



# BRIEF ON VIOLENCE AFFECTING CIVILIANS

JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2023

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Between July and September 2023, the UNMISS Human Rights Division (HRD) documented at least 215 incidents of violence affecting 641 civilians (321 killed, 231 injured, 65 abducted, and 24 subjected to conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV)).
- ❖ In comparison with the same period in 2022, this represents a 51 percent increase in the number of violent incidents (from 142 to 215) and a 14 percent decrease in the number of victims (from 745 to 641). The number of civilians killed increased by 13 percent (from 285 to 321), while the number of victims injured decreased by 25 percent (from 308 to 231). Abductions increased by eight percent (from 60 to 65), while CRSV decreased by 74 percent (from 92 to 24).
- ❖ In comparison with the previous quarter, there is a three percent decrease in violent incidents (from 222 to 215) and a 26 percent decrease in the number of civilians harmed (from 871 to 641). The number of civilians killed decreased by 19 percent (from 395 to 321), while injuries decreased by 18 percent (from 281 to 231). Abductions decreased by 61 percent (from 166 to 65), while the number of victims subjected to CRSV decreased by 17 percent (from 29 to 24).
- ❖ Sub-national violence involving community-based militias and/or civil-defense groups accounted for 77 percent (or 494) of victims, while 20 percent (or 128) was attributed to conventional parties to the conflict.

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

### VICTIMS OF THE MAJOR FORMS OF VIOLENCE

#### TOTAL

641 VICTIMS

#### KILLED

321



#### INJURED

231



#### ABDUCTED

65



#### CRSV

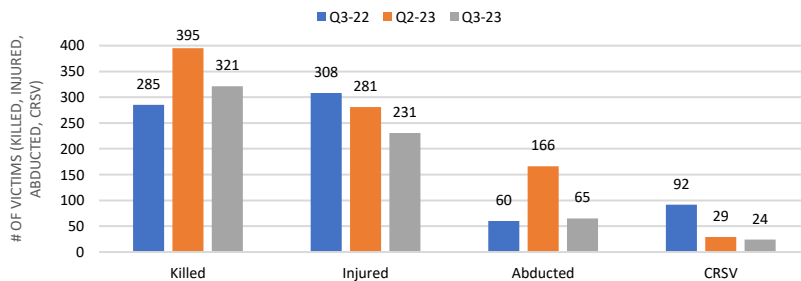
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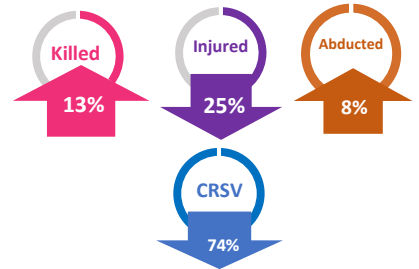
## KEY FIGURES

## TREND ANALYSIS

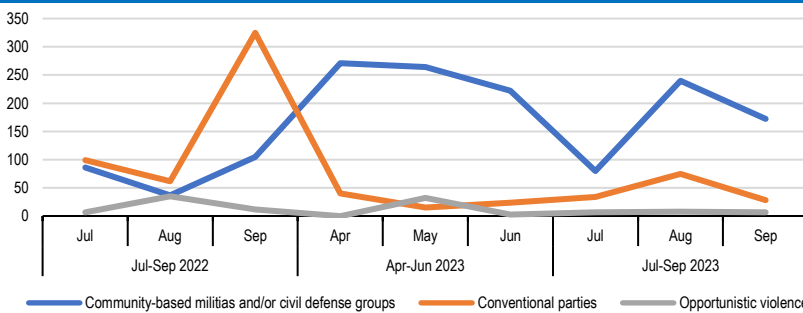
### COMPARISON OF VICTIMS



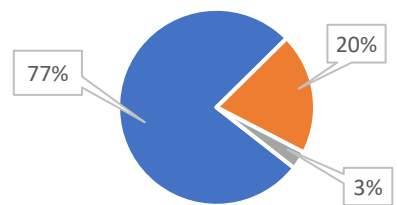
### VICTIMS, JUL - SEP 23 COMPARED WITH JUL - SEP 22



### TRENDS IN THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS, Q3-2022/Q2-2023/Q3-2023



### VICTIMS BY CATEGORY OF PERPETRATORS

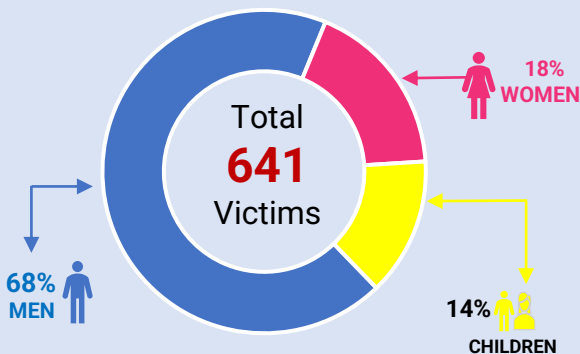


- Community-based militias and/or civil defense groups
- Conventional parties
- Opportunistic violence

## PERPETRATORS

## VICTIMS

### Victims by sex and age



### Location of Violence Affecting Civilians in South Sudan July – September 2023

