

GV217 - Conflict Analysis

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What do you expect from this module?

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Useful resources from Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP):

UCDP **definitions**: [click here](#)

UCDP **data**: [click here](#)

Definition of state-based armed conflict

Definition: An armed conflict is a contested incompatibility that concerns a government and/or territory where the use of armed force between two parties, of which at least one is the government of a state, results in at least 25 battle-related deaths in one calendar year.

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Can you provide examples of them?

Exercise

- Get in groups of 2-3 people
- Try to identify which of the examples are armed conflict
- Present your findings to another group
- Do you agree?

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A real conflict or banditry in disguise?

Questions and issues to consider:

- Why do we count deaths?
- Should the definition include civilian deaths, and deaths of combatants outside of conflict, such as disease, in prison, etc.?
- We consider calendar years
- “a politically significant event”

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Include as many resources as possible to prevent bias!

All clear? More questions?
Thanks and see you next week!