

GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2023

Measuring peace
in a complex world



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The Institute for Economics and Peace is an independent, not-for-profit think tank dedicated to building a greater understanding of the key drivers of peace, as well as identifying the economic benefits that increased peacefulness can deliver.



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10

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KEY FINDINGS



Key indicators
GPI highlights
Results & trends



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measures of ongoing domestic and international conflict

Including: intensity of organised internal conflicts, relations with neighbouring countries and number of deaths from conflict

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measures of societal safety and security

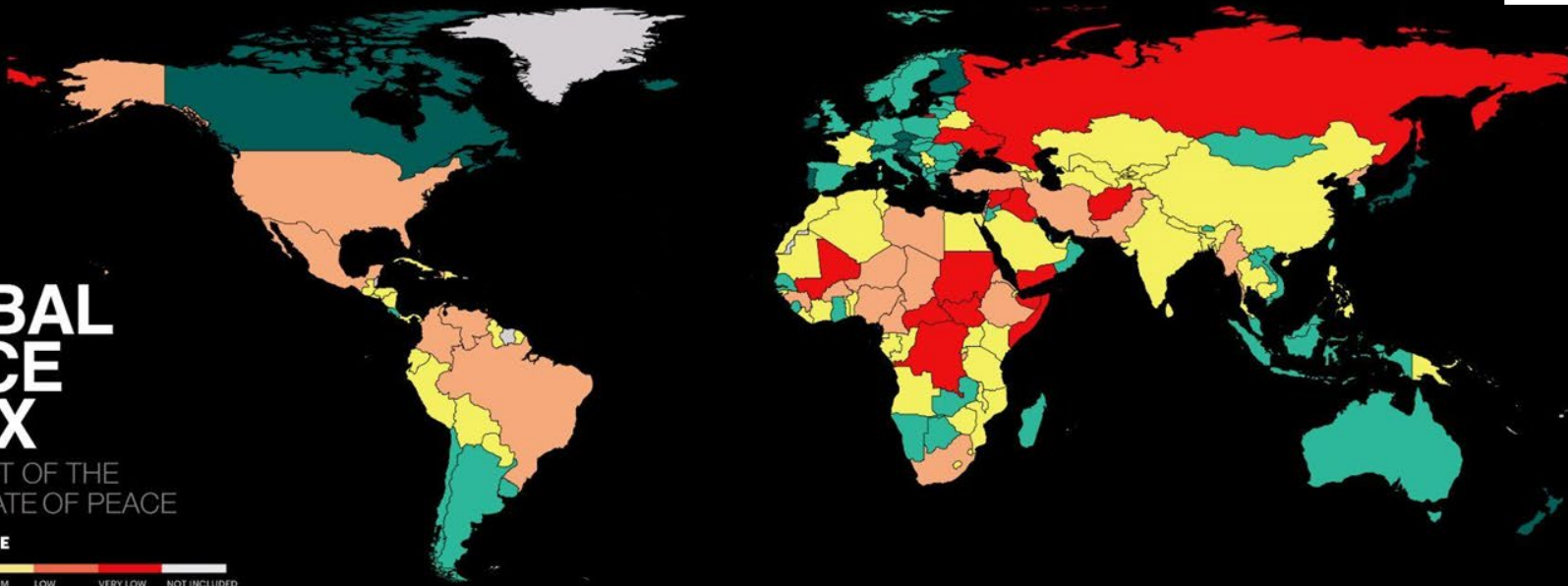
Including: number of refugees and IDPs, impact of terrorism, homicide and incarceration rates

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measures of militarisation

Including: military expenditure, number of armed service personnel, ease of access to small weapons

17th edition, covers 99.7% world's population



2023 GLOBAL PEACE INDEX

A SNAPSHOT OF THE
GLOBAL STATE OF PEACE

THE STATE OF PEACE



IMPROVEMENTS

84

countries recorded
improvements in
peacefulness

DETERIORATIONS

79

countries recorded
a deterioration in
peacefulness

OVERALL AVERAGE
CHANGE (%)

+0.42


The average level of global
peacefulness deteriorated by 0.42 per
cent in the 2023 Global Peace Index


2023 key highlights

The average level of global country peacefulness has deteriorated by

0.42% 

This is the 13th deterioration in the last 15 years.

 **84** countries became more peaceful

 **79** countries deteriorated

Improvements were driven by changes in:

- Terrorism Impact
- Political Terror Scale
- Military expenditure (% of GDP)

Deteriorations primarily driven by changes in:

- External Conflicts Fought
- Political Instability
- Deaths from Internal Conflict



2023 key highlights

- Iceland remains as the most peaceful country in the world
- Libya and Burundi had the largest improvements
- Middle East and North Africa (MENA) improved significantly for the last three consecutive years
- Europe remains the most peaceful region, and recorded a deterioration in the past year



2023 key highlights - continued

- Afghanistan remains the world's least peaceful nation. However, it recorded one of the largest increases in peacefulness
- Conflict deaths increased by 96%
- Russia and Eurasia recorded the steepest regional deterioration
- Six of the nine GPI regions recorded deteriorations



10 most peaceful countries

- | | | | |
|---|--|----|--|
| 1 | ICELAND
Rank change: ↔ | 6 | SINGAPORE
Rank change: 4 ↑ |
| 2 | DENMARK
Rank change: 1 ↑ | 7 | PORTUGAL
Rank change: 1 ↑ |
| 3 | IRELAND
Rank change: 1 ↓ | 8 | SLOVENIA
Rank change: 4 ↓ |
| 4 | NEW ZEALAND
Rank change: 2 ↑ | 9 | JAPAN
Rank change: ↔ |
| 5 | AUSTRIA
Rank change: ↔ | 10 | SWITZERLAND
Rank change: 1 ↑ |

10 least peaceful countries

163 **AFGHANISTAN**
Rank change: ↔

162 **YEMEN**
Rank change: ↔

161 **SYRIA**
Rank change: ↔

160 **SOUTH SUDAN**
Rank change: ↔

159 **CONGO, DRC**
Rank change: ↔

158 **RUSSIA**
Rank change: 2 ↓

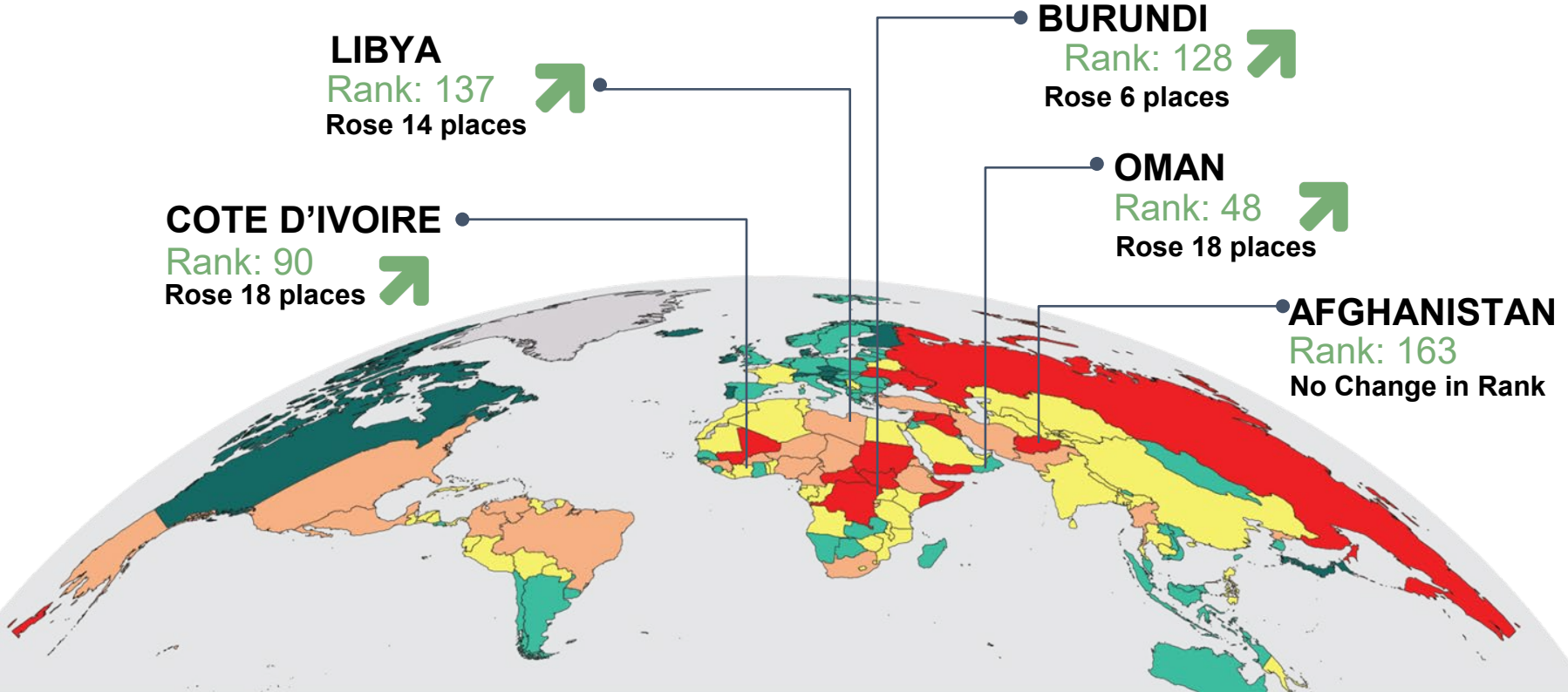
157 **UKRAINE**
Rank change: 14 ↓

156 **SOMALIA**
Rank change: 2 ↑

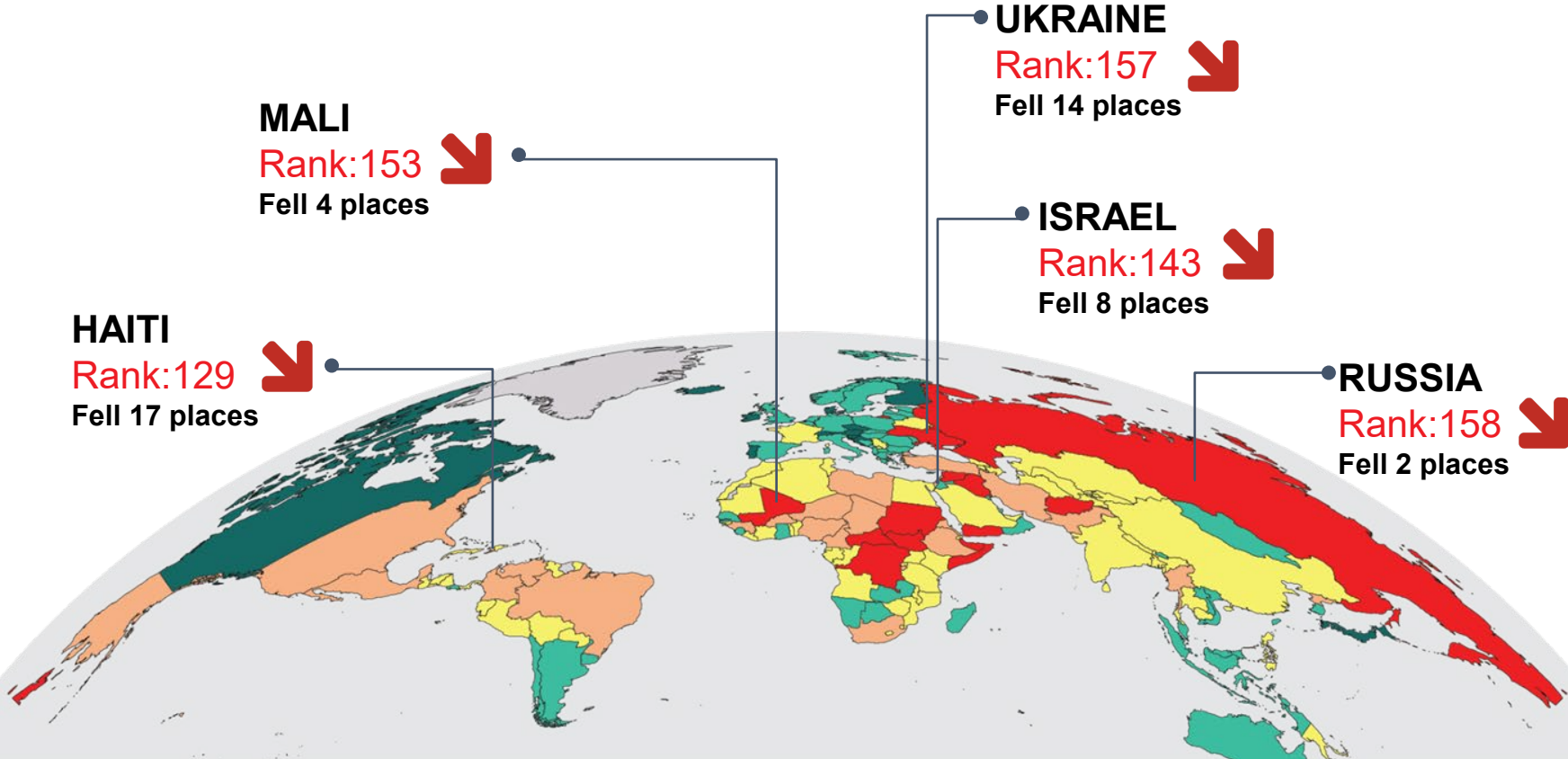
155 **SUDAN**
Rank change: ↔

154 **IRAQ**
Rank change: 3 ↑

5 most improved countries



5 most deteriorated countries



TRENDS IN PEACE

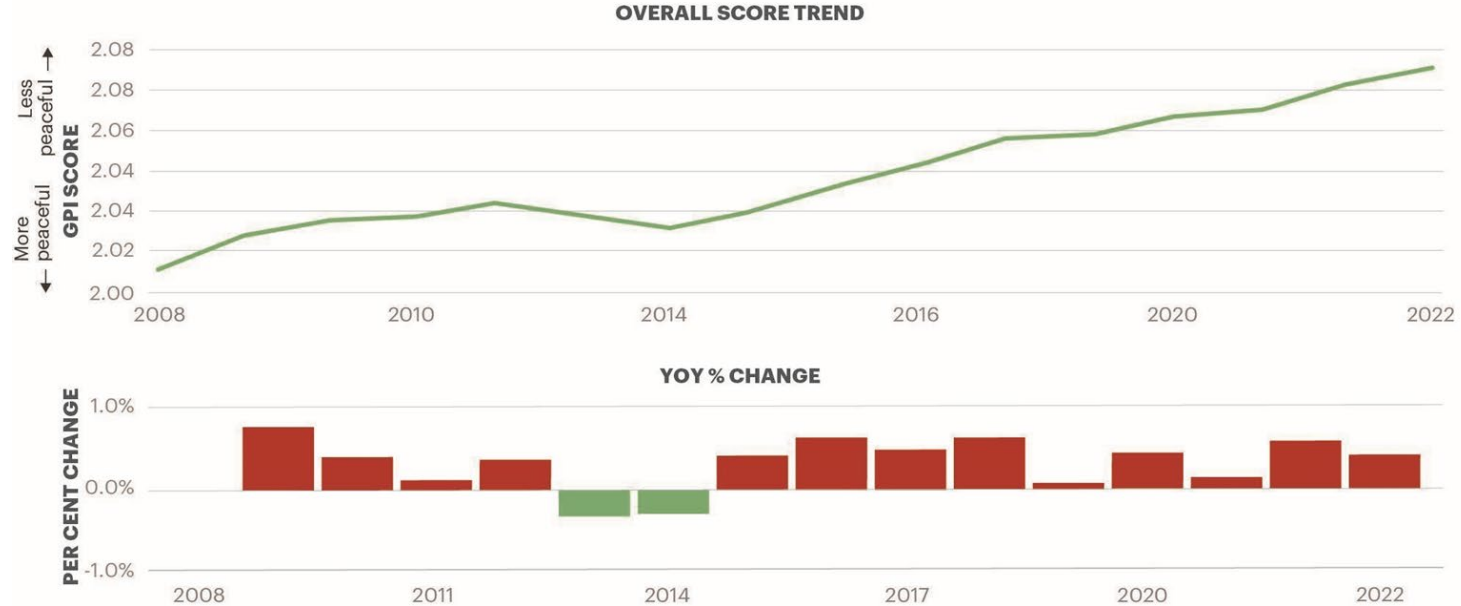
15 year trends
Improvements & deteriorations
Conflict & militarisation trends



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Peacefulness since 2008

Peacefulness has declined year on year for 13 of the last 15 years.

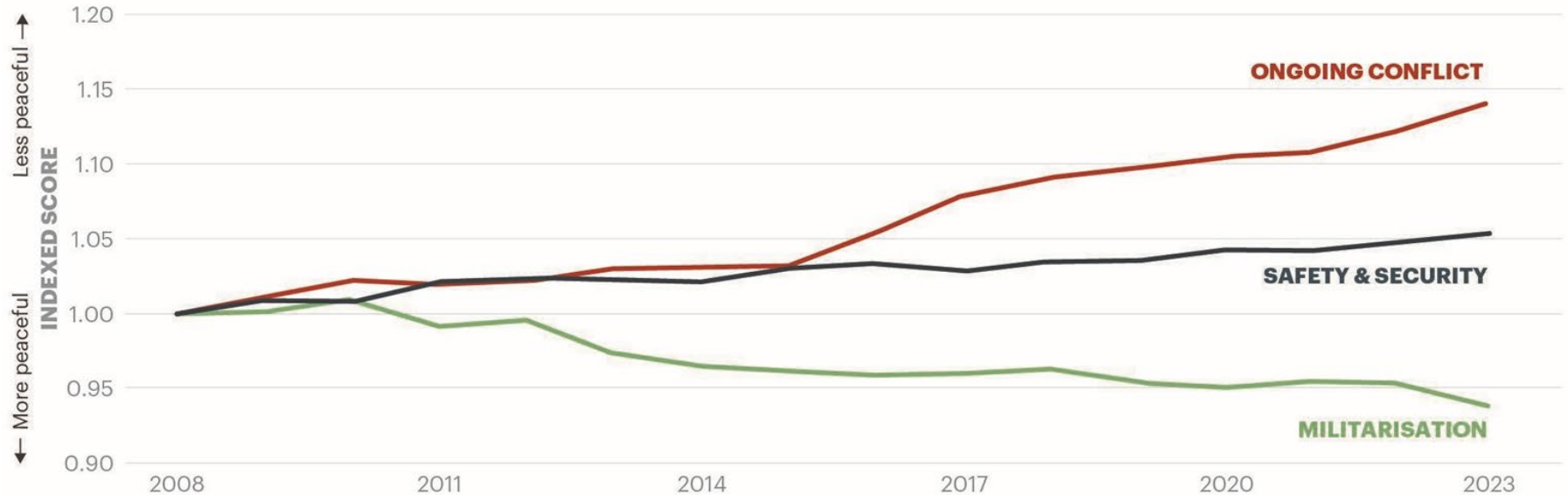


97 countries deteriorated while 66 improved

Source: IEP

Peace over the last 15 years

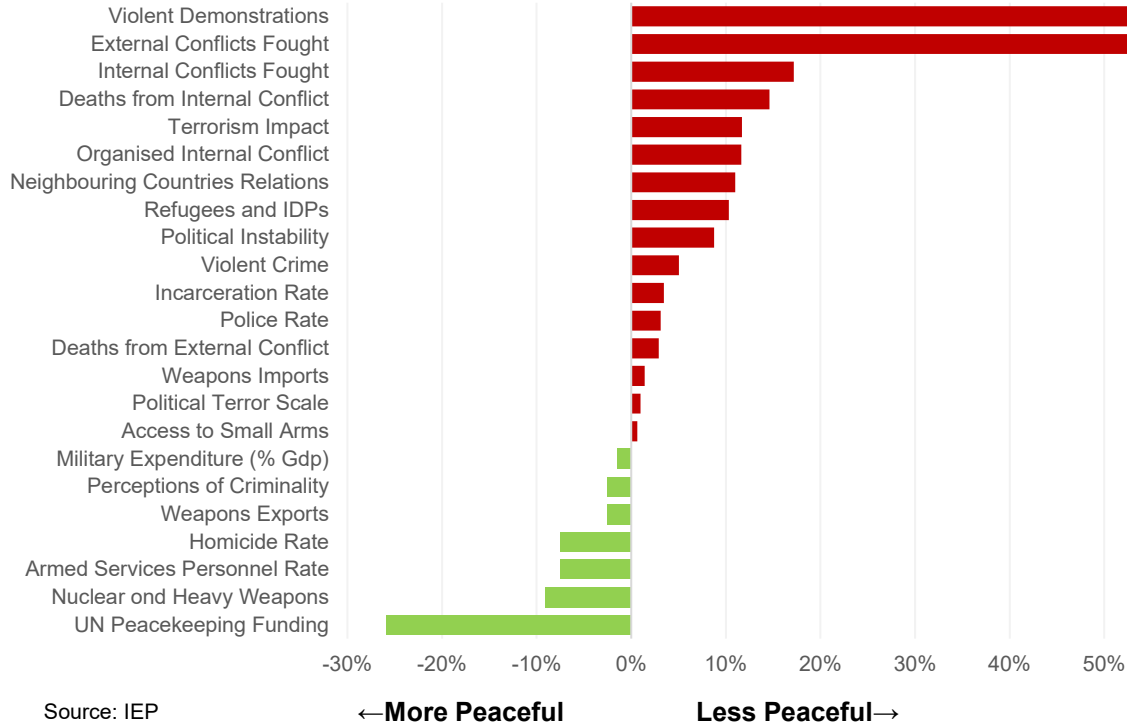
- Militarisation was the only domain to improve since 2008. Ongoing conflict deteriorated substantially since the mid 2010s.



Source: IEP

Changes in indicator scores, 2008 - 2023

The Violent Demonstrations and External Conflicts fought indicators both deteriorated by more than 50 per cent since 2008

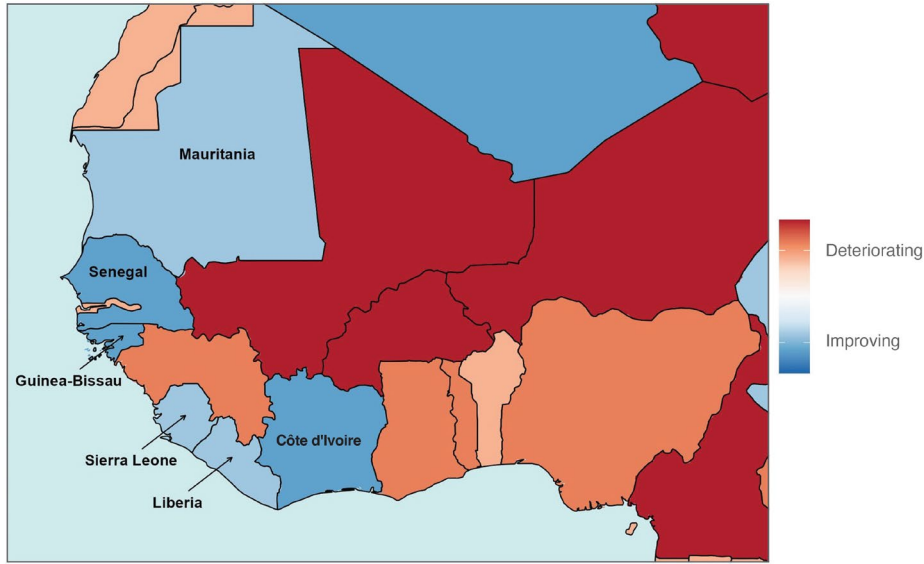


Source: IEP

Coastal West Africa

Change in GPI score, 2008-2023

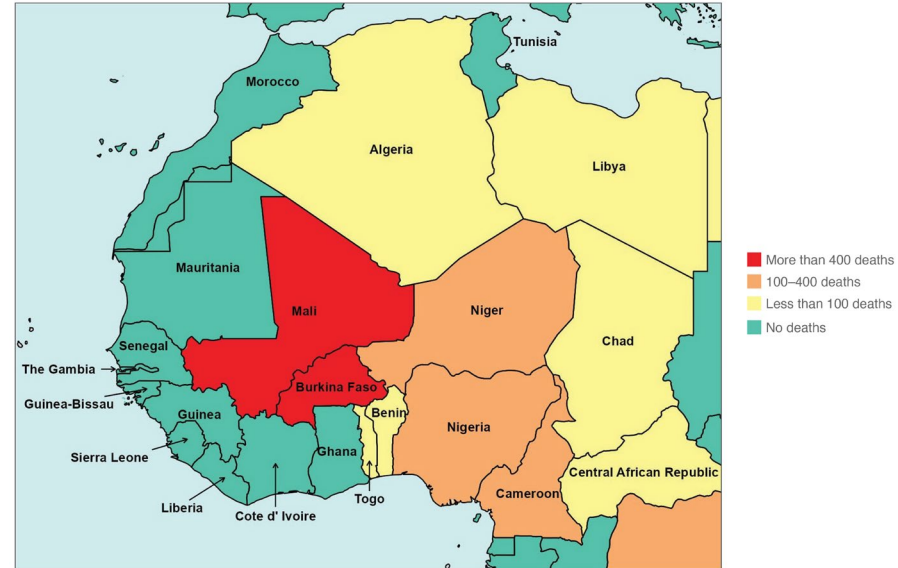
- Almost every coastal West African country recorded an improvement in overall GPI score



Source: IEP

Deaths from terrorism, 2022

- Not a single death from terrorism was recorded from Morocco to Ghana in 2022, despite high levels of terrorism in the Sahel



Source: Terrorism Tracker, IEP Calculations

ECONOMIC VALUE OF PEACE

Economic impacts
Impact breakdown
Ten year trends



Economic impact of violence, 2022



\$17.5
trillion

Which is equivalent to

12.9%

of total world GDP

OR

\$2,200

per person

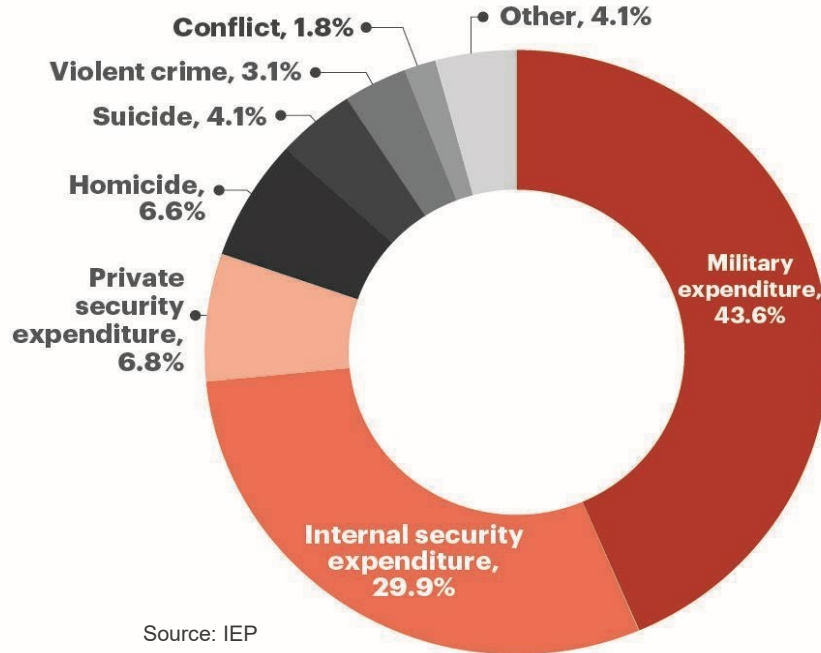
If the world decreased
violence by 10%

\$1.75tr

Could be directed to
other economic activities

Breakdown of the economic impact of violence

- Military and internal security expenditure combined account for almost 75 per cent of the economic impact of violence.



10 most affected countries
average GDP loss 34%

10 most affected countries
average GDP loss 2.9%

UKRAINE

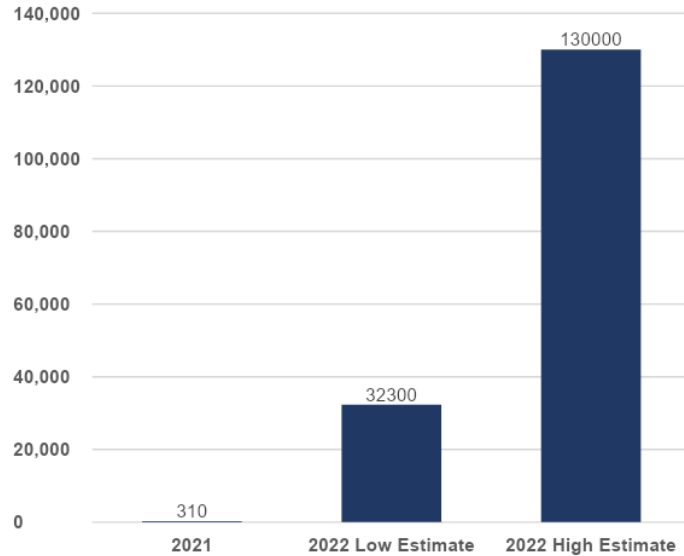
Conflict deaths
Economic impact
Eastern Europe



The war in Ukraine

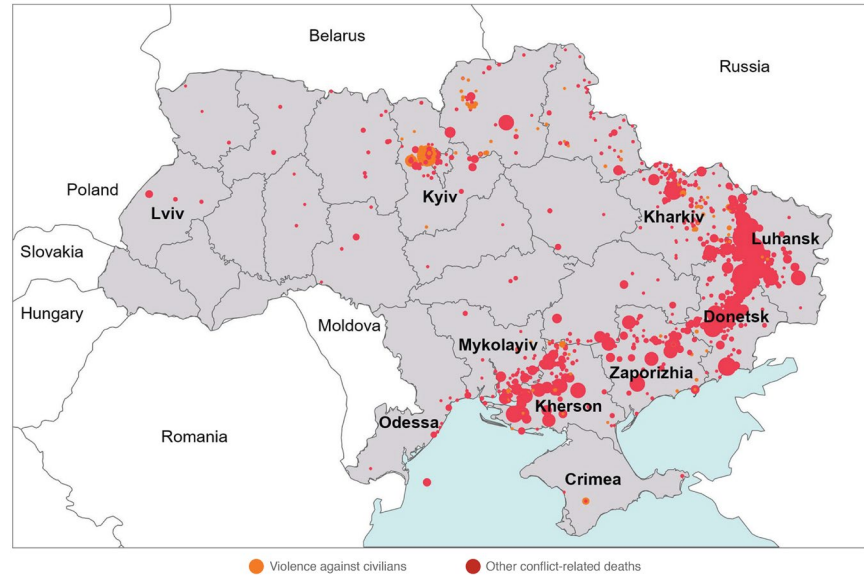
- Most recent estimates suggest 83,000 people were killed in the conflict in 2022
- WPP projections suggest that 65% of Ukrainian men ages 19-24 fled the country or were killed

Conflict Deaths in Ukraine, 2021 to 2022



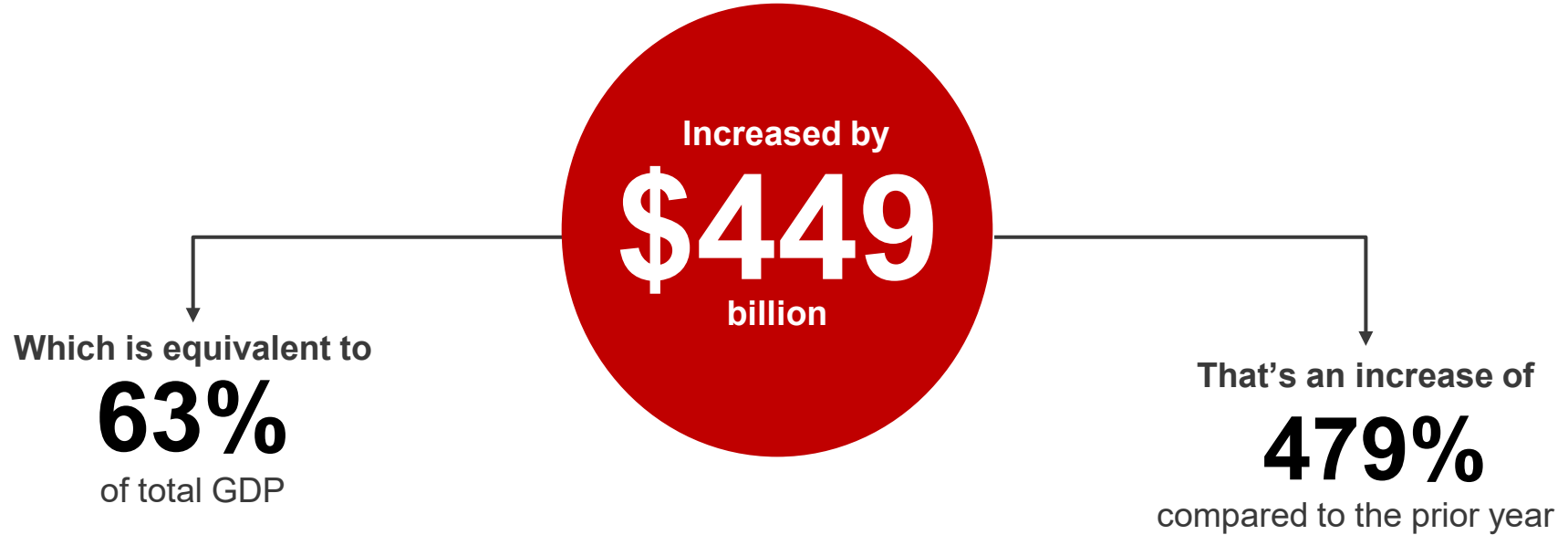
Source: IEP Calculations

Geographic Distribution of Conflict Deaths, 2022



Source: ACLED

The economic impact of violence to Ukraine



Population leaving Ukraine

Males	
Age Group	% Change 2021–2023
15-19	-25.72%
20-24	-64.73%
25-29	-53.90%
30-34	-34.86%
35-39	-14.28%
40-44	-10.40%
45-49	-9.31%

Females	
Age Group	% Change 2021–2023
15-19	-31.05%
20-24	-72.26%
25-29	-57.70%
30-34	-35.85%
35-39	-14.00%
40-44	-9.98%
45-49	-7.81%

CONFLICT TRENDS & HOTSPOTS

Battle deaths
Country focus
Drone usage



— Conflict trends

- Violence increased significantly in Ethiopia, Mali, Myanmar, and Ukraine in 2022. Drops significantly in Afghanistan and Yemen.
- Conflict was increasing even prior to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Total conflict-related deaths rose by 45 per cent between 2020 and 2021, and 96% between 2021 and 2022.
- More conflict deaths in Ethiopia at 100,000 than Ukraine at 83,000 in 2022.
- Internationalised conflicts have increased 9 fold since 2004 to 27.

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