

Table 12.3 Significant Ongoing Armed Conflicts, 2015

Main Warring Parties	Year Conflict Began
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 (MILF/ASG), the Bransamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), the National Democratic Front (NDF), and New People's Army (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
Central African Republic vs. Christian vigilantes and ex-Séléka (rebel) soldiers	2014
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	1999
Russian-backed separatists vs. Ukraine	2014
Latin America	
Colombia vs. Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)	1964

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

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