

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 country during 23 – 29 August 2019.

According to the report's findings, overall casualties were higher this week than in the past two weeks; however, civilian casualties have declined again. A bloody incident this week took place on August 8 in Rabat-e-Sangi district of Herat province in which at least 14 pro-government forces were killed. In another incident, which took place on August 24 in Zabul province, at least 16 policemen were killed. On the other hand, civilian casualties were occurred due to clashes between irresponsible armed groups this week.

Overall, 574 people have been killed or wounded last week (367 have been killed and 207 others wounded).

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

Afghan Forces' Casualties

August 23:

Three local policemen were killed and two others were injured in armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in Ghazi-Abad area of Khogiani district of Nangarhar province.

Taliban militants attacked the district center of Zari in Balkh province, killing 12 policemen.

A clash took place between two irresponsible armed groups in Qarabagh district of Kabul province in which five armed men were killed.

Five policemen, including a local police commander, were killed and three others wounded in a Taliban attack in the Farsi district of Herat province.

August 24:

Taliban militants attacked a police station in Spiny-Ghbargy area of Qalat city of Zabul province, killing 16 policemen.

Four policemen were killed and two others were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion in Gardiz city, the capital of Paktia province.

Three policemen were killed and five others were wounded in clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in Sholgara, Balkh, Chamtal and Nahar-e-Shahi districts of Balkh province.



August 25:

Taliban militants attacked an outpost in Pul-e-Alam city, the capital of Logar province, killing a policeman.

Taliban militants attacked a police checkpoint on the Kabul-Kandahar highway in Zabul province, killing six policemen and wounding seven others.

Gunmen attacked an outpost in Kushk-e-Rubat-e-Sangi district of Herat province, killing two ANA soldiers.

August 26:

In Kokaldash area of Faizabad district of Jawzjan province, 10 local policemen were killed and 11 others were injured due to armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces. Baz Mohammad, a local police commander was killed during the attack by his son.

A police officer has been killed and a bodyguard wounded in a roadside bomb blast in Arghandab district of Kandahar province.

August 27:

Taliban militants attacked the district's security management in the Qaramqol district of Faryab province, killing two policemen and injuring nine others.

Taliban attacked a checkpoint in the central area of Sar-e-Pul province, killing two local policemen and injuring another.

Taliban militants attacked a compound in Girzewan district of Faryab province, injuring two soldiers.

Taliban militants attacked a checkpoint in Khwola--Asiab area of Qadis district of Badghis province, killing eight ANA soldiers and wounding five others.

August 28:

14 pro-government armed men were killed in a Taliban attack in Mawsom area of Kushk-e-Rubat-e-Sangi district of Herat province.

Two female police officers were killed by unidentified gunmen in Arghandab district of southern Kandahar province.

Four policemen were killed in a clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Kokaldash district of Jawzjan province.

A policeman was killed and two others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Arghistan district of Kandahar province.

A policeman was shot killed by unidentified gunmen near the PD7 of Kandahar city.



Table-1: Afghan Forces' Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	12	5	17
Police	92	43	135
Total	104	48	152

Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties

August 23:

Five armed militants were killed and eight others were injured due to armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in Ghazi-Abad area of Khogyani district of Nangarhar province.

Five Taliban fighters were killed in a joint military operation of Afghan and foreign forces in Pusht-Rud district of Farah province.

40 Taliban fighters were killed in armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in Zari district of Balkh province.

Three Taliban militants were killed by an Afghan soldier in Khan-Abad area of Kunduz province.

August 24:

Six Taliban militants were killed due to an airstrike in the Toadang area of Bala-Bulok district of Farah province.

A Taliban militant was killed and 11 others were wounded in a special operation by Afghan forces in the Baraki-Barak district of Logar province.

30 Taliban militants were killed and 18 others were wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Shulgara, Balkh, Chamtal and Nahar-e-Shahi districts of Balkh province.

August 25:

As a result of armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in Syed-Jan village of Qalat city, the capital of Zabul province, eight Taliban members were killed and 11 others were wounded.

Also, seven Taliban fighters were killed in clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in several areas of Zabul province.

21 armed Taliban were killed in airstrikes and ground clashes in Mehrabad Langar, Nachin and several other areas of Urozgan province.

13 Taliban militants were killed and three others were injured in an airstrike in Mano village of Shah-Walikut district of Kandahar province. Also, eight Taliban fighters were killed in an airstrike in Chola area of Shorabak district of the province.

August 26:

37 Taliban militants were killed and 10 others wounded due to airstrikes by Afghan forces in Balkh province.

Eight Taliban fighters were killed in an operation by Afghan forces in Ashkamish district of Takhar province.

August 27:

Six ISIS militants have been killed in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Pachiragam district of Nangarhar province.

Four Taliban fighters were killed and seven others were wounded as a result of armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in Qaramqol district of Faryab province.

As a result of armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in Girizwan and Qaisar districts of Faryab province, seven Taliban militants were killed and 11 others were injured.

Two Taliban militants were killed in a drone strike in Shindand district of western Herat province.

Nine Taliban fighters were killed and eight others wounded as a result of an armed clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Khula area of Qadis district of Badghis province.

August 28:

12 Taliban militants were killed and eight others wounded as a result of armed clashes between Taliban and Afghan forces in Kokaldash district of Jawzjan province.

Table 2: Casualties of the Anti-government Armed Militants

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	226	95	321
ISIS	6	-	6
Total	232	95	327



Civilian Casualties

August 23:

A clash erupted between two irresponsible armed groups in Qarabagh district of Kabul province in which two civilians were killed.

A civilian was killed and nine others were wounded in a roadside bomb blast in Khogyani district of Nangarhar province.

Campaign forces have been attacked in Ismail Mandozi area of Khost province, a civilian were killed and five others were wounded in the incident. Also, in Hammam Chawk area six civilians were injured due to an armed attack.

August 24:

A civilian was killed and four others, including two children and two women, were injured in an airstrike by US forces in Pul-e-Alam city of Logar province.

Two civilians were killed and a woman was wounded in a roadside bomb blast in Ferozkoh city, the capital of Ghor province.

August 25:

In the Rukh area of Barmal district of Paktika province, a combined operation of Afghan and foreign forces killed 3 civilians and injured 5 others, including a woman.

August 27:

The head of Language and literature faculty of Nangarhar University was killed and his son, along with two other lecturers, was injured in a bomb explosion in PD6 of Jalalabad city, Nangarhar province.

An explosion took place in a vegetable market in Khogyani district of Nangarhar province, killing one civilian and injuring 15 others.

Two children were killed and three others, including two children and a woman, were injured in a mortar shelling at a residential house in Tikar village of Mizana district of Zabul province.

A civilian has been killed by Taliban militants in Ahmadabad area of Paktia province.

A tribal elder has been killed by Taliban in Garda-Serai district of Paktia province

August 28:

Eight civilians were killed and seven others were injured as a result of armed clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in the Chahar-Dara area of Rabat-e-Sangi district of Herat province.

Three children were killed and six others injured in a rocket blast by Pakistani Army in Dangam district of Kunar province.



A tribal elder, Haji Spahi, and another civilian were killed in a night operation by Afghan forces in Sandawar area of Said-Abad district of Maidan Wardak province.

Table 3: Civilian Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	29	64	93
Total	29	64	93

Government Officials' Casualties

August 25:

A member of the provincial council of Baghlan province and other person were abducted and later killed by Taliban in Cheshm-e-Sher area of the province.

Foreign Forces' Casualties

August 23:

The Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan confirmed in a statement that a convoy of US forces has been attacked by a car bomb in Sayyad district of Parwan province, but there were no casualties. The Taliban claimed killing seven US troops and wounding four others in the suicide attack.

Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 574 people have been killed and injured (367 of them were killed and 207 wounded) from 23 – 29 August 2019.

Overall, the casualties' toll of the warring parties has increased this week again compared to the previous two weeks; however, civilians casualties have dropped noticeably.

55 Afghan soldiers were killed in the past two weeks, but this week the death toll has risen twice as much as the previous weeks, and 104 pro-government forces were killed. 145 armed militants were killed in the past two weeks, but this week, the level shows a significant increase, as 232 militants have been killed in different parts of the country. But in the past two weeks, the civilian casualties were 148, yet this week the number has dropped to 29. Civilians were still killed and wounded in night operations, explosions and armed clashes.



Reports of casualties all over the past few months indicate that violence on the battlefield by Taliban and the Afghan government has increased, causing civilian casualties. This change in the battlefield has been largely linked to the peace talks between the US and the Taliban in Qatar. The Afghan government has again increased its operations and attacks to impose pressure on Taliban for its pivotal role in the peace negotiations, which creates further obstacles in the way of creating an atmosphere of trust for peace.

Given the bloody situation of war in the country, QASED Strategic Research Center urges both sides of the ongoing war, to reduce the violence on the battlefield in order to create a positive atmosphere for peace and intra-Afghans negotiations and trust building between the two sides. Especially pay close attention to the lives of civilians.

Table 4: Total Casualties of War and Security Incidents

Name	Killed	Name	Wounded
Afghan Forces	104	Afghan Forces	48
Anti-government Militants	232	Anti-government Militants	95
Civilians	29	Civilians	64
Government Officials	2	Government Officials	-
Foreign forces	-	Foreign forces	-
Total	367	Total	207
Total Casualties		574	

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