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## Codebook

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## Introduction

The Kurdish Conflict Dataset (KCD) is a compilation of the best available conflict incident datasets to show the historical and geographical development of Kurdish conflict since the mid 1970s. The dataset features a variety of conflict information including descriptions of incidents, attack group, targets of attack, type of conflict motive, and geographic location of incidents.

The intention of the KCD is to begin visualizing past conflicts of Kurdish related incidents and provide a statistical summary of such events that are related to Kurdish activities.

This dataset has been created from existing news sources and datasets that were created in the past and all have some sort of bias, even if slight. This dataset does not try to bias as being either pro- or anti- Kurdish but has been created so that researchers have an opportunity to build upon this dataset to make it even more complete to describe Kurdish related conflict, study it, understand it, and promote new knowledge.

It is the intention of the author that this database be used to better understand conflict as an approach toward peace.

## Source Information

The KCD has been built from various news sources as well as four separate conflict datasets. The three datasets include the START dataset (Global Terrorism Database, START, accessed on April 19, 2010), the MIPT TKB dataset (The Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, Terrorism Knowledge Base, accessed on March 27, 2008), the Minorities at Risk (MAR) dataset from the United Nations, and the NCTC dataset (the National Counterterrorism Center's Worldwide Incidents Tracking System 2004-2006, accessed on March 26, 2008)

## Citation & Downloading Information for the KCD

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1. The dataset is for research only and may contain errors, thus the author(s), institution, or any entity, whether group, person, or place shall not be held liable for any loss or damage caused by errors, omission, or commissions resulting from any use, misuse, or alteration of the KCD by the user;
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## Codebook Version Updates

Codebook version updates will be distinguished on the title page to indicate if updates are made to the codebook based on further details developed in the dataset and codebook. For example, as the codebook expands to give clarification, the codebook version will be updated.

## Data Inventory Variables

This section describes the variables included in the KCD and the format of each variable. The value of -99 in the dataset is an indication of unknown or not available, unless otherwise indicated.

Database Heading	Description
<b>Order</b>	Final order based on chronology
<b>Year</b>	Year of incident
<b>Month</b>	Month of incident
<b>Day</b>	Day of incident
<b>Date</b>	Month/Day/Year format of incident
<b>Region_Txt</b>	Regional association
<b>CountryNum</b>	Unique number assigned to country
<b>Country_Txt</b>	Simple name of country
<b>CityNum</b>	Unique number assigned to city
<b>City</b>	Simple city name in English
<b>DomesticCityName</b>	Complex city name Transliterated or found in NGA GEONet database
<b>Lat</b>	Latitude of city in DD as WGS84
<b>Lon</b>	Longitude of city in DD as WGS84
<b>Attacktype1_Txt</b>	Type of attack
<b>Suicide</b>	1 = suicide bombing; 0 = not suicide bombing
<b>Summary</b>	Summary description of incident details
<b>Addnotes</b>	More details about the incident
<b>Targtype1</b>	Numeric id of Target type
<b>Targtype1_Txt</b>	Text id of Target type
<b>Gname</b>	Group name for perpetrators if known
<b>Claimed</b>	1 = claimed by group; 0 = not claimed; -9 = unknown
<b>Weapotype1_Txt</b>	General type of weapon used
<b>Weapontype1</b>	Numeric ID of general type of weapon used
<b>Nkill</b>	Number of people killed in incident (victims)
<b>Nkillper</b>	Number of perpetrators killed in incident
<b>Nwound</b>	Number wounded (victims)
<b>Nwoundper</b>	Number of perpetrators wounded
<b>Scite1</b>	First citation
<b>Scite2</b>	Second citation
<b>Scite3</b>	Third citation