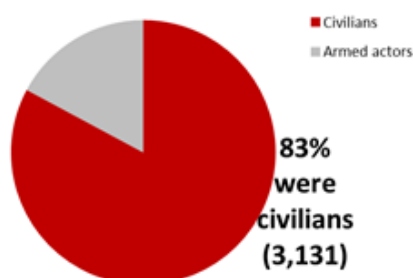


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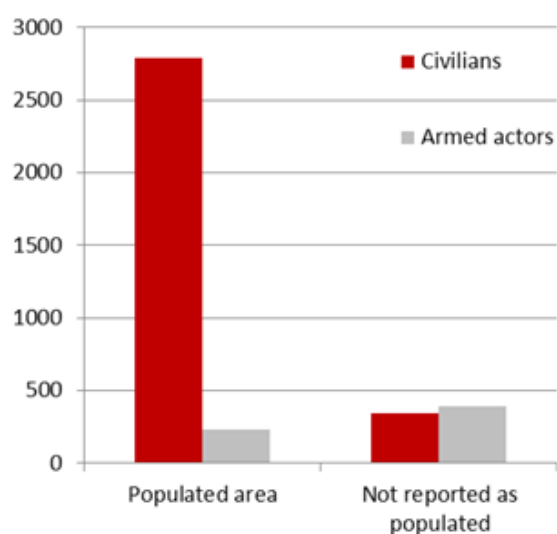
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Country	Civilians ¹	Armed actors	Incidents
Gaza	1,070	45	97
Iraq	958	267	48
Syria	460	94	25
Ukraine	258	13	35
Afghanistan	121	60	17

Populated areas²



Weapon types



Air-launched

1,043
civilians killed
and injured



Ground-launched

660
civilians killed
and injured



IEDs

1,005
civilians killed
and injured

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Operation Protective Edge: For the second successive month, Gaza saw the highest number of civilian casualties from explosive violence. AOAV recorded 299 civilian deaths from aerial bombs, missiles, and artillery shells, including more than 100 people killed in a [heavy shelling](#) outbreak in Rafah on 1 August. AOAV also recorded 57 civilian deaths and injuries from mortars and rockets fired into Israel.

Musab bin Omair mosque attack: Outside of Gaza, the single deadliest attack recorded by AOAV in August took place in Iraq on 22 August. A suicide bomber broke into a [village mosque](#) in Diyala province. The detonation, followed by heavy gunfire, collectively killed 68 people, most of whom were civilian worshippers.

Grad rockets in Ukraine: Ukraine again saw widespread use of heavy explosive weapons, with an increase of fighting in the eastern city of Donetsk. On 18 August a barrage of Grad rockets and mortars struck a convoy of refugees as they fled the spreading violence. At least 25 civilians died, including women and children.