AFGHANISTAN - Overview of Reported Security-Related Incidents (Year 2020)

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7,426 Incidents in 2020
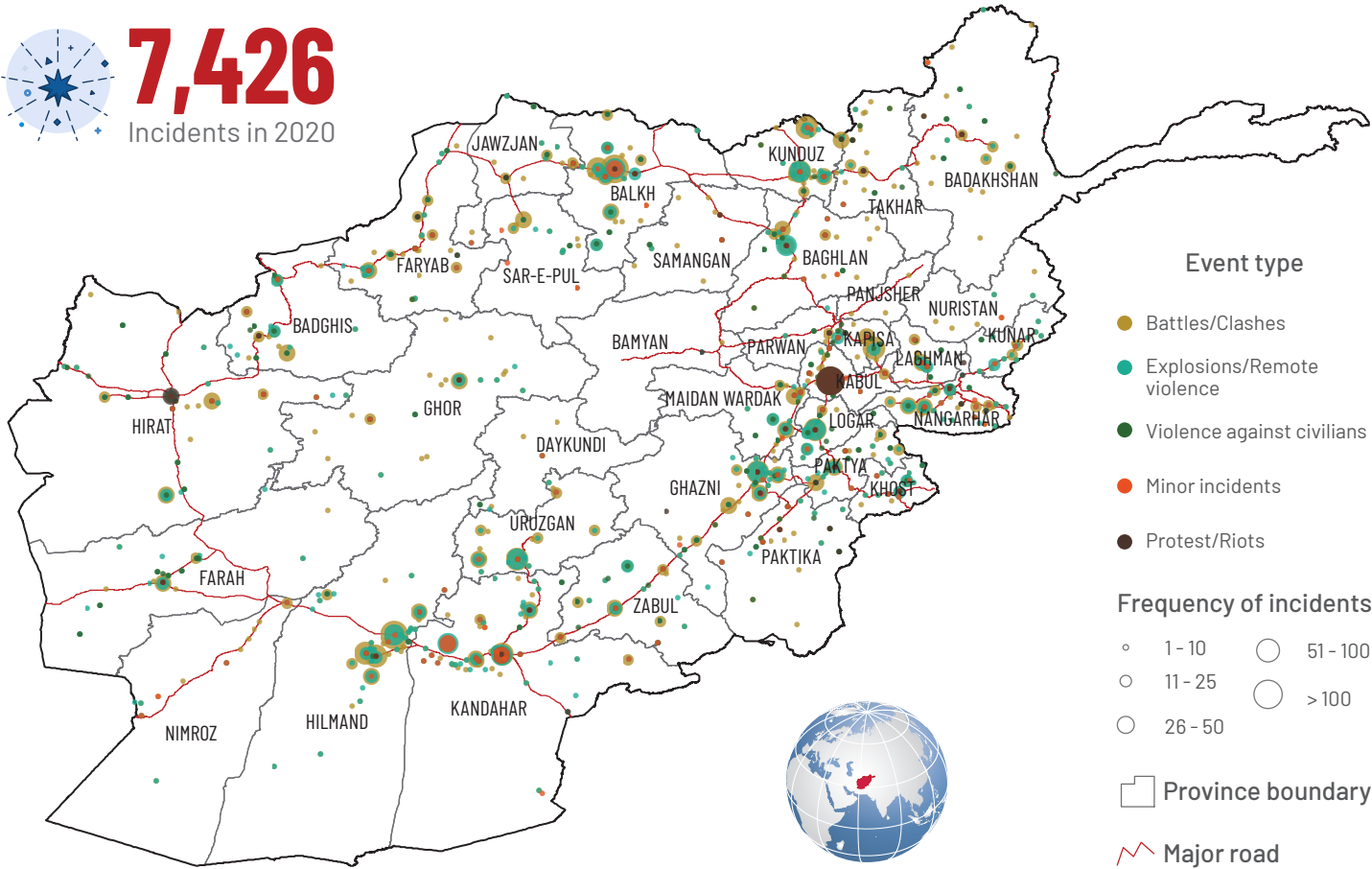
Based on the security-related data compiled by the **Armed Conflict Location & Event Data (ACLED) Project** there were **over 7,400 incidents** recorded for the year 2020, with a **47% decrease** both in number of incidents and fatalities compared to year 2019. Majority of these incidents **(62%)** featured **Battles or Armed clashes** on territorial control between government and non-state actors concentrated in southern and northern Afghanistan. **352 out of the 401 districts** of the country's 34 provinces experienced different events related to security in 2020, with provinces of **Hilmand and Kandahar** in the southern region the most frequented areas by events of various types both in years 2019 and 2020. Despite the incidents' declining trend from the last two years, the security situation in the country remains volatile and continue to impact on the civilian population in terms of insecurity, uncertainty and socio-economic growth.

Event type
- Battles/Clashes
- Explosions/Remote violence
- Violence against civilians
- Minor incidents
- Protest/Riots

Frequency of incidents
- 1 - 10
- 11 - 25
- 26 - 50
- 51 - 100
- > 100

☐ Province boundary
〰 Major road

| HIGHLIGHTS BY REGION	RECORDED INCIDENTS		AFFECTED DISTRICTS		TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 2019 AND 2020
	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2019	YEAR 2020	YEAR 2019	
Southern	1,904	4,081	47 of 52	50 of 52	5,985
Northern	1,121	1,543	52 of 55	52 of 55	2,664
Capital	1,006	1,672	44 of 55	46 of 55	2,678
North Eastern	962	1,349	59 of 67	54 of 67	2,311
South Eastern	905	2,486	55 of 62	59 of 62	3,391
Western	838	1,379	43 of 44	44 of 44	2,217
Eastern	661	1,351	46 of 50	45 of 50	2,012
Central Highland	29	48	6 of 16	6 of 16	77
TOTAL	7,426	13,909	352 of 401	356 of 401	21,335

Battles / Clashes
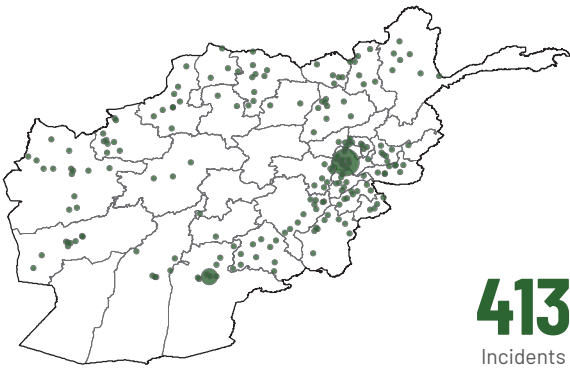(Armed clash, Government regains territory, Non-state actor takes over territory)
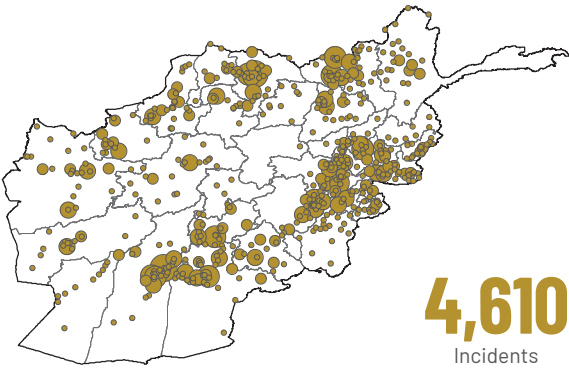
4,610 Incidents

Explosions / Remote violence
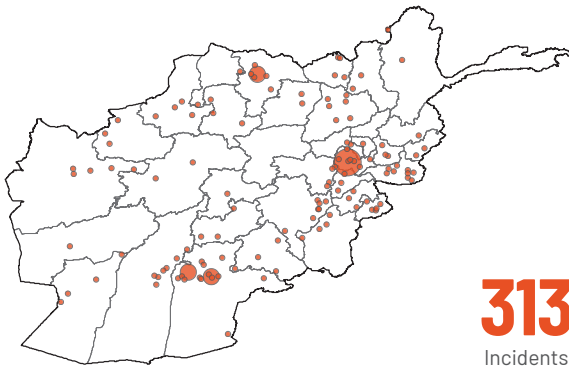(Air/drone strike, Grenade, Remote explosive/landmine/IED, Shelling/artillery/missile attack, Suicide bombing)
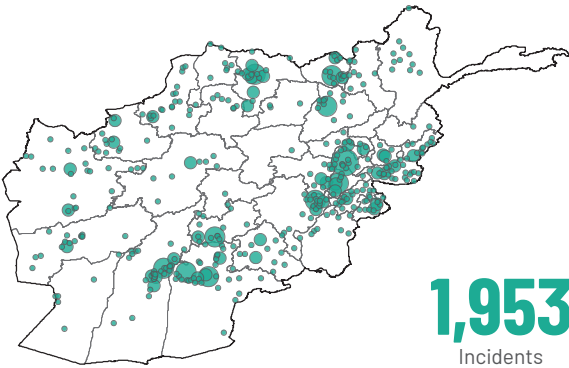
1,953 Incidents

Violence against civilians
(Abduction/forced disappearance, Attack)

413 Incidents

Minor incidents
(Change to group/activity, Disrupted weapons use, Looting/property destruction, Non-violent transfer of territory)

313 Incidents

Protests / Riots
(Excessive force against protesters, Peaceful protest, Mob violence)

137 Incidents

Monthly trend by event type

2019 2020 (Battles / Clashes)

2019 2020 (Explosions / Remote violence)

2019 2020 (Violence against civilians)

2019 2020 (Minor incidents)

2019 2020 (Protests / Riots)