

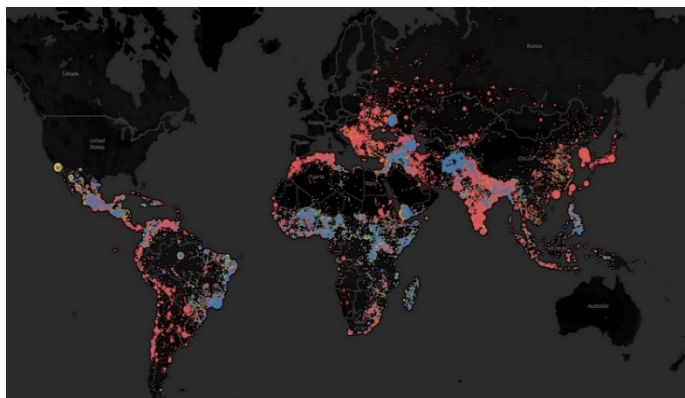


**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**BUREAU OF CONFLICT & STABILIZATION OPERATIONS**

*Anticipating, Preventing & Responding to Conflict*

## INSTABILITY MONITORING & ANALYSIS PLATFORM (IMAP)

The Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO) launched IMAP in 2019 to harness data-driven decision-making and implement the Foundations for Evidence Based Policy Making Act of 2018. IMAP's innovative use of technology tracks global conflict trends and informs U.S. strategies, policies, and programs on conflict prevention and stabilization. IMAP products are accessible to over 75,000 U.S. Department of State employees and include:



### Violent Conflict and Atrocity Forecasting

CSO forecasts countries at risk of violent conflict and atrocities. It creates heat maps and early warning assessments that identify conflict trends, potential atrocities at the national and sub-national level, and timely U.S. policy responses.

### Geospatial Conflict Analysis

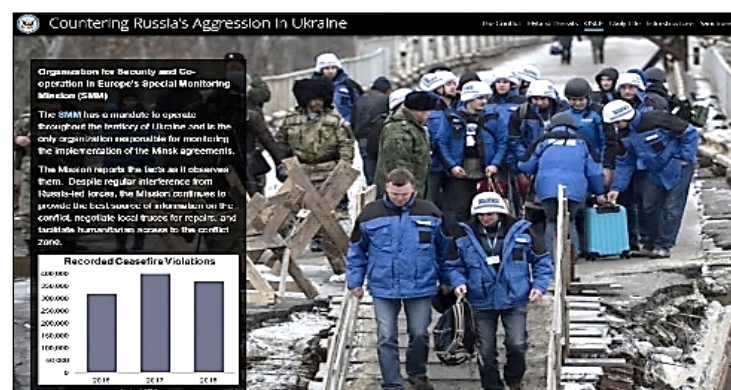
CSO maps, tracks, and analyzes conflict events, leveraging in-house geospatial analysis experts. Using satellite imagery, CSO counters conflict actors' disinformation by identifying village burning and ceasefire violation incidents.

### Armed Actor Mapping

CSO improves U.S. and partner-nation strategies to address non-state armed groups' (NSAGs) financing and activities by conducting advanced network analysis. CSO works closely with the Interagency to identify individuals, key groups, and linkages, and offer policy options.

### Negotiations Modeling

CSO informs political negotiations by identifying the interests and priorities of key actors, and forecasting negotiation outcomes. It updates information throughout the negotiations process to assess options and optimize U.S. policy outcomes.



### Conflict Trend and Impact Assessment

CSO provides a nuanced understanding of conflict trends and political instability by tracking country conditions and conducting analytical simulations. Recent analyses assessed the likelihood of election violence and the potential impact of COVID-19 on global instability.

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