

Border conflict between Tadjikistan and Kyrgyzstan

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Fig. 1 - S3 SLSTR (28.04.2021) - Central Asia has fragmented, incomplete borders. It led to a conflict between Tadjikistan & Kyrgyzstan.

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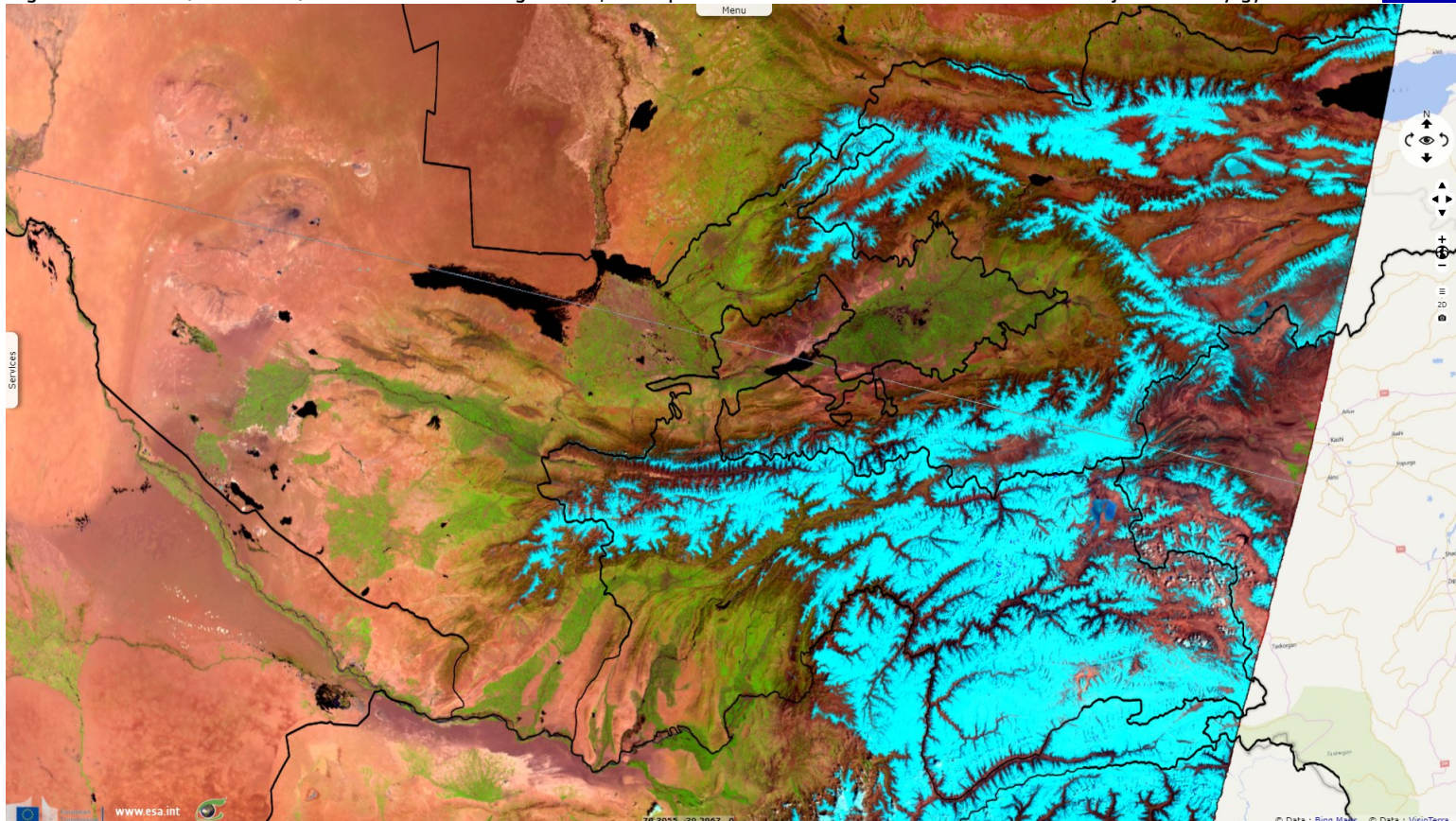
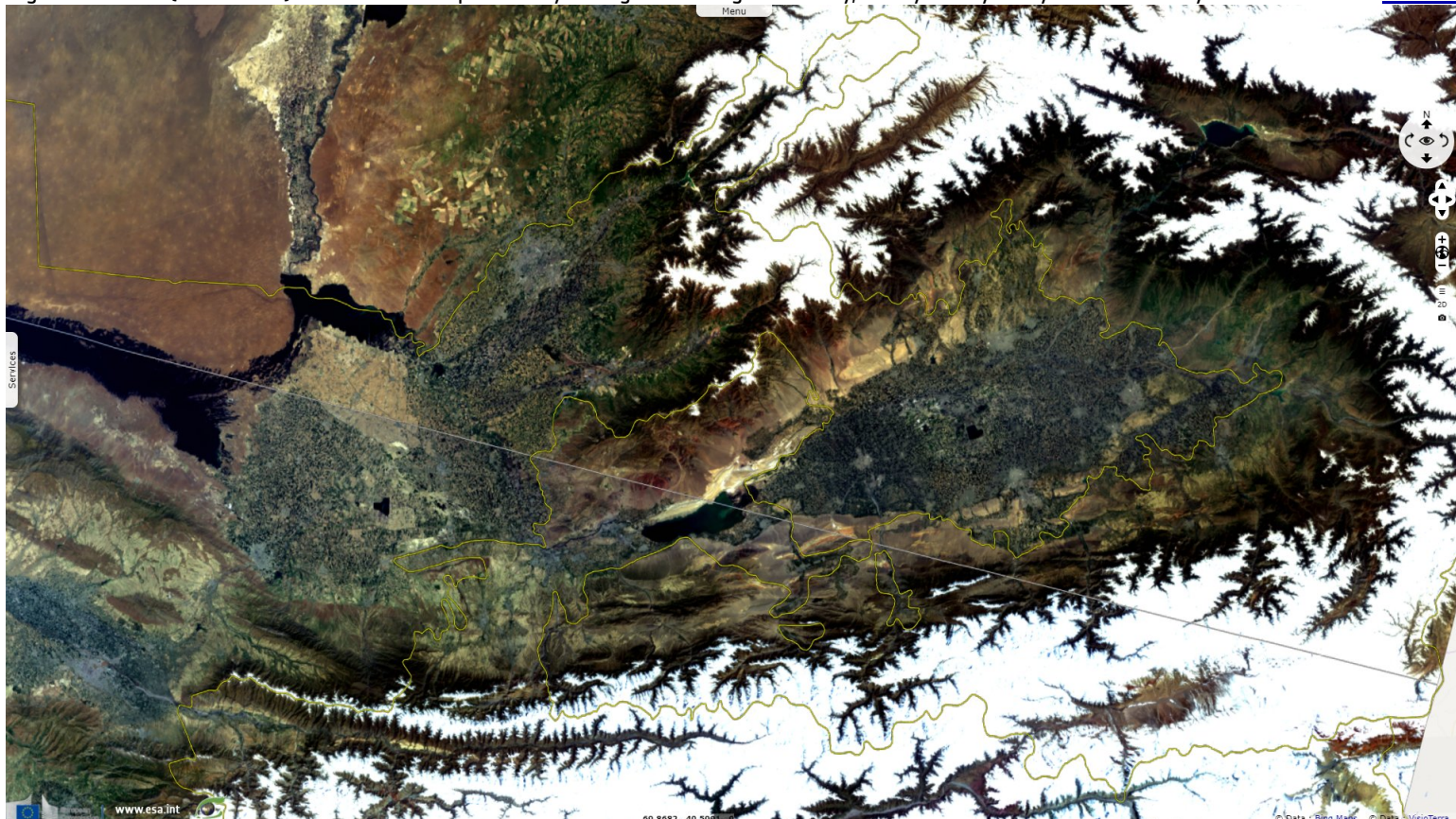


Fig. 2 - S3 OLCI (28.04.2021) - The tension is particularly strong in the Ferghana Valley, fed by the Syr Darya & its tributary the Isfara river.

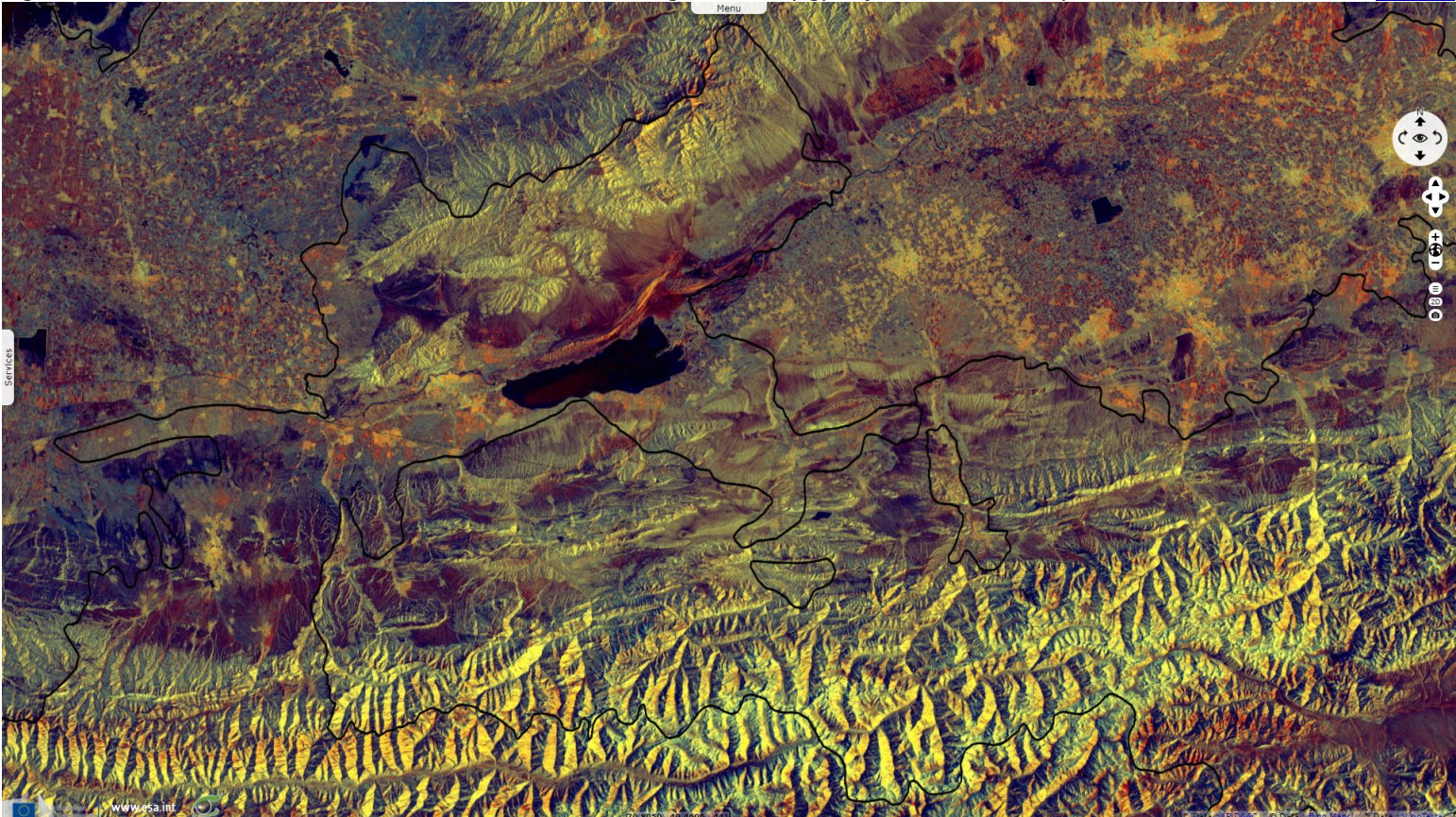
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Such conflicts have become chronic due to lack of land and water resources and demographic growth in the Ferghana Valley. The situation escalated in 2014, with five border clashes and four in 2019. Uzbekistan and Tajikistan have not yet fully demarcated their borders.

Fig. 3 - S1 (25.04.2021 - 02.05.2021) - A water-related conflict emerged on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border in Batken province.

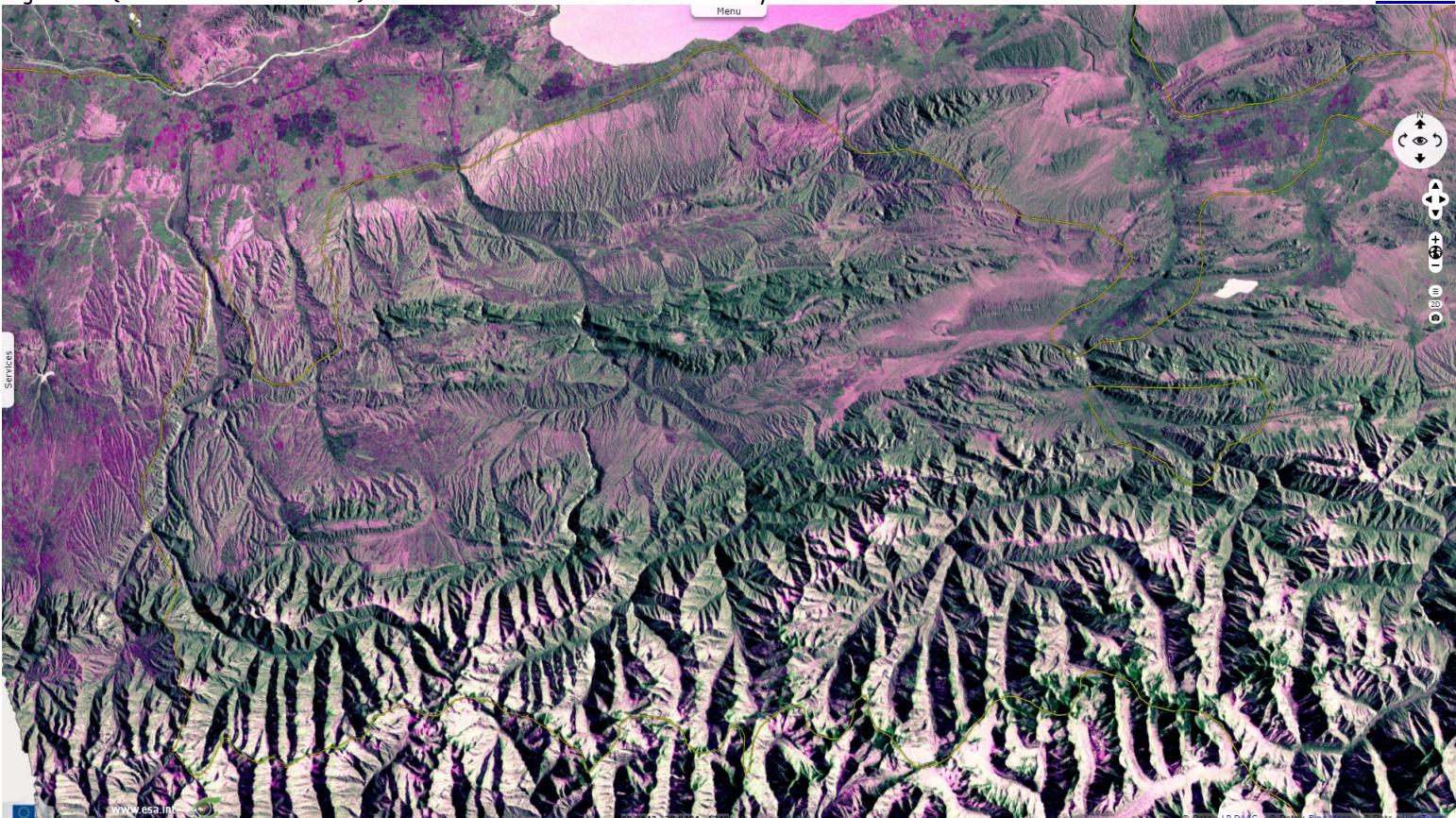
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40 000 civilians were displaced, over 170 people were injured and 55 people were killed, which of 31 Kyrgyz civilians. More than a hundred houses and other real estate in Kyrgyzstan were set on fire.

Fig. 4 - S1 (25.04.2021 - 02.05.2021) - A ceasefire was reached after three days of violence.

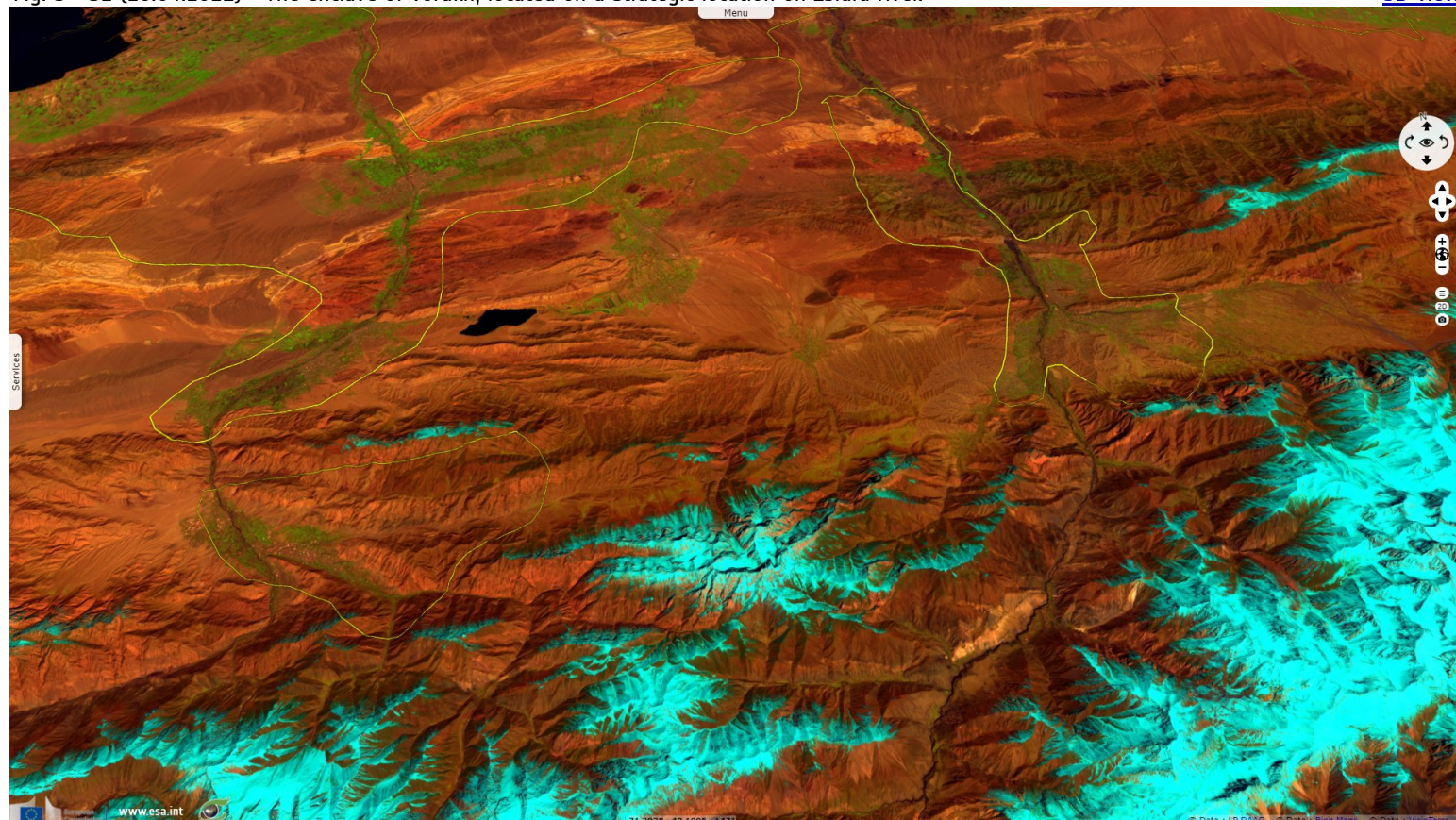
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The Kyrgyz Prosecutor General's Office filed a case on the crime against the peace on 30 April and accused the Tajikistan Armed Forces of invading the country and seizing their sovereign territory.













Fig. 5 - S2 (26.04.2021) - The enclave of Vorukh, located on a strategic location on Isfara river.

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The main border issue with Tajikistan is the Vorukh enclave for which Kyrgyzstan offered precise border delimitation and land swap. Kyrgyz and Tajik government delegations have agreed to jointly build a bypass connecting the village of Khojaly in Tajikistan with the enclave of Vorukh.

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