

## Afghan War Casualties' Weekly Report



QASED 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 and international actors 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 November 1 – 7, 2019. Overall, 381 people have been killed or wounded this week (300 have been killed and 81 have been wounded).

According to the report's figures, the total death toll due to the ongoing war in the country has dropped this week compared to last week. Last week, 610 people were killed and wounded across the country; but this week, 381 were killed and wounded. The deadliest incidents for Afghan forces in this week occurred in Takhar and Badakhshan provinces, where at least 17 Afghan security forces were killed and nine others were wounded. However, civilian casualties increased again this week, with many deadly explosions and bomb blasts. The tragic incident of such blasts took place this week in Darqad district of Takhar province, killing nine children. On the other hand, although the death toll for anti-government's armed militants is generally higher, it shows a decline compared to the previous week.

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

### November 1:

Taliban militants attacked a security compound in the Qarabagh district of Ghazni province, killing five security personnel.

Taliban militants attacked Khwaja Bahauddin district center of Takhar province, killing nine policemen and wounding three others.

Taliban militants attacked police checkpoints in Sanchark district of Sar-e-Pul province, killing two local policemen and wounding two others.

A policeman was killed in an attack of Taliban in the Aab-Frosha area of Imam Saheb district of Kunduz province.

### November 2:

Eight security personnel were killed and six others were wounded in a Taliban ambush in Nusay district of Badakhshan province.



Two policemen were killed and two others injured in an attack by gunmen in the Tupakhana area of Sanchark district of Sar-e-Pul province.

**November 3:**

A policeman was killed and two others were injured in a bomb blast in Dand Shahabuddin area in Pul-i-Khumri city of Baghlan province.

A soldier has been killed in clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in Zari, Kishindeh, Chaharbulak and Balkh districts of Balkh province.

**November 4:**

An ANA soldier has been killed and three others injured in a roadside bomb blast in Khost city.

A policeman was killed in an attack by unidentified gunman in Kandahar city.

**November 5:**

An ANA soldier has been killed in a roadside mine blast in Poshta area of Pashtunkot district of Faryab province.

A clash erupted between Afghan forces and Taliban in Kunduz City, killing two policemen and wounding four other security forces.

**November 6:**

Six policemen were killed and four others were injured when a roadside bomb exploded on the road between Qala-e-Naw city and Muqur district of Badghis province.

Two security personnel have been killed in a bomb blast in the Alasai district of Kapisa province.

Taliban militants attacked a police headquarter in Chaharbulak district of Balkh province, killing the police chief and one policeman and wounding three policemen.

Taliban militants attacked police outposts in Kejran district of Daikundi province, killing three policemen.

Three security personnel have been killed in clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in Daikundi and Nimroz provinces.

**November 7:**

One policeman was killed and another was injured during an operation by Afghan forces in Andkhoy district of Faryab province.

A policeman was killed and two others were injured in Taliban attacks on security checkpoints in Atghar district of Zabul province.



**Table-1: Afghan Forces' Casualties**

| Name         | Killed    | Injured   | Total Killed and Injured |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| ANA          | 8         | 3         | 11                       |
| Police       | 44        | 29        | 73                       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>84</b>                |

### Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties

#### November 1:

21 Taliban fighters were killed and 13 others were injured in an operation by Afghan forces in Sherzad district of Nangarhar province.

15 Taliban militants were killed in armed clashes between police and Taliban in Sanchark district of Sar-e-Pul province.

Two Taliban members were killed in an operation by Afghan forces in Shoraabad and Qala-i-Zaman areas of Farah city.

#### November 2:

Five Taliban militants were killed and six others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in Sancharak district of Sar-e-Pul province.

Five Taliban militants were killed in police attacks in Shena Qala area of Baraki Barak district of Logar province.

#### November 3:

Four Taliban militants have been killed in a clash with security forces in the Sherga area of Musa Qala district of Helmand province.

Eight Taliban militants were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in the Shawalikot district of Kandahar province. Also, six Taliban militants were killed in the Jaldak area of Qalat city and Shahr-e-Safa district of Zabul province, and 16 other were killed in Khas Uruzgan district of Uruzgan province.

26 Taliban militants, including three commanders, were killed and 10 others were injured in airstrikes by Afghan forces in Zari, Kishindeh, Chaharbulak and Balkh districts of Balkh province.



A clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Nusay district of Badakhshan province has killed four Taliban militants and wounded seven others.

#### **November 4:**

Three Taliban fighters were killed in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Ab-band district of Ghazni province.

Seven Taliban fighters were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Zarmala district of Paktia province.

Three Taliban militants were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Dehghanan and Badam-Qul villages in Arghandi area of Paghman district, Kabul province.

#### **November 5:**

Two Taliban fighters were killed in Afghan Forces Operations in Seni Camp area of Andar district of Ghazni province.

50 Taliban militants were killed in joint Afghan Forces operations in Gizab district of Uruzgan province.

A gunman was killed by policeman in Rabat-e-Kabuliha area of Herat city.

#### **November 6:**

Two Taliban militants were killed and five others injured in armed clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in Daikundi and Nimroz provinces.

#### **November 7:**

Afghan forces initiated airstrikes on a Taliban commander's house in the Maida-Qul area of Abkumri district of Badghis province, killing his wife and children along with the commander and four other militants.

Three Taliban militants were killed and two others were injured in clashes between Taliban and police in Atghar district of Zabul province.

**Table 2: Casualties of the Anti-government Armed Militants**

| Name         | Killed     | Injured   | Total Killed and Injured |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Taliban      | 188        | 43        | 231                      |
| ISIS         | -          | -         | -                        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>188</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>231</b>               |

## Civilian Casualties

### November 1:

Four members of a single family have been killed in airstrikes by Afghan forces in the village of Mili Khel in Saidabad district of Maidan Wardak province.

A driver who refused to pay a bribe at a police checkpoint was killed by policemen in Qalat city, the capital of Zabul province.

### November 2:

Seven civilians, four of them were members of a single family, were killed in a roadside bomb blast in Sar-Hawza district of Paktika province.

Nine students, aged between five and 12, have been killed in a mine blast in Kotrama area of Darqad district of Takhar province.

### November 3:

Two women, two men and four children, all of whom were members of a single family, were killed in a roadside bomb blast in the Akakhel village of Dand Shahabuddin area of Baghlan province. Six others have also been injured in the incident.

Six civilians were killed in a drone strike in Zazi Aryob district of Paktia province, whom were heading to the mountain to collect woods.

### November 4:

Two civilians have been killed in a roadside bomb blast in Kejran district of Daikundi province.

A child was killed along with militants during an airstrike by Afghan forces in Abe-band district of Ghazni province.

### November 5:

Kabul University professor was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Hematkhel area of Baghlan-e-Markazi district on Kunduz-Baghlan highway.

### November 6:

Ten civilians, including women, were killed in a mine blast in Alasai district of Kapisa province.

A woman was killed in a roadside bomb blast in Qala-i-Naw city of Badghis province.

### November 7:

Three judges and a staff member of the Paktia appeal court have been killed in an attack by unknown gunmen in Mohammad Agha district of Logar province.



Afghan forces initiated airstrikes on a Taliban commander's house in the Maida-Qol area of Aabkamri district of Badghis province, killing three women and three children.

**Table 3: Civilian Casualties**

| Name         | Killed    | Injured  | Total Killed and Injured |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
| Civilians    | 60        | 6        | 66                       |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>66</b>                |

### Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 381 people have been killed and injured (300 of them were killed and 81 wounded) from 1 - 7 November 2019.

This week, the overall death toll has dropped, but civilian casualties have risen again compared to last week. On the Afghan government's side, 83 Afghan security forces were killed last week; but this week the number has dropped to 52. The death toll for the anti-government's armed groups also declined compared to last week. Last week, 295 armed militants were killed, but this week a total of 188 Taliban militants were killed in different parts of the country. On the other side, the death toll for civilians is higher than last week. Last week, the civilian death toll was 39, but this week the number has risen to 60.

According to this week's report, civilian casualties have increased this week compared to the previous week; however this week, mine blasts have caused civilians casualties, especially children. The deadliest incident took place in Darqad district of Takhar province, where a mine exploded and killed nine children. Generally, the death toll for civilian casualties due to the ongoing war in Afghanistan is high. In this regard, Save The Children international organization has also recently expressed concerns over the deaths of children in Afghanistan. According to the UN recent report, 12500 children were killed between the years 2015 and 2018, where 600 of them were killed in roadside bomb blasts.

The Independent Human Rights Commission also said in its latest report that in the first six months of the current year, 6487 civilians were killed, representing an increase of 8 percent over the same period last year. According to the report, in the first six months of the year, 1611 civilians were killed and 4876 others injured, including 576 women and 1634 children.

In general, the fighting parties in Afghanistan don't care about the civilians' lives, and most of the civilians casualties are caused because of airstrikes and night raids of Afghan and foreign forces, as well as the explosion of the government's armed opposition. An entire house was

bombarded by Afghan forces and several women and children were killed in Baghlan province this week in order to kill a Taliban leader. Often such attacks completely targets civilians, which this week also killed four civilians in an airstrike on a house of civilians in Sayed Abad district of Maidan Wardak province. Mine explosions on the other hand also cause widespread casualties. Ghazni province officials said in a recent statement that roadside bomb blasts, rocket attacks and car-bomb blasts in residential areas have killed 259 civilians since the beginning of this year. It is said that 72 of them were killed and 178 others were injured.

Qased Strategic Research Center as a war casualties' monitoring organization in the country urges the fighting parties in the country to pay a serious attention to the civilians' lives and avoid targeting civilians.

**Table 4: Total casualties of war and security incidents**

| <b>Name</b>               | <b>Killed</b> | <b>Name</b>               | <b>Wounded</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Afghan Forces             | 52            | Afghan Forces             | 32             |
| Anti-government Militants | 188           | Anti-government Militants | 43             |
| Civilians                 | 60            | Civilians                 | 6              |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>300</b>    | <b>Total</b>              | <b>81</b>      |
| <b>Total Casualties</b>   |               | <b>381</b>                |                |

The end