**Dataset on the association between unilateral and UN operations and the number of fatalities of organised violence**

Codebook

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And

*Dataset on the association between unilateral and UN operations and the number of fatalities of organised violence*. Research Data Archive of the University of Bath, https://researchdata.bath.ac.uk/id/eprint/1293 (for the data itself)

And

Shawn Davies, Therése Pettersson, and Magnus Öberg, ‘Organized Violence 1989–2021 and Drone Warfare’, Journal of Peace Research 59, no. 4 (1 July 2022): 593–610, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221108428>. (source data on fatalities of organised violence).

# Nature of the Data

This dataset is created for the study of the association between unilateral and UN operations and fatalities of organised violence. It links fatality statistics from Uppsala Conflict Data Program[[1]](#footnote-1) to data on UN peacekeeping operations and unilateral operations by great powers (UNSC P5).

Definitions and data is further explained and justified in

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# List of Variables

country: Country of fatalities and ICC investigation

country\_id: Identification number as given by the UCDP data.

region: Region as classified in UCDP data.

year: Year of the violent event.

conflict\_name: name of the conflict as give in UCDP data.

side\_a: One of the conflicting parties

side\_b: The other conflicting party.

date\_start: Start date of a violent episode.

date\_end: End date of a violent episode.

best: Best estimate of battle deaths caused by this episode.

deaths\_civilians: Best estimate of civilian battle deaths caused by this episode.

operNr: Number of the UN operation in this country, this episode took place during.

preunilat: Dummy variable revealing whether or not the start day of the violent episode in question is within three years of the start of a military operation by one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (US, UK, France, Russia, China) in the country in question.

durUnilat: Dummy variable revealing whether or not there is an ongoing military operation by one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (US, UK, France, Russia, China) in the country in question.

afterUnilat: Dummy variable revealing whether or not the start day of the violent event in question is within three years after the ending of a military operation by one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (US, UK, France, Russia, China) in the country in question.

preUN: Dummy variable revealing whether or not the start day of the violent episode in question is within three years of the start of a UN peacekeeping mission in the country in question.

durUN: Dummy variable revealing whether or not there is an ongoing peacekeeping operation by the UN Security Council during the starting day of the violent event in question.

afterUN: Dummy variable revealing whether or not the start day of the violent event in question is within three years after the ending of a peacekeeping operation by the UN Security Council in the country in question.

preMissionDays: number of days before the start of the UN mission that we have evidence of the level of violent events, however, in maximum this number is 3\*365 days.

postMissionDays: number of days after the ending of the UN mission that we have evidence of the level of violent events, however, in maximum this number is 3\*365 days.

missiondays: number of days in the UN mission that takes place in the country in question during the start day of the violent event in question.

preunilat: number of days before the start of the unilateral intervention that we have evidence of the level of violent events, however, in maximum this number is 3\*365 days

postunilat: number of days after the ending of the unilateral intervention that we have evidence of the level of violent events, however, in maximum this number is 3\*365 days

unilatdays: number of days in the unilateral military intervention that takes place in the country in question during the start day of the violent event in question.

1. Shawn Davies, Therése Pettersson, and Magnus Öberg, ‘Organized Violence 1989–2021 and Drone Warfare’, *Journal of Peace Research* 59, no. 4 (1 July 2022): 593–610, https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221108428. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)