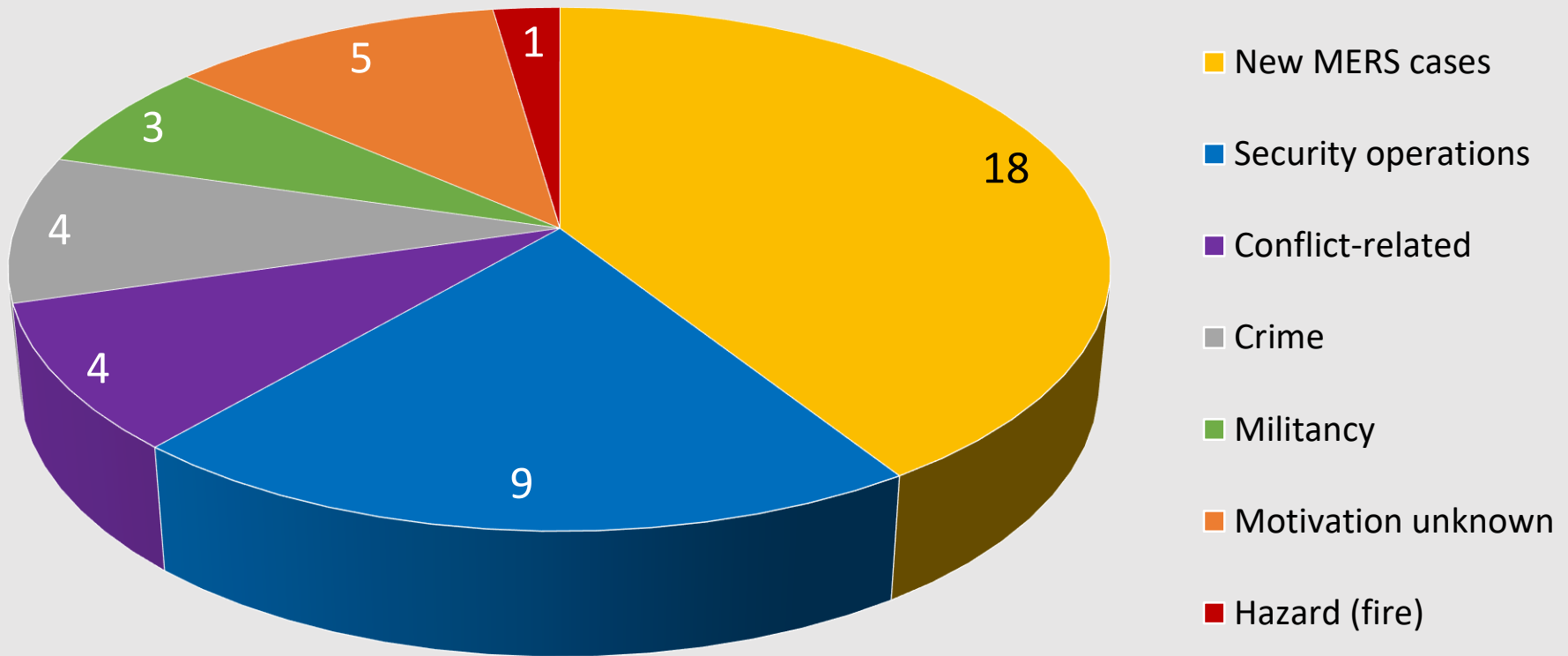


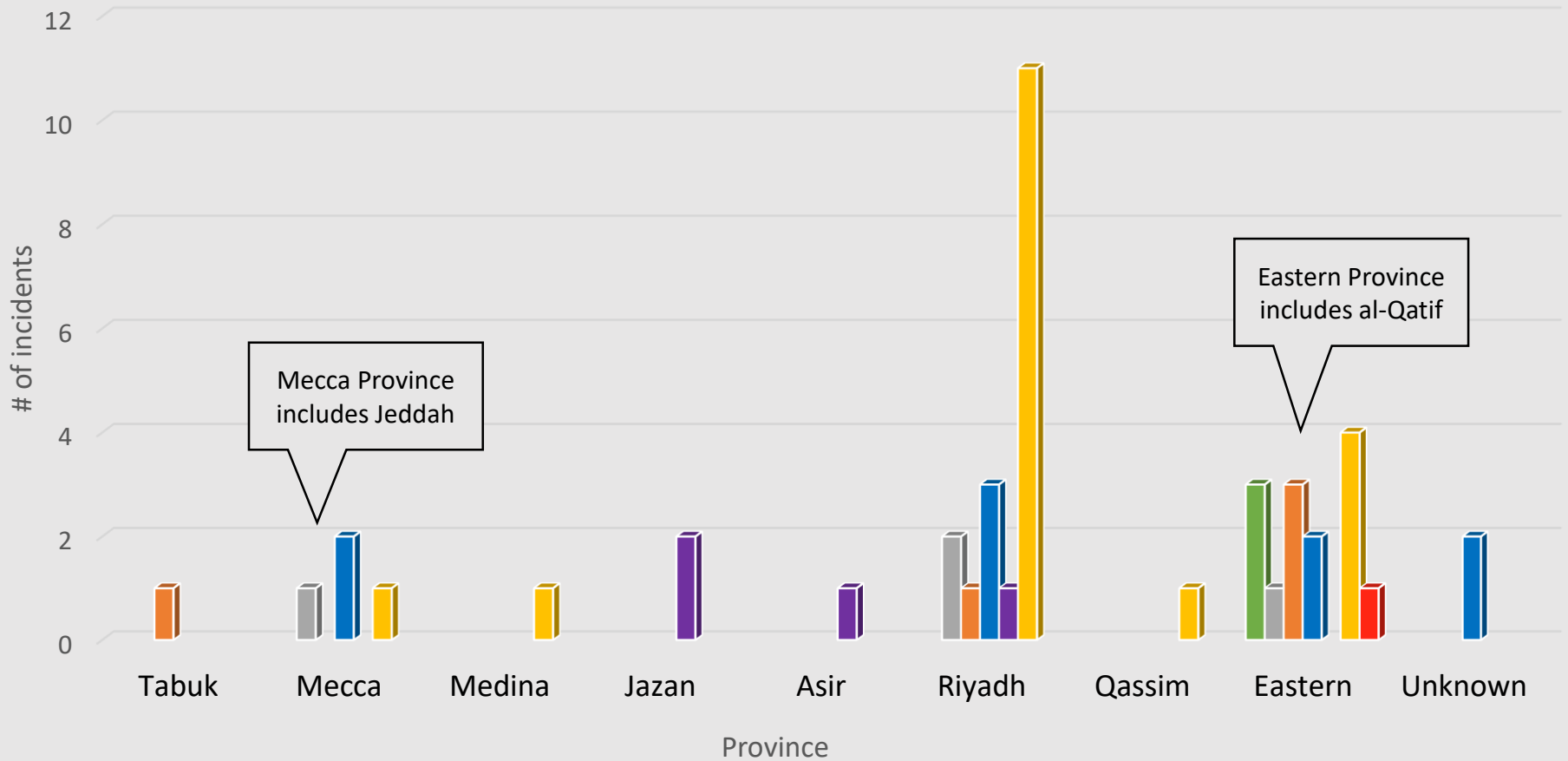


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Type of Incidents

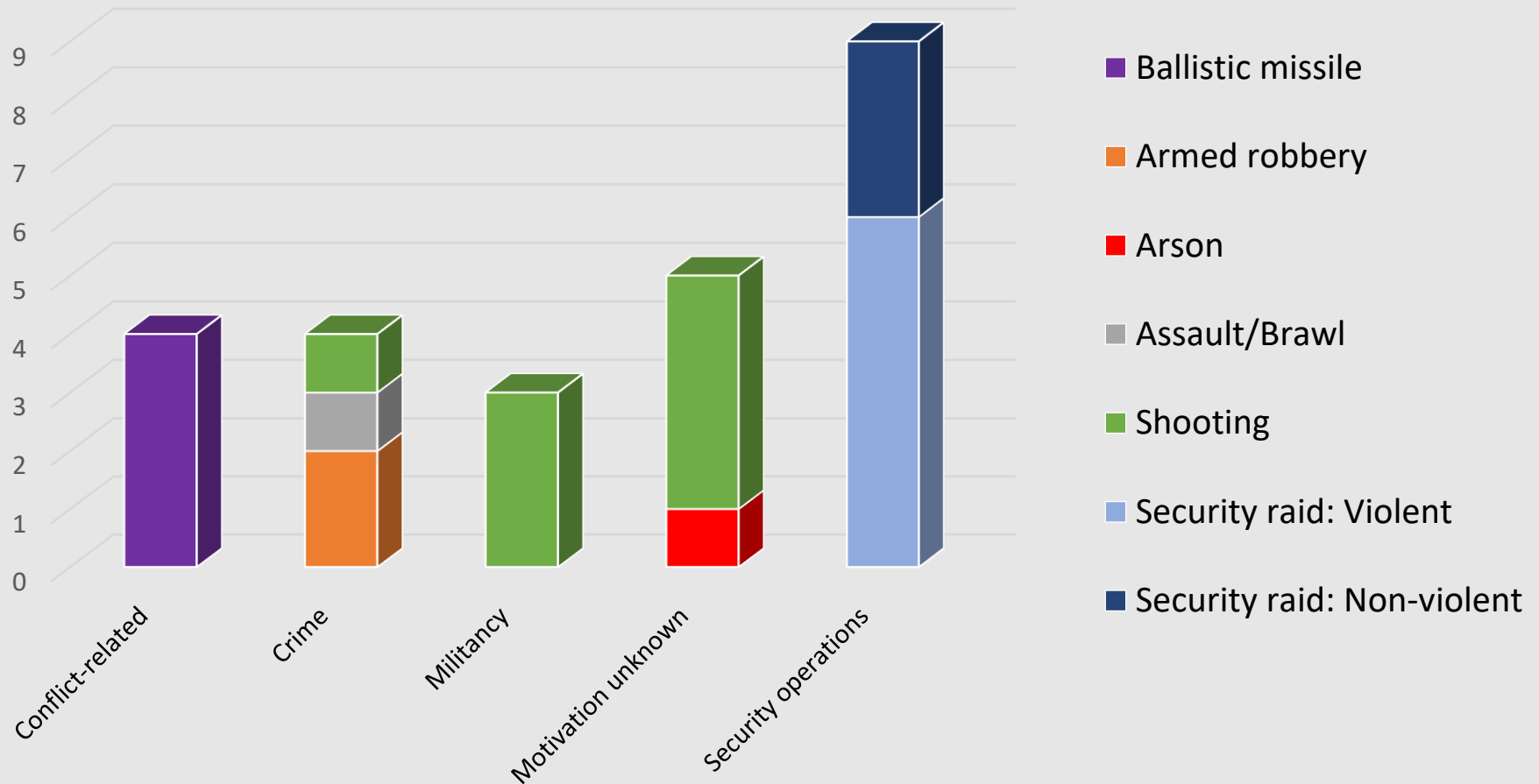


Locations of Incidents



- Militancy
- Crime
- Motivation unknown
- Security operations
- Conflict-related
- New MERS cases
- Hazard (fire)

ZOOM IN: Violent incidents and police raids

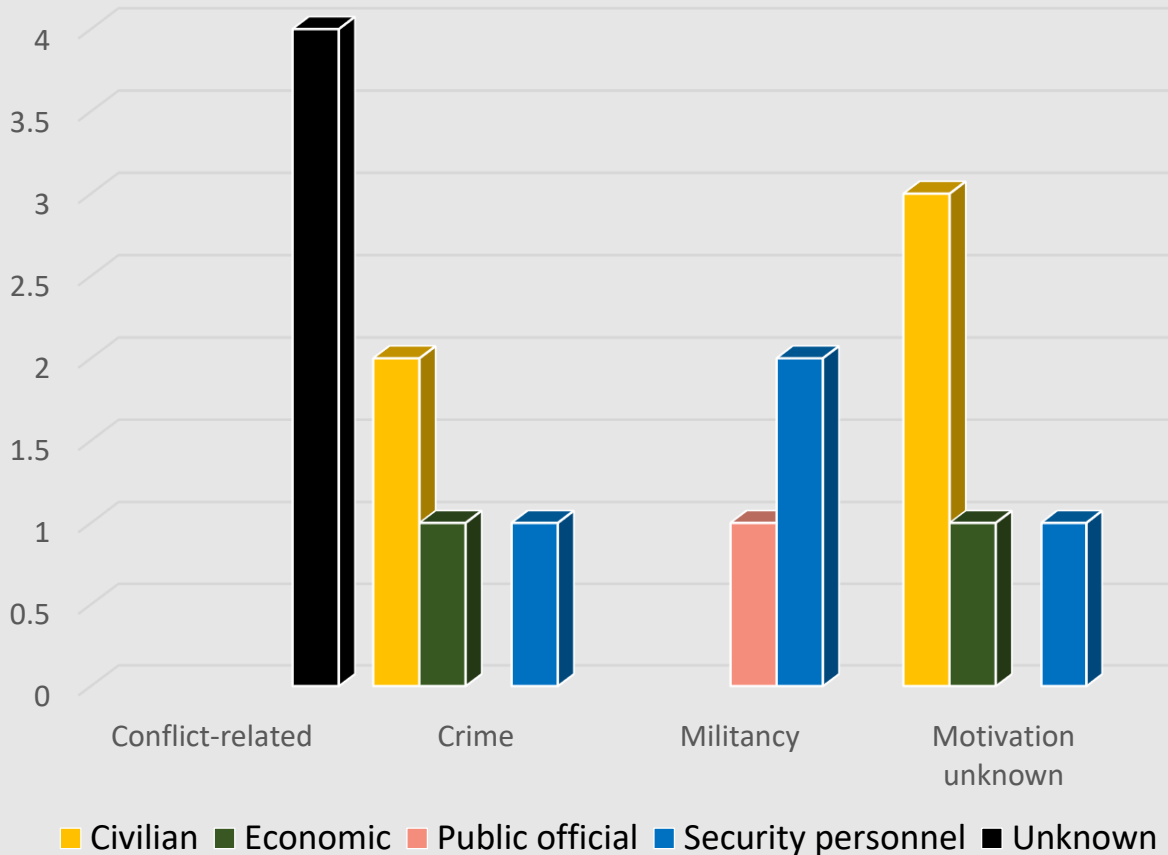


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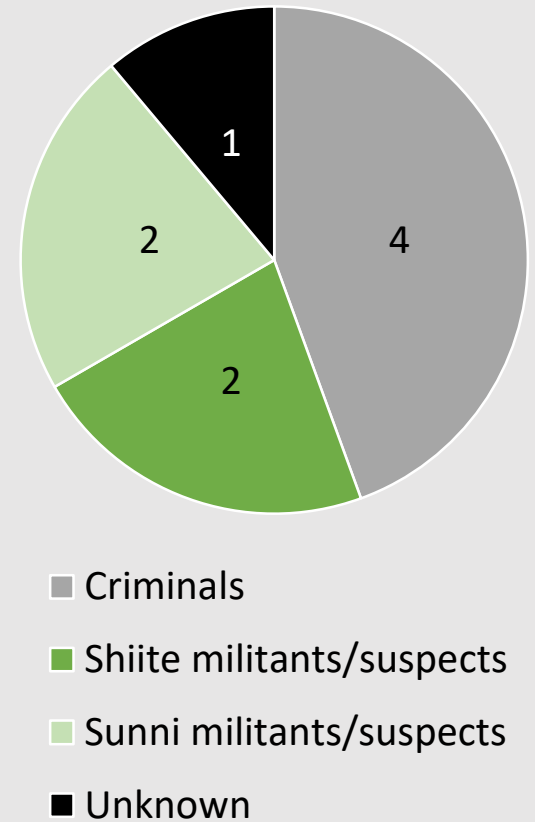


ZOOM IN: Targets

Targets of Attacks



Targets of Police Raids



Summary & Analysis

Shiite militancy

- ✓ There were **4 shootings** in al-Qatif, Eastern Province this month targeting 1 police officer, 2 civilians, and 1 former councilman. **1 bank** was also targeted in an arson attack.
- ✓ In the high likelihood that some or all were conducted by Shiite militants, this would mark a continuation in the type of attack (small arms) but a **shift in target** from primarily security personnel to include civilians and current/former public officials, and possibly even banks. The latter may be due to their opposition to or refusal to cooperate with anti-government elements.
- ✓ During **2 police raids** in al-Qatif, **2 suspects were killed**.

Sunni militancy

- ✓ Police **kill 1 IS suspect** and **arrest 1 other** in a raid in Ar-Rayyan, Riyadh. This comes as part of a **rise in pre-emptive operations** targeting IS suspects since the beginning of the year.
- ✓ The English-language Kuwait Times reported on March 5 that an Egyptian male IS suspect was arrested at a border crossing trying to enter Saudi Arabia. This was never confirmed.

Conflict

- ✓ At least **6 ballistic missiles** were intercepted. This does not include a Houthi claim, without evidence, that a Burkan-2 missile struck central Riyadh. This claim was accompanied by local reports that a missile fired toward the Asir Province was intercepted, which would mark the 7th interception.
- ✓ The Burkan-2 is claimed to be a long-range, locally made “Scud-type missile” with some sources claiming a range of 1,400 km. Even if this is confirmed, the threat from ballistic missile attacks remains low due to its anti-missile defence systems.

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