

QUICK FACTS ON UNPLANNED EXPLOSIONS AT MUNITIONS SITES (UEMS)

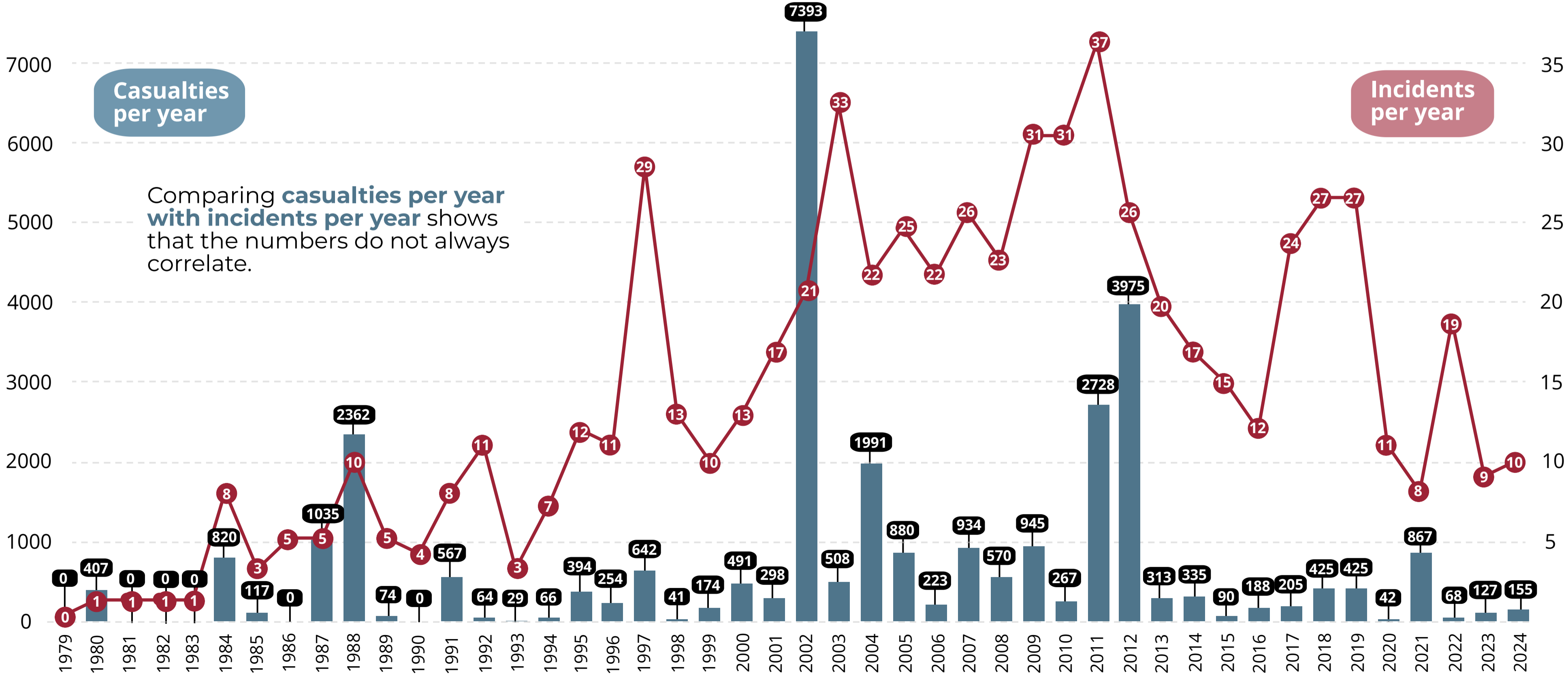
Data as of 31 December 2024

UEMS incidents and casualties, 1979-2024 - During the period January 1979 to December 2024, **more than 31,000 casualties** resulting from UEMS incidents were recorded. The highest number of casualties was recorded in 2002, mainly due to the devastating UEMS incident that occurred in Lagos, Nigeria. More recently, the incident in Bata, Equatorial Guinea in 2021 caused hundreds of deaths.

This data shows the importance of adopting effective measures to prevent and reduce the number of UEMS while mitigating the consequences for the victims of these incidents. The adoption of the Global Framework for Through-Life Conventional Ammunition Management (GFA) represents an opportunity to enhance the prevention and mitigation of UEMS. The UEMS database is a tool to support the monitoring of activities designed to implement relevant objectives of the GFA.

31,489 CASUALTIES from January 1979 to December 2024

674 INCIDENTS from January 1979 to December 2024



Disclaimer: Some incidents reported in conflict-affected countries in recent years have not been included due to insufficient information to confirm them as UEMS by the Survey's definition; they may be included later upon verification.



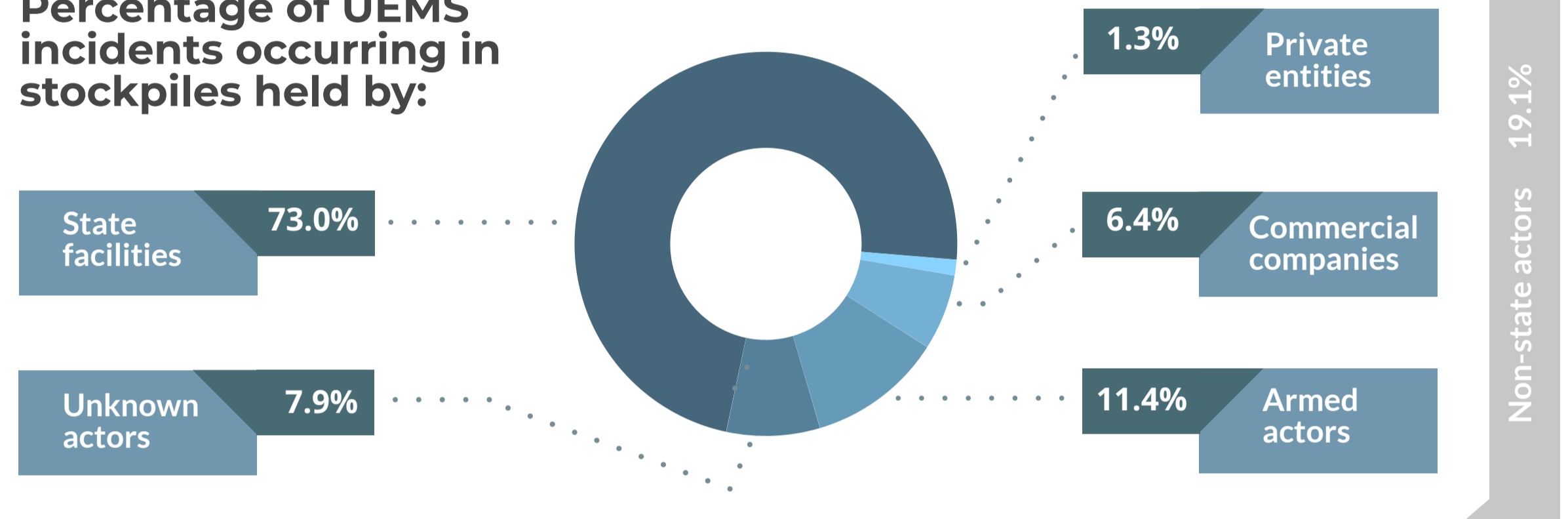


UEMS incidents with the largest number of casualties



27/01/2002	Lagos, Nigeria	6500
04/03/2012	Brazzaville, Republic of Congo	3777
07/07/2011	Abadan, Turkmenistan	1482
22/04/2004	Ryongchon, North Korea	1460
10/04/1988	Rawalpindi, Pakistan	1193
04/06/1988	Arzamas, NIZ, Russian Federation	1091
21/12/1987	Alexandria, Egypt	1006
29/04/2009	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	726
07/03/2021	Bata, Equatorial Guinea	705
22/03/2007	Malhazine, Mozambique	622

Percentage of UEMS incidents occurring in stockpiles held by:



UEMS: Main causes

