

Semi-Weekly MLP Data Update

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Introduction

We have data and forecasts for two new countries: Mozambique and India. We have updated data and forecasts for Jamaica, Malawi, Mali (data only), South Africa, Turkey, and Zambia. Data for new countries is only updated through November because they undergo a more prolonged review process.

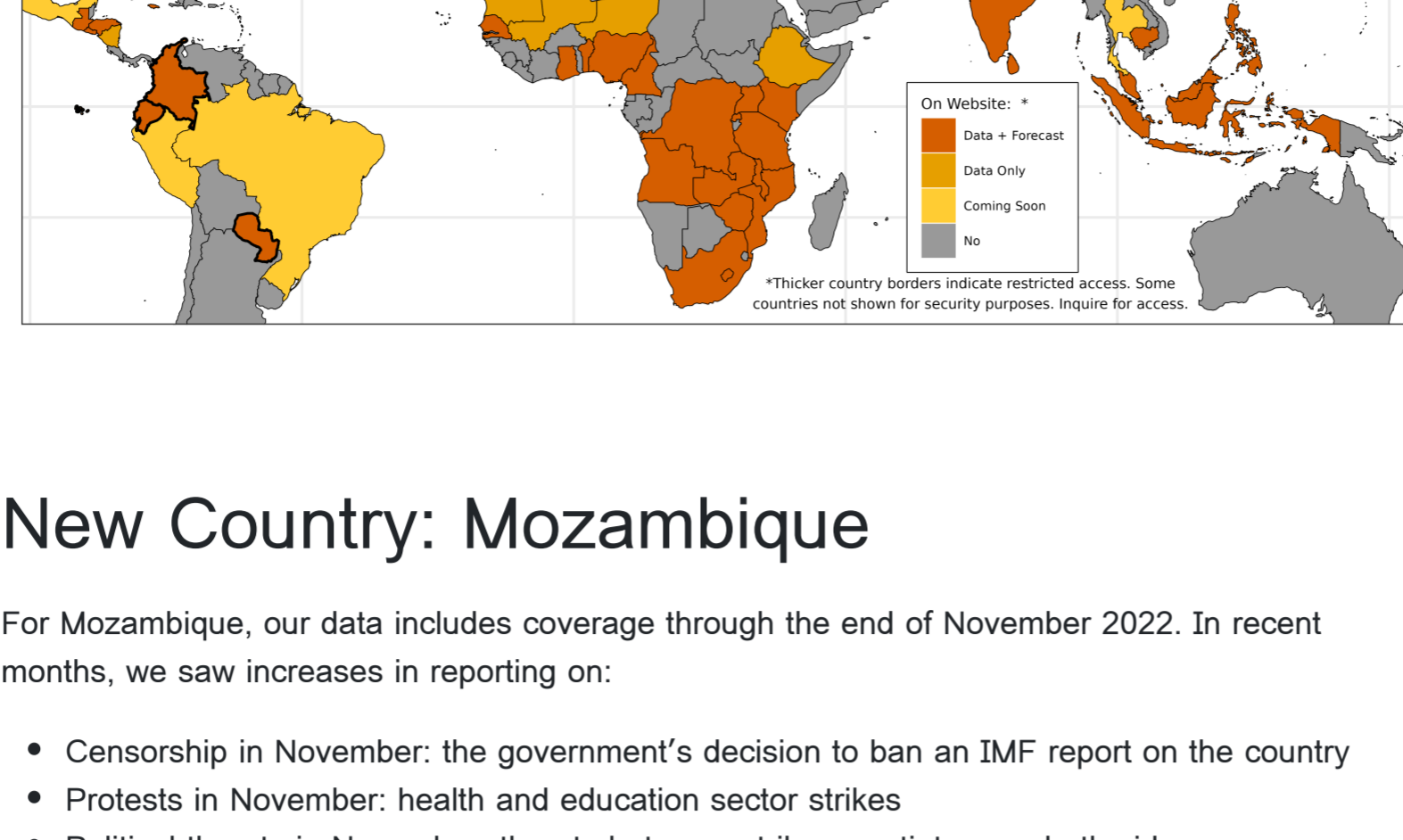
In these memos, we describe any major events that were detected by our data since the last update. We hope that this information can be useful for monitoring conditions across countries. We also review any notable forecasts made during the last data update and highlight any notable events we are forecasting 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.

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Current country coverage



New Country: Mozambique

For Mozambique, our data includes coverage through the end of November 2022. In recent months, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Censorship in November: the government's decision to ban an IMF report on the country
- Protests in November: health and education sector strikes
- Political threats in November: threats between strike negotiators on both sides
- Lethal Violence in September: a terrorist attack in the country
- Election Activity in September: upcoming district elections

Forecasts

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

New Country: India

For India, our data includes coverage through the end of November 2022. In recent months, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Raids in August-September: government raids on the Deputy Chief Minister of Government of Delhi and PFI-SDPI party offices.
- Defamation in December: Ex-Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh withdrawing a defamation suit against news anchor Arnab Goswami

Forecasts

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Jamaica Update

For Jamaica, our data includes coverage through the end of January 2023. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

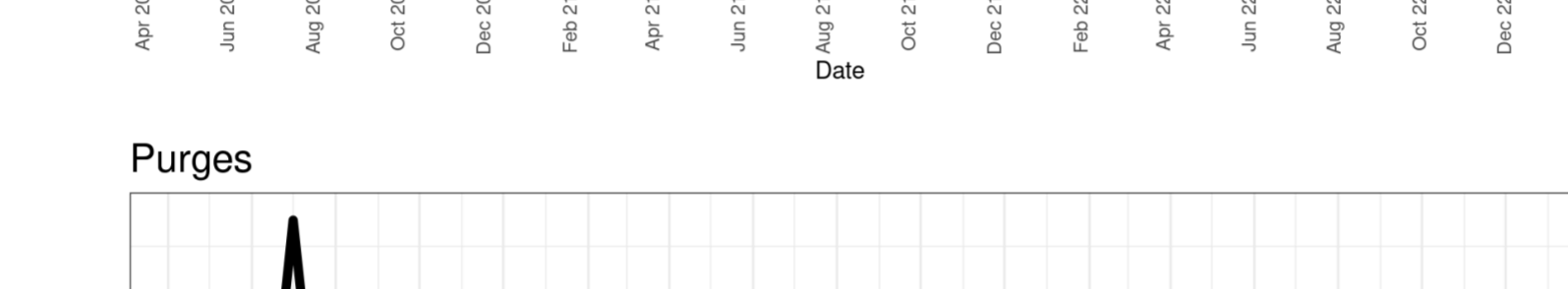
- Censorship in October: The Broadcasting Commission imposed a ban on music that promotes illegal activity
- Defamation in November: Antigua's Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) threatened counter-action against the government alleging damages due to charges of fraud related to land sales
- Threats in November: Threats to strike by public transportation workers
- Legal actions in January: Developments in the charges of fraud against Antigua's Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP)
- Corruption in January: The revelation of massive fraud at the Stocks and Securities Limited (SSL) investment firm
- Non-lethal violence in January: An increase in reporting on criminal violence not related to any specific event
- Troop mobilization in January: Mobilization of police forces to respond to rising violence

Forecasts

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

Civic Space Early Warning System

In September, our Civic Space Early Warning System predicted shocks to Censorship, Corruption, and Purge/Replace over the next seven months. During this period, we saw shocks to both censorship and corruption, indicating that our forecasts were accurate. However, we did not see a shock to Purge/Replace.



Malawi Update

For Malawi, our data includes coverage through the end of January 2023. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Arrests in December: Police arrested the Director of the Anti-Corruption Bureau
- Civic activism in January: Related to various NGO advocacy activities
- Protests in October: Coverage of mass anti-government protests
- Purge/Replace in November: The firing of high-level officials, including the Secretary of Agriculture
- Lethal violence in January: An increase in reporting on criminal violence not related to any specific event
- Disaster in January: Reporting on heavy rains causing flooding and a related Cholera outbreak

Forecasts

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

Mali Update

For Mali, our data includes coverage through the end of January 2023. Since the data was last updated for October, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Protests in November: Reporting on worker strikes and protests against a video perceived as blasphemy against Islam
- Censorship in November and December: Reporting on the suspension of Joliba TV News for two months
- Purge/Replace in January: Reporting on the resignation of a leader of one of Mali's largest political parties

Forecasts

We do not publish forecasts for Mali.

South Africa Update

For South Africa, our data includes coverage through the end of January 2023. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Purge/Replace in December: The resignation of an ANC Councillor

Forecasts

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

Turkey Update

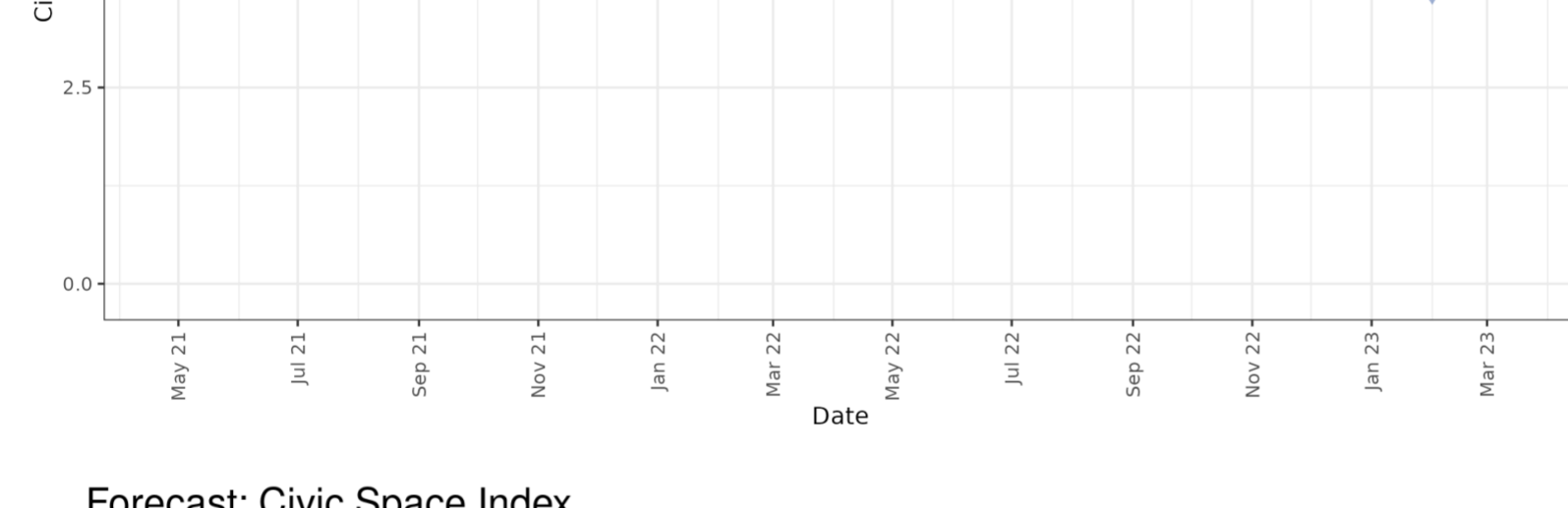
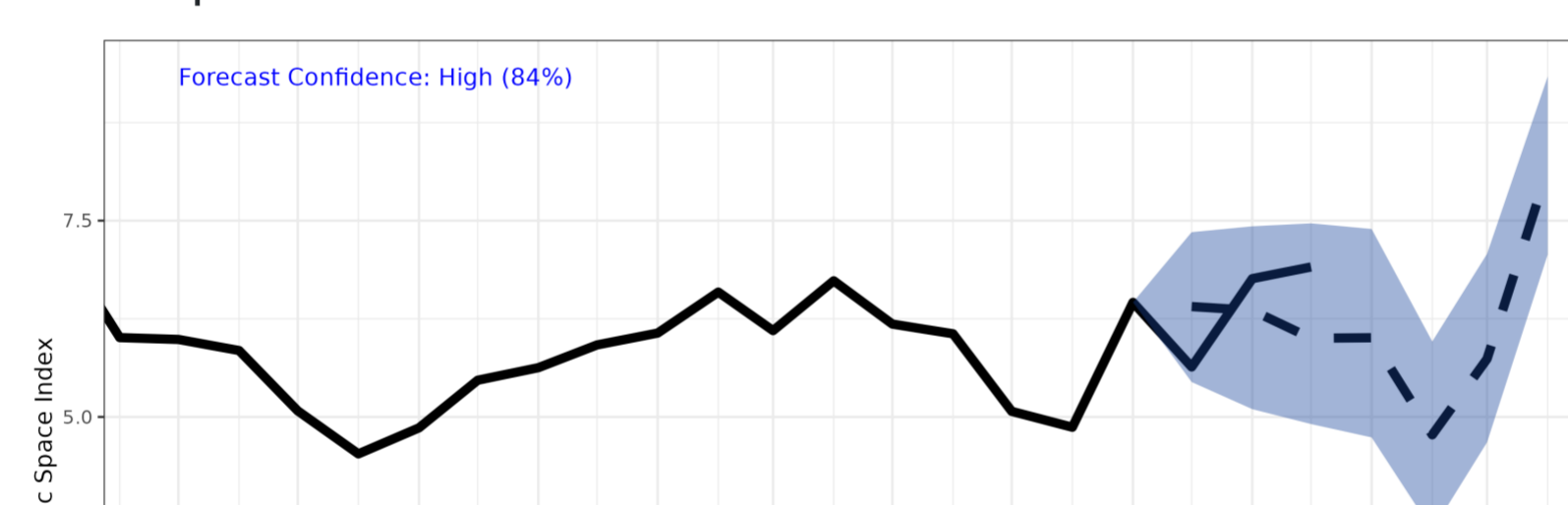
For Turkey, our data includes coverage through the end of December 2022. Since the data was last updated for September, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Censorship in October: Reporting on various actions against journalists, including arrests and fines against a TV station
- Legal changes in October: Reporting on extensive discussion of a new 'censorship' law and proposed changes to the constitution
- Defamation in December: Reporting on the filing of defamation charges against an opposition leader
- Legal action in December: Reporting on legal proceedings against an opposition leader
- Corruption in December: Reporting on corruption charges against a number of government figures

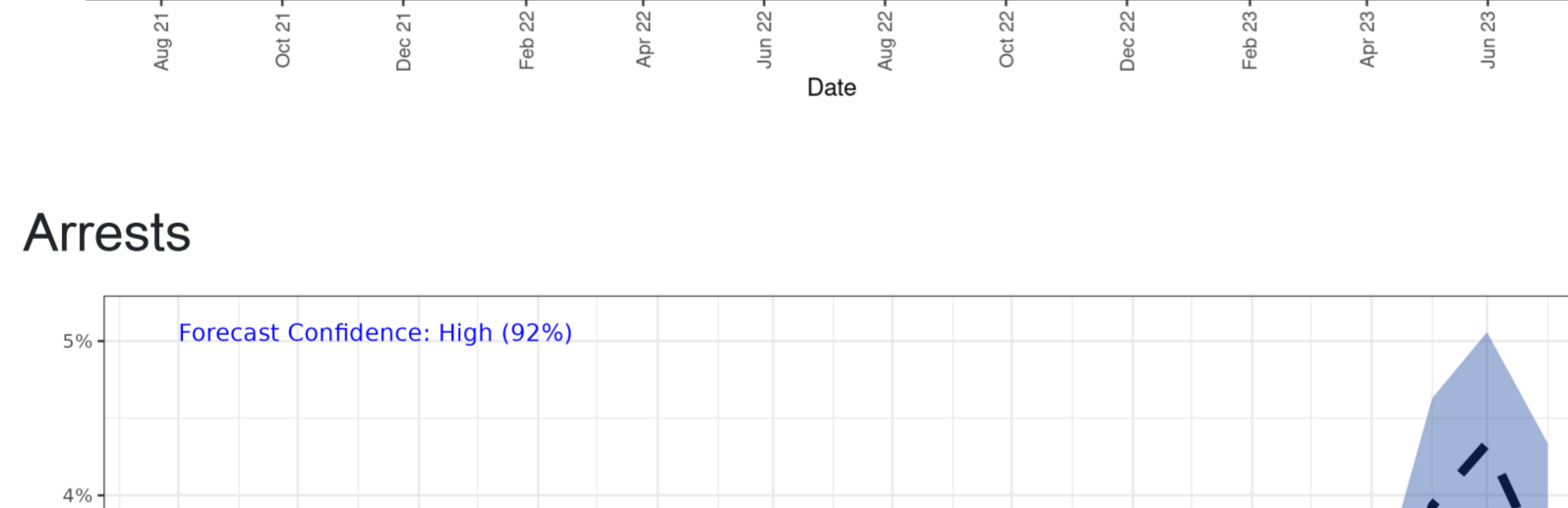
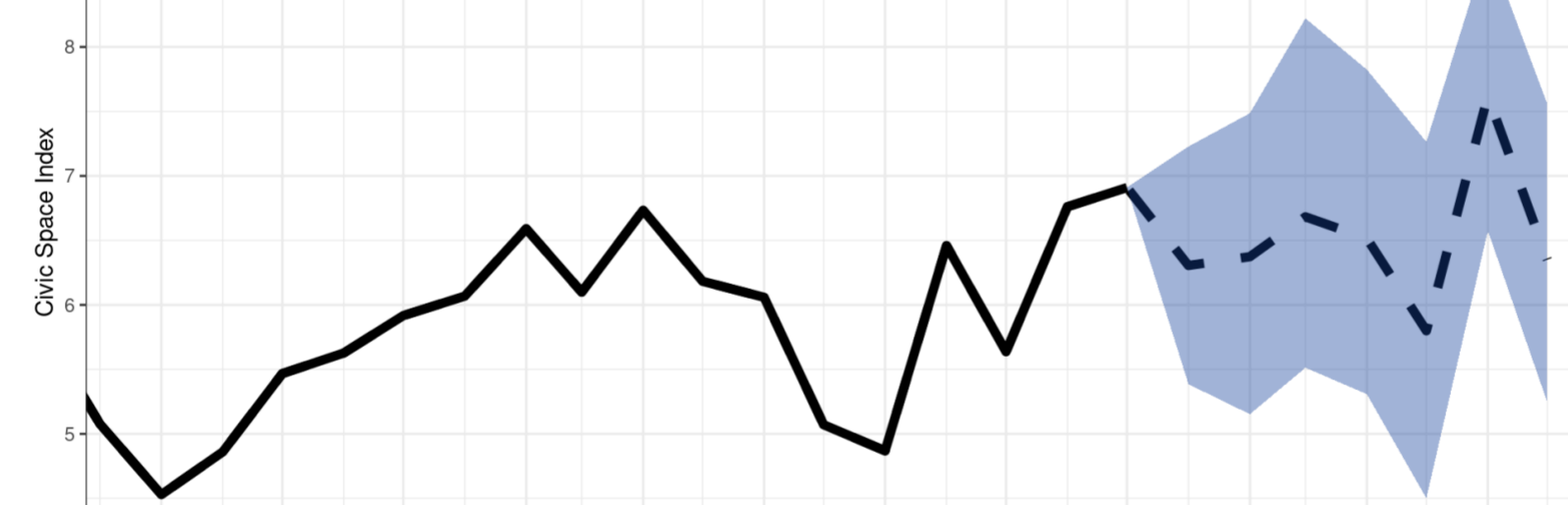
Forecasts

In September, we predicted increases in Defamation Cases in Q4 of 2022, Arrests in Q1 of 2023, and Non-lethal Violence in the Civic Space Index in Q2 2023. In December, we saw a spike dramatic increase in reporting on defamation cases (described above) indicating that our forecast was accurate. We also saw a steady increase in Arrests and a small increase in the Civic Space Index in Q4 2022, several months before the increases we were predicting. Our new models are predicting further but much smaller increases in Arrests and the Civic Space Index in summer 2023. Our new models are also still predicting an increase in Non-lethal Violence, but two months later than our September forecast. We are expecting an increase in Lethal Violence in summer 2023.

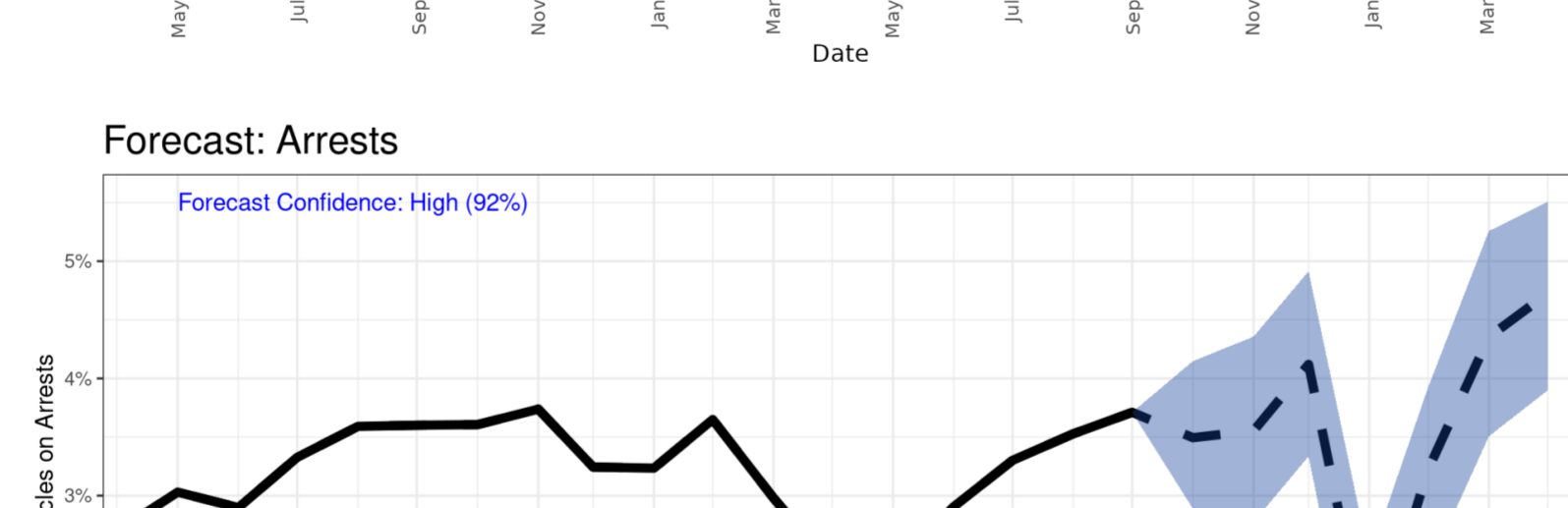
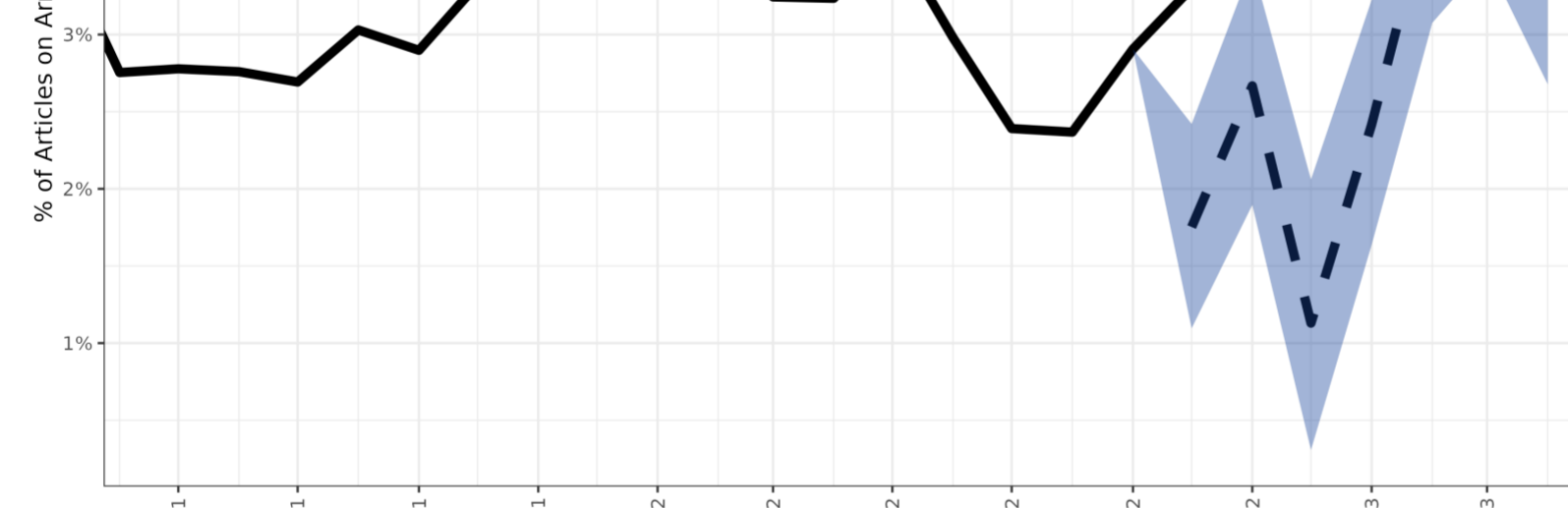
Civic Space Index



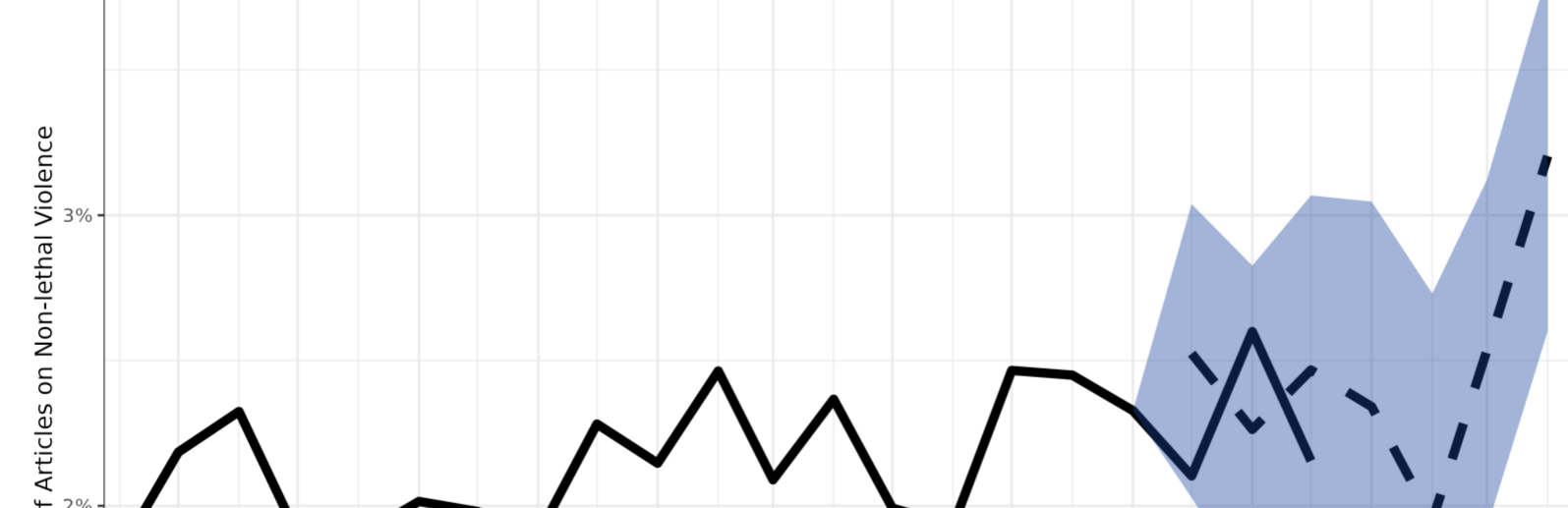
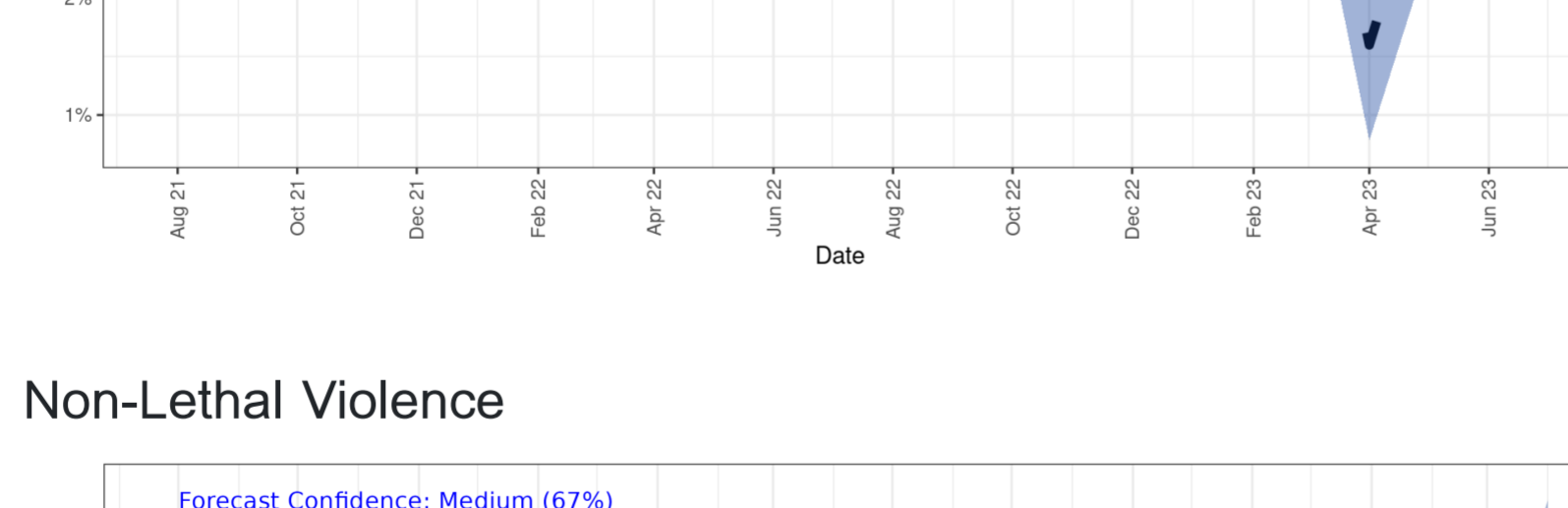
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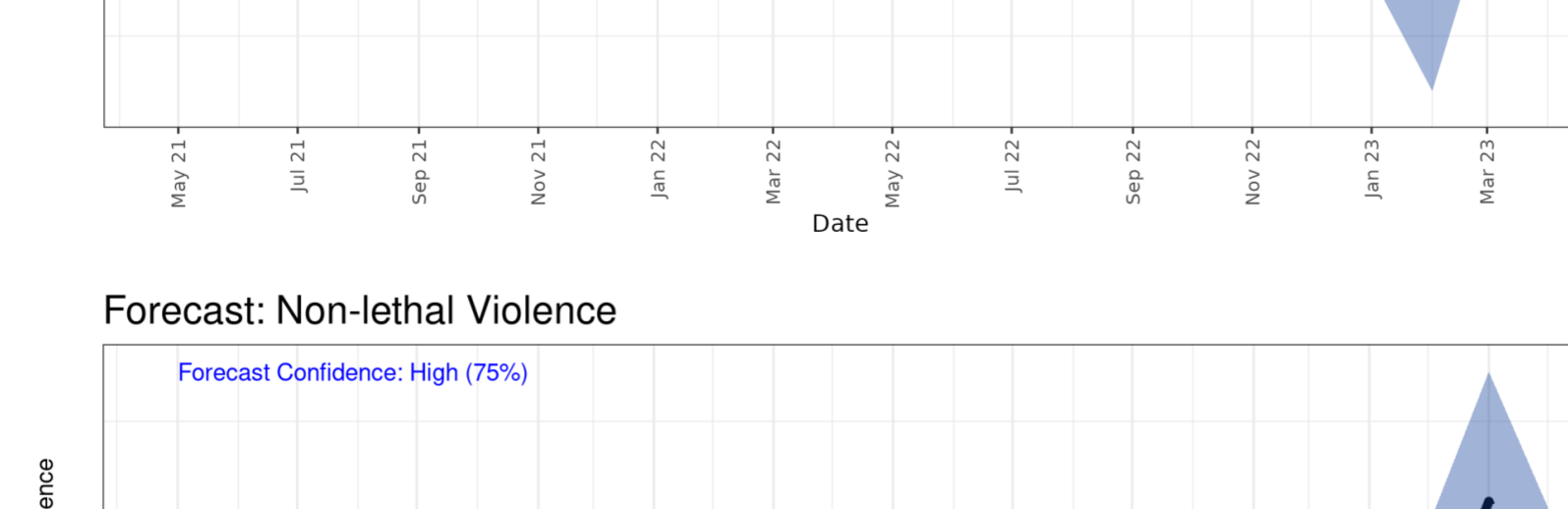
Non-Lethal Violence



Defamation Cases



Lethal Violence



Zambia Update

For Zambia, our data includes coverage through the end of January 2022. Since the data was last updated for October, we saw increases in reporting on:

- Lethal and non-violence in December: An increase in reporting on criminal violence not related to any specific event
- Irregular Transition in November-January: An increase in reporting on criminal violence not related to any specific event

Forecasts

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