

## Ukraine: civilian casualty update<sup>1</sup>

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### January 2023

From 1 to 31 January 2023, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 697 civilian casualties in Ukraine:

- 177 killed (67 men, 48 women, 4 girls, 5 boys, as well as 53 adults whose sex is not yet known); and
- 520 injured (153 men, 81 women, 9 girls, 13 boys, as well as 12 children and 252 adults whose sex is not yet known).

This included:

- 163 killed and 468 injured in 107 settlements in regions (parts of regions), which were under Government control when casualties occurred (91 percent of the total); and
- 14 killed and 52 injured in 6 settlements in parts of Luhansk and Donetsk regions controlled by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups (9 percent of the total).

Per type of weapon/incident:

- Explosive weapons with wide area effects: 167 killed and 495 injured (95 per cent);
- Mines and explosive remnants of war: 10 killed and 25 injured (5 per cent).

### Civilian casualties caused by explosive weapons with wide area effects in January 2023

	Killed			Injured			Grand total	Per cent
	Government-controlled territory	Territory controlled by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups	Total	Government-controlled territory	Territory controlled by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups	Total		
Shelling, total	96	12	108	314	50	364	472	71.3
MLRS <sup>2</sup>	15	3	18	64	7	71	89	
Artillery and tanks	16	9	25	74	43	117	142	
Type not yet determined (MLRS or artillery or tanks)	65	0	65	176	0	176	241	
Cruise and ballistic missiles (air, sea and land-based)	57	2	59	129	0	129	188	28.4
Air strikes (planes and UAVs <sup>3</sup> )	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0.3
Grand total	153	14	167	445	50	495	662	100.0
Per cent	92	8	100.0	90	10	100.0		

<sup>1</sup> An increase in figures in this update compared with the previous update (as of 29 January 2023) should not be attributed to civilian casualties that occurred from 30 January to 5 February 2023 only, as during these days OHCHR also corroborated casualties that occurred on previous days. Similarly, not all civilian casualties that were reported from 30 January to 5 February 2023 have been included into the above figures. Some of them are still pending corroboration and if confirmed, will be reported on in future updates.

<sup>2</sup> Multiple launch rocket systems.

<sup>3</sup> Unmanned aerial vehicles.

### **Total civilian casualties from 24 February 2022 to 5 February 2023**

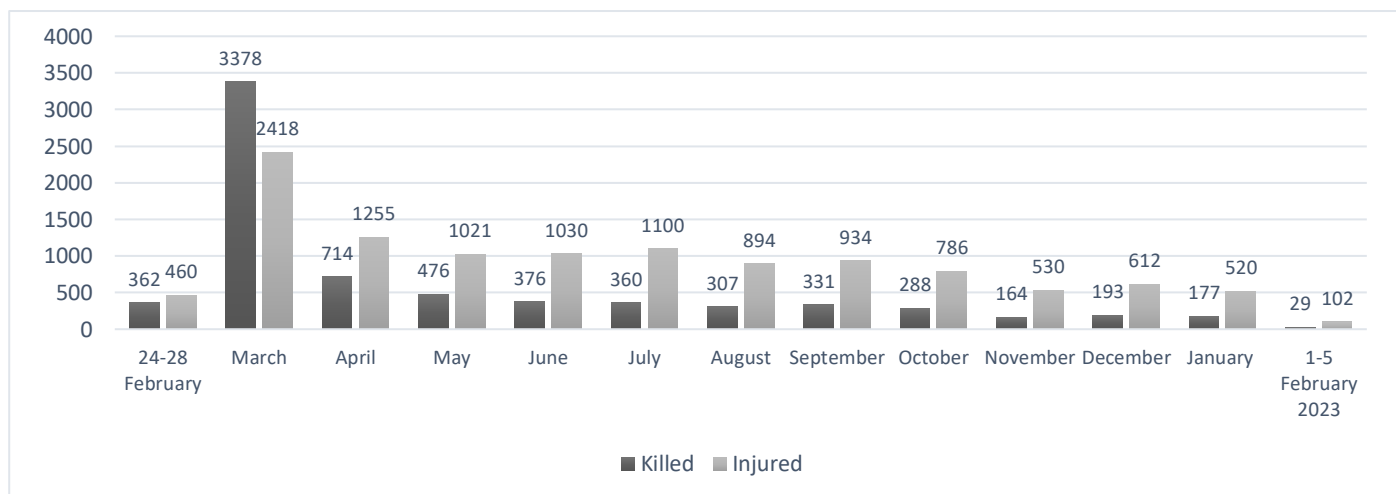
From 24 February 2022 to 5 February 2023, OHCHR recorded 18,817 civilian casualties in Ukraine: 7,155 killed and 11,662 injured.

- a total of 7,155 killed (2,853 men, 1,927 women, 180 girls, and 226 boys, as well as 32 children and 1,937 adults whose sex is not yet known)
- a total of 11,662 injured (2,576 men, 1,833 women, 248 girls, and 339 boys, as well as 264 children and 6,402 adults whose sex is not yet known)
  - In Donetsk and Luhansk regions: 10,092 casualties (4,172 killed and 5,920 injured)
    - On Government-controlled territory: 7,888 casualties (3,665 killed and 4,223 injured)
    - On territory controlled by Russian armed forces and affiliated armed groups: 2,204 casualties (507 killed and 1,697 injured)
  - In other regions of Ukraine (the city of Kyiv, and Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Khmelnytskyi, Poltava, Rivne, Lviv, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, Volyn, and Zhytomyr regions), which were under Government control when casualties occurred: 8,725 casualties (2,983 killed and 5,742 injured)

Most of the civilian casualties recorded were caused by the use of explosive weapons with wide area effects, including shelling from heavy artillery, multiple launch rocket systems, missiles and air strikes.

OHCHR believes that the actual figures are considerably higher, as the receipt of information from some locations where intense hostilities have been going on has been delayed and many reports are still pending corroboration. This concerns, for example, Mariupol (Donetsk region), Lysychansk, Popasna, and Sievierodonetsk (Luhansk region), where there are allegations of numerous civilian casualties.

### **Civilian casualties in Ukraine from 24 February 2022 to 5 February 2023, per month<sup>4</sup>**



### **The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine**

Since 2014, OHCHR has been documenting civilian casualties in Ukraine. Reports are based on information that the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU) collected through interviews with victims and their relatives; witnesses; analysis of corroborating material confidentially shared with HRMMU; official records; open-source documents, photo and video materials; forensic records and reports; criminal investigation materials; court documents; reports by international and national non-governmental organisations; public reports by law enforcement and military actors; data from medical facilities and local

<sup>4</sup> Actual figures, especially for March, are considerably higher.

*authorities. All sources and information are assessed for their relevance and credibility and cross-checked against other information. In some instances, corroboration may take time. This may mean that conclusions on civilian casualties may be revised as more information becomes available and numbers may change as new information emerges over time. Statistics presented in the current update are based on individual civilian casualty records where the “reasonable grounds to believe” standard of proof was met, namely where, based on a body of verified information, an ordinarily prudent observer would have reasonable grounds to believe that the casualty took place as described.*

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