Foreign states in civil wars project codebook

Inclusion criteria

An event is included in the database if it **fulfils the following criteria:**

1. Specific malicious violent event in some way (even if it isn't related to a foreign proxy. We are collecting **all** events)
   a. Examples:

      INCLUDE: 40 people were killed in airstrikes in the city of Homs today
      EXCLUDE: 40 people were killed in airstrikes **across Homs governorate** today
      EXCLUDE: 1 member of the Afghan security forces was killed in a **friendly fire** incident in Kabul today
      EXCLUDE: A group of Afghan soldiers was accidentally killed in an ISAF bombing
      EXCLUDE: Four Canadian soldiers were killed in a **non-conflict related** helicopter crash in Kandahar today

   b. Note: If the event is not violent, but involves a proxy development in some way (i.e. 'Iran releases Taliban member,' or 'Taliban leaders travel to Islamabad for meeting,') please make note of it in this document:
      https://drive.google.com/open?id=10IAEbiltV0hs7ZhXa3hBSJFuQUk0tmLHtdQgiqqZv5U
2. Approximate date available (this should not be 'x number of people were killed in the past week in Kabul.' It should be 'x number of people were killed on DATE/DAY in a suicide bombing in Kabul'.
3. Location available inside the country. (Location should be as accurate as possible, down to the governorate level). Note that events outside the country (such as the bombing of a bus carrying opposition political leaders on the Turkish side of the Syrian border) should not be reported.

And **at least one of either:**

4. At least one person reported dead or wounded AND/OR
5. Clear target or purpose (i.e. military base, two-sided battle)

   Even if the actor is unspecified.

Definitions

Sub Event

This is the specific event that is being reported on, i.e. government forces open fire on protestors. Complex events should be recorded as one event. This should be descriptive to capture the nature of the event. Ideally no more than 10 words (15 max).

Year

Year of sub-event i.e. 2016

Month

Month of sub-event i.e. November

Date

Date of sub-event i.e. 3

If the exact date of the battle (this will often be 'on Thursday', which enables the date to be tracked using a calendar) is mentioned in the report, it is recorded on this date. If no specific date is mentioned (but it has happened in the days surrounding the publication of the report), then the date of the report is used.

Multi-day event?

Yes or no

Specific location and governorate/province

Specific location:

Village or suburb is reported if possible. If no specific location is available, it has been left blank.

Governorate/province:

Governorate/province of the event is reported for each entry. If this information was not available, then the event was not reported

Event type

What kind of event took place?

Arbitrary arrest

Complex attack: An event which combines multiple tactics i.e. a suicide bombing followed by (pre-planned) armed assault.

Infighting: Fighting between two actors who are ostensibly on the same side of the conflict (i.e. both pro-government or both anti-government).

Insider attack: A malicious attack on a group/army that is undertaken by a member of that same group/army

One-sided military offensive

Suicide attack: Attack carried out by an individual who kills themselves while detonating an explosive charge. This type should only be used when it is a confirmed suicide attack. If unconfirmed, list as

Bombing/Explosion: A bombing or explosion that is not a complex attack.

Two-sided battle: Two-sided violence in a conflict in which both sides are involved in the violent interaction

Remote violence (shelling)

Aerial attack (aircraft, barrel bomb, drone)

Assassination/Attempted assassination

Hijacking

Kidnapping

Bombing/Explosion

Armed Assault

Execution

Civilian massacre

Violent demonstration

Side A

Warring party 1

Side B

Warring party 2, if known

Target type

Who or what did the event target?

Civilians: Any sort of event in which civilians are directly and solely targeted, including protests and funerals, clergy.

Military Infrastructure: This includes military bases, military factories.

Civil Infrastructure: This includes gas pipelines, power plants, places of worship, hospitals.

Mobilised combatants: This is an attack on a mobilised brigade.

Foreign diplomatic facility: Including embassies.

Foreign military personnel.

Government infrastructure: Building or property related to an arm of government not related to the war effort i.e. Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, state-owned TV.

Government personnel: Member of civilian government, i.e. provincial governor.

Military convoy: Attack on a military convoy.

Checkpoint: Attack on a military checkpoint.

Government-held neighbourhood.

High profile government personnel

High profile military personnel

Military aircraft.

Military support personnel: For personnel who do not directly engage in warfare, but are integrally involved in the war effort, i.e. interpreters.

Off duty military personnel: Troops who are not actively mobilised (i.e. they are not fighting, not guarding a base, etc.). They may be travelling between their homes (on a public bus) and a base or undertaking other civilian activities. They can be wearing uniform, but might not be, as long as they have been targeted because of their status as military personnel.

Private security company.

Protected persons: Someone protected under International Humanitarian Law i.e. UN officials, medical personnel, journalists, etc.

Combined military/civilian facility: This could include an airport that is used for both civilian flights and military flights/supplies.

Opposition-dominated populated area: A populated area which is dominated by/used by opponents.

State security infrastructure: Buildings related to the state security apparatus, including intelligence services and police.

Significant heritage or cultural site: Site of significant cultural or heritage.

State security personnel.

PoWs: Prisoners of War.

Toll data

Total fatalities HIGH ESTIMATE

The highest estimate of total fatalities, where possible

Total fatalities LOW ESTIMATE

The lowest estimate of total fatalities, where possible

Civilian fatalities HIGH ESTIMATE

The highest estimate of civilian fatalities, where possible

Civilian fatalities LOW ESTIMATE

The lowest estimate of civilian fatalities.

Total wounded HIGH ESTIMATE

The highest estimate of total wounded.

Total wounded LOW ESTIMATE

The lowest estimate of total wounded.

Civilians wounded HIGH ESTIMATE

The highest estimate of civilians wounded.

Civilians wounded LOW ESTIMATE

The lowest estimate of civilians wounded.

Reference and Reference 2

Details of sources used