

## Introduction

We have updated data and forecasts for Albania, Cameroon, DR Congo, Indonesia, Kosovo, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Serbia, and Cambodia. We also have updated data for Mauritania and Niger. In these memos, we describe any major events that were detected by our data since the last update. We hope that this information can be useful for monitoring conditions across countries.

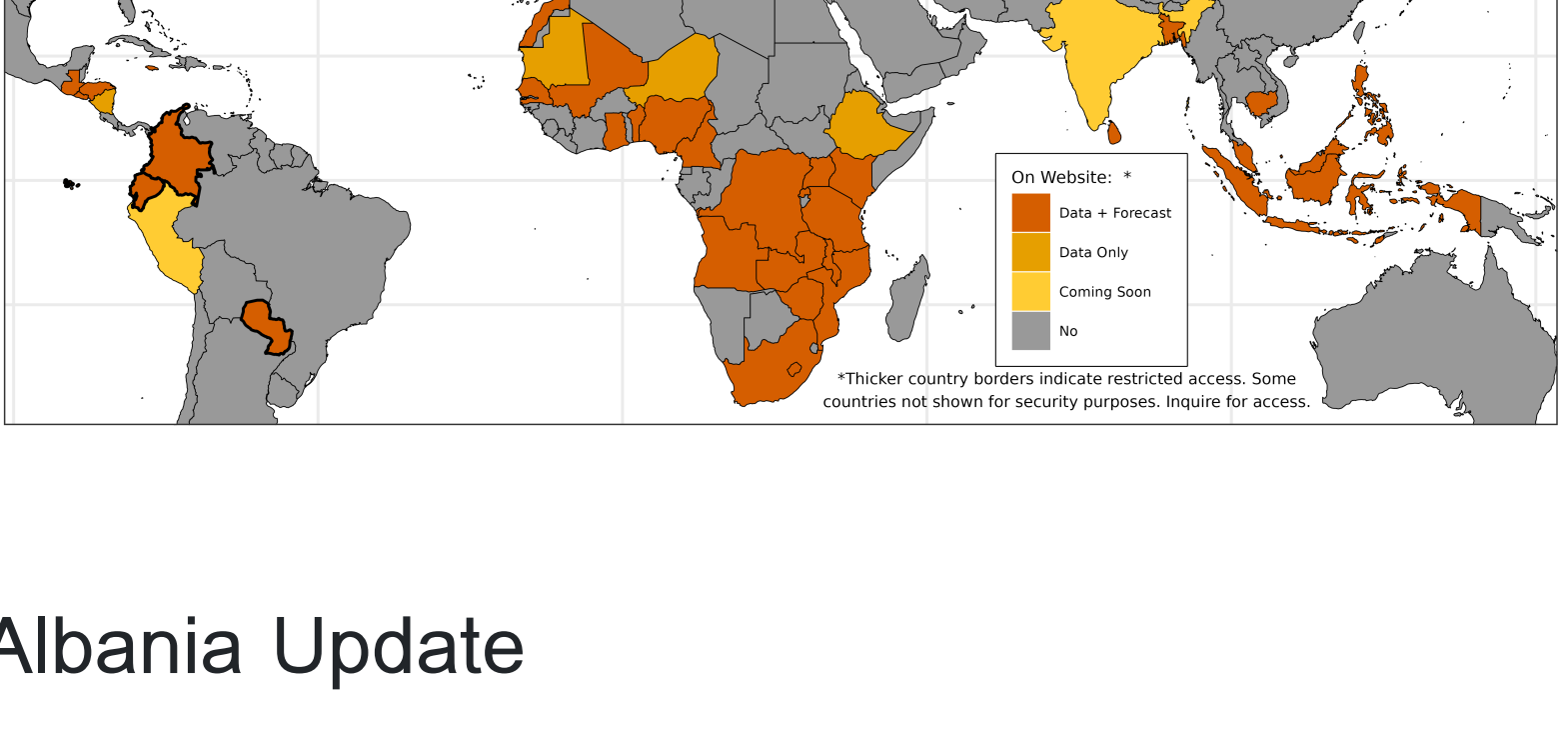
We also review any notable forecasts made during the last data update and highlight any notable events we are forecasting over the next seven months. Importantly, we only highlight predictions of relatively large events from models with relatively high accuracy scores. In some cases, models with lower performance predict major events, or models with high performance predict smaller events, but we do not highlight these predictions. We encourage you to visit the MLP website to explore all of our data and forecasts.

Note: We have recently completed a review of all local sources that we are scraping to assess their alignment/bias. When we have a larger volume of news from state-aligned sources, we apply weighting that over-represents news from more independent sources. We are currently applying weights to Malaysia and DR Congo.

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Current country coverage



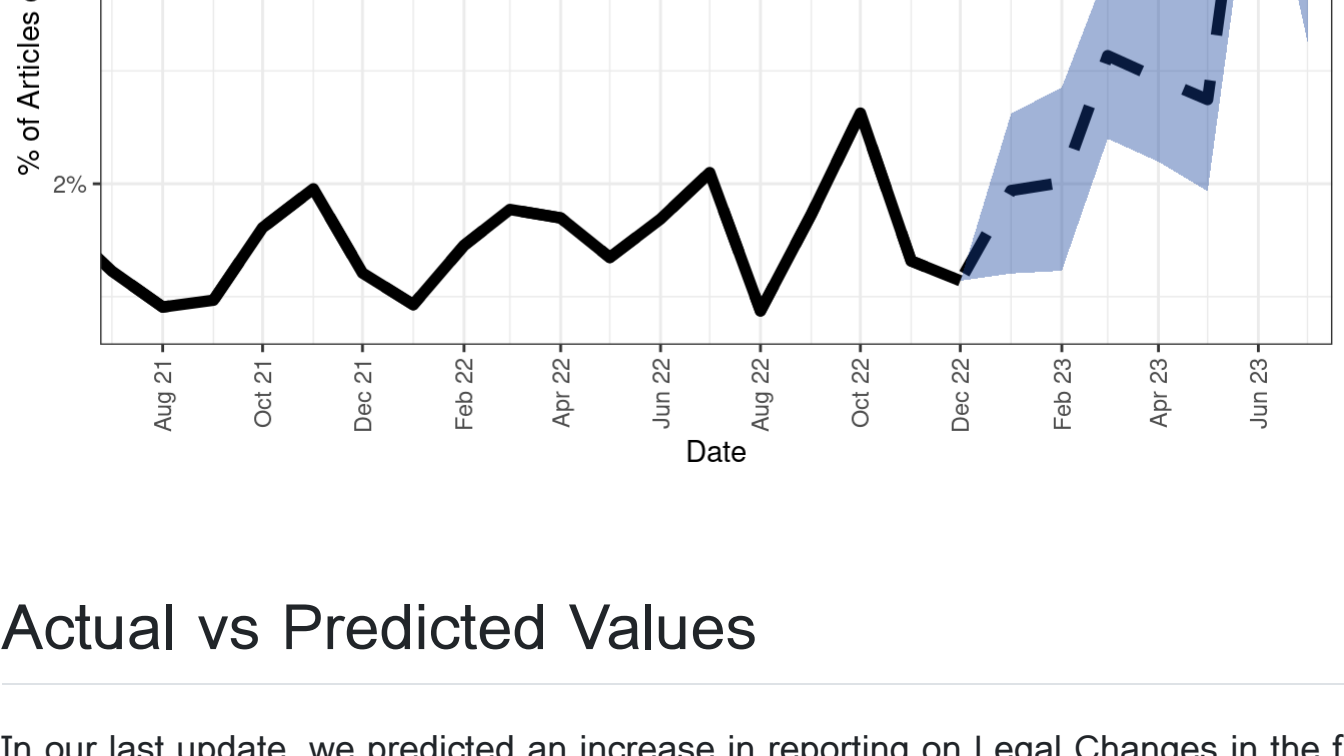
## Albania Update

For Albania, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Albania's PCA has been climbing steadily since early 2021, but it reached a historical high in December 2022. During this period, we see elevated levels of reporting on:

- Non-lethal violence in December: attack on an opposition leader while he was participating in a protest prompted by corruption allegations against the prime minister.
- Corruption in December: a major corruption scandal at the Durrës port.
- Protest in November: several significant protests during this period.
- Censorship in September: moves by government to ban reporting on a trove of hacked materials.
- Censorship in December: police denying a permit for opposition protests and accusations of censorship of a story on government corruption.
- Legal actions in October/December: the extradition of a Chinese hacker and the launch of investigations by anti-corruption authorities into several prominent public figures.

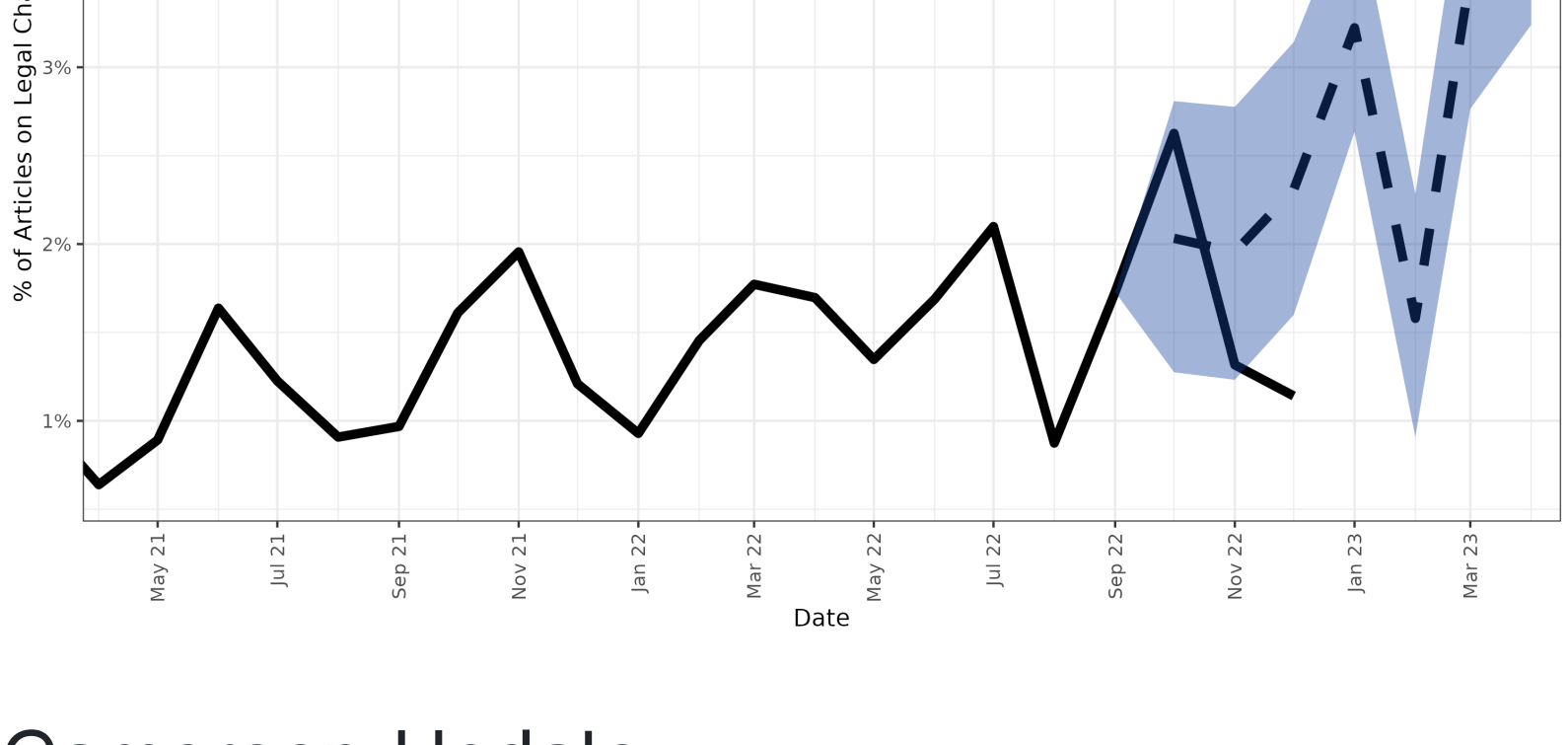
## Forecasts

Over the next seven months, we are predicting an increase in reporting on Legal Changes in summer 2023.



## Actual vs Predicted Values

In our last update, we predicted an increase in reporting on Legal Changes in the first quarter of 2023, although the confidence was slightly below the minimum threshold that we now use for reporting (57% vs 60%). Referencing the plot above, we are still expecting increased legal changes in 2023, although we are now predicting them a few months later.



## Cameroon Update

For Cameroon, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Arrests in October: the arrest of journalist and popular musician.
- Defamation in December: a defamation case against the manager of a TV station

## Forecasts

Over the next seven months, we are not predicting any major events.

## Actual vs Predicted Values

In the last update, we did not predict any major events in months covered by this update.

## DR Congo Update

For DR Congo, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Censorship in November: multiple instances of government censorship of the press.
- Defamation in October: the sentencing of an MP's wife to 6 months in prison on a defamation charge.
- Purge in October: a no confidence motion to remove the country's transportation minister and the expulsion of Rwanda's ambassador.

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## Indonesia Update

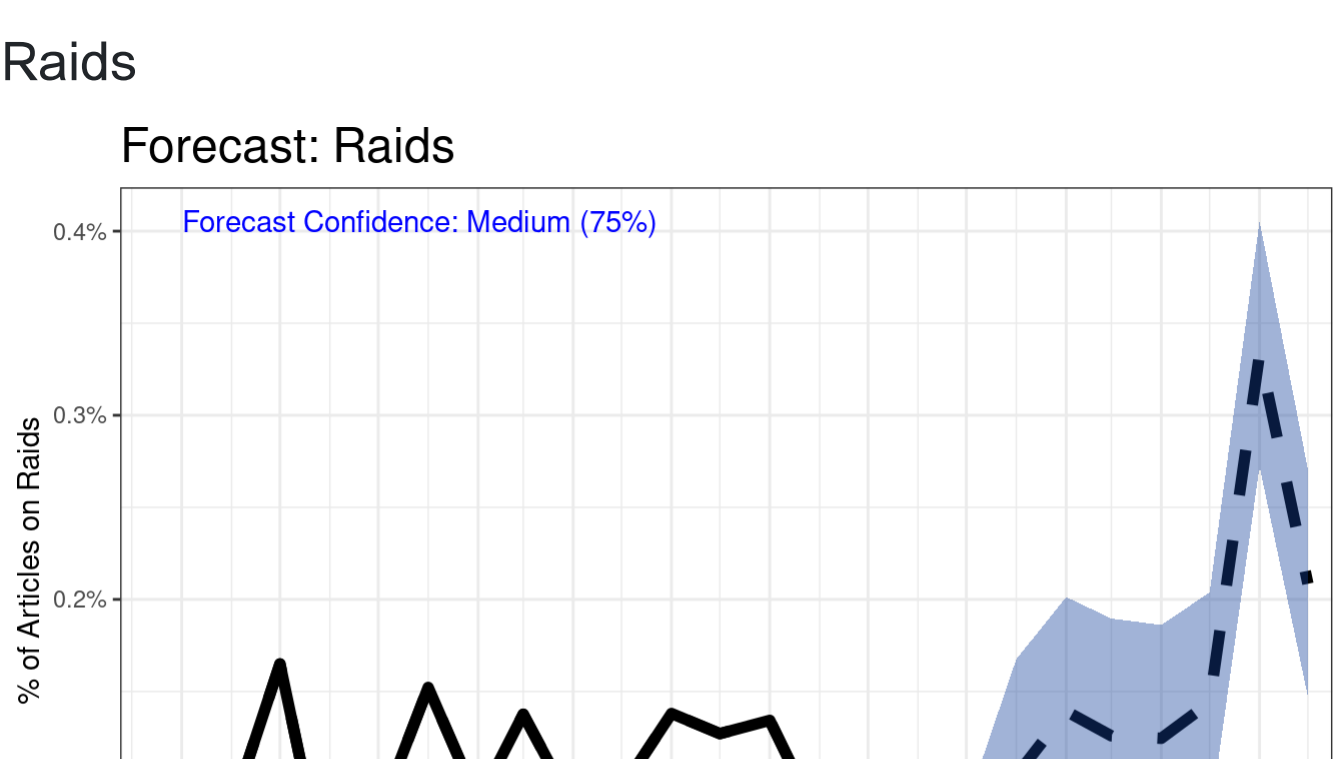
For Indonesia, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for August, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Activism October through December: government meetings with activists and volunteers participating in disaster relief efforts.
- Legal action in September: a legal cases brought in association with the murder of a military official.
- Security force mobilization in December: the government's response to a suicide bombing.

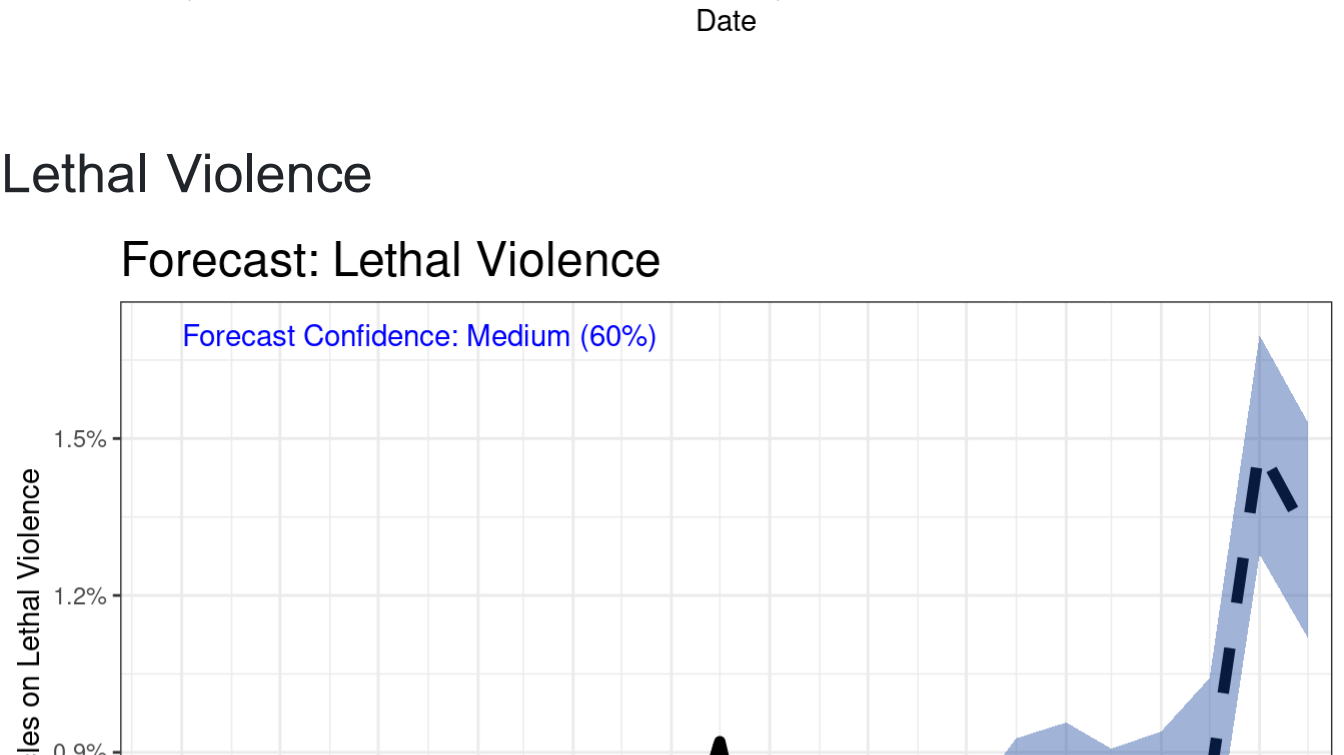
## Forecasts

In summer 2023, we are predicting increases in the Civic Space Index, Raids, and Lethal and Non-Lethal Violence. This prediction is driven by a variety of factors, including higher levels of RAI activity in November and December associated with the G20 in Bali (several RAI events are predictive of future increases across these four civic space events). For reference, the size of the increase in lethal violence we are predicting is similar to the increase in activity in May 2018 after a series of coordinated suicide bombings. More information about the size of these predictions and the predictors driving them are available on our website. We urge readers to consult these sources.

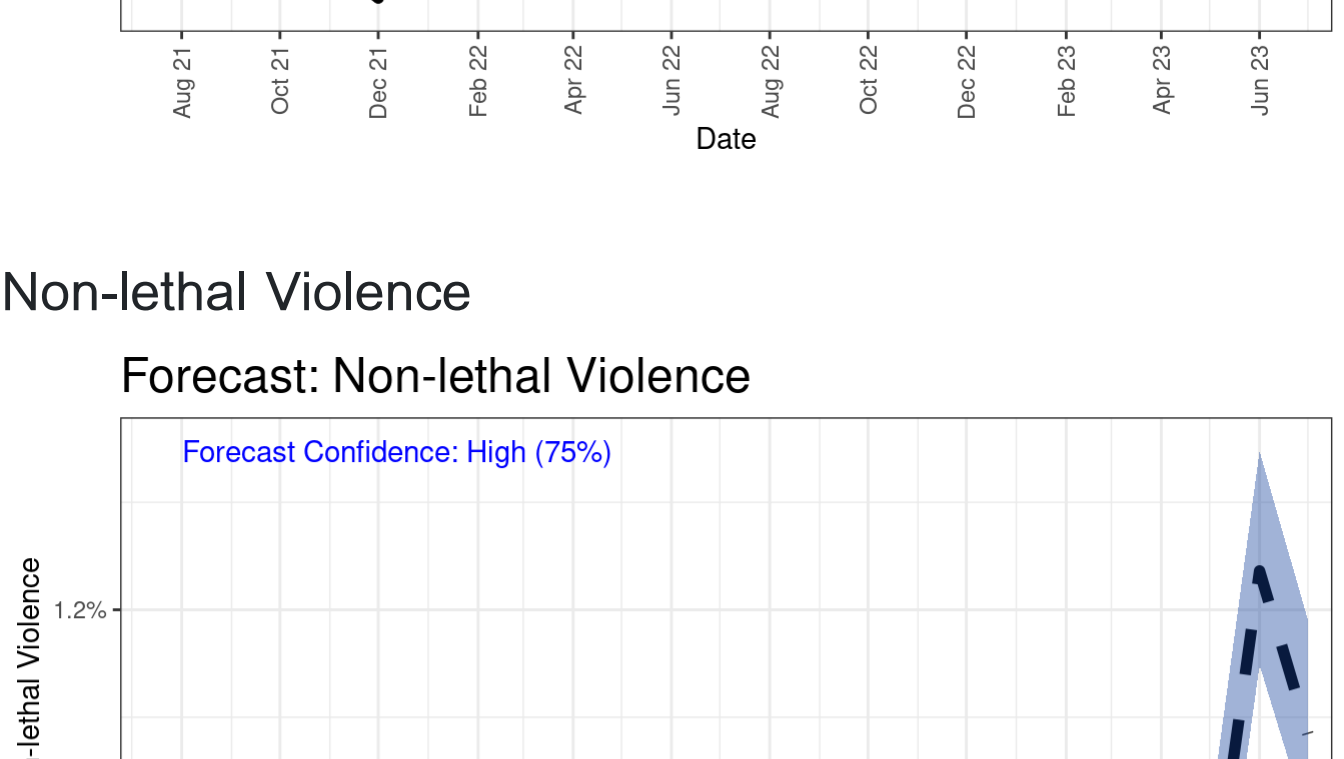
## Civic Space Index



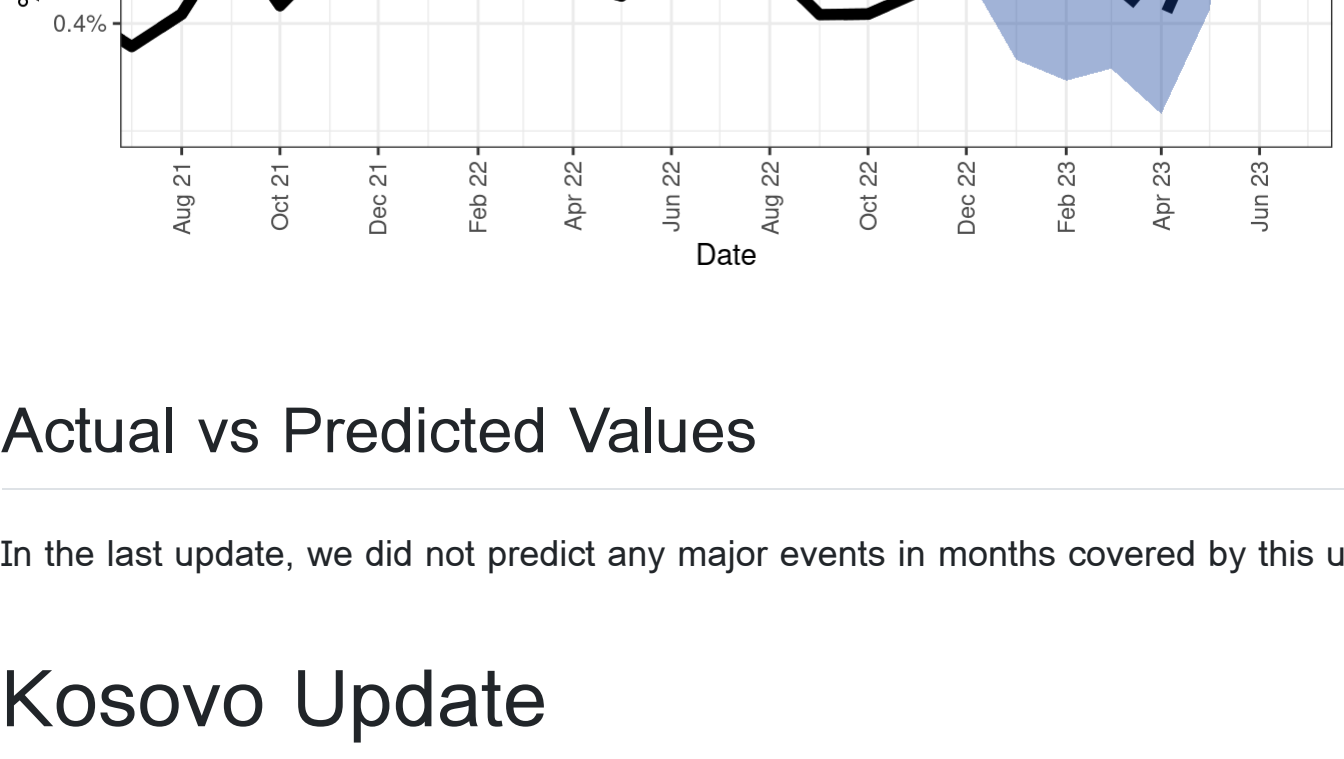
## Raids



## Lethal Violence



## Non-lethal Violence



## Actual vs Predicted Values

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## Kosovo Update

For Kosovo, this update includes coverage through the end of November 2022. Since the data was last updated for July, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Activism in August: an online campaign to reverse government policy on headscarves in schools.
- Protests in September: a general strike.
- Purges/Removal in November: the mass resignation of Serbia List party members from all Kosovo government positions

## Forecasts

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## Malaysia Update

For Malaysia, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Election activity and election irregularities in November: the 2022 general elections and a large number of polling station closures in certain areas.
- Disasters in December: severe landslides
- Cooperation in December: negotiations to form a coalition/unity government

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## Mauritania Update

For Mauritania, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Political cooperation in November: a deal between government and BP to develop hydrogen project

Note: We don't produce forecasts for Mauritania due to the low volume of news from local sources.

## Niger Update

For Niger, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for August, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Activism in November: a range of NGO initiatives, including violence against women campaigns and disaster relief.
- Legal changes in December: several bills that were passed, including an annual budget and a bill amending the organization and functioning of the national assembly.

Note: We don't produce forecasts for Niger due to the low volume of news from local sources.

## Morocco Update

For Morocco, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for August, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Legal changes in October
- Corruption in September
- Protests in November

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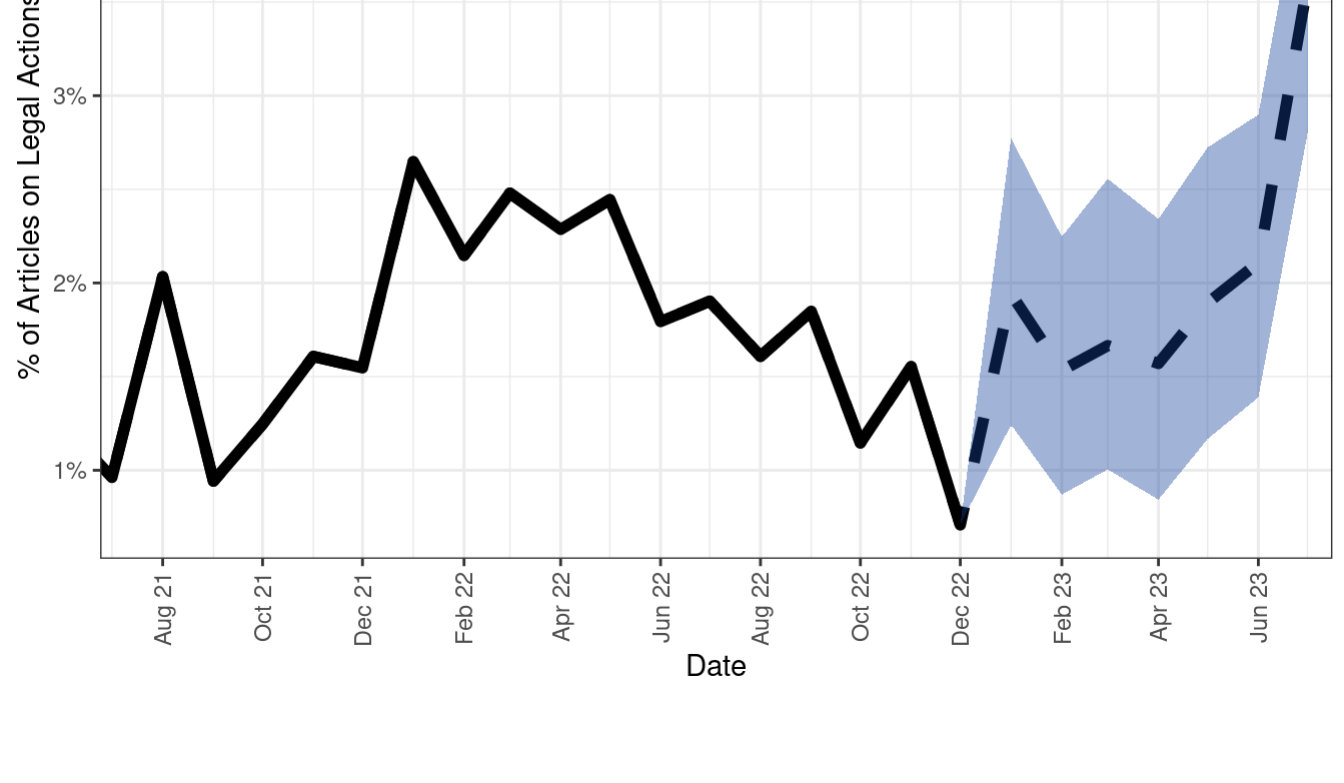
## Cambodia Update

For Cambodia, this update includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Purge/Replace in October-November: the Prime Minister's unexpected removal of the country's agriculture minister and a deputy governor.
- Cooperation in November: high-level diplomatic talks associated with the ASEAN summit

## Forecasts

Over the next seven months, we are predicting an increase in reporting on Legal Changes in summer 2023.



## Actual vs Predicted Values

In our last update, we predicted an increase in reporting on Arrests and Legal Actions in 2023. - We are no longer predicting a large increase Arrests. Conditions have changed, with our prediction for arrests now suggesting a much smaller increase in January that we predicted in our September update. - Referencing the plot above, we are still expecting increased legal actions in 2023, although we are now predicting them to come a few months later in 2023.

