

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 the ongoing war, which have been occurred in different areas of the county during 9 – 22 August 2019.

The report shows that the casualties of both sides decreased slightly compared to the previous week, however, the Afghan civilians suffered heavy casualties. The bloodiest incident happened in Kabul city when a suicide bomber attacked a wedding ceremony in which at least 80 people, including women and children, were killed and 182 others were wounded.

Overall, 720 people were killed in the last two weeks (350 killed and 370 wounded). Since the casualties have happened in two weeks, the figure shows a decrease in casualties compared to the week before these two weeks. The decrease was due to the unannounced ceasefire of Taliban during Eid days.

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

August 9:

Three irresponsible armed men were killed and 12 others were injured in an armed clash between two irresponsible armed groups in Takhar province, ChahAab district.

Four irresponsible armed men were killed in an armed clash between two irresponsible armed groups in Mahmood Raqi, the center of Kapisa province.

August 10:

Four Afghan Soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb explosion on Kabul - Kandahar high way.

Two policemen were killed and two others were injured due to a clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Seyorai area of Shinkai district, Zabul province.

An Afghan soldier and a local policeman were killed and two others were injured due to an attack of Taliban in Qarqin district of Jawzjan province.

August 11:

Five ANA soldiers were killed and seven others were wounded in an armed clash in Chahar Chino district of Uruzgan province. The police chief of the district was also injured in the clash.

August 14:

Five police officers were killed and two others were wounded in a roadside bomb blast in Gozargah-e-Noor district, Baghlan province.

A local policeman was killed by Taliban militants in Chasht-e-Sharif district of Herat province.

August 15:

Two pro-government armed men were killed in a Taliban attack in Qotas area of Firozkoh city, the center of Ghor province.

August 16:

Four policemen were killed and six others were wounded in an armed clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Qaisar district of Faryab province.

An Afghan Commando soldier was killed in an armed clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Aziz Abad village of Shindand district of Herat province.

August 17:

Taliban fighters attacked an outpost in Yangi village of Faryab province, killing five policemen and injuring six others.

A policeman was killed and seven others were wounded in an attack of Taliban on the center of Shirin Tagab district of Faryab province.

August 18:

A female police officer was killed after being seized by Taliban in Gozara district of Herat province.

August 19:

An ANA soldier was killed and three others were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in Temorak village of Chaharbolak District, Balkh province.

Taliban fighters attacked the center of Qadis district of Badghis province, killing An ANA soldier and injuring another.

August 20:

Three policemen were killed due to a clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Tangi Baidan area of Firozkoh city, Ghor province.



A local police commander has been killed by his bodyguard in Faizabad district of Jowzjan province.

Three policemen and a member of National Directorate of Security (NDS) were killed during a military operation of Afghan forces in Zari district of Balkh province.

Four local policemen were killed in an attack of Taliban in Tala-wa-Barfak district of Baghlan province.

August 21:

An Afghan Commando soldier was killed during a military operation in Qara-Quli area of Almar district of Faryab province.

Table-1: Afghan Forces' Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	14	12	26
Police	41	38	79
Total	55	50	105

Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties

August 11:

Seven Taliban fighters were killed and six others were injured in a military operation of Afghan forces in Maiwand district of Kandahar province.

Four Taliban militants were killed due to an airstrike in Gailan district of Ghazni province.

15 Taliban militants were killed due to an airstrike in Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province.

August 12:

A Taliban militant was killed in Padkhwab district of Logar province. Also, six Taliban militants were killed due to an airstrike in Narkh district of Maidan Wardak province.

August 16:

A Taliban militant was killed during an operation of Afghan Special Forces in Padkhwab district of Logar province.

Nine Taliban militants were killed due to airstrikes in Geelan and Giru districts of Ghazni province.

Three Taliban militants were killed and four others were wounded in a cleanup operation of Afghan forces in Bala-Boluk district of Farah province.

August 17:

Seven Taliban militants were killed due to an airstrike in Chahar-Chino district of Urozgan province.

Two Taliban fighters were killed in Garamsir district and five others were killed in Sangin district of Helmand province.

Eight Taliban fighters were killed and 10 others were wounded in armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in Shirin-Tagab and Dawlat-Abad districts of Faryab province.

12 Taliban fighters were killed during a Taliban attack on an outpost in Yangi Village of Faryab province.

August 18:

Seven Taliban fighters were killed due to an airstrike in Kunduz province.

Three Taliban fighters were killed and four others were wounded during a cleanup operation of Afghan forces in Bala-Boluk district of Farah province.

August 19:

Five Taliban fighters were killed due to an airstrike of Afghan forces in Arza district of Logar province.

A Taliban fighter was killed in Shindand districts of Herat province.

Two Taliban fighters were killed during Taliban attack on the center of Qadis district of Badghis province.

August 20:

Seven Taliban fighters were killed and 12 others were wounded in an armed clash between Taliban and ANP in Arghandab district of Zabul province.

38 Taliban fighters were killed and eight others were wounded in an armed clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Tangi-Bedan area of Firozkoh city, Ghor province.

August 21:

A Taliban fighter was killed during a military operation of Afghan forces in Dawlatyar district of Ghor province.



Table 2: Casualties of the Anti-government Armed Militants

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	145	44	189
Total	145	44	189

Civilian Casualties

August 9:

Five civilians were killed due to an armed clash between two irresponsible armed groups in Chah-e-Aab district of Takhar province.

Four civilians were shot killed in Jabal-Seraj district of Parwan province, but the cause of the incident is unidentified.

August 10:

Three civilians were killed due to a night raid of Afghan faces in the night of Eid in Khogyani district of Nangarhar province.

August 11:

11 civilians were killed in an operation of Afghan National Security Forces in Gulalkoh village of Zurmat district, Paktya province.

August 13:

A lecturer of Kandahar University, along with his four family members, was killed and three others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Jaghato district of Maidan Wardak province.

August 15:

Three civilians (two children and a woman) were killed and four others were injured in JaloKhel area of Tagab district, Kapisa province.

August 16:

Five civilians, including women, were killed in a night raid in Sandawar village of Said-Abad district of Maidan Wardak province.

A government official was killed after being seized by Taliban in Chehel-Dokhtaran village of Koshk-e-Rubat-e-Sangi district of Herat province.



August 17:

Three civilians were shot killed and three others were wounded by unknown armed men in Waghaz district of Ghazni province.

80 civilians were killed and 182 others were wounded due to a suicide bomber attacked a wedding ceremony in Shahr-e-Dubai wedding hall in PD6 of Kabul city. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack.

Nine civilians were killed due to a bomb blast near to a residential house in Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province.

A child was killed and six others were injured in a mortar shell blast in Mullayan area of Pashtoonkoot district of Faryab province.

August 18:

Nine civilians were killed due to a roadside bomb blast in Hayratan village of Dawalat-Abad district, Balkh province.

Due to several explosions in Jalalabad city, 66 civilians were injured.

Three civilians (members of a single family) were killed due to a mortar shell blast of Afghan forces in Aaq-Tepa village of Qala-e-Zal district, Kunduz province.

August 20:

Deputy Head of population registration office of Baghlan province was killed after being kidnapped by Taliban in Baghlan province.

Two civilians, including a child, were killed and a woman was wounded due to a roadside bomb blast in Firozkoh city, Ghor province.

Two civilians were killed and four others were wounded due to an attack of armed men in Naray district of Kunar province.

August 22:

A civilian was killed and six others were injured due to an attack of Afghan forces on a wedding ceremony in Chak district of Maidan Wardak province.

Table 3: Civilian Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	148	276	424
Total	148	276	424

Foreign Forces' Casualties

August 21:

The Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan has confirmed in a statement that two US soldiers were killed in Faryab province.

Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The past two weeks' report shows that all over the country, 720 people have been killed and injured (350 of them were killed and 370 wounded) from 9 – 22 August 2019.

Overall, the casualties' toll of the warring parties was relatively decreased due to the unannounced ceasefire by the Taliban during Eid days. Although the civilian casualties were also decreased overall the country during this reporting period, a deadly suicide attack of ISIS on a wedding ceremony in Kabul City has significantly increased the casualties' toll of civilians.

In the week before this reporting period, 117 Afghan forces were killed, but the last two weeks report shows that the figure decreased to 55. The number of Taliban killed members' toll was also decreased. In the week before these two weeks, 175 Taliban fighters were killed yet in this report the number decreased to 145. There were 59 civilian casualties reported in the previous report, but in the last two weeks the figure has been increased and 148 civilians were killed all over the country. The number of wounded civilians was also very high, reaching 276.

As mentioned before, during this reporting period (two weeks), the largest toll of civilian casualties was because of the bloodiest incident in Kabul city, however, civilians suffered casualties in Afghan forces night raids and airstrikes, and bombings carried out by Taliban.

The ISIS bloody attack in Kabul came in a time that as the US-Taliban peace negotiations in Doha were on their way to the ninth round and raised concerns about ISIS presence after a peace agreement between the two sides.

On the other hand, two American soldiers were reported killed on August 21 in Faryab province which is likely to highlight the ongoing talks between Taliban and the US, and US President Donald Trump, in hurry to reach a peace agreement with Taliban, may use this incident to his advantage. 16 US soldiers have been killed this year in Afghanistan, according to official US military figures.

Given the bloody situation of the ongoing war in the country and to prevent incidents like the Kabul last week's attack, QASED Strategic Research Center calls on Afghan government and Taliban not to create barriers in front of intra-afghan peace talks which will eradicate other groups' activities in Afghanistan. QASED also call on both parties to take serious care of the lives of the Afghan civilians.



Table 4: Total Casualties of War and Security Incidents

Name	Killed	Name	Wounded
Afghan Forces	55	Afghan Forces	50
Anti-government Militants	145	Anti-government Militants	44
Civilians	148	Civilians	276
Foreign forces	2	Foreign forces	-
Total	350	Total	370
Total Casualties		720	

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