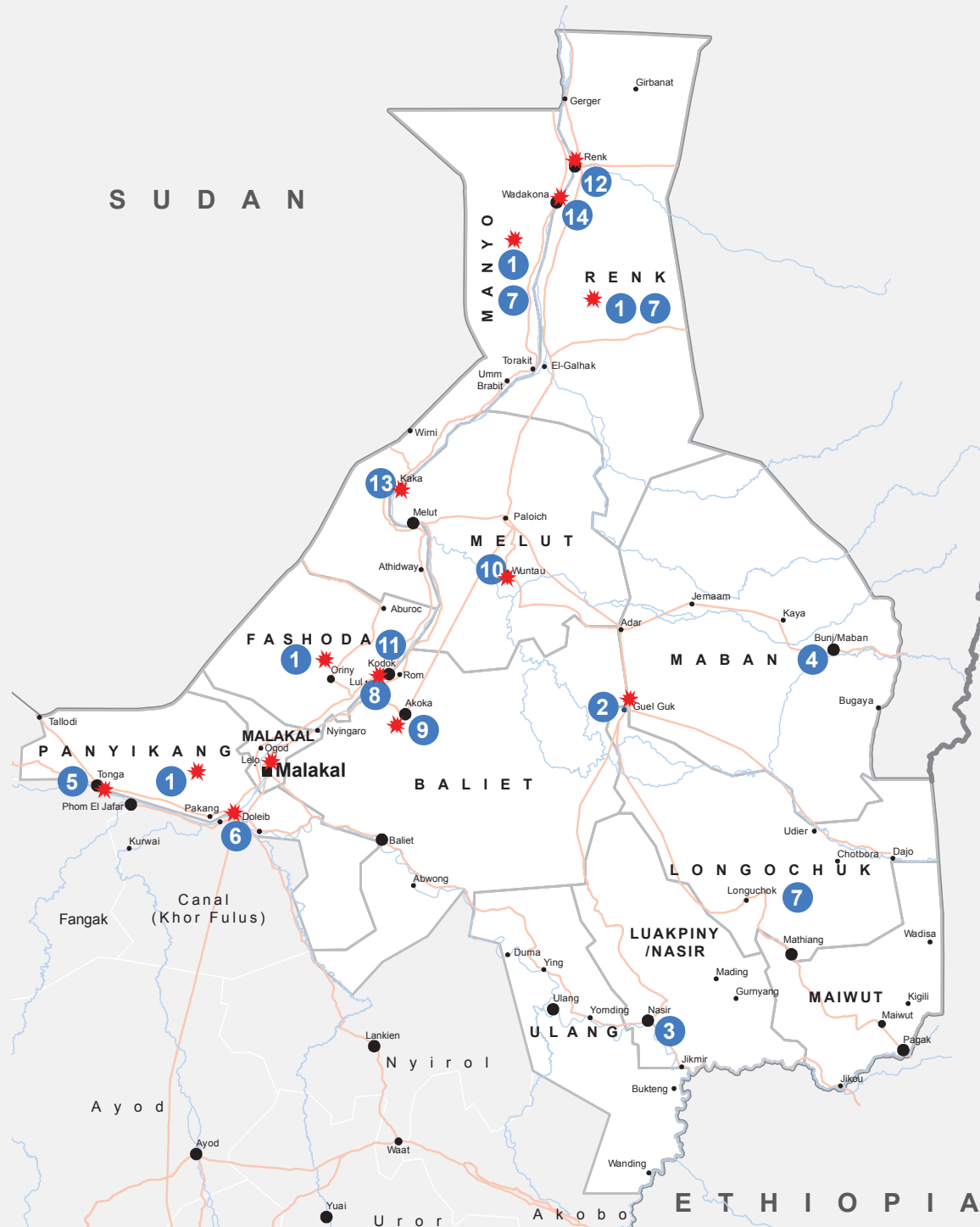


Conflict Hotspots: Upper Nile



★ Areas of significant conflict

Incidents

IDPs in PoC Sites	Date	Incidents
27,821	24 Dec 2013	Gathoth Gatkuoth defects with elements of Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) Division 7 following conflict in Juba. Gatkuoth holds Malakal for three days before being pushed out by Government forces.
	14 Jan 2014	Sudan People's Liberation Army / in Opposition (SPLA/iO) recaptures Malakal. Looting and targeting non-Nuer civilians takes place. SPLA/iO holds the town for 6 days before SPLA retakes it.
	18 Feb 2014	1 Between January and October continuous clashes occur in areas of Renk, Panyikang, Manyo and Fashoda.
26,448	24 Feb 2014	2 SPLA/iO recaptures Malakal. Further looting takes place. Civilians inside Malakal hospital targeted. Most other civilians flee the town.
17,017	16 Mar 2014	2 Fighting takes place in Guel Guk, 30km south of Adar, between SPLA and SPLA/iO.
11,036	13 May 2014	3 SPLA retake Malakal.
17,282	04 Aug 2014	3 On 4 May, SPLA seize Nasir town and hold it despite repeated counter offensives by SPLA/iO.
	24 Aug 2014	4 A group of 6 Nuer, including 5 aid workers, is murdered in Maban following 3 days of clashes targeting Nuer civilians.
	02 Nov 2014	5 UN barge convoy fired upon with RPGs from SPLA positions in Tonga.
17,478	02 Nov 2014	6 SPLA/iO attempt to attack Malakal from positions in Jonglei but are repulsed at Dolieb Hills. SPLA counter attack pushing forces into Pigi and Fangak Counties in Jonglei, razing New Fangak.
21,368	07 Mar 2015	7 Following significant SPLA/iO offensives in Renk in October, December and January, SPLA launch a counter offensive in Manyo and Renk counties successfully pushing SPLA/iO out of areas of northern Upper Nile.
22,045	01 Apr 2015	8 James Bwongo, Deputy Commander of SPLA Agwelek Forces is killed by Dinka Padang militia groups on Lul bridge prompting clashes between Dinka and Shilluk armed actors.
	22 Apr 2015	9 The humanitarian community announces a suspension of humanitarian activities in Akoka County following the murder of three contracted World Food Programme (WFP) workers and the failure of the Government to assist in investigations.
	16 May 2015	10 Shilluk forces under Commander Johnson Olony take over Malakal town. Olony's Forces hold the town until 6 June, officially defecting to the SPLA/iO on the 23 May. SPLA retake the town on 25 May.
30,410	16 May 2015	10 Olony's forces attack multiple locations in Upper Nile including a concerted operation on Melut that ultimately forced back following the deployment of SPLA gunships.
30,379	15 Jun 2015	Government aligned militia groups allegedly fire upon humanitarian barges crossing the Nile, halting access across the river. Between July and August, fixed-wing aircraft and barge access for humanitarians to Malakal are frequently denied by the Government.
36,149	06 Jul 2015	11 Following a successful counterattack by the SPLA, air assets are deployed to carry out an aerial bombardment of Kodok, effectively destroying Olony's riverine capacity and ability to threaten the east bank. An International Committee of the Red Cross hospital is also struck during the hostilities.
45,462	03 Sep 2015	12 Government attack SPLA/iO positions in Lelo/Wajwok and Ditang on the west bank of the Nile and move heavy artillery in to secure them.
	19 Sep 2015	12 SPLA/iO launches series of attacks in the vicinity of Renk.
47,791	26 Oct 2015	13 SPLA/iO forces loyal to Olony seize an UNMISS barge at Kaka, holding UN peacekeepers captive for several days and looting the entire contents of the barge, as well as UN weapons, before allowing the personnel and the boat to be released.
	31 Oct 2015	12, 14 Forces loyal to Yoanes Okij defect from the SPLA following a week of fighting around Renk and Wadekona. They combine to form the non-aligned Tiger Forces New Faction.
47,020	17 Feb 2016	Fighting inside Malakal PoC site escalates, leading to serious fighting that kills more than 65. Armed actors loyal to the local Government and associated with the Government security services are implicated in the incident.
33,057	14 Oct 2016	SPLA/iO attack SPLA positions on the west bank of the Nile in Lelo and Warjak but are pushed back with multiple casualties, including a senior field commander.
33,057	05 Jan 2017	7 The top commander of the TFNF killed following fighting with Johnson Olony. Olony assumes control of TFNF territory in Manyo County.
	25 Jan 2017	Skirmish between SPLA and SPLA/iO on west bank escalates leading to shelling of Wau Shilluk and Kaka, killing up to 25.
	29 Jan 2017	4 Following tensions between the host community in Maban and Blue Nile refugees more than 30 people are killed in fighting.
	03 Feb 2017	SPLA reinforcements cross the Nile and advance to Wau Shilluk. Huge displacement occurs before the SPLA take the town.
33,191	06 Feb 2017	SPLA continue offensive operations taking Kuek in Manyo County. The following day they attack SPLA/iO positions in Owachi as well as positions close to Tonga.
33,191	15 Apr 2017	5 SPLA take Tonga after beginning their advance on the town three months previously
	26 Apr 2017	8 SPLA advance on areas on Kodok, taking the town and pushing a large population toward the Sudanese border.
30,559	06 Feb 2017	7 Fighting in areas between Guelgek and Mathiang in Longochuk County.
30,559	02 May 2017	13 SPLA take Kaka, the last significant SPLA/iO held town on the west bank
	03 Jul 2017	7 SPLA overrun SPLA/iO positions in Mathiang and advance further south threatening parts of Maiwut County
30,551	05 Jul 2017	SPLA/iO forces believed to be loyal to Johnson Olony overrun multiple SPLA positions in northern Renk. Another significant skirmish in Kaka the following week suggests Olony's forces continue to be a threat in the area.

33,191 - figure as of July 2017

XXXX - Incidents in Malakal
XXXX - Incidents elsewhere in Upper Nile