ACLED has expanded its coverage of political disorder events in the Beni territory of northeast Democratic Republic of Congo thanks to its partnership with the Beni Peace Forum (BPF). This network of civil society organizations has contributed over 260 new events to the ACLED dataset while supplementing over 60 additional events.

Located in the northeast corner of North Kivu province, the Beni territory is one of the most violent areas of the country. Since 2018, over 20% of the country's total organized political violence events have occurred in the territory, according to ACLED data.

### Ongoing Violence Against Civilians

Violence against civilians events make up the majority of the BPF data. Most of these events are in the form of attacks, which frequently include raids on local villages, targeting men, women, and children.

- **Battles**
- **Explosions/Remote violence**
- **Protests**
- **Riots**
- **Violence against civilians**

#### Perpetrator of Violence Against Civilians Events

The Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)* are the primary perpetrators of violence against civilians in the BPF data, carrying out attacks and abductions in villages near the city of Beni.

- **Allied Democratic Forces**
- **Communal Militia**
- **Political Militia or Unidentified Armed Group**
- **State Forces**

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*The Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) are a rebel group formed in 1995 from a merger between Uganda's Tabligi/Salafi movement and forces from the secular National Army for the Liberation of Uganda (NALU). Espousing Islamist, ethnic, and secessionist ideologies, the group primarily operates from the mountainous Rwenzori region on the DRC-Uganda border.*