

War Casualties' Weekly Report



QASSED Strategic Research Center closely monitors the casualties of Afghan civilians and the involved parties due to war and security incidents on a weekly basis.

The casualties' figures are collected based on confirmed information and reports reported by the Afghan government sources, Taliban sources, eye-witnesses, and other reliable sources.

The main purpose of these reports is to grab attention of authorities and responsible parties to severe casualties of the ongoing war.



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Preface

This report covers the casualties of security incidents in the country, which have been occurred during 19 – 25 July 2019.

Last week's report shows that the casualties of both sides and civilians decreased compared to the previous week. The deadliest incident for Afghan forces took place in Ashkamish district of Takhar province, in which at least 37 Afghan soldiers were killed and 6 others wounded. Meanwhile, most of the civilian casualties were due to the airstrikes and night raids, as well as roadside bomb explosions.

Going forward through the report, details and exact figures of the casualties' of the Afghan government forces, anti-government armed militants and civilians can be found in separate titles.

Afghan Forces' Casualties

Last week, Afghan forces have been killed and wounded due to Taliban attacks, face-to-face battles and explosions:

July 19:

A local policeman has been killed and two others injured due to a roadside bomb explosion in Chaparhar district of Nangarhar province.

A police officer has been killed in a Taliban attack in PD1 of Kunduz city.

A local police commander has been killed and a policeman injured in an attack of armed militants on security posts in Faizabad district of Faryab province.

A traffic policeman has been killed in a car bomb blast at the entrance of Kabul University in Kabul city.

July 20:

A police car was ambushed by armed militants near to Maidan Shahr On the Kabul-Kandahar highway, killing four policemen.

A policeman was killed and five Afghan soldiers including an employee of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) were injured in a Taliban ambush in Qurghan Tapa district of Faryab province.



July 21:

Four policemen, including a local police commander of Zurmat district of Paktia province, were killed and six policemen were injured in a bomb blast in Gardez city.

Three Afghan soldiers were killed in a Taliban attack on a convoy of Afghan forces in Farahmand district of Farah province.

July 22:

Three Afghan soldiers, travelling in a civilian car, were killed in the Kushan district of Herat province on their way to Islam Qala.

July 23:

Taliban fighters attacked a checkpoint in Farah province, killing four policemen and wounding two others.

Besides civilians, three policemen were killed including the commander of Matakhan district of Paktika province in a roadside bomb explosion in Sharana city of the province.

July 24:

A police officer has been killed by unidentified motorcycle-riding gunmen in Kandahar city.

A mass attack was occurred on a police base in Almar district of Faryab province, in which a soldier and a National Directorate of Security (NDS) member were killed and four other soldiers were injured.

July 25:

In the Ashkamish district of Takhar province, Taliban militants have seized control of two security bases, resulting in the death of 37 Afghan soldiers and injuring 6 others. Of those killed, 24 are ANA soldiers and 13 are policemen injured are all policemen.

A police officer has been killed in an attack of unidentified gunmen in Ferozkoh city, the center of Ghor province.

Table-1: Afghan Forces' Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	30	8	38
Police	36	18	54
Total	66	26	92



Anti-government Militants' Casualties

In the past week, the government opposition armed fighters have suffered deaths and injuries due to Afghan forces operations and the Afghan and Foreign forces airstrikes.

July 19:

Thirteen Taliban fighters were killed including a Taliban intelligence officer in an operation carried out by Afghan forces in Nawa district of Ghazni province.

July 20:

In Khwaja Khel area of Nawa district of Ghazni province, the militants wanted to prepare their explosives for an explosion, but before reaching the target exploded and 24 militants were killed and 10 others were injured.

Four Taliban fighters were killed in a special operation by Afghan forces in Musa Qala district of Helmand province.

Also, an armed man was killed in an operation by Afghan forces in Nahr-e-Siraj district of Helmand province.

In the Ahmedabad district of Paktia province, militants wanted to plant a roadside bomb; however, the bomb exploded and killed three Taliban militants.

July 21:

28 Taliban militants have been killed in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Pulchrugh district of Faryab province.

Four Taliban fighters were killed in clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in Asiab Garg area of Kohna-e-Chamtal district of Balkh province.

Nine Taliban militants were killed and four others wounded during an operation by Afghan commandos in Marjah district of Helmand province.

July 22:

18 Taliban gunmen were killed and 13 others were injured during clashes between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Dai Chopan district of Zabul province and in Khas Uruzgan of Uruzgan province.

July 24:

Afghan forces attacked Taliban in Zanakhan and Andar districts of Ghazni province, killing three militants in Zanakhan and three in Andar district.

Three Taliban fighters were killed during a Taliban attack in Almar district of Faryab province.



July 25:

A gunman has been killed in a police shooting in Ferozkoh city the center of Ghor province.

Table 2: Casualties of the anti-government militants

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	114	27	141
Total	114	27	141

Civilian Casualties

In addition to Afghan Forces and anti-government armed militants, Afghan civilians also suffered heavy casualties during the last week, details are in below:

July 19:

8 civilians have been killed and 33 others injured in a car bomb explosion, near to the southern gate of Kabul University, in PD3 of Kabul city.

Five civilians including a child were killed in a roadside bomb blast in Khogyani district of Ghazni province.

Two civilians were killed due to an attack of unidentified motorcycle-riding gunmen on a police officer in Kandahar province.

Two civilians were injured in Taliban attack in the PD1 of Kunduz city.

Three civilians were killed in an airstrike in Bala Murghab district of Badghis province. There were no armed men in the area at the time of the attack.

July 20:

10 civilians, including three children and two women, were killed and two others were injured in airstrikes of Afghan forces in Bala Murghab district of Badghis province.

July 21:

8 civilians, including three women and four children, were killed and six others were injured in airstrikes of the US forces on Kuchi tent in the Baraki Barak district of Logar province.

An attorney has been killed by unknown gunmen in Zaranj city the center of Nimroz province.



July 23:

A civilian was killed in a roadside bomb blast in the Dawlatyar district of Ghor province, the target of the attack was the district ruler of Dawlatyar district and other officials.

A teacher was killed and two other civilians were wounded in a rocket attack of Afghan army helicopter in Bala Murghab district of Badghis province.

Two civilians, including a child, were killed and three others injured in a roadside bomb blast in Sharana of Paktika province.

July 25:

11 civilians, including five women, were killed and 45 others injured in a car bomb blast on the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum near to Mili Bus road cross, in PD16 of Kabul City.

Nine civilians, including six women and three children, were killed and eight others injured in a car bomb blast in Khogyani district of Nangarhar province.

Table 3: Civilians Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	61	101	162
Total	61	101	162

Foreign Forces' Casualties**July 24:**

An explosion occurred on a car of foreign forces in outskirts of Tarakhel area of PD15 of Kabul city, killing one foreign soldier and injuring two others. The killed and wounded were citizens of Croatia, who have been sent to Afghanistan under NATO forces.

Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

Last week's report shows that all over the country, 398 people have been killed and injured from July 19 – 25, 2019. Worth mentioning that this week the casualties of Afghan Forces and anti-government militants have been significantly reduced compared to the previous weeks, but civilian casualties were still high.



In the past week, 94 Afghan forces have been killed, but this week marked a significant drop where the rate has been dropped to 66. The death toll of the armed militants last week was 228, in this week it dropped to half of the past week and killed 114. Also in the past week, civilian casualties were 133 people, but in this week the casualties rate dropped to half and 61 people were killed. The general level of casualties this week is hopeful, but at the same time, civilian casualties in the attacks by the Afghan government and Taliban are worrying and do not indicate a decrease in violence at all.

Civilian casualties were still heavy due to airstrikes and night operations by Afghan and foreign forces, which have been repeated for the past several months. Communities of Maidan Wardak province warned the government about civilian casualties through a press conference in last week, saying that if the civilian casualties were not prevented, they will announce boycott with the government, but the Afghan government has not been taken significant step regarding that. Also this week, more civilian casualties have been reported killed and injured in blasts by the Taliban, which is of great concern.

QASED Strategic Research Center calls for serious reduction of violence from both sides, especially for the lives of civilians.

Table 4: Total casualties of war and security incidents

Name	Killed	Name	Wounded
Afghan Forces	66	Afghan Forces	26
Antigovernment Militants	114	Antigovernment Militants	27
Civilians	61	Civilians	101
Foreign Forces	1	Foreign Forces	2
Total	242	Total	156
Total Casualties		398	

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