



## Urban Conflict and Civilian Resilience

*Contested Cities in African Civil Wars: Post-CPA and Beyond*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines Urban Conflict and Civilian Resilience: Contested Cities in African Civil Wars: Post-CPA and Beyond with a focused emphasis on Malawi within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a perspective piece that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *Civilian Resilience Contested, Resilience Contested Cities, African Civil Wars, Civil Wars Post-CPA, Urban Conflict, Civilian Resilience*

#### Article Highlights

- Examines civilian resilience mechanisms in contested African cities
- Focuses on Malawi as a case study within political science
- Analyses institutional and policy dynamics in post-conflict urban settings
- Provides practical conclusions linked to core theoretical arguments

#### Methodological Approach

Perspective piece synthesising verified scholarship on urban conflict, with analytical implications for African contexts.

*This article foregrounds African-specific institutional and theoretical dynamics.*

## Introduction

The introduction of Urban Conflict and Civilian Resilience: Contested Cities in African Civil Wars: Post-CPA and Beyond examines Urban Conflict and Civilian Resilience: Contested Cities in African Civil Wars: Post-CPA and Beyond in relation to Malawi, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science ([Bendavid et al., 2021](#)) ([Bendavid et al., 2021](#)). This section is written as a approximately 413 to 634 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary ([Haldane et al., 2021](#)) ([Haldane et al., 2021](#)). Analytically, the section

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addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([Jahoda, 2021](#))([Jahoda, 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Urban Conflict and Civilian Resilience: Contested Cities in African Civil Wars: Post-CPA and Beyond; explain why it matters in Malawi; define the article objective; preview the structure([Marou et al., 2024](#)). In the context of Malawi, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Marou et al., 2024](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes The effects of armed conflict on the health of women and children ), Health systems resilience in managing the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons from 28 countries ), The impact of conflict on infectious disease: a systematic literature review ).

This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Current Landscape, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Current Landscape

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Urban Conflict and Civilian Resilience: Contested Cities in African Civil Wars: Post-CPA and Beyond; keep the section specific to Malawi; connect it to the wider article. In the context of Malawi, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Marou et al., 2024](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes The effects of armed conflict on the health of women and children ), Health systems resilience in managing the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons from 28 countries ), The impact of conflict on infectious disease: a systematic literature review ).

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## Analysis and Argumentation

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## Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Urban Conflict and Civilian Resilience: Contested Cities in African Civil Wars: Post-CPA and Beyond; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Malawi; suggest a next step. In the context of Malawi, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes The effects of armed conflict on

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This section follows Implications and Outlook and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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