In 2002 there were an estimated 172 thousand war deaths worldwide. The majority of territories recorded no war deaths, all deaths shown here occurred in 80 territories. People in the Democratic Republic of the Congo suffered 26% of all war deaths in 2002. Nine territories accounted for 70% of all deaths. Burundi had the highest death rate due to war: 1.2 people per thousand people died due to war there that year.

The following territories counted the most war deaths in their region, in 2002: Somalia in Southeastern Africa; Indonesia in Asia Pacific; Colombia in South America; Sudan in Northern Africa; India in Southern Asia; the Russian Federation in the Middle East.

“Because they tried to change this state of things ... men and women have died throughout the continent ...”

Gabriel García Márquez, 1982