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Between January and June 2025, OHCHR documented 154 civilian deaths in the context of the conflict in South Kordofan.922 Between 16 November 2024 and 15 November 2025, the organisation documented 1 253 civilian casualties in the whole Kordofan region.923 Between March 2025 and April 2026, AOAV recorded 910 casualties resulting from explosive weapons use in South Kordofan,924 with between zero and ten casualties between March and September 2025, and then a steep increase with peaks in December 2025 (342 deaths and injuries)925, in January 2026 (127 deaths and injuries)926 and in March 2026 (184 deaths and injuries).927

Among the most significant security incidents affecting civilians were air and drone strikes hitting civilian targets,928 many of them in Kadugli and Dilling.929 The WHO reported more than 100 fatalities following a suspected RSF drone attack on a kindergarten and hospital in Kalogi.930 In May 2026, the Sudan Doctors Network reported the killing of more than 60 people in Kaoda within two weeks of tribal clashes between forces allied with the SPLM-N-Al-Hilu and members of the Otoro tribe.931 In August 2026, renewed clashes between the same two groups reportedly killed another 27 people.932 Throughout the reference period, sources reported that the precarious security situation in and around the cities Kadugli and Dilling resulted in supply routes being cut off,933 leading in turn to severe food shortages934 and risk of famine.935 ACLED observed that the security incidents it recorded in South Kordofan between 1 March 2025 and 31 August 2026, caused an estimated 2 511 fatalities.936

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Figure 21: Fatalities as a result of armed conflict in South Kordofan, 1 March 2025 – 31 August 2026, based on ACLED data937

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