



CrisisWatch

May Alerts & April 2023 Trends

Our global conflict tracker warns of **three conflict risks** and welcomes **one conflict resolution opportunity** in May.

Fighting erupted in **Sudan** between the army and a powerful paramilitary force, killing hundreds, triggering a humanitarian crisis and fuelling fears of a protracted, all-out civil war.

Azerbaijan installed a checkpoint along the Lachin corridor that connects **Nagorno-Karabakh** with Armenia, prompting Yerevan and Moscow to condemn Baku for breaching the 2020 ceasefire agreement and raising concern that heightened tensions could escalate further.

As expectations for **Ukraine**'s long-awaited counteroffensive grew, Russian shelling killed and injured dozens; Moscow may deploy long-range weapons in the coming weeks, causing more civilian suffering.

In **Yemen**, the first diplomatic visit by Saudi Arabia in eight years and a prisoner swap injected momentum into talks between Riyadh and Huthi

rebels, raising hope for a more comprehensive halt to hostilities.

CrisisWatch identified **deteriorations in nine countries** in April.

In **Israel-Palestine**, Israeli security forces' brutality at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque during Ramadan triggered a multi-front escalation, including the largest cross-border rocket barrage from **Lebanon** since the 2006 war.

Thailand's deep south witnessed a surge in militant attacks, casting a shadow over dialogue between the government and the main separatist armed group.

Surges in criminal, herder-farmer and communal violence in **Nigeria** left hundreds of people dead across the country, with a particularly heavy toll among civilians.

Amid sustained fighting between government forces and jihadist groups in **Burkina Faso** since the government declared a "total war", both sides conducted large-scale massacres of civilians.

TRENDS IN APRIL



Deteriorated Situations

Thailand, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Lebanon, Ecuador, Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Indonesia



Improved Situations

Qatar

ALERTS FOR MAY



Conflict Risk Alerts

Sudan, Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict, Ukraine



Resolution Opportunities

Yemen

Ecuador's government declared terrorism a security threat amid a spike in gang violence, enabling the military to deploy in the streets to confront these groups without instituting a state of exception.

We also assessed **one improved situation**. Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates an-

nounced plans to restore diplomatic ties with **Qatar**, concluding the process of ending the almost six-year intra-Gulf rift.

Aside from the dozens of conflict situations we assess every month, we tracked significant developments in **Benin, Indonesia** and **Moldova**.