



# CrisisWatch

## October Alerts & September 2023 Trends

Our monthly conflict tracker highlights **one conflict risk** in October. The fragile calm in northern **Kosovo** shattered as a group of heavily armed Serbs clashed with Kosovo police. The military-grade weapons seized from the attackers indicate Serbs in the north are preparing for a fight.

CrisisWatch identified **seven deteriorated situations** in September. Notably:

Azerbaijan launched a military operation in **Nagorno-Karabakh**, claiming victory after 24 hours and ending the enclave’s de-facto self-governance. Fearful of their future under Baku’s rule, tens of thousands fled into Armenia.

**Mali**’s ruling junta postponed the presidential election due in February, further pushing back the timeline for a return to constitutional order. Meanwhile, violence escalated between 2015 peace deal signatories, and jihadists stepped up deadly attacks in the north.

DR Congo-based rebels launched a deadly attack into **Burundi** for the first time since 2021, leading to deadly clashes with government and allied forces.

In **Pakistan**, twin suicide bombings in the provinces bordering Afghanistan killed at least 59 people amid a spate of militant attacks. Deadly clashes between Pakistani and Taliban forces along the Afghan border temporarily closed the Torkham crossing.

The Dominican Republic closed its border with **Haiti** over a canal dispute, which risks aggravating the country’s humanitarian crisis. Rampant gang violence in the capital triggered mass displacement.

Our tracker also assessed **one improved situation**.

In a bid to revive the stalled political process, UN envoy Staffan de Mistura visited Morocco-controlled **Western Sahara** for the first time since his appointment two years ago.

Aside from the scores of conflict situations we regularly assess, we tracked significant developments in **Benin, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Madagascar, Togo** and **Nile Waters**.

### TRENDS IN SEPTEMBER



#### Deteriorated Situations

Kosovo, Nagorno-Karabakh, Burkina Faso, Mali, Burundi, Pakistan, Haiti



#### Improved Situations

Western Sahara

### ALERTS FOR OCTOBER



#### Conflict Risk Alerts

Kosovo



#### Resolution Opportunities

None