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Figure 2.4 Numbers of reported deaths from political violence, 2002–2003*

	State-based			Non-state			One-sided			Total: All types		
	2002	2003	Change	2002	2003	Change	2002	2003	Change	2002	2003	Change
Africa	6659	5935	-724	4556	3464	-1092	3217	1584	-1633	14432	10983	-3449
Americas	1157	487	-670	595	129	-466	188	115	-73	1940	731	-1209
Asia	5979	4854	-1125	1778	149	-1629	1138	812	-326	8895	5815	-33080
Europe	753	480	-273	0	0	0	34	59	+25	787	539	-248
Middle East ¹	1027	8817	+7790	200	181	-19	306	248	-58	1533	9246	+7713
Total	15575	20573	+4998	7129	3923	-3206	4883	2818	-2065	27587	27314	-273

Source: Uppsala/Human Security Centre dataset, 2005

*Fatality figures are 'best estimates'²

From 2002 to 2003 total reported deaths from all categories of political violence decreased in all regions except the Middle East, where the Iraq war drove deaths from state-based conflict dramatically upwards.

1. Note that the Middle East figures should be considerably higher, since Uppsala was unable to code the fatalities in Iraq during the post-war insurgency.

2. The Uppsala/Human Security Centre dataset records 'best', 'low' and 'high' estimates for each category of political violence each year. The 'best estimate' is the figure that Uppsala regards as being most credible, based on the most authoritative available information. In Figures 2.4 and 2.5 only the 'best estimates' are published, but the 'high' and 'low' figures are available on the *Human Security Report* website at www.humansecurityreport.info.