

**Crisis Group Commentary** 

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CrisisWatch - Our Monthly Conflict Tracker

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# July Alerts & June 2023 Trends

CrisisWatch identified twelve deteriorations in June.

In the most serious challenge ever to President Putin's grip on power, Wagner leader Yevgeny Prigozhin spearheaded an insurrection in **Russia**, advancing within 200km of Moscow before abruptly aborting the mission and seemingly leaving the Kremlin reeling.

Lawmakers in **Bosnia and Herzegovina**'s selfgoverning entity, Republika Srpska, voted to suspend rulings by the country's constitutional court, fuelling fears the entity is moving toward secession.

**Uganda** suffered its deadliest attack in years as suspected members of the Allied Democratic Forces Islamist militia raided a school near the Congolese border, brutally murdering at least 44 people, most of them children.

As political tensions surged in **DR Congo** ahead of December general elections, clashes between the M23 rebellion and army-backed local armed groups resumed, jeopardising a fragile ceasefire observed on the ground since April.

Amid a string of failed ceasefires, the conflict in **Sudan** between the army and paramilitary Rapid

Support Forces drew in other armed groups, while fighting in Darfur exploded along ethnic lines.

In **Syria**, deadly hostilities between Türkiye and Kurdish militants escalated in the north, while Russia and regime forces stepped up attacks in the north west to levels not witnessed since late 2021.

In a major blow to prospects for a competitive 2024 presidential poll in **Venezuela**, the Maduro government announced that opposition frontrunner María Corina Machado is barred from holding public office for 15 years, meaning she will not be allowed to stand.

In **Honduras**, clashes between rival gangs at a women's prison left at least 46 people dead, prompting President Castro to restore military control of prisons in a step back from promises to put civilian police in charge of the penal system.

Aside from the scores of conflict situations we usually cover, we tracked significant developments in Angola, Guatemala, Moldova, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

#### TRENDS IN JUNE



### **Deteriorated Situations**

Uganda, Sudan, Venezuela, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Russia (Internal), Honduras, Chad, Ukraine, Syria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal



**Improved Situations** 

None

## **ALERTS FOR JULY**



**Conflict Risk Alerts** 

None



**Resolution Opportunities** 

None