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Between January and June 2025, OHCHR documented six civilian deaths in the context of the conflict in Blue Nile.[1139](#) Between March 2025 and April 2026, AOAV recorded 168 casualties resulting from explosive weapons use in Blue Nile[1140](#) with the only recorded casualties for 2025 recorded in October (8 casualties)[1141](#) followed by a sharp uptick in January 2026 (125 casualties)[1142](#) and 35 casualties in February 2026.[1143](#) From the start of 2026, there were multiple reports of civilian casualties resulting from drone strikes.[1144](#) The UN reported more than 20 civilians killed in clashes in Geisan town in August 2026.[1145](#) Around the same time, Sudan Tribune reported the discovery of a mass grave containing the bodies of 25 civilians following the SAF takeover of Kurmuk town from the RSF.[1146](#) ACLED observed that the security incidents it recorded in Blue Nile between 1 March 2025 and 31 August 2026 caused an estimated 845 fatalities.[1147](#)

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Figure 29: Fatalities as a result of armed conflict in Blue Nile, 1 March 2025 – 31 August 2026, based on ACLED data[1148](#)

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