



# Civil War Risk Report

## Asgard

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This report presents an in-depth analysis of the current civil war risk level, based on ConflictMeter's multi-dimensional Civil War Risk Index. The index integrates quantitative and qualitative data from a range of trusted sources, including economic indicators, institutional health, crime statistics, ethnic and cultural tensions, and real-time media sentiment.

The goal of this report is to provide researchers, policymakers, investors, and security professionals with a clear, data-driven understanding of underlying societal stresses that could escalate into internal conflict. Each score reflects the latest data available and is updated daily to ensure timeliness and accuracy.

## Overall Risk Score

**Final Risk Score: 68.54**

*The risk score has remained relatively stable over the past 30 days.*

## Component Scores

Category	Score	Weight
Crime & Social Unrest	87.28	25%
Asgard News Sentiment Score	45.25	10%
Political & Institutional Breakdown	67.29	20%
Economic Decline & Class Conflict	50.58	20%
Ethnic & Cultural Tensions	74.48	25%

## Crime & Social Unrest Breakdown

*Crime and social unrest indicators are critically high, suggesting significant volatility in public safety and social cohesion.*

- Numbeo Raw Index: 55.40
- Numbeo Weighted: 13.85
- Statista Raw Score: 97.91
- Statista Weighted: 73.43

### **Crime and Social Unrest: Sources, Indicators, and Analytical Approach**

To accurately assess the landscape of crime and civil instability, ConflictMeter draws upon two key data sources: Numbeo and Statista. These platforms offer complementary insights—capturing both public perception and empirical crime data—allowing for a well-rounded evaluation of social tension and public safety within each country.

## Numbeo's Crime and Safety Indices

Numbeo is the world's most extensive database of crowd-sourced information on quality of life metrics. For the purposes of this report, ConflictMeter utilizes Numbeo's:

- **Crime Index** – Gauges the public's perception of crime prevalence, covering issues such as theft, assault, vandalism, and corruption.
- **Safety Index** – Measures how secure individuals feel in their communities, particularly when walking alone during the day or at night, as well as confidence in law enforcement responses.

These indices are based on direct input from local residents and reflect real-time societal sentiment. ConflictMeter synthesizes both metrics into a single Crime and Safety Score, designed to represent the prevailing public mood regarding safety and law and order. This score serves as an early warning signal for potential unrest, particularly when perceptions of safety begin to deteriorate.

## Statista: Empirical Crime Data and Trend Analysis

To complement perception-based insights, ConflictMeter integrates official criminal justice data from Statista. This includes detailed national statistics across multiple crime categories, such as:

- Total recorded crime
- Violent offenses (e.g., assault, homicide)
- Drug-related crimes
- Illegal weapons possession
- Public order violations
- Sexual offenses
- Politically or ideologically motivated crimes

These figures are not only reviewed in isolation but are also benchmarked against historical trends to determine their significance. For each crime type, current levels are assessed in relation to past norms. This comparison enables ConflictMeter to identify whether a country is experiencing a spike in criminal activity or operating within stable parameters.

By integrating both sentiment-based and data-driven metrics, the Crime and Social Unrest component of the Civil War Risk Index offers a nuanced picture of a country's internal security climate—essential for identifying environments prone to volatility or escalation.

# News Sentiment

*Media sentiment is mixed, with both reassuring and concerning narratives circulating in national news.*

## **News and Social Sentiment: Gauging Public Mood Through Media Analysis**

The tone and focus of a nation's media landscape can serve as a powerful indicator of emerging unrest. ConflictMeter captures this dimension by applying an AI-powered system to continuously track and assess media coverage related to civil disorder, government instability, and public discontent.

## **Real-Time Media Scraping and Keyword Monitoring**

ConflictMeter automatically scans a broad array of reliable news outlets for coverage containing terms associated with societal unrest—such as protests, riots, strikes, police violence, political crisis, and related phrases. This ongoing process ensures timely collection of relevant articles across both national and international sources, enabling a real-time view of evolving narratives within each country.

## **AI-Driven Evaluation of Rhetoric and Sentiment**

Once collected, articles undergo analysis by ConflictMeter's in-house Natural Language Processing (NLP) system. This model evaluates the content based on emotional tone, narrative framing, and rhetorical intensity to determine how likely the article is to influence or escalate public sentiment. Key signals include:

- The use of emotionally charged or provocative language
- Descriptions of violent confrontations or state repression
- Repetition of terms linked to unrest or instability
- Calls for protest or resistance
- Polarising or divisive commentary

From this, an Inflammatory Sentiment Score is generated for each country, capturing both the frequency and intensity of unrest-related media coverage. This score serves as a proxy for monitoring the level of agitation in public discourse.

## **Weighted Scoring and Signal Filtering**

To maintain objectivity and filter out anomalies or sensationalist outliers, ConflictMeter applies a contextual weighting system. This takes into account factors such as the credibility of the source, geographical reach, and consistency over time. Isolated or

fringe reports carry less influence, while persistent patterns across reputable sources are weighted more heavily.

This method ensures that only sustained and credible signals of rising tension are integrated into the broader risk model. As a result, ConflictMeter can often detect deteriorating sentiment and emerging instability well before it becomes visible in crime data or official reporting.

## Political & Institutional Breakdown

*Institutional indicators are showing signs of strain, including reduced government approval and rule of law challenges.*

- Government Approval Risk: 79.00
- Rule of Law Risk: 73.79
- Media Freedom Risk: 38.39
- Corruption Risk: 59.48
- BSA Distrust Risk: 75.00

### Political and Institutional Breakdown: Assessing Governance Stability

The resilience of a nation's political and institutional framework is a critical determinant of its vulnerability to civil unrest and internal conflict. ConflictMeter's Civil War Risk Index incorporates a range of well-established indicators to evaluate the health, legitimacy, and public perception of government and institutional structures.

#### Government Approval and Public Trust

Core to this analysis are official statistics on government approval ratings and survey-based measures of public trust in political institutions. These metrics offer valuable insight into the perceived legitimacy of national leadership and the degree of alignment between government actions and public sentiment. Persistent declines in approval or growing distrust often precede periods of instability or social fragmentation.

#### Institutional Integrity Indices

To provide a more structural view of institutional strength, ConflictMeter integrates internationally recognized governance indices, including:

- **Rule of Law Index** (World Justice Project): Measures adherence to legal norms, judicial independence, accountability, and civil rights protections.

- **Media Freedom Index** (Reporters Without Borders): Evaluates the ability of journalists and media organizations to report freely and without censorship or intimidation.
- **Corruption Perceptions Index** (Transparency International): Assesses the perceived levels of public sector corruption across various institutions.

These indices collectively offer a broad picture of institutional functionality, transparency, and resilience—key factors in determining whether a society can mediate conflict through legal and democratic mechanisms rather than through violence or disorder.

### Integration into Risk Assessment

Each metric is normalized and weighted according to its relevance and historical correlation with civil conflict. By combining public opinion data with objective institutional benchmarks, ConflictMeter is able to detect early signs of political erosion, elite fragmentation, or authoritarian drift—all of which significantly raise a country’s civil war risk profile.

This multifactor approach ensures that short-term political volatility is distinguished from deeper, systemic risks, allowing for more accurate forecasting and early intervention strategies.

## Economic Breakdown (Normalized)

*The economy shows signs of vulnerability, but systemic instability remains limited.*

- Inflation Rate: 0.15
- Unemployment Rate: 1.06
- Youth Unemployment Rate: 0.93
- Poverty Rate: 0.62
- Gini Coefficient: 0.38
- Recession: 0.00

### Economic Breakdown: Measuring Financial Stress and Inequality

Economic conditions are among the most powerful predictors of civil unrest. Periods of economic hardship—characterized by rising poverty, unemployment, and inequality—have consistently been linked to increased levels of social tension, public protest, and political instability. ConflictMeter’s Civil War Risk Index incorporates a suite of economic indicators to evaluate the structural health and immediate pressures within a nation’s economy.

## Core Economic Indicators

The report utilizes official government data to track key macroeconomic metrics, including:

- **Inflation Rate** – Persistent inflation erodes purchasing power, especially among low- and middle-income households, contributing to dissatisfaction and unrest.
- **Unemployment Rate** – General unemployment levels offer insight into overall economic health and labor market stability.
- **Youth Unemployment Rate** – High youth unemployment is a particularly strong risk factor, often correlating with political radicalization and mass mobilization.

Additionally, ConflictMeter flags whether a country is currently in a technical recession (typically defined as two consecutive quarters of negative GDP growth), as recessions tend to exacerbate existing social and economic vulnerabilities.

## Inequality and Poverty Metrics

To supplement official data, ConflictMeter incorporates independent socioeconomic indicators:

- **Gini Coefficient Index** – A widely used measure of income inequality, where higher values indicate greater disparity between rich and poor. High inequality often leads to social fragmentation and erodes perceptions of fairness and opportunity.
- **Poverty Index** – Assesses the proportion of the population living below the poverty line, capturing the prevalence of basic deprivation and economic marginalization.

## Economic Strain and Risk Modelling

These indicators are analyzed both individually and in combination to produce an Economic Stability Score. This score reflects the likelihood that economic conditions could act as a catalyst for civil unrest. Historical data has shown that economic downturns often precede episodes of mass protest, riots, and in some cases, insurgency, especially when compounded by political or institutional weakness.

By monitoring both short-term economic stress and long-term structural inequality, ConflictMeter is able to provide a grounded and predictive assessment of a country's vulnerability to economically driven unrest.

## Ethnic & Cultural Breakdown (Normalized)

*Cultural pressures and demographic factors are contributing to rising tension and increased group-based distrust.*

- Net Immigration: 4.93
- Births Non Domestic Parents: 79.33
- Hate Crimes: 100.00
- Terror Threat Level: 100.00
- Displaced Population: 78.40
- Dominant Religion Decline: 99.40

### **Ethnic and Cultural Breakdown: Tracking Demographic Shifts and Societal Friction**

Demographic and cultural dynamics play a critical role in the stability of societies, particularly where rapid change intersects with perceptions of threat or marginalization. ConflictMeter's Civil War Risk Index incorporates a range of indicators that help assess the extent of ethnic, religious, and cultural transformation, as well as the potential for tension between different groups.

#### **Measuring Demographic Change**

This section of the index draws upon official government data to track:

- **Immigration figures** – Annual rates of immigration and net migration provide a baseline for understanding how a nation's population is changing.
- **Births to non-domestic parents** – High rates of births to parents born abroad may indicate sustained and significant shifts in population composition.
- **Hate crime statistics** – The frequency of recorded hate crimes is a proxy for rising inter-group tension, fear, and conflict within society.
- **Official terror-threat levels** – These reflect national security assessments of extremist activity, often correlating with the presence of radical ideological movements within a country.

Together, these metrics help identify stress points where demographic change may be generating social friction, particularly in environments already characterized by weak integration policies or political polarization.

#### **Perceived Threat and Majority Decline**

Drawing on the insights of Professor David Betz (Department of War Studies, King's College London), ConflictMeter also considers the phenomenon wherein a previously dominant ethnic, cultural, or religious group begins to perceive itself as existentially threatened. This perception—whether grounded in fact or fear—can be a potent driver of unrest, especially if amplified by political rhetoric or economic instability.

To quantify this dynamic, the Civil War Risk Index includes:

- **Changes in the proportion of the dominant ethnic group** – Measuring the degree of demographic decline relative to the total population.
- **Decline in adherence to the historically dominant religion** – Assessing shifts in religious identification over time.

These indicators allow ConflictMeter to identify contexts where majority groups may be experiencing a loss of cultural cohesion or influence, which has historically been a precursor to identity-driven conflict in multi-ethnic societies.

### **Historical Context and Relative Scoring**

To provide meaningful and actionable insight, ConflictMeter does not assess data points in isolation. Instead, each metric is evaluated relative to a country's own historical baseline, allowing the index to account for national context and identify moments of exceptional change.

For example, if a country's current immigration figure is the highest ever recorded in its available dataset, it will receive a score of 100 for that metric—signifying a peak level of demographic change. Conversely, if the figure is within historically normal bounds or lower than past levels, it will receive a correspondingly lower score.

This approach is applied across all variables within the Ethnic and Cultural Breakdown category, including:

- Immigration and birth rates
- Hate crime and extremism incidents
- Demographic and religious decline among dominant groups

By framing the data within a country-specific historical continuum, ConflictMeter is able to assess not only the absolute level of demographic or cultural change, but also the rate and scale of that change compared to what has previously occurred. This relative scoring method enhances predictive accuracy by highlighting instances where a society may be entering unfamiliar or potentially destabilizing territory.

## Summary & Recommendation

### *Detailed Summary of Current Risk Profile for Asgard (2025-05-19):*

- 1. Crime & Social Unrest (Score: 87.28):** The high score in this category indicates a significant level of crime and social unrest in Asgard. This could be attributed to various factors such as economic disparities, political dissatisfaction, and cultural tensions.
- 2. Ethnic & Cultural Tensions (Score: 74.48):** The elevated score in this category highlights ongoing tensions related to ethnicity and culture within the country. These tensions could potentially escalate into more severe conflicts if not properly addressed.
- 3. Political & Institutional Breakdown (Score: 67.29):** The score suggests a certain level of instability in political institutions, which may lead to governance challenges and a lack of trust in the government among the population.
- 4. Final Risk Score (68.54):** The overall risk score for Asgard is relatively high, indicating a combination of various factors contributing to the country's vulnerability to conflict and instability.
- 5. News Sentiment Score (45.25):** The lower score in this category suggests a mixed sentiment in the media, potentially indicating a lack of consensus or clarity on key issues, which could further fuel social divisions.

### **Recommendations:**

- 1. Address Socio-Economic Disparities:** Implement policies to reduce economic inequality and improve social welfare programs to alleviate some of the underlying causes of crime and social unrest.
- 2. Promote Dialogue and Reconciliation:** Facilitate constructive dialogue between different ethnic and cultural groups to address existing tensions and promote social cohesion.
- 3. Strengthen Political Institutions:** Enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency within political institutions to rebuild trust and confidence in the government.
- 4. Enhance Media Literacy:** Invest in media literacy programs to help the public critically evaluate information and combat misinformation, which can exacerbate societal divisions.

**5. Conflict Prevention Measures:** Develop and implement early warning systems to identify potential conflict triggers and take proactive measures to prevent escalation.

***Potential Future Scenario:***

If the situation in Asgard were to deteriorate further, there could be an increase in violent protests, clashes between different ethnic groups, and a breakdown in law and order.

The country may experience widespread civil unrest, economic disruption, and political turmoil, potentially leading to a state of emergency and the deployment of security forces to maintain order.

***Impact of Lowest Risk Score Metrics:***

If the News Sentiment Score and Economic Decline & Class Conflict metrics were to deteriorate, the overall situation in Asgard could worsen significantly.

A decrease in news sentiment could lead to a rise in misinformation and polarized narratives, further dividing society.

On the other hand, an escalation of economic decline and class conflict could deepen social inequalities, fueling resentment and potentially sparking widespread social unrest and instability.

