## The Fallout of War on Terror on Pakistan

The exercise was steeped in data reduction in order to visually highlight the zones of violence and conflict within Pakistan from the fallout of the US/NATO led "War on Terror" in Afghanistan in 2001.

The data is sourced from <u>ACLED</u> (Armed Conflict Location and Event Data) project designed for disaggregated conflict analysis and crisis mapping. The raw dataset comprises of dates and locations of reported political violence and protest events in over 60 developing countries in Africa and Asia. Political violence and protest, according to ACLED, include events that occurred within civil wars and periods of instability, public protest and regime breakdown.

My aim is to map the geographic zones still taking the brunt of violence in Pakistan 14 years after the first airstrikes began in Afghanistan in the aftermath of 9/11. In 2015 the number of fatalities in terrorist violence in Pakistan were 3,682. The large concentration of these attacks on security personal and civilians was from organizations which had newly surfaced (namely the Pakistani Taliban or TTP) claiming to fill the void left by Al-Qaeda and Taliban leadership especially after the death of Osama bin Laden and Mullah Omar respectively.

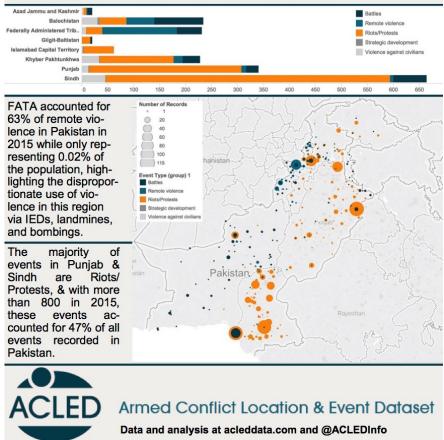
In over a decade the conflict has metastasized and metamorphosed and the objectives of the actors in this conflict: the Pakistan security forces and various Taliban factions, are seemingly distant from those set out 14 years ago. It is a civil war like situation with sporadic violence of over a calendar year but concentrated geographically around the Pak-Afghan border.

It is safe to conclude that Pakistan is to Afghanistan, what Cambodia was to Vietnam. Pakistan has been blamed for harbouring terrorists, yet it is an indispensable military ally. It has suffered from the simultaneous US policy of "do-more" and "distrust" and from the shame of being the hideout place for Osama bin Laden. In the electronic media the senseless and sometimes heinous violence is now being construed as a proxy war spearheaded by Pakistan's traditional foe India, in its efforts for to weaken the state and establish regional hegemony.

Representative Infographic:



Pakistan's largest, most populous states- Punjab & Sindh- accounted for only 32% of Pakistan's battles in 2015. 50% of battles occurred in FATA & Balochistan, where the population is significantly less (40 million versus 146 million).



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Filtered for Organizations:

- Military Forces of Pakistan,
- TTP (Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan)
- · Military Forces of United States of America
- Hafiz Gul Bahadur Group
- Civilians (Pakistan)
- Jundallah
- Lashkar-e-Islam
- Jamaat-al-Ahrar
- BLA: Baloch Liberation Army

Filtered out Casualties from:

- un-affiliated sectarian , political and criminal groups,
- police/swat team operations
- armed resistance in Kashmir
- Cases of Domestic violence

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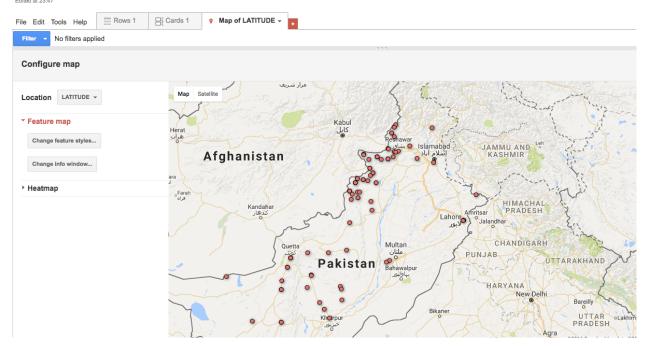
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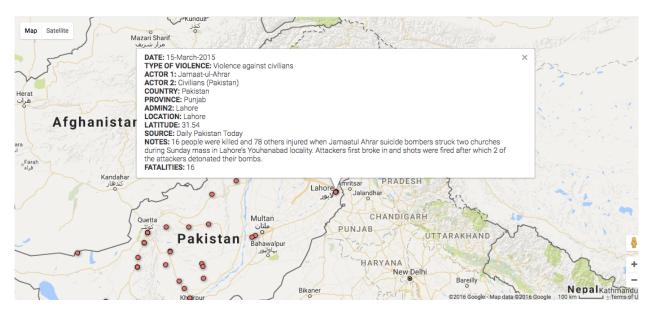
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04-January-2015		Remote violence	Military Forces of the United States of America		Pakistan	Federally Administered Tribal Areas	North Waziristan	Dattakhel	Lower Mandi	32.90	69.74	TheNews.com.pk	5 militants were killed and 5 others were injured in the first	5
07-January-2015		Remote violence	Military Forces of Pakistan	TTP: Tehreek- i-Taliban Pakistan	Pakistan	Federally Administered Tribal Areas	North Waziristan	Dattakhel	Dattakhel	32.90	69.74	TheNews.com.pk		6
07-January-2015		Remote violence	Military Forces of Pakistan	TTP: Tehreek- i-Taliban Pakistan	Pakistan	Federally Administered Tribal Areas	North Waziristan	Dattakhel	Dattakhel	32.90	69.74	TheNews.com.pk	6 militants were killed in airstrikes by	6
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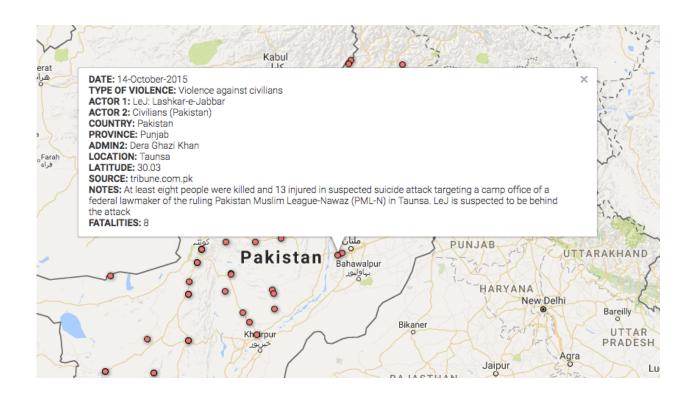
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## Story#1: Violence against civilians in urban eastern cities of Pakistan





# Story#3: Pakistan Military action against militants in western tribal areas of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan

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## Story #4: US drone strike against militants and terrorists in tribal areas of Pakistan

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## In conclusion:

The pattern is quite clear. The military attacks in tribal areas have a blowback in terms of suicide and armed gunmen attacks on civilians in eastern urban cities of the country. The genesis of this conflict is rooted in the war on terror and all 169 of the geographic data points tell a different side of this story.