

**HIGHLIGHTS** 



## **BRIEF ON VIOLENCE AFFECTING CIVILIANS**

**JANUARY TO MARCH 2023** 

16 June 2023

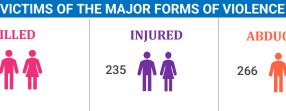
Between January and March 2023, the UNMISS Human Rights Division (HRD) documented 194 incidents of violence affecting 920 civilians [405 killed, 235 injured, 266 abducted, and 14 subjected to conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV)].

- This represents a 12 per cent increase in violent incidents as compared to the same reporting period in 2022 (from 173 to 194). The number of victims increased by 22 per cent (from 754 to 920). The proportion of civilians killed increased by 35 per cent (from 300 to 405), while the number of victims injured decreased by 12 per cent (from 266 to 235). Abductions significantly increased by 113 per cent (from 125 to 266), while CRSV decreased by 78 per cent (from 63 to 14).
- In comparison to the previous quarter, there is a four per cent decrease in violent incidents (from 202 to 194) and a five per cent decrease in civilian casualties (from 969 to 920). The killings decreased by 10 per cent (from 450 to 405), while injuries slightly increased by five per cent (from 224 to 235). While abductions increased by 31 per cent (from 203 to 266), the number of CRSV decreased by 85 per cent (from 92 to 14).
- Violence involving community-based militias and/or civil-defense groups accounted for 92 per cent of victims, while five per cent was attributed to parties to the conflict.

## VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW



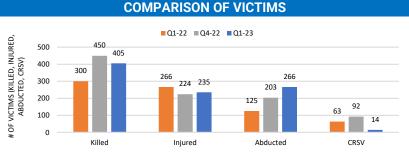


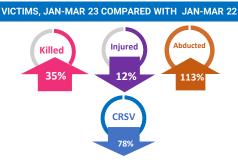


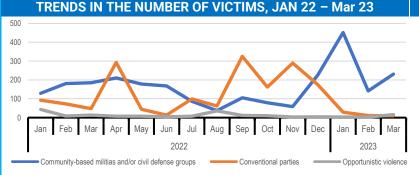


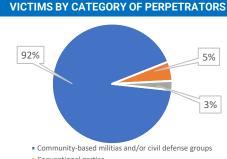












- Conventional parties
- Opportunistic violence

