VIOLENCE IN THE NORTH CAUCASUS
Summer 2010: Not Just a Chechen Conflict
Since 2008, CSIS staff has tracked, on a daily basis, incidents of violence occurring in the North Caucasus. We have released seven previous reports, the last of which illustrated the dramatic rise in violence in Spring 2010.

In this report, we present our data for Summer 2010 (May 1–August 31), paying particular attention to the geographic spread of the violence across the North Caucasus, most notably into Kabardino-Balkaria.
Definition of Terms

“Incidents of Violence”:
Incidents of violence include abductions of military personnel and civilians, bombings*, assassinations of key civilian and military leaders**, rebel attacks, police or military operations against suspected militants, destruction of property by militants, and the discovery of weapons.

“North Caucasus”:
The database primarily tracks incidents occurring in Chechnya, Ingushetia, Kabardino-Balkaria, North Ossetia, and Dagestan.

* Includes failed detonations
** Includes unsuccessful assassination attempts
Main Findings

In Summer 2010:

• The North Caucasus experienced a rise in violence, on par with the alarming level witnessed in Summer 2009;

• Dagestan was unequivocally the most violent republic in the region, with more deaths due to incidents of violence (165) than Ingushetia (53) and Chechnya (86) combined;

• Kabardino-Balkaria saw a significant increase in the number of incidents of violence: 83 incidents, compared to 71 in Chechnya and 98 in Ingushetia;

• The number of suicide bombings dropped to two in the last four months compared to six in the first four months of 2010 alone.
Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus
January 2008 – August 2010

Incidents

Month

North Caucasus
Ingushetia
Chechnya
Dagestan
Kabardino-Balkaria
North Ossetia
Incidents of Violence in Dagestan and Kabardino-Balkaria 2010

Month | Incidents
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Jan '08 | 20
Feb '08 | 25
Mar '08 | 30
Apr '08 | 35
May '08 | 40
Jun '08 | 45
Jul '08 | 50
Aug '08 | 55
Sep '08 | 60
Oct '08 | 65
Nov '08 | 70
Dec '08 | 75
Jan '09 | 80
Feb '09 | 85
Mar '09 | 90
Apr '09 | 95
May '09 | 100
Jun '09 | 105
Jul '09 | 110
Aug '09 | 115
Sep '09 | 120
Oct '09 | 125
Nov '09 | 130
Dec '09 | 135
Jan '10 | 140
Feb '10 | 145
Mar '10 | 150
Apr '10 | 155
May '10 | 160
Jun '10 | 165
Jul '10 | 170
Aug '10 | 175

Incidents of Violence in Dagestan and Kabardino-Balkaria 2010

- North Caucasus
- Ingushetia
- Chechnya
- Dagestan
- Kabardino-Balkaria
- North Ossetia
Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus

- **2008**
- **2009**
- **2010**

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Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus
Summer (May 1 – August 31) 2008, 2009, and 2010

- Summer 2008: 281 incidents
- Summer 2009: 470 incidents
- Summer 2010: 473 incidents

Graph showing the number of incidents from January to August for each year.
Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus by Republic Summer (May 1 – August 31) 2008, 2009, and 2010

- Ingushetia
- Chechnya
- Dagestan
- Kabardino-Balkaria
- North Ossetia

Incidents

- Summer 2008
- Summer 2009
- Summer 2010
Kabardino-Balkaria experienced more than three times the level of violence in Summer 2010 than in prior summers and saw more violent incidents than Chechnya.
Deaths due to Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus
January 2008 – August 2010

Deaths

North Caucasus
Ingushetia
Chechnya
Dagestan
Kabardino-Balkaria
North Ossetia

Month
Deaths due to Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus
January 2009 – August 2010

Deaths

Month

North Caucasus
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Deaths due to Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus by Republic Summer (May 1 – August 31) 2008, 2009, and 2010
Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus by District

Summer 2009

Summer 2010

Incidents

0          1-9      10-29    30-49    50+

Ingushetia
Chechnya
Dagestan
North Ossetia
Kabardino-Balkaria

Georgia
Caspian Sea

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Incidents of Violence in the North Caucasus by District

Summer 2009

Summer 2010

- Violence increased in Kabardino-Balkaria
- Violent incidents occurred in new districts throughout Dagestan.
Sources

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• Ria Novosti (http://www.rian.ru/)

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• North Caucasus Weekly, The Jamestown Foundation (http://www.jamestown.org/programs/ncw/)
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For recommendations on ways in which the international community can address issues facing the North Caucasus, see “49 Steps To Improve Human Rights and Security in the North Caucasus,” a 2007 report by the CSIS Human Rights and Security Initiative and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.
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