Fighting between the Afghan government and the Taleban has continued to escalate. More people have been killed due to fighting during the first ten months of 2019, than during the whole of 2018. Last year, the conflict with the Taleban resulted in almost 23,000 fatalities. So far this year, UCDP has recorded more than 24,000 battle-related deaths and this conflict is expected to be the deadliest conflict in the world in 2019.

The Afghan government receives warring support from the USA, including airstrikes as well as joint ground operations. US airstrikes have increased in intensity in 2019, and civilians have been accidentally killed several times. In addition to the conflict between the Taleban and the Afghan government, UCDP has also recorded conflicts between the Afghan government and the Islamic State (IS), inter-rebel fighting as well as both Taleban and IS targeting civilians. In total, UCDP has recorded at least 25,500 fatalities in Afghanistan during the first ten months of the year.

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