May 2024).

Methodology

The data used in this report was collected by the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED). Based on a variety of sources, ACLED collects data on reported conflict eventsaround the world and provides publicly available event-based datasets. ACLED data contains information on the event type, the date, location, involved actors, and other characteristics of the incident. Most of the data collected by ACLED is gathered based on publicly available reports. As information on fatalities is subject to bias and can vary between sources for the same event, ACLED employs "the most conservative and reliable fatality estimate available". ACLED uses the reports' context to estimate fatalities for events with reported fatalities for which the exact number is unknown ("3" or "10" for plural fatalities, depending on the context; "100" if "hundreds" are mentioned, etc.). For further details on ACLED and for the full data, see www.acleddata.com and ACLED, 2023.

Based on this data, the Austrian Centre for Country of Origin & Asylum Research and Documentation (ACCORD) compiles updates on conflict incidents and publishes them on ecoi.net to offer another access point to the ACLED datasets.

It is advised to employ extreme caution when using fatality numbers.

Assessments of the security situation should not be based solely on quantitative analysis of event data.

Please see ACLED's additional methodological paper for Iraq: ACLED, April 2019

Geographic map data is primarily based on GADM, complemented with other sources if necessary. Incidents are mapped to GADM provinces using the provinces in ACLED data. Province names and borders may differ between ACLED and GADM. Incidents that could not be located are ignored. The numbers included in this overview might therefore differ from the original ACLED data. ACLED uses varying degrees of geographic precision for the individual incidents, depending on what level of detail is reported. Thus, towns may represent the wider region in which an incident occurred, or the provincial capital may be used if only the province is known. Erroneous location data, especially due to identical place names, cannot be fully excluded.

Incidents comprise the following categories: battles, violence against civilians, remote violence, riots/protests, non-violent strategic activities. For details on these categories, please see

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Conflict incidents per province

Province	Number of incidents	Number of incidents with fatalities	Number of fatalities
Al-Anbar	100	14	52
Al-Basrah	57	6	13
Al-Muthanna	31	3	3
Al-Qadisiyah	11	1	5
An-Najaf	5	1	1
Arbil	378	3	7
As-Sulaymaniyah	94	10	11
Babil	19	3	4
Baghdad	126	36	49
Dhi-Qar	49	9	10
Dihok	970	12	26
Diyala	51	11	18
Karbala'	8	2	5
Kirkuk	40	10	22
Maysan	46	10	14
Ninawa	116	11	21
Sala ad-Din	34	5	8
Wasit	14	3	3

Localization of conflict incidents

Note: The following list is an overview of the incident data included in the ACLED dataset. More details are available in the actual dataset (date, location data, event type, involved actors, information sources, etc.). The data's precision varies among the incidents: a town may represent a region, or the provincial capital may be used if the precise location of an incident is unknown. In the following list, the names of event locations are taken from ACLED, while the administrative region names are taken from GADM data (with the exception of Iraq) which serves as the basis for the maps above.

In **Al-Anbar**, **100** incidents killing **52** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ain Assad Air Base, Akashat, Al Baghdadi, Al Qaim, Al-Amiriyah, Ar Rummanah, Ar Rutba, Fallujah, H3 Air Base, Haditha, Haditha Dam, Hit, Jadidat Arar, Karma, Nahiyat al Khalidiyah, Qaryat al Naimiyah, Ramadi, Rawah, Tharthar, Tulul al Tash**.

In **Al-Basrah**, **57** incidents killing **13** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu al-Khaseeb, Al Baradiyah, Al Midaina, Al Shalamijah, Al-Hartha, Al-Zubair, Ar Rumaylah, Basrah, Karmat Ali, Majnoon Oil Field, Nahiyat Ezzedine Salim, Qurna, Safwan, Shilamjah Border Crossing, Umm Qasr**.

In **Al-Muthanna**, **31** incidents killing **3** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al-Hilal, As Samawah, Rumaitha, Samawa Refinery**.

In **Al-Qadisiyah**, **11** incidents killing **5** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Diwaniya, Nahiyat Ghammas, Nahiyat ad Dagharah, Nouriya, Sudayr**.

In **An-Najaf**, **5** incidents killing **1** person were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Manathera, Najaf**.

In **Arbil**, **378** incidents killing **7** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Ankawa, Barbazin, Berikma, Bola, Bradost, Choman,**

Erbil, Erbil International Airport, Goshina, Harir, Khinayrah, Koisnjaq, Kolit, Lolan, Makhmur, Makhmur Camp, Qimmat Ghalah Rash, Qimmat Kam Kur, Rawst, Sidakan, Silsilat Jibal Qandil, Soran, Wadi Khakurik, Warte.

In **As-Sulaymaniyah**, **94** incidents killing **11** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Aghceler, Bepalan, Chamchamal, Dokan, Halabja, Jabal Asaws, Kalalah, Kalar, Khor Mor Gas Field, Koya, Penjwin, Pishdar, Qeladize, Rania, Raparin, Sangasar, Sharazur, Sulaymaniyah, Xelekan, Zirkwayz**.

In **Babil**, **19** incidents killing **4** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Hamza, Hilla, Mahawil, Nahiyat Abi Gharaq, Nahiyat Jurf as Sakhr, Nahiyat an Nil, Umm Al Hawa Control**.

In **Baghdad**, **126** incidents killing **49** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abu Ghraib, Al Husseiniya, An Nasr wa as Salam, Ar Rustamiyah, At Tarmiyah, Baghdad, Baghdad - 9 Nissan, Baghdad - Adhamiya, Baghdad - Al Rashid, Baghdad - Hurriya, Baghdad - Kadhimiya, Baghdad - Karadah, Baghdad - Karkh, Baghdad - Mansour, Baghdad - Rusafa, Baghdad - Sabia Qusor, Baghdad - Sadr City, Baghdad - Thaaliba, Baghdad International Airport, Bismayah, Hawr Rajab, Jisr Diyala, Madain, Nahrawan, Sabaa Al Bour**.

In **Dhi-Qar**, **49** incidents killing **10** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Dawayah, Al Islah, Chibayish, Karmat Bani Said, Nahiyat Our, Nahiyat al Fuhud, Nassriya, Rifai, Sayyid Dakhil, Shatra, Suq Al-Shoyokh**.

In **Dihok**, **970** incidents killing **26** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Amadiya, Barchi, Barwari, Batifa, Baze, Belave, Bishilah, Chiya-e Gara, Ciyaye Res, Dahuk, Dargal, Dayray, Dereluk, Dereshe, Gire Amediye, Gire Carcel, Gire Cudi, Gire FM, Gire Hakkari, Gire Orte, Gize,**

Guheriz, Gulkah, Haftanin, Jabal Khayri, Jabal Matin, Jabal Zangil, Kani, Kani Masi, Kanimezin, Kurah Zur, Metin, Metina, Mije, Perex, Ravina, Sargali, Sarkay, Sarkli, Seedan, Sheladiz, Shelaza, Shiladiza, Sibindar, Sidrah, Sigiri, Siyan, Yekmale, Zakho, Zewke.

In **Diyala**, **51** incidents killing **18** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Abbas Dalli, Abu Saida, Al Azim, Al Haruniyah, Al-Muqdadiya, Atafiya, Balad Ruz, Balkanah, Baquba, Buhriz, Dur al Waqf, Habhab, Hamrin Mountains - Diyala, Imam Ways, Jadidat Al Shatt, Khan Bani Saad, Khanaqin, Kifri, Mahmoud Hajar, Mandali, Nahiyat Kanan, Nahr Narin Chay, Qaryat al Mukhaysah, Qaryat ash Shaykhi, Qazaniya, Rakat al Hajj Suhail**.

In **Karbala'**, **8** incidents killing **5** people were reported. The following location was among the affected: **Kerbala**.

In **Kirkuk**, **40** incidents killing **22** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Qadissiya, Daquq, Dibis, Haweeja, Jabal Bur, Kirkuk, Laylan, Qarah Hajir, Rashad, Shay Valley, Wadi Zaghaytun, Yayci**.

In **Maysan**, **46** incidents killing **14** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Azair, Al Musharrah, Amara, Kahla, Khair, Maimouna, Mejar Al-Kabi, Nahr Saad**.

In **Ninawa**, **116** incidents killing **21** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Akre, Al Baaj, Al Hamdaniyah, Al Qahtaniyah, Bashiqah, Bire, Desta Kafya, Dinartah, Hatra, Khalaf, Mosul, Mosul - Al-Hadbaa, Mosul - Al-Rabee, Sinjar, Sinuni, Tall Kazir, Telafar, Wadi Tharthar, Wardiyah, Yakmalah, Zammar**.

In **Sala ad-Din**, **34** incidents killing **8** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Al Doluiya, Al Mutassim, Aradi al Ayth,**

Baiji, Daur, Dholuiya, Hamrin Mountains - Kirkuk, Hamrin Mountains - Sala al-Din, Makhol, Nahiyat al Alam, Qaryat Tulul al Baj, Qaryat al Huwaysh, Qaryat as Sukkariyah, Sakriya Valley, Samarra, Shirqat, Tikrit, Tuz Khurma, Wadi ath Tharthar, Zarkah.

In **Wasit**, **14** incidents killing **3** people were reported. The following locations were among the affected: **Badra, Kut, Zurbatiyah**.

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