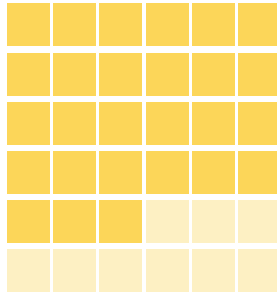




Conflicts and LGTBIQ+ rights in 2023



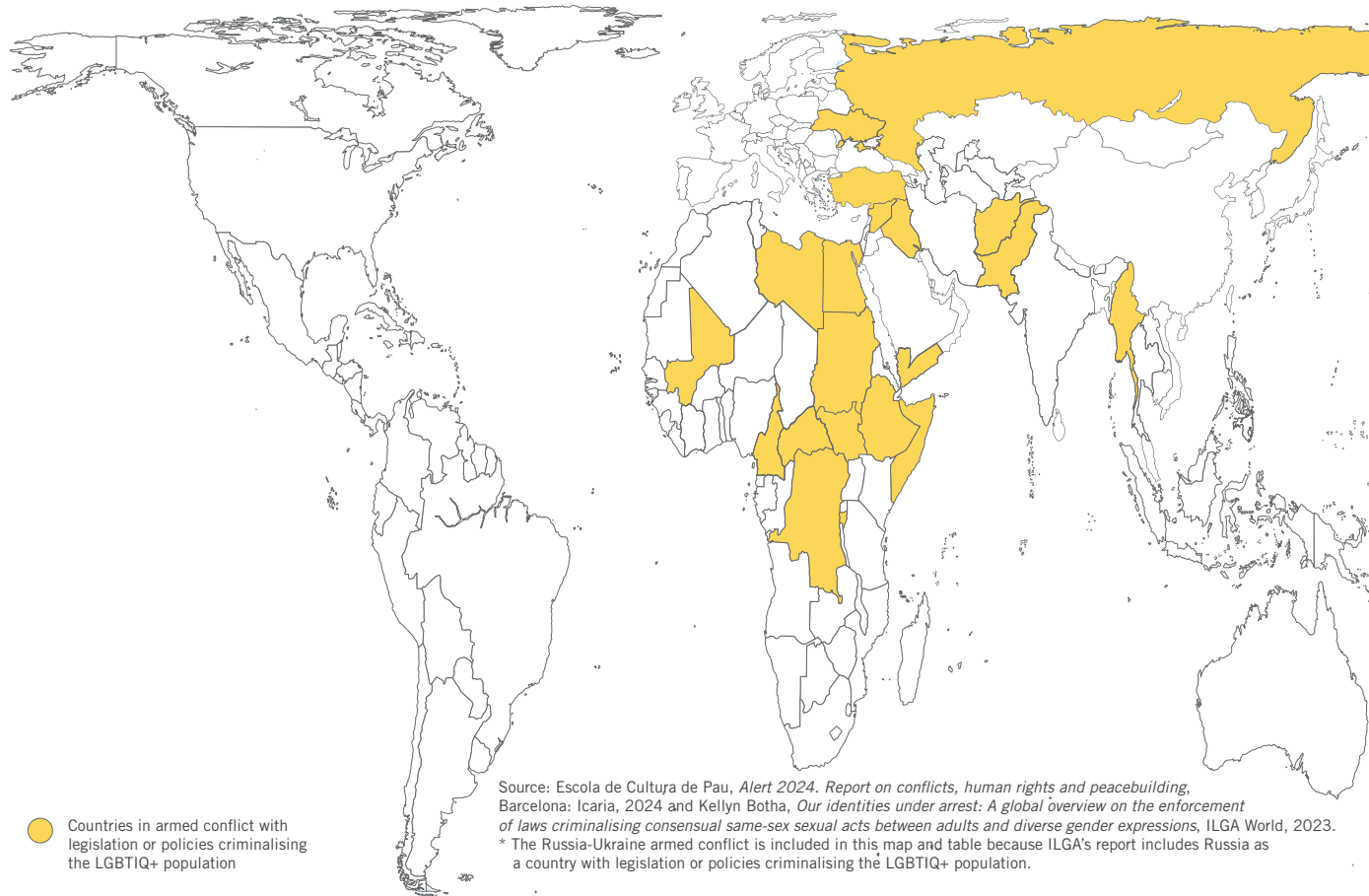
27 of the 36 active armed conflicts in 2023 occurred in countries where ILGA had documented the enforcement of legislation or policies criminalising the LGTBIQ+ population, exacerbating the impacts of violence in these contexts



Russia endorsed a ban on the “international LGBTI movement” classifying it as “extremist” and Putin’s government stated that the war in Ukraine was also aimed at the defence of “traditional values”

Setbacks in the rights of LGTBIQ+ people continued to occur in Uganda, where the Parliament passed a bill strengthening the criminalisation of sexual relations between people of the same sex

Over the year, there was an intense controversy in Iraq around the use of the concept of gender and greater hostility towards LGTBIQ+ people was also observed



Armed conflicts in countries with legislation or policies criminalising the LGTBIQ+ population
AFRICA
Burundi
Cameroon (Ambazonia/North West and South West)
Central African Republic
DRC (East)
DRC (East-ADF)
DRC (West)
Ethiopia (Amhara)
Ethiopia (Tigray)
Ethiopia (Oromia)
Lake Chad Region (Boko Haram)
Lybia
Mali
Somalia
Somalia (Somaliland-SSC Khatumo)
Sudan
Western Sahel Region
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
Afghanistan
Myanmar
Pakistan
Pakistan (Balochistan)
EUROPE
Türkiye (southeast)
Russia – Ukraine*
MIDDLE EAST
Egypt (Sinai)
Iraq
Syria
Yemen

Source: Escola de Cultura de Pau, *Alert 2024. Report on conflicts, human rights and peacebuilding*, Barcelona: Icaria, 2024 and Kellyn Botha, *Our identities under arrest: A global overview on the enforcement of laws criminalising consensual same-sex sexual acts between adults and diverse gender expressions*, ILGA World, 2023. * The Russia-Ukraine armed conflict is included in this map and table because ILGA's report includes Russia as a country with legislation or policies criminalising the LGTBIQ+ population.