8 YEARS OF EXPLOSIVE VIOLENCE DATA

Action on Armed Violence

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Between 2011 and 2018, 22,153 explosive violence incidents were reported by English language media globally.
In total 119 countries and territories saw at least one casualty from explosive violence.
SUCH HARM MAINLY IMPACTS CIVILIANS
In total, 309,039 people were killed or injured.

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75% of these were civilians.
82,437 civilians were killed.

149,472 were wounded.
The top 10 worst impacted countries and territories for civilian casualties from explosive weapons

1. Syria: 67,263 civilian casualties
2. Iraq: 55,444
3. Afghanistan: 20,309
4. Pakistan: 19,308
5. Yemen: 14,617
6. Nigeria: 9,447
7. Somalia: 6,319
8. Gaza: 4,950
9. Libya: 4,450
10. Turkey: 3,345
Civilian casualties from explosive weapons by launch method

- Improvised explosive devices (IEDs): 53%
- Air-launched: 23%
- Ground-launched: 20%
- Multiple types, other or unclear: 4%
AIR-LAUNCHED WEAPONS

- Responsible for 52,760 civilian casualties including, 29,826 civilian deaths
- Or, for 23% of civilian casualties from explosive weapons, or 36% of civilian deaths
- When air-launched weapons were used in populated areas, 90% of the casualties were civilians
GROUND-LAUNCHED WEAPONS

- Responsible for 47,157 civilian casualties including, 14,829 civilian deaths
- Or, for 20% of civilian casualties from explosive weapons, or 18% of civilian deaths
- When ground-launched weapons were used in populated areas, 93% of the casualties were civilians
In lesser populated areas,

28% of those killed or injured were civilians.
In populated areas, 91% of those killed or injured were civilians.
Harm to civilians as a proportion of the total harm is consistent over time:

In populated areas

In lesser populated areas
60% of total incidents occurred in populated areas.
But incidents in populated areas are responsible for 90% total civilian casualties.
Some of the worst-impacted areas include...
URBAN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

30,653 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES
PLACES OF WORSHIP

16,033 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES
For the injured the harm from explosive violence can be long-lasting.
In some of the areas worst impacted by explosive weapons in Syria, over 40% are now reported to be living with a disability.
Of the disabled in Aleppo, Raqqa and Idlib, 50% of injuries were caused by airstrikes alone.
HARM IN UKRAINE
In Ukraine, AOAV has recorded at least 2,591 civilian casualties from explosive violence.
There is only one way to stop this predictable harm from explosive violence.
TO STOP THE USE OF EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS IN POPULATED AREAS
The challenges of conflict reporting – when injuries from explosive weapons don’t make the news

Research reveals how the reporting of injuries in English-language media reporting drops off as conflict intensifies.

Explosive weapon harm

- Numbers killed or injured globally
- People killed in populated areas by explosive weapons 2011-2018 who were civilians: 90.03%
- People killed in lesser populated areas by explosive weapons 2011-2018 who were civilians: 28.41%
- Deaths and injuries of civilians from explosive weapons in 2018: 22,350

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