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Strategic Developments	Contextually important information regarding the activities of violent groups that is not itself recorded as political violence, yet may trigger future events or contribute to political dynamics within and across states.
Agreements	Agreements between different actors (such as governments and rebel groups) within the previous six months. Examples include peace agreements/talks, ceasefires, evacuation deals, prisoner exchanges, negotiated territorial transfers, prisoner releases, surrenders, repatriations, etc.
Time Trend	A set of variables capturing many potential temporal trends, including those specific to years, months, and quarters, as well as a linear monthly trend since 2018.
Infant Mortality	Estimated ADMIN1-level infant mortality rates, derived from the Center for International Earth Science Information Network's (CIESIN) Global Subnational Infant Mortality Rates rasters.
Population	Estimated ADMIN1-level population, derived from WorldPop population rasters.
Relative Time Comparison	Time period in the past to compare forecasted violence with.
Predicted Change Category	Level of predicted change from selected time period.
Forecast Date	Month within the next 6 months to view forecast.
State Forces	Collective actors that are recognized to perform government functions, including military and police, over a given territory. Referred to as "Military" in interactions.
Rebel Groups	Political organizations whose goal is to counter an established national governing regime by violent acts.
Political Militias	Armed, organized groups with political goals that use violence to advance those goals. Unlike rebel groups, political militias generally do not actively seek to topple or replace the national government using violence, though some are organized in opposition to government authority.
Identity Militias	Armed and violent groups organized around a collective, common feature including community, ethnicity, region, religion, or, in exceptional cases, livelihood. Therefore, identity militias captured in the ACLED dataset include those reported as tribal, clan, communal, ethnic, local, community, religious, and livelihood militias.

Rioters	Individuals who engage in violence during demonstrations and mob violence events. Violence can be directed against people, property, or both.
Protesters	Peaceful, unarmed demonstrators. Although protesters are nonviolent, they may be the targets of violence by other groups (e.g. security institutions, private security firms, or other armed actors).
Civilians	Civilians, in whatever number or association, are victims of violent acts within ACLED as they are, by definition, unarmed and, hence, vulnerable. Some normally armed actors may be coded as civilians if they are targeted with violence in situations where they are caught unarmed.
External/Other Forces	International organizations, state forces active outside of their main country of operation, private security firms and their armed employees, and hired mercenaries acting independently.