



ANNUAL BRIEF ON VIOLENCE AFFECTING CIVILIANS

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023

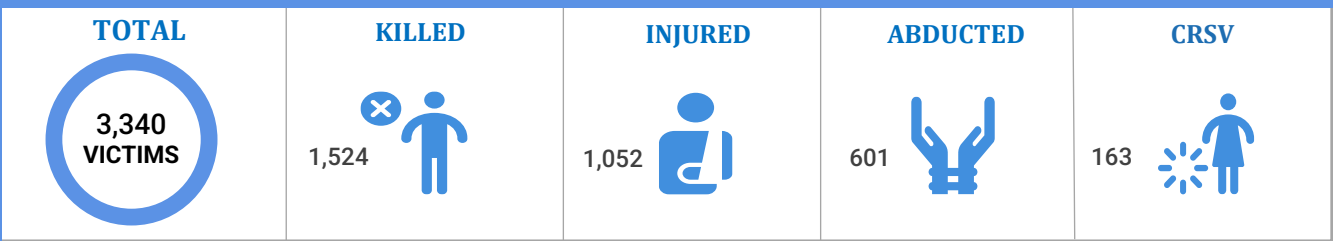
HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ In 2023, UNMISS HRD documented 885 incidents of violence affecting 3,340 civilians subjected to killings (1,524), injuries (1,052), abductions (601), and conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) (163) in South Sudan.
- ❖ Compared with 2022, this constitutes a 24 percent increase in violent incidents (from 714 to 885) and a four percent decrease in the number of victims (from 3,469 to 3,340). While the number of civilians killed decreased by five percent compared to 2022 (from 1,600 to 1,524), the number of civilians injured increased by seven percent (from 988 to 1,052). Abductions increased by 20 percent (from 501 to 601), whereas victims of CRSV decreased significantly by 57 percent (from 380 to 163).
- ❖ Warrap State experienced the highest number of civilian casualties (678 killed and 482 injured), accounting for 45 percent of the total number of the civilians killed and injured in South Sudan, while Jonglei State experienced the highest number of abductions (419), accounting for 70 percent of the recorded abductions nationwide.
- ❖ Community-based militias and/or civil defense groups accounted for 86 percent of the recorded incidents involving 2,868 victims, representing a 75 percent increase compared to 2022 (from 1,642 to 2,868). Conversely, the number of victims attributed to the conventional parties to the conflict declined significantly by 79 percent compared to 2022 (from 1,674 to 358).

VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

VICTIMS OF THE MAJOR FORMS OF VIOLENCE

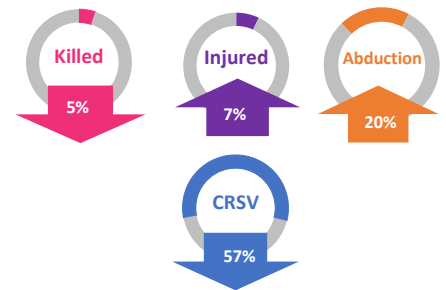
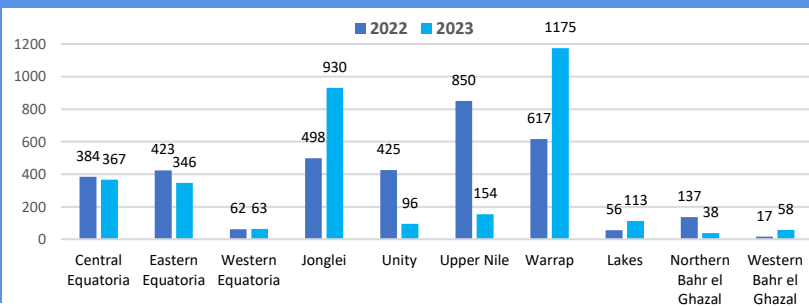
KEY FIGURES



TRENDS IN THE NUMBER OF CIVILIANS AFFECTED BY STATES

VICTIMS, 2023 COMPARED WITH 2022

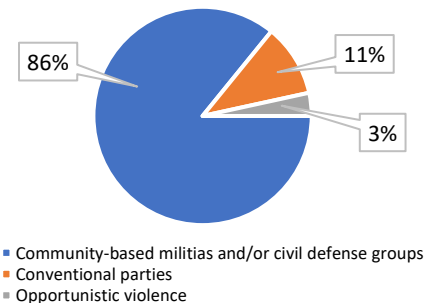
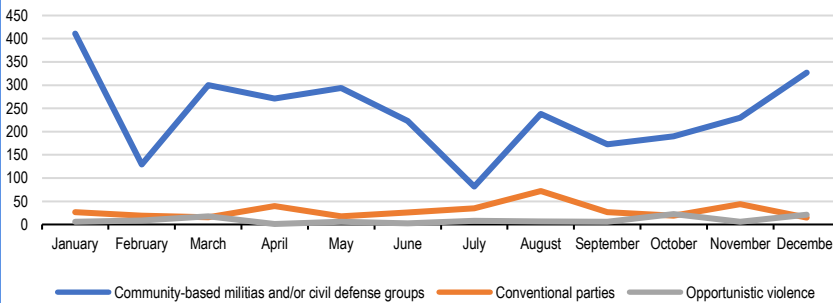
TREND ANALYSIS



TRENDS IN THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS IN 2023

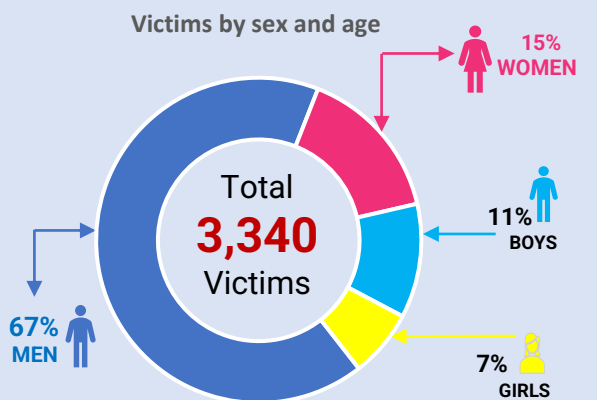
VICTIMS BY CATEGORY OF PERPETRATORS

PERPETRATORS



Victims by sex and age

VICTIMS



Location of Violence Affecting Civilians in South Sudan January – December 2023

