

5.4. Security incidents

Between November 2024 and May 2025, the highest number of security incidents documented by ACLED occurred in the months of November 2024, December 2024 and January 2025 (see Table 1).⁸³⁴ For a detailed analysis of the security situation prior to the fall of the Assad government [see EUAA COI Report Syria – Country Focus \(March 2025\)](#) and [EUAA COI Report Syria – Security Situation \(October 2024\)](#).

Governorate	Nov. 24	Dec. 24	1-8 Dec 24	9-31 Dec 24	Jan. 25	Feb. 25	Mar. 25	Apr. 25	May 25
Hasaka	45	134	22	112	168	60	50	33	10
Aleppo	421	324	129	195	342	250	145	59	10
Raqqa	65	88	6	82	131	107	47	29	10
Sweida	17	19	6	13	20	7	8	13	10
Damascus	3	24	8	16	9	6	8	8	10
Dar'a	40	97	65	32	25	34	52	48	10
Deir Ez-Zor	150	140	49	91	138	102	112	99	10
Hama	35	170	129	41	57	26	42	31	10
Homs	63	89	45	44	77	78	68	62	10
Idlib	258	43	29	14	38	22	20	25	10
Latakia	29	34	4	30	28	26	111	24	10
Quneitra	34	12	10	2	6	4	7	7	10
Rural Damascus	15	49	9	40	27	24	32	19	10
Tartous	0	20	1	19	11	11	73	7	10
Total	1175	1243	512	731	1077	757	775	464	400

Table 1. Number of ACLED security events coded ‘battles’, ‘explosions/remote violence’ and ‘violence against civilians’ recorded between November 2024 and May 2025. Breakdown by governorate

Between the aftermath of the fall of Assad on 9 December 2024 and 31 May 2025, ACLED recorded 4 271 security incidents in Syria: 846 of these were coded as battles, 1 907 as explosions/remote violence, and 1 518 as violence against civilians. Most incidents occurred in the months of January (primarily attributed to confrontations between SDF and Türkiye and Turkish-backed armed groups, and to incidents involving landmines and UXOs) and March 2025 (primarily attributed to confrontations between government forces and affiliated armed groups and anti-government militias, and to acts of violence against civilians attributed to government forces and unidentified armed groups) with significantly lower numbers recorded in April and May 2025.^{835, 836}

Security incidents in Syria: 9 December 2024 - 31 May 2025

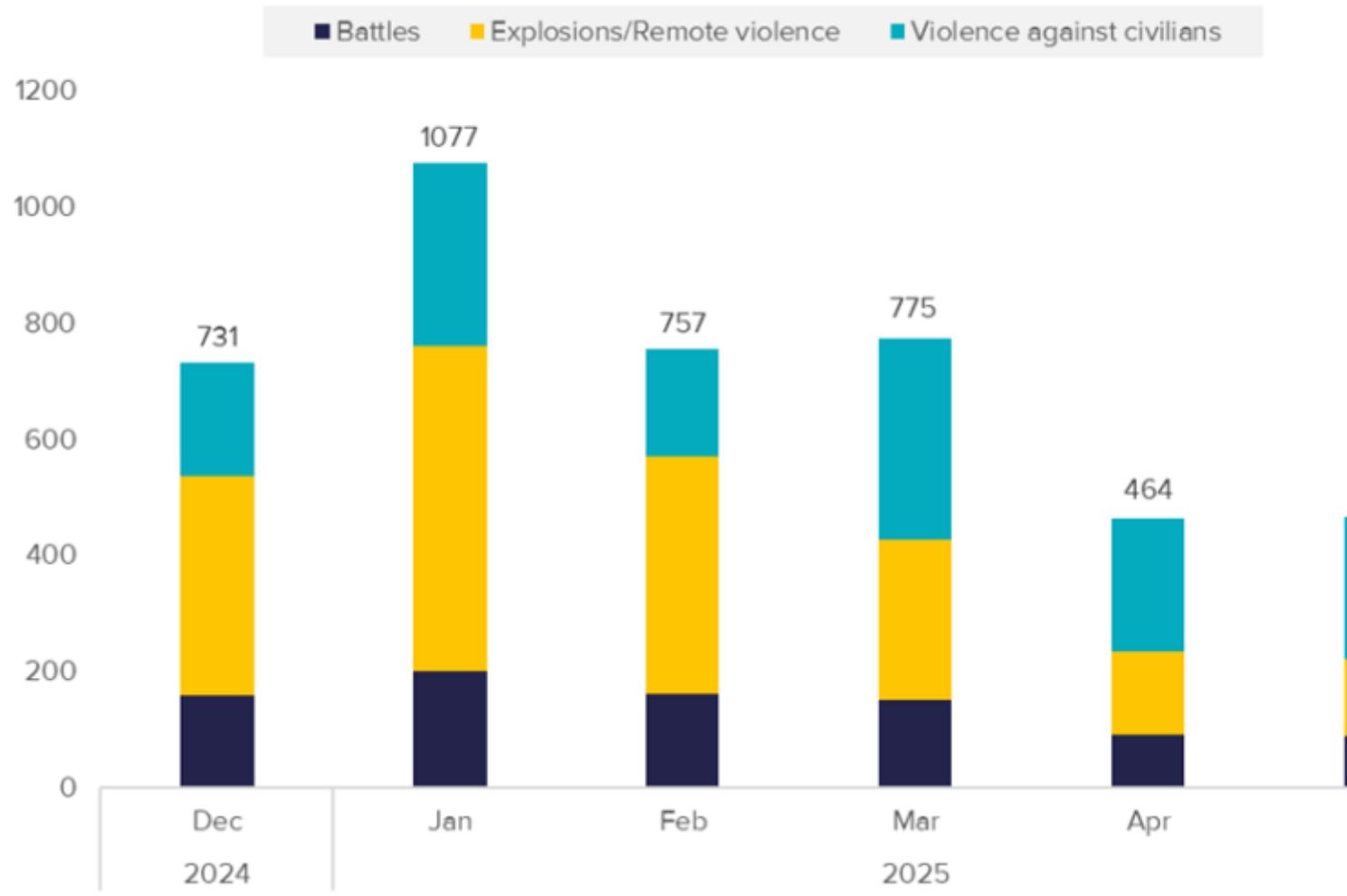


Figure 1. Evolution of ACLED security events coded ‘battles’, ‘explosions/remote violence’ and ‘violence against civilians’ between 9 December 2024 and 31 May 2025.

During this period, ACLED recorded the highest number of security incidents in the governorates of Aleppo (1 048), Deir Ez-Zor (638), Hasaka (453) and Raqqa (426). The lowest number of security incidents were recorded in the governorates of Quneitra (34), Damascus (58) and Sweida (92).

Security incidents. Breakdown by governorate (9 December 2024 - 31 May 2025)

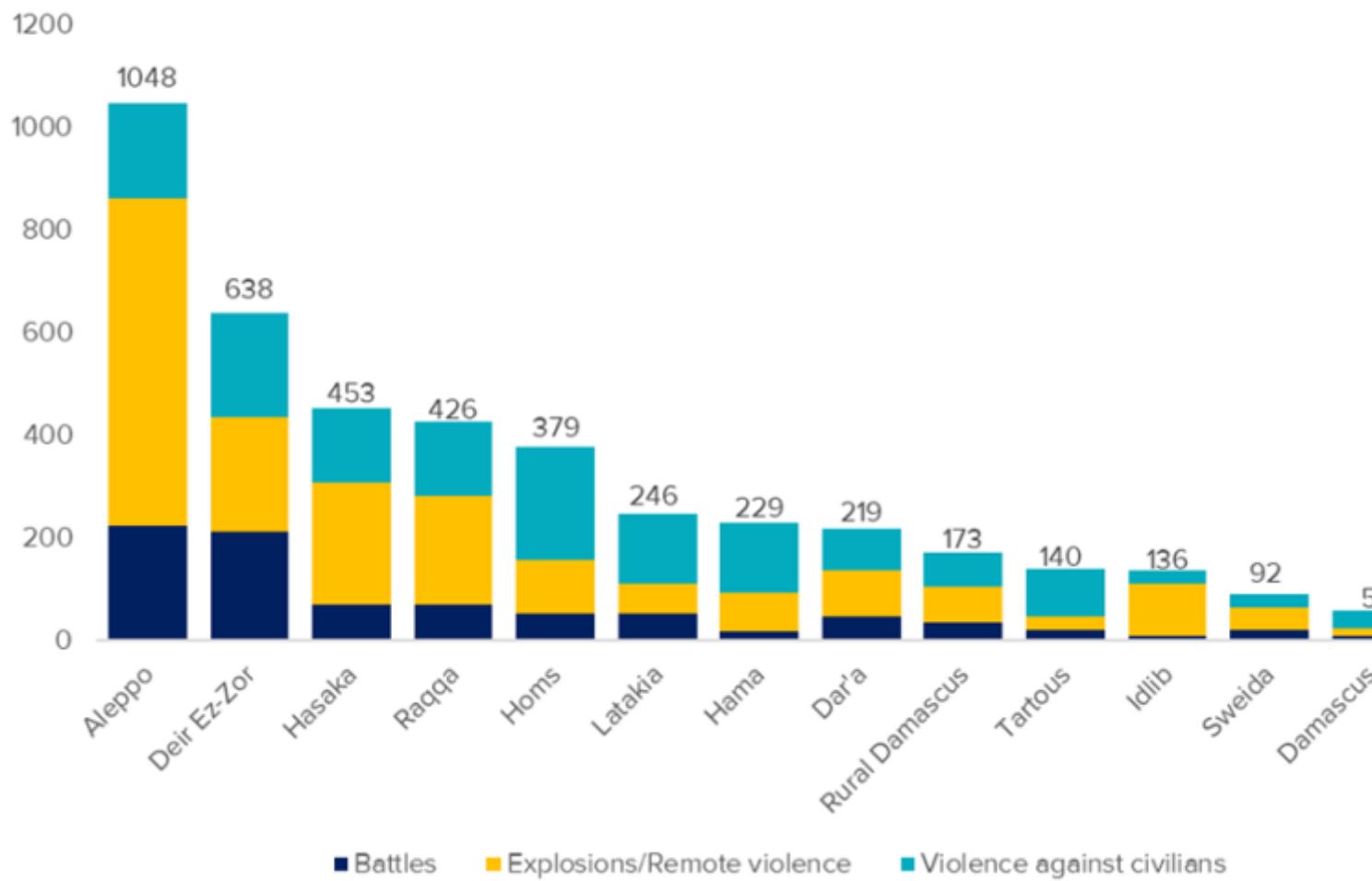


Figure 2. ACLED security events coded ‘battles’, ‘explosions/remote violence’ and ‘violence against civilians’ on governorate level between 9 December 2024 and 31 May 2025.

For the reference period of this report (1 March to 31 May 2025) there were 1 706 security incidents recorded by ACLED in Syria: 328 of these were coded as battles, 556 as explosions/remote violence, and 822 as violence against civilians. During this period, incidents categorised as battles primarily involved clashes between SDF and ISIL, SDF and government forces and between SDF and unidentified armed groups. Confrontations between government forces and anti-government militias, particularly in the coastal areas, were also widely reported. Most incidents coded as explosions/remote violence were attributed to landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXOs), as well as to military forces of Türkiye, Israel and to unidentified armed groups. The main parties involved in incidents coded as violence against civilians were unidentified armed groups (around 45 % of all such incidents), SDF and affiliated groups, and government forces.

The highest number of security incidents were recorded by ACLED in March with 775 incidents. Following this peak, there was a decline of approximately 40 % over the next two months. Most security incidents recorded by ACLED during this period took place in the governorates of Deir Ez-Zor (307), Aleppo (261), Homs (180) and Latakia (162). The lowest security incidents figures were recorded in the governorates of Quneitra (22), Damascus (27), and Sweida (52).⁸³⁷ Most security incidents recorded in Deir Ez-Zor were attributed to landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXOs), as well as clashes involving SDF and ISIL, and with unidentified armed groups.

A more detailed analysis of security incidents at the governorate level can be found in the [respective chapters of section 5.8](#).

Security incidents in Syria: March - May 2025

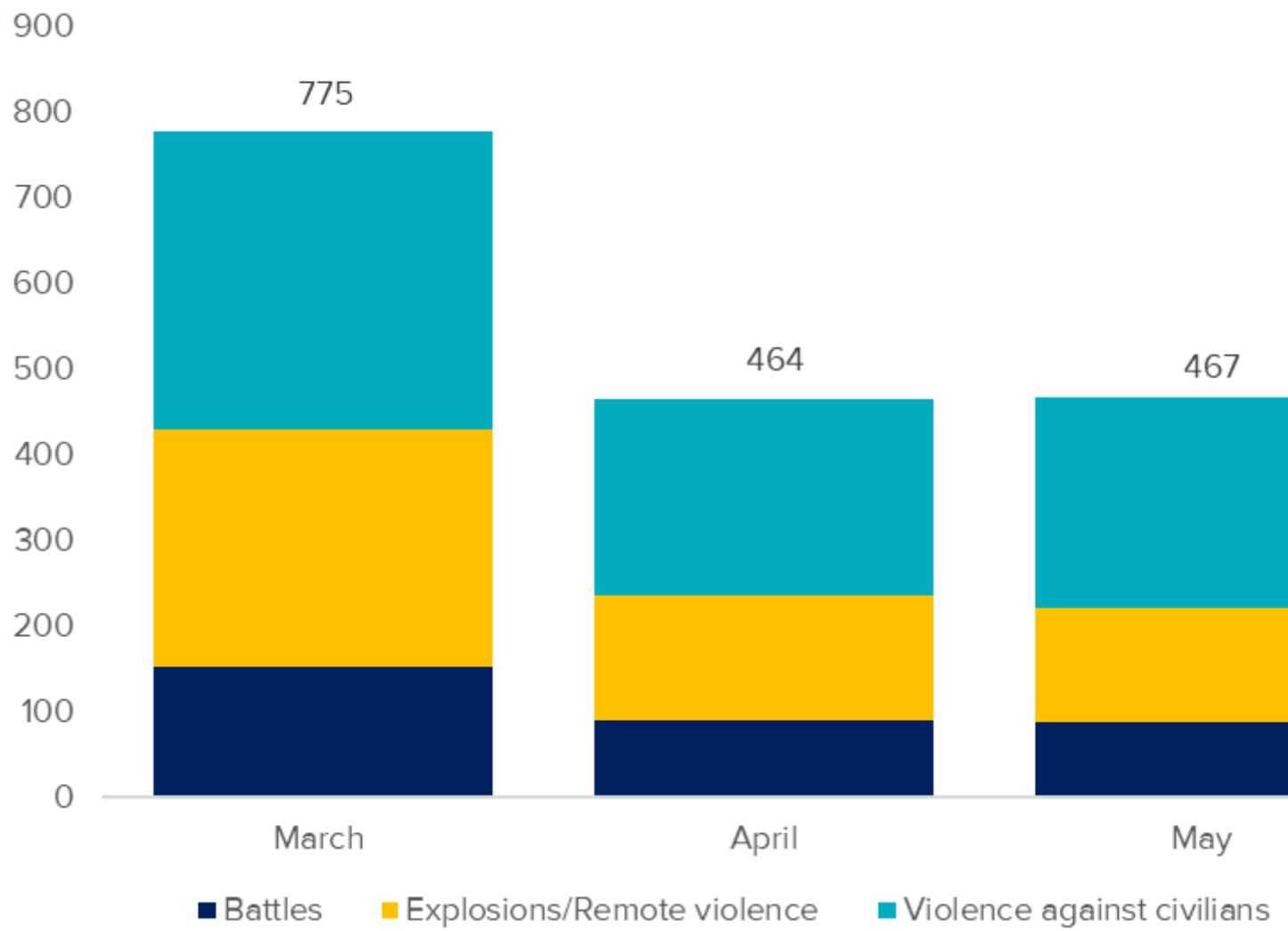


Figure 3. Evolution of ACLED security events coded ‘battles’, ‘explosions/remote violence’ and ‘violence against civilians’ between 1 March and 31 May 2025.

Security incidents, breakdown by governorate: 1 March - 31 May 2025

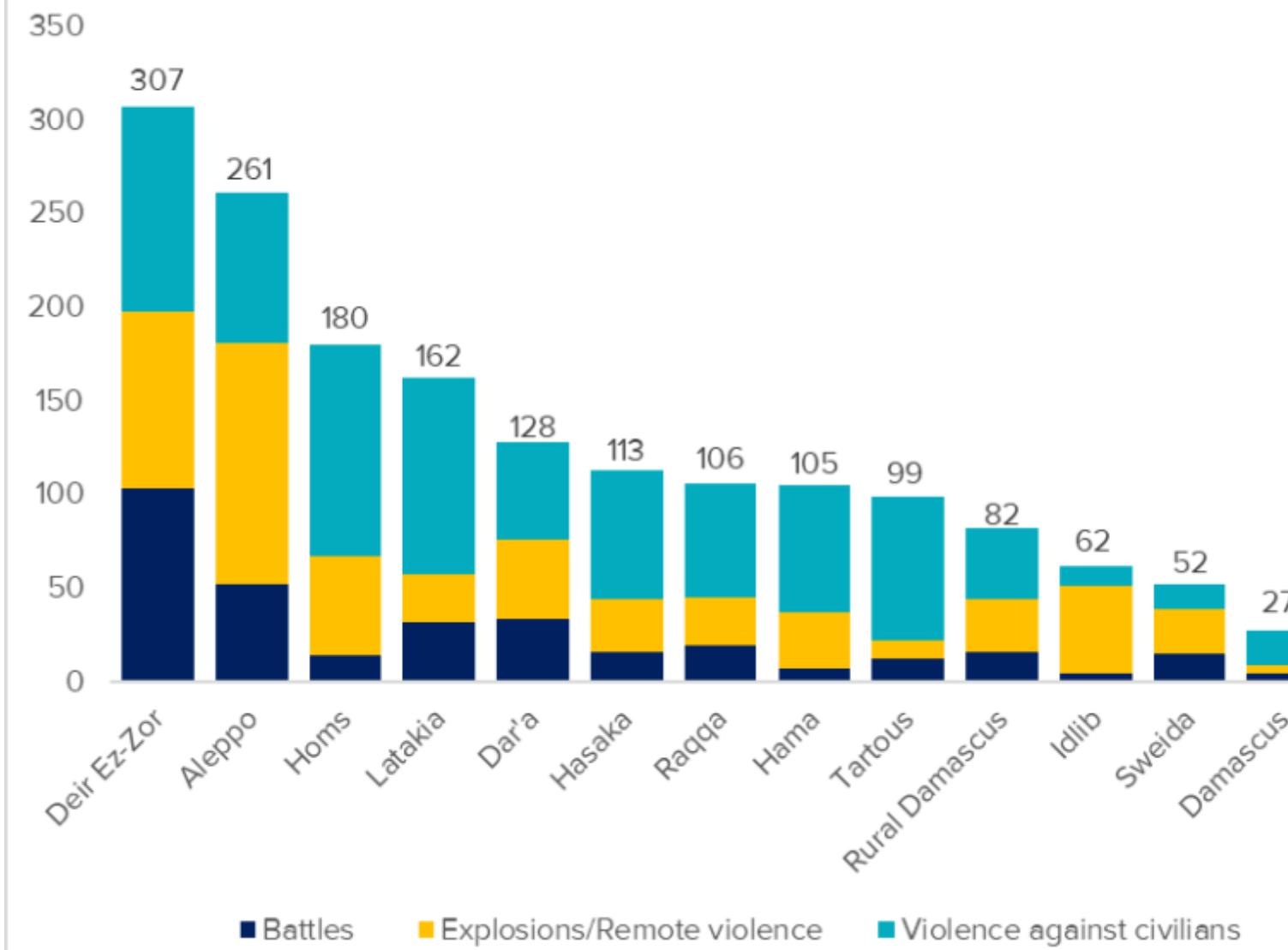


Figure 4. ACLED security events coded ‘battles’, ‘explosions/remote violence’ and ‘violence against civilians’ on governorate level between 1 March and 31 May 2025.

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