

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 country during January 24 - February 6, 2020. Overall, 853 people have been killed or wounded this week (510 killed and 343 wounded).

According to the report's statistics, this week the total death toll due to the ongoing war in the country has increased significantly compared to the past two weeks. In the previous report's period, 220 people were killed and injured across the country, but in the past two weeks, the number reached to 853 people killed and wounded.

The death toll on government forces has increased several times over the last two weeks. The deadliest casualties of Afghan forces have been reported in Kandahar, Baghlan, Kunduz and Uruzgan provinces, where Taliban attacks have killed at least 70 policemen and wounded 44 others.

Civilian death rates have also increased several times. The deadliest civilian casualties were reported in Balkh, Kunduz, Zabul and Badghis provinces, where at least 17 civilians were killed.

The death toll from the government's armed opposition has also shown to increase over the past two weeks. Moreover, two Americans have also been killed in a helicopter crash in Dehk district of Ghazni province.

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

Afghan Forces' Casualties

January 24:

An armed Taliban militant shot dead his six and injured two others in police lines in Darazab area of Khakrez district of Kandahar province.

Taliban militants attacked a police checkpoint in Charachino district of Uruzgan province, following which a clash ensued which resulted in the death of a national policeman.

Armed Taliban attacked a security checkpoint in the center of Mangjik district of Jawzjan province, killing three ANA soldiers and wounding five others.

January 25:

In Helmand province's Kajaki district, Taliban militants have captured an ANA helicopter and wounded three ANA soldiers, including a pilot.

An armed clash erupted between armed Taliban and local police in Mangoti area of Jawzjan province on Sheberghan-SarePul highway, killing nine local policemen and injuring eight others.

January 26:

Three security personnel were killed in a security incident in Faryab province.

In Imam Sahib district of Kunduz province, Taliban militants attacked Afghan forces post, killing six ANA soldiers and injuring seven others.

January 27:

A policeman and two national security forces were killed and nine others were injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Faiz-abad district of Jawzjan province.

Taliban militants attacked a checkpoint in Ali Musa area of Kunduz province, killing two policemen.

A policeman was killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Bala Murghab district of Badghis province.

Taliban militants attacked a police checkpoint in Qaisar district of Faryab province, killing one ANA soldier and wounding four others.

Armed Taliban attacked a police post on Kabul-Baghlan highway in Baghlan province, killing one policeman and injuring two others.

January 28:

Taliban militants attacked Afghan forces post in Khwaja Alwan area of Pul-e-Khumri, killing 18 policemen and wounding six others.

Taliban militants attacked a security checkpoint in Almar district of Faryab province, killing one policeman and one NDS soldier and injuring three others.

A local police commander of Shajoi district of Zabul province was killed in a robbery attack in Arzan Qeemat area of the 12th district of Kabul city.

A policeman was gunned down by Taliban militants in Gujarabad area of Andkhoy district of Faryab province.

January 29:

In the armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Dasht-e-Archi district of Kunduz province, 14 security soldiers were killed, 10 of them were national security soldiers, two ANA soldiers and two national policemen. 12 others including, eight ANA soldiers and 4 policemen were injured.

Taliban militants attacked a Korak Mughal post in the center of Sar-e-Pul province, killing one local policeman and injuring another.

Eight policemen were killed and four others wounded in an armed Taliban attack in Uruzgan province's Tirinkot city.

A local policeman was killed by Taliban militants in his house in Shash Pul area of Baharak district of Badakhshan province.

In Karyzak area of Kashk-Kohna district of Herat province, Taliban militants attacked Afghan Faorces killing five local policemen. On the same day, three local policemen were also injured in a roadside mine.

Taliban militants killed a policeman in Kunduz city's third security zone.

Taliban militants attacked police on Kunduz-Takhar highway in Kunduz province, killing one policeman and injuring four others.

Taliban militants attacked a police post in Qadis district of Badghis province, killing two policemen and wounding two others

January 30:

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Dahna Ghori district of Baghlan province, two local policemen were killed and nine others were injured.

A senior security official of Ala-Sai district of Kapisa province was killed in an attack by unidentified militants.

Two policemen were killed and three others were injured when a roadside mine exploded on a police convoy in Qaraqchi area of Qadis district of Badghis province.

January 31:

An ANA soldier has been killed in an attack by armed Taliban in Saraband area of Qarmakol district of Faryab province.

February 1:

Former Kabul police chief has been injured in an attack by unidentified gunmen in Shah Shahid area of Kabul city.

A policeman was injured in an armed clash between security forces and armed Taliban in Mullah Sahib area of Qala-e-Naw of Parwan province.

At least two local policemen were killed in an armed Taliban attack near Amo Sind in Shahr-Bozrk district of Badakhshan province.

A local policeman and two government-backed militants were injured in an attack by armed Taliban in Karez Khani area of Kheshik Rabat Sangi district of Herat province.

February 2:

Taliban militants attacked a police post in Kesa-e-Tupak area of Baghlan-Kunduz highway of Kunduz province, killing five policemen and wounding three others.

A local policeman has been killed and eight others injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Qaisar and Bandar-Shakh districts of Faryab province.

In Herat province, a policeman was killed in an armed clash between Police and government rebels.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Borka district of Baghlan province, two ANA soldiers were killed and six others wounded.

February 3:

A policeman was killed and another injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Kirji area of Farah province.

February 4:

Six policemen were killed and three others were injured, including the commander of Amo-Sind, in an attack by an armed Taliban in Takht area of Sar-e-Pul province.

An ANA soldier has been killed in an armed Taliban attack in Khooni Khour area of Khost province.

A female police officer was killed in an attack by unknown gunmen in Kandahar province.

A policeman was killed in a Taliban attack in Ferozkoh area of Muqur district of Badghis province.

A Special Forces soldier has been killed in an attack by armed Taliban in Sherin Tagab district of Faryab province.

February 5:

Two policemen were killed and four others were injured in a roadside mine blast in Greshg district of Helmand province.

Taliban militant shot dead five of his associates in police lines in Taloqan area of Panjwai district of Kandahar province.

Three policemen, including a local police commander, were killed and one injured in a Taliban militant attack in Faryab province.

Table-1: Afghan Forces' Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	16	33	49
Police	111	94	205
Total	127	127	254

Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties

January 24:

Taliban militants attacked a police post in Charachino district of Uruzgan province, after which a clash ensued, resulting in the death of five Taliban militants and wounding eight others.

An armed clash erupted between police and armed Taliban in Mangjik district of Jawzjan province, killing three Taliban militants and injuring five others.

Three Taliban mine planters were killed in a mine blast in Qaisar district of Faryab province.

Also in an armed clash between armed Taliban and Afghan forces in Bandar Shakh area of Qaisar district of Faryab province, two armed Taliban were killed and one injured.

Seven Taliban militants were killed and three others were injured in an airstrike in Malakhel area of Aqtash district of Kunduz province.

Ten armed Taliban were killed in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Chamtal district of Balkh province.

January 25:

16 armed Taliban were killed in Afghan forces attack in Balkh district of Balkh province

In Mangjik district of Jawzjan province, an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban killed four armed Taliban and injured ten more.

Three armed Taliban were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Nahr-e-Saraj and Washer districts of Helmand province.

Four Taliban militants were killed and five others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in Sherzad district of Nangarhar province.

An armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Zar' district of Balkh province has killed five armed Taliban and wounded four more.



An armed clash occurred between armed Taliban and Afghan forces in the area belonging to Roy Doab district of Samangan province, resulting in the death of two armed Taliban and two others wounded.

January 26:

Two Taliban fighters were killed and another wounded in an attack by Afghan special forces in Kunduz province.

An airstrike in Khanqa district of Jawzjan province killed seven Taliban militants and wounded three more. Also in another airstrike in Faryab province, four armed Taliban were killed.

Five armed Taliban were killed in an operation by Afghan special forces in Jalrez district of Maidan Wardak province.

Four Taliban militants were killed and four others were injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Majid Qadouk village of Dasht Lilly area of Jawzjan province.

January 27:

Ten armed Taliban killed in Afghan forces operation in Sherzad district of Nangarhar province.

Two Taliban militants have been killed in an airstrike in Makawa area of Zurmat district of Paktia province.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Faizabad district of Jowzjan province, seven armed Taliban were killed and ten others were injured.

January 28:

Three Taliban militants were killed and three others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in Nahr-e-Saraj district of Helmand province.

A Taliban militant was killed and three others were injured in a clearance operation by Afghan forces in Maiwand district of Kandahar province.

16 Taliban militants were killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Alwan area of Pul-e-Khumri, the capital of Baghlan province.

Seven Taliban insurgents were killed and five others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in Almar district of Faryab province.

14 Taliban militants were killed and seven others wounded in an airstrike by foreign troops in Maiwand district of Kandahar province.

January 29:

Two Taliban militants were killed and two others wounded in an attack by Afghan special forces in Charkh district of Logar province.

Afghan commando forces broke a prison in Badghis province, killing four Taliban militants

January 30:

Taliban military in charge was killed in an airstrike in Dzhzak area of Sewri district of Zabul province.



January 31:

Seven armed Taliban have been killed in an operation by Afghan forces in Nahr-e-Saraj, Washer and Nad Ali districts of Helmand province.

February 1:

An armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban militants in Kuta Qashlaq area of Khwaja Sabz Posh district of Faryab province has killed 14 Taliban militants and injured 17 others.

February 2:

Six Taliban insurgents were killed and two others were wounded in an Afghan army ambush in Khanqa district of Jawzjan province.

Seven Taliban militants were killed and six others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in Badghisi area of Khwaja Sabz Posh district of Faryab province.

A Taliban commander and four other Taliban militants have been killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Khair Abad area of Dawlatabad district of Balkh province.

Nine Taliban militants were killed in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Greshk district of Helmand province.

Four armed Taliban were killed in Afghan forces air and ground operations in Bagh-e-Sherkat area Of Kunduz Province.

Taliban militants attacked Afghan checkpoints in Ali Abad district of Kunduz province, as a result, three Taliban militants were killed and two others wounded.

In Herat province, two armed insurgents have been killed in a clash between police and government rebels.

Two Taliban militants were killed and eight others were injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Borka district of Baghlan province.

February 3:

A suicide bomber in Baghlan province wanted to donate his explosives during a dinner ceremony but before reaching the target, the explosives exploded and the suicide bomber was killed.

Afghan forces attacked Taliban in Sangin district of Helmand province, killing three militants.

Three armed Taliban were killed in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Dawlatabad district of Faryab province.

Three ISIS soldiers were killed and one wounded in an operation by Afghan forces in Managi Brekhna area of Watapur district of Kunar province.

Four mine planters were killed in a mine blast in Mehtarlam Baba area of Laghman province.



Armed clashes between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Karji area of Farah province have killed six militants and wounded three others.

February 4:

Eight armed Taliban were killed in a ANA operations in Nangarhar province's Sherzad district.

Nine armed Taliban including two commanders were killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban on Jawzjan—Sar-i-Pul highway.

Seven Taliban militants were killed and ten others were injured in a clearance operation by Afghan forces in Alishang district of Laghman province.

February 5:

Seven Taliban militants were killed in an airstrike in Ghork district of Kandahar province.

In another incident, an explosion killed three Taliban militants and injured another.

A member of Taliban militant commission has been killed in an airstrike in Adraskan district of Herat province.

An armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Gulran district of Herat province killed two armed Taliban and injured another one.

An armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Sherin Tagab and Qaisar districts of Faryab province has killed 16 armed Taliban and wounded 18 others.

Two armed Taliban killed in Afghan forces operation in Balkh district of Balkh province

February 6:

Five militants were killed in an airstrike in Nahr-e-Siraj and Sangin districts of Helmand province.

Ten Taliban militants were killed in an airstrike in Maiwand district of Kandahar province.

19 Taliban militants were killed and six others were injured in a NATO airstrike in Shorabak district of Kandahar province.

Eight Taliban militants were killed in an airstrike in Khanabad district of Kunduz province.

Table 2: Casualties of the Anti-government Armed Militants

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	325	169	494
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Total	328	170	498

Civilian Casualties

January 24:

A 12-years-old girl was shot dead and her uncle injured in a shootout by Afghan forces in Shahulikot district of Kandahar province.

January 25:

A civilian was killed and four others were injured when a mine attached to police vehicle exploded in Kota Sangi area of the third district of Kabul city.

An armed clash occurred between armed Taliban and local police in Mongot area of Jawzjan province on Sheberghan-SarePul highway, which injured two civilians besides local police.

20 people were injured in an airstrike on a wedding ceremony in Waris area of Alisher district of Khost province.

January 26:

Seven members of a family, including three children and two women, were killed in an airstrike in Boki village of Balkh district of Balkh province.

A manager of Hajj and Religious Affairs has been killed in an attack by unknown gunmen in Pashtun Zarghun district of Herat province.

Two civilians were killed in night operations by Afghan and foreign troops in Alignar district of Laghman province.

An unidentified gunman shot dead a religious scholar near the 8th security district of Herat city.

Unknown gunmen shot dead a director of Development Council in Shaidani area of Injil district of Herat province.

Father and son were also injured in another incident in the area of Injil district.

January 27:

Taliban militants attacked a civilian house on Sarepul-Jawzjan highway in Sar-e-Pul province, killing two women and injuring one child and another woman.

January 28:

A child was killed and two others were injured in a mortar blast in Erazlik district of Faryab province.

January 29:

In Sargangal area of Bala Murghab district of Ghor province, Taliban militants shot dead a civilian while on his way home from a mosque.

January 30:

A civilian was killed in an airstrike by foreign troops in Shurki area of Greshk district of Helmand province.



Five members of a family have been killed in an airstrike in Deh Gzak area of Seori district of Zabul province.

Three members of a family were killed in a joint operation by Afghan forces in Oba district of Herat province, which included a sister and brother.

Three civilians were also injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Dahan Ghori district of Baghlan province.

January 31:

Five members of a family were killed in an airstrike by foreign troops in Dasht-e-Archi district of Kunduz province.

Two people were killed and one was injured when a bomb exploded in Fazalbek area of the fifth security district of Kabul city.

A child was killed and a mother and a child were injured in an airstrike by foreign troops in Tirinkot city of Uruzgan province.

Two civilians were killed and two others were injured in a rocket strike on a house during an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Saraband area of Qarmakol district of Faryab province.

February 1:

Six family members were killed in an airstrike in Andar area of Muqur district of Badghis province.

A civilian was killed and two more were injured in an armed clash between security forces and armed Taliban in Mullah Sahib area of Qala-e-Naw of Parwan province.

February 2:

Taliban militants have shot dead a religious scholar and injured another in Zanda Jan district of Herat province.

In Kunduz province, two civilians traveling to Khanabad, Kunduz center, were abducted and killed by Taliban.

A civilian was killed in an attack by unknown gunmen while he was praying in a mosque in Kaddus area of Khasan district of Herat province.

February 3:

Two civilians were injured in an explosion in Baghlan province.

A policeman has shot dead his wife in Qalat city of Zabul province.

Unknown gunmen shot dead a tribal elder in Mehtarlam Baba area of Laghman province.

February 4:

Unidentified gunmen shot dead a civilian in Ghorian district of Herat province.

February 5:

Two brothers, including Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's bodyguard, have been killed in an attack by an unidentified gunman near the fifth security district of Kabul city.

Table 3: Civilian Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	53	46	99
Total	53	46	99

Foreign Forces Casualties

January 27:

Taliban militants have dropped a helicopter in DihYak district of Ghazni province, according to official statements, killing two Americans. However, according to some reports, four foreigners were killed and two others were injured in the incident.

Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 853 people have been killed and injured (510 of them were killed and 343 wounded) from 24 January - 6 February 2020.

The overall death toll in the last two weeks has been high; the death toll of the Afghan forces has shown to be higher than in the last two weeks. 30 Afghan security forces were killed in the previous report's period; however, in the last two weeks, the level has increased significantly and reach 127 Afghan security forces killed. The death toll from the armed opposition of the government has risen as well, with 111 government rebels killed in the previous report's period, however, in the last week the number was 328; Civilian death rates also show an increase. In the previous report's period, the number of civilian casualties was 17, but in the past two weeks, the number has increased to 53.

The war between the US and the Taliban has intensified in several provinces, as well as peace efforts. The past two weeks have been the bloodiest week for Afghan forces and civilians. Afghan forces have suffered heavy casualties during Taliban attacks in Kunduz, Baghlan and Faryab provinces. As well as Afghan and foreign forces conducted night raids and attacks on civilian homes in Balkh, Kunduz, Zabul, and Badghis provinces, an airstrike in Balkh killed seven members of a family, including six women and one child. Lal Mohammad, a relative of those killed, said: the planes came, bombed and killed civilians and destroyed rooms. Social media operators have elicited reactions, with reports received from the area and images and videos

circulating in the media suggesting that the militants are not present in the area. Locals brought bodies of the dead to Mazar-e Sharif, demanding justice from the government and dozens of protesters in front of the provincial council, criticizing the government, same as in Laghman, Zabul and Badghis provinces where civilians have been killed in airstrikes by Afghan and foreign forces. As mentioned in a statement released by the US Air force, US forces have dropped 7,432 bombs on Afghan soil in the last year. The number is several times higher than it was in the previous years. The Independent Human Rights Commission also released a report regarding civilian casualties, saying that 2019 was a bloody year for civilians, where 10,772 civilians were effected, 2,817 people and killed and 7,955 others injured.

On the other hand, according to Taliban claims, Taliban have dropped four helicopters in these two weeks. Such attacks have raised concerns for some political analysts that the political situation in the world is changing and that the war has reached it peak, and it is likely that Taliban have access to these advanced weapons. If Taliban have access to advanced weapons, the war will be even more bloody.

On the other side, new US demands from Taliban have made the ongoing negotiations for peace difficult. The US does not seem to have any intention of peace in Afghanistan, and by introducing new conditions, it undermines the process and continues its presence.

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	127	Afghan Forces	127
Anti-government Militants	328	Anti-government Militants	170
Civilians	53	Civilians	46
Foreign Forces	2	Foreign Forces	-
Total	510	Total	343
Total Casualties		853	

The end