

TABLE 12.3 Significant Ongoing Armed Conflicts, 2013

Main Warring Parties	Year Conflict Began <sup>1</sup>
Middle East	
Syria vs. Free Syrian Army and other militants	2011
Iraq vs. Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)	2003
Israel vs. Palestine	1948
Yemen: government forces vs. the rebel group Shabab al-Moumineen and other militants	2004
Turkey: government forces vs. the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and Kurdistan Freedom Falcons (TAK)	2003
Libya: fighting between militia groups	2012
Asia	
Afghanistan: U.S., UK, and coalition forces vs. al-Qaeda and Taliban	1978
Burma (Myanmar) vs. Kachin Independence Army (Kachin and Rakhine states)	1988
India vs. Kashmir Harkat ul-Ansar, Northeast United People's Democratic Front, Maoist insurgents (and other splinter groups)	1947
Philippines vs. the Mindanaoan separatists (MILK/ASG), the Bransamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), the New Democratic Front (NDFP), and New People's Army (NPA)	1971
National Democratic Front/New People's Army (NDF/NPA)	1969
Thailand vs. antigovernment insurgents	2004
Africa	
Algeria vs. al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb	1992
Chad vs. Chadian Popular Front for Recovery (FPR)	1965
Democratic Republic of Congo vs. March 23 Movement (M23)	1990
Ethiopia vs. Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF)	2007
Kenya vs. Somali Islamists	1991
Nigeria vs. Boko Haram	1990
South Sudan vs. Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) and Darfur	1983
Europe	
Russia vs. Chechen separatists in Chechnya; Russian and rebel forces in eastern Ukraine	1999
Latin America	
Colombia vs. Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)	1964

Sources: Project Ploughshares 2013.

Note: As of 2013.

1. Where multiple parties and long-standing but sporadic conflict are concerned, date of first combat deaths is given.