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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 shortages[934](#) 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 data[937](#)

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