

Crisis Group Commentary

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CrisisWatch - Our Monthly Conflict Tracker

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April Alerts & March 2023 Trends

Our global conflict tracker warns of **one conflict risk** in April.

In **Israel-Palestine**, unabated Israeli raids and growing Palestinian armed resistance fuelled deadly violence across the West Bank, as further escalation loomed during Ramadan.

CrisisWatch identified **deteriorations in seven countries** in March.

In **Yemen**, the Huthis escalated hostilities in Marib and Shebwa governorates, ending the months-long de facto truce and overshadowing a prisoner exchange deal struck with the government.

Opposition protests in **Kenya** turned deadly as violent confrontations erupted between security forces and demonstrators angry at the high cost of living and the 2022 presidential election result.

In a worrying escalation of **Russia**'s media crackdown, authorities arrested Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, the first U.S. journalist to be arrested on espionage charges in Russia since the Cold War.

The standoff in **Pakistan** between the government and former Prime Minister Imran Khan intensified as unrest roiled Islamabad and Lahore and the Election Commission postponed provincial polls in Punjab.

The UN reported that soaring gang violence in **Haiti**, which has driven at least 160,000 people from their homes, killed 208 people in early March alone.

We also assessed **two improved situations**.

Saudi Arabia and Iran agreed to restore diplomatic relations after seven years of severed ties.

In **Ethiopia**, Tigray's peace process made significant headway and prospects for peace talks in Oromia improved.

Aside from the dozens of conflict situations we assess every month, we tracked significant developments in Benin and Moldova as well as in Russia/U.S. relations.

TRENDS IN MARCH



Deteriorated Situations

Yemen, Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict, Kenya, Russia (Internal), Russia/U.S., Haiti, Pakistan

ALERTS FOR APRIL



Conflict Risk Alerts

Israel/Palestine





Resolution Opportunities

None