FLASH POINTS 2023-2024

Political Violence

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North America

US

525,000+
workers walked off the job in 393 strikes in 2023,
marking one of the most significant strike years in 30 years in terms of worker participation

US

11,500
screenwriters in Los Angeles, California, went on strike in Hollywood in May, followed by another
160,000
actors in July.
The strikes lasted several months, costing an estimated USD 6 billion in lost wages and business disruptions statewide

Canada

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

560,000
public sector workers
launched a series of strikes to demand increased salaries and improved working conditions

Europe

UK

JANUARY - OCTOBER 2023

At least
2.4 million
working days lost in the UK due to industrial action

Spain

OCTOBER - NOVEMEBER 2023

40
Security personnel injured
during countrywide demonstrations against the government's amnesty deal with Catalan separatist parties

Germany

Over
1,100
antisemitic crimes
reported across Germany up until the end of 2023 following the attack on Israel by Hamas in October

Russia-CIS

Ukraine

Russia fired
3,100 drones and 1,300 missiles
at Ukraine in 2023.
The war in Ukraine has resulted in over **USD 140 billion** worth of damage to Ukrainian infrastructure since February 2022

Russia

Russia will increase its defence budget to
USD 140 billion in 2024
compared to **USD 105 billion** in 2023, as it expands its war effort in Ukraine

Nagorno-Karabakh

SEPTEMBER 2023

At least
101,000
ethnic Armenians fled Nagorno-Karabakh into Armenia after Azerbaijan claimed full control over the territory

Asia-Pacific

Pakistan

Militant attacks increased countrywide
by 70%
from 2022 to 2023,
with 66% occurring in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province and 26% in Baluchistan

Bangladesh

570
Protests and riots staged
by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party in 2023, up from 223 in 2022

Myanmar

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

12 towns and 430 military positions
in northern Shan State seized by the Three Brotherhood Alliance militant coalition

Latin America

Panama

USD 1.7 billion
Estimated cost of protests denouncing a controversial mining contract with a Canadian-owned company, according to members of Panama's business sector

Venezuela

95% of the population
allegedly approved of President Nicolas Maduro's December referendum to claim sovereignty over Guyana's oil-rich Essequibo region

Ecuador

JANUARY - AUGUST 2024

18
incidents
of election violence including attacks against candidates and local officials

Sub-Saharan Africa

Niger and Gabon

2023

Niger and Gabon experienced coups contributing to
a total of 9
successful coups
in Sub-Saharan Africa since 2020

Ethiopia

JULY - AUGUST 2023

183
people killed in clashes
between Fano militias and security forces amid the deteriorating security situation in Amhara region

Sudan

According to the UN,
at least
12,000
people have been killed
in the ongoing conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which began in April 2023

Middle East & North Africa

Israel and the Gaza Strip

7 OCTOBER 2023

1,140
people killed
in Hamas's attack on Israel

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

22,313
Palestinians killed
in Israel's aerial bombardment and ground offensive in the Gaza Strip

Iraq and Syria

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

At least
120 drone and rocket attacks
against US troops and assets in Iraq and Syria conducted by Iranian-backed regional militant groups

Yemen

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

24
Houthi militant group attacks
on commercial shipping vessels in the Red Sea

Key: Civil Unrest · Terrorism · Political Violence · War

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