

## 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, occurred in different parts of the country during December 20 – 26, 2019. Overall, 330 people have been killed or wounded this week (229 killed and 101 wounded).

According to the report's statistics, the total death toll due to the ongoing war in the country has increased this week compared to last week. Last week, 322 people were killed and wounded across the country; but this week, 330 were killed and wounded.

The death toll for the Afghan forces shows a decline compared to last week. The deadliest incidents occurred in Balkh province. In only two incidents in this province, at least 25 Afghan soldiers were killed and 16 others wounded.

The number of civilian casualties also increased this week. Civilians were still killed in bomb blasts implemented by the anti-government armed militants, airstrikes and night raids. The deadliest incidents of night raids and blasts occurred in Nangarhar, Laghman and Kapisa provinces, and in these three provinces, 17 civilians were killed and seven others were injured.

The death toll among the anti-government armed militants has also increased this week compared to last week, and many deaths have occurred due to airstrikes.

An American soldier was also killed this week in a Taliban attack in Chardara district of Kunduz province.

You will read in this report the details of casualties of the Afghan government forces, anti-government armed militants, Afghan civilians, and foreign forces, as well as analysis of the most important security incidents and the security situation in the country in last part.

## Afghan Forces' Casualties

### December 20:

Unknown gunmen attacked a convoy of Afghan forces in Qala Nasro area of Bagram district of Parwan province, killing one soldier.

The district chief of Deh-Yak was injured in an attack by Taliban in Ramak area of Deh-yak district of Ghazni province.

### December 21:

A local police commander has been killed and two of his guards wounded in a Taliban ambush in Farah province.

Three policemen were killed and two others injured as a result of two separate security incidents in Faryab province.

**December 22:**

Taliban militants attacked an outpost of Afghan forces in Qadis district of Badghis province, killing one local policeman and injuring another.

**December 23:**

A local police commander and his bodyguard were killed in a Taliban militant ambush in Ala-Sai district of Kapisa province.

An ANA soldier was injured in a clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Baghlan province.

**December 24:**

Taliban militants attacked a local police outpost in Kokaldash area of Faizabad district of Jawzjan province, killing two local policemen and injuring two others.

Taliban militants attacked an outpost in Dawlatabad district of Balkh province, killing 15 security forces and injuring seven others.

An explosion occurred on a patrol of Afghan forces in Noozi-kholi area of Samkanai district of Paktia province, killing one ANA soldier and injuring one border policeman.

Due to an explosion on an Afghan police patrol car in Aryob Zazi district of Paktia province, one policeman was injured.

**December 25:**

A policeman was killed and two others were wounded in a Taliban attack near the police provincial headquarter in Kunduz City.

**December 26:**

10 ANA soldiers have been killed and nine others injured as a result of a car-bomb attack and armed clashes at an ANA military base in Khas Balkh district of Balkh province.

A policewoman was killed by her husband in Sar-e-Pul province.

Five ANA soldiers were killed in an attack of Taliban in Lewani Bazaar area of Qarabagh district of Ghazni province.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	23	13	36
Police	20	16	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>72</b>



## Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties

### December 20:

An gunman was killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and gunmen in Qala Nasro area of Bagram district of Parwan province.

Three Taliban fighters were killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Dehyak district of Ghazni province.

An airstrike in Khanqa district of Jawzjan province killed five Taliban militants and wounded six others.

In a bomb blast in Qazi Khel area of Dand Ghori district of Baghlan province, six militants were killed and two others were injured.

### December 21:

Seven Taliban fighters were killed in attacks by Afghan forces in Alishang district of Laghman province.

Two militants were killed including the shadow district's chief for Push Koh district, and two others were injured in Karwanqah area of Shindand district of Herat province.

Four Taliban militants were killed in a roadside bomb blast in Dand Ghori area of Baghlan province.

A Taliban militant has been killed and another injured in an attack by Afghan forces in Barmal district of Paktika province.

Two Taliban militants, including a key member of the group were killed in clashes with Afghan forces in Adraskan district of Herat province.

### December 22:

30 militants were killed in an attack by Afghan commandos in Barmal district of Paktika province.

Four militants were killed in an airstrike in Zurmat district of Paktia province.

### December 23:

A Taliban militant was killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Ahmad Khel area of Khogyani district of Nangarhar province.

Three armed Taliban were killed and two others were injured in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Alishang district of Laghman province.

Five Taliban militants were killed and seven others were injured in an airstrike in Dahna-i-Ghori district of Baghlan province.

Eight Taliban militants were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Garamsir district of Helmand province.

Airstrikes in Sherin Tagab and Dawlatabad districts of Faryab province have resulted in the death of Four Taliban militants and six wounded.

#### **December 24:**

Three Taliban militants were killed and four others were injured in a clash between Taliban militants and Afghan forces in Kokaldash area of Faizabad district of Jawzjan province.

17 Taliban militants were killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Sayedabad area of Nad Ali district of Helmand province.

Taliban's shadow district's chief for Shindand district and two other militants were killed in Gulran district of Herat province.

Four Taliban militants were killed and another wounded in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Bacha-ghan Dara of Nijrab district of Kapisa province.

A Taliban militant was killed due his own bomb blast in Gorziwan district of Faryab province.

Six Taliban militants were killed and two others wounded in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Tirinkot, the capital of Uruzgan province.

Armed clashes between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Dehraud and Khas Uruzgan districts of Uruzgan province have killed six insurgents and wounded four others.

#### **December 25:**

13 Taliban militants were killed and five others were injured in attacks by Afghan forces on Kunduz-Khanabad highway in Kunduz province.

#### **December 26:**

16 Taliban militants, including two key members of the group, were killed in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Kishanda district of Balkh province.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	153	42	195
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>195</b>

## Civilian Casualties

### December 20:

Seven civilians were killed in a night raid by Afghan forces in Bitoni village of Tor Ghar area of Khogyani district, Nangarhar province.

### December 21:

A civilian was injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in the Shareen Tagab district of Faryab province.

Two civilians were killed and four others wounded in two separate security incidents in Faryab province.

### December 23:

Three civilians were killed and seven others injured in a bomb blast at a funeral ceremony in Dawlat Shah district of Laghman province.

Six civilians, including a child and two women, have been killed in an airstrike by foreign troops in Afghania Dara area of Nijrab district of Kapisa province.

A civilian was killed in a joint night operation by Afghan and foreign forces in Ahmad Khel area of Khogyani district of Nangarhar province.

### December 24:

Two women were killed when a mortar shell struck a house in Aqasi area of Khwaja Omari district of Ghazni province.

Three civilians were killed an attack by unknown gunmen in Qudos area of Kuhasan district of Herat province.

A bomb exploded in Aainu Mina town of Kandahar city, wounding five civilians.

### December 25:

Three civilians were killed and three others were injured, including the manager of public health of Uruzgan province, in an explosion in Tirinkot city of Uruzgan province.

Three civilians were killed and two others were injured due to firing of Tajik border forces in Tahirian area of Darqad district of Jowzjan province.

Beside one policeman, two civilians were injured in a Taliban attack near the police provincial headquarter in Kunduz City.

### December 26:

A bomb blast in Khost city injured five civilians.



Two civilians, including a 12-years-old child, were killed in a drone strike in Laman area of Burmal district of Paktika province.

**Table 3: Civilian Casualties**

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	32	29	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>61</b>

## Foreign Forces' Casualties

### December 23:

A US Special Forces soldier was killed and another wounded in a Taliban planted mine blast in Chahar Dara district of Kunduz province.

## Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 330 people have been killed and injured (229 of them were killed and 101 wounded) from 20 - 26 December 2019.

The total number of casualties in this week has been higher than it was last week. On the Afghan government's side, 58 Afghan security forces were killed last week; however, this week the level fell to reach 43 Afghan security forces killed. The death toll for the anti-government armed militants has risen again this week. 122 insurgents were killed last week; however, this week, 153 were killed in different parts of the country. Civilian casualties also showed a higher rate than last week. Last week, the civilian death toll was 27, but this week the number has risen to 32.

This week, civilians were once again killed in attacks initiated by both sides of the war, many civilians were killed, especially in the night raids of Afghan and foreign forces. The civilian casualties due to the ongoing war are high and both sides do not care about civilians life. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said in its latest report that more than 100 thousands civilians have been killed and wounded in the conflict in the last decade. Tadamichi Yamamoto, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan and head of UNAMA said in a press release that the Afghan conflict has no military solution and Afghans should take a serious call for peace.

This week, casualties occurred among US troops in an attack by Taliban. An American soldier was killed and another was injured in a bomb blast in Chardara district of Kunduz province, the death of the American soldier was confirmed by US Defense Department.

Meanwhile, US delegation and Taliban representatives are trying to reach a peace agreement in Qatar. It's said that both sides have some disagreements over the ceasefire and the issue has delayed the peace agreement. According to some sources, Taliban may only agree to a ceasefire with Americans, and the American side would like to agree to the ceasefire with the Taliban and allow the inclusive ceasefire to be finalized during the intra-Afghan negotiations. The US government is pushing for a peace agreements with the Taliban and is expecting to withdraw several thousand troops.

Qased Strategic Research Center as a war casualties' monitoring organization in the country emphasizes that the ongoing bloodshed and bloody situation in the country is possible to stop only through the complete withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan and peace with the Taliban. Therefore, we call on international and Afghan stakeholders to focus on peace efforts, rather than focusing on the battlefield.

**Table 4: Total Casualties of War and Security Incidents**

Name	Killed	Name	Wounded
Afghan Forces	43	Afghan Forces	29
Anti-government Militants	153	Anti-government Militants	42
Civilians	32	Civilians	29
Foreign Forces	1	Foreign Forces	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Total Casualties</b>		<b>330</b>	

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