

## 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 occurred in different parts of the country during Mar 27 - April 2, 2020. Overall, 260 have been killed and 145 others have been wounded across the country this week.

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, 471 people were killed or wounded across the country, but this week 405 people were killed or wounded.

The death toll among the Afghan forces this week has decreased compared to last week. The deadliest incidents have been reported in Badakhshan, Baghlan, Jowzjan, Takhar and Daikundi provinces, where at least 34 security forces were killed and 24 others wounded in attacks by armed insurgents.

Civilian casualties' figures also show a decline compared to last week. The deadliest civilian casualties' incident occurred in Helmand province, where at least eight civilians were killed.

On the other hand, the death toll among anti-government militants also decreased compared to last week.

You would 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

### March 27:

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Mardian district of Jawzjan province, three local policemen were killed and two others wounded.

A police officer has been killed and another injured in an attack by Taliban in Shindand district of Herat province.

### March 28:

In Jurm district of Badakhshan province, Taliban attacked four security outposts of Afghan forces, killing ten security forces and injuring three others.

A policeman was killed and another injured in a security incident in Sar-e-Pul province.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Abkumri district of Badghis province, three policemen were killed and four others were injured.

Taliban attacked an Afghan security outpost in Arbab Ramadani area of Aliabad district of Kunduz province, killing two policemen.

An ANA soldier has been killed in an attack by Taliban in the second police district of Kunduz city.

### **March 29:**

Taliban militants attacked the police chief's house in Khwaja Ghar district of Takhar province, killing 12 local policemen and injuring six others.

Taliban militants attacked an Afghan security outpost in Surkh Kotal area of Baghlan province, killing five security forces and wounding five others.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Daikundi province, four security forces have been killed and eight others wounded.

Taliban militants attacked Afghan security forces in the center of Kunduz city, killing an NDS soldier.

An ANA soldier has been killed and another injured in a Taliban attack in the center of Sar-e-Pul province.

### **March 30:**

Six ANA soldiers were killed in a Taliban attack in Arghandab district of Zabul province.

Two security forces have been killed in separate security incidents in Sufi Qala area of Qaisar district of Faryab province.

Two security personnel have been killed and two others wounded in an attack by Taliban militants in Kajaki district of Helmand province.

A police officer was killed and two others were injured in a Taliban attack in Muqur district of Badghis province.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Mardian and Qarqin districts of Jawzjan province, three security forces have been killed and four others injured.

Four local policemen have been killed in a Taliban attack in Baghlan-e-Markazi district of Baghlan province.

Armed Taliban attacked a security outpost in Zari district of Balkh province, killing one pro-government soldier and wounding another.

A senior NDS female official was killed and three others were injured when a magnetic bomb attached to her car exploded in Qazi Plaza area of Kabul city.

**March 31:**

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Kulaq area of Dasht-Archi district of Kunduz province, one ANA soldier was killed and three others were injured.

**April 1:**

Taliban militants attacked a vehicle of Afghan National Army (ANA) in Haft Asiab area of Said Abad district of Maidan Wardak province, killing three ANA soldiers.

Two policemen were killed in a security incident in Qarqach area of Muqur district of Badghis province.

**April 2:**

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Nijrab district of Kapisa province, two local policemen have been killed and 11 others injured.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Kharistan area of Muqur district of Badghis province, two NDS soldiers and four local policemen were killed and two others were injured.

Armed Taliban attacked local troops in Yamgan district of Badakhshan province, following which a clash ensued, killing two soldiers.

A local police commander was killed in an attack by an unknown gunman in Spin Boldak district of Kandahar province.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	24	7	31
Police	57	52	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>140</b>

**Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties****March 27:**

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Ghormach district of Faryab province, four armed Taliban were killed and eight others were injured.



13 militants have been killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Shahrak district of Ghor province.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and militants in Mardian district of Jawzjan province, seven armed Taliban were killed.

Two Taliban fighters were killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban militants in Shindand district of Herat province.

Nine Taliban fighters were killed in Afghan forces operation in Karukh district of Herat province

### **March 28:**

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban militants in Khwaja Bahauddin district of Takhar province, four Taliban fighters were killed and three others wounded.

Four Taliban militants were killed in their mine blast in Rohani Baba area of Paktia province.

Seven Taliban militants, including a commander, were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Mardian district of Jawzjan province.

An armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Baryamanda area of Zabul province has killed three antigovernment militants and wounded three others.

A suicide bomber was killed in his mine explosion in Baghlan-e-Markazi district of Baghlan province, before reaching his target.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in the second police district of Kunduz city, two Taliban militants were killed and four others were injured.

### **March 29:**

In Baghlan province, 13 armed Taliban were killed and 12 others were injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban.

Three Taliban militants were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in the third police district of Kunduz province.

In Sheikha and Bagh Pahlwan areas of Sholgara district of Balkh province, Taliban militants attacked outposts of Afghan forces, which then led to a clash, resulting in the death of three Taliban militants and seven wounded.

### **March 30:**

Six Taliban militants were killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Qulag area of Dasht-e-Archi district of Kunduz province.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban militants in Barangutto area of Farah province, four armed Taliban were killed and three others were injured.

Two Taliban fighters were killed in security incidents in Sofi Qala of Qaisar district of Faryab province.

In armed clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban militants in Mardian and Kurqin districts of Jawzjan province, ten Taliban militants were killed and 16 others were injured.

**March 31:**

Six Taliban insurgents were killed and five others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in Imam Sahib district of Kunduz province.

**April 1:**

In Manqotan area of Aibak city of Samangan province, two Taliban militants were killed and two others were injured in an attack by Afghan forces.

In two separate attacks by Afghan forces in Almar and Karamkol districts of Faryab province, nine armed Taliban were killed and ten others were injured.

13 Taliban militants were killed in an Afghan security forces' ambush in Khakrez district of Kandahar province.

11 militants were killed and three others were injured in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Mano area of Shah Walikot district in Kandahar province.

**April 2:**

Three Taliban militants were killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Nijrab district of Kapisa province.

Taliban militants attacked a security outpost in Manqajek district of Jawzjan province, killing six Taliban militants.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	147	76	223
ISIS	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>223</b>

## Civilian Casualties

### March 27:

In Shahko area of Kapisa province, Taliban opened fire on a civilian vehicle heading towards Nijrab district, killing one civilian and injuring a woman and a child.

### March 28:

A child was killed and two others were injured in a mine blast in Ibrahimkhel village of Gardez city of Paktia province.

Also in Ahmadabad district of Paktia province, Taliban militants shot dead a civilian who was playing cricket.

A scholar and his son were killed and two others were injured when a mine exploded on a car belonging to a religious scholar in Sarband area of Lalpora district of Nangarhar province.

A bomb exploded inside a house in Bolan area of Lashkar Gah city of Helmand province, killing four children.

Four civilians were killed in an armed clash in Dara-e-Souf district of Samangan province.

In a mine explosion in a Baghlan-e-Markazi district of Baghlan province, a child was injured.

A civilian was injured in a Taliban attack in Arbab Ramadani area of Aliabad district of Kunduz province.

### March 29:

Taliban militants attacked the police chief's house in Khwaja Ghar district of Takhar province, killing a civilian.

A civilian was killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Daikundi province.

### March 30:

A civilian was killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Khwaja Ghar district of Takhar province.

Three civilians were killed in separate security incidents in Sufi Qala of Qaisar district of Faryab province.

### March 31:

Three civilians were killed in an attack by two irresponsible militants in Khan Dastmal area of Kalfgan district of Takhar province.

A verbal dispute broke out between two prisoners in Faryab province, killing one person.

### April 1:

Eight civilians were killed and two others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Nahr-e-Siraj district of Helmand province.

#### April 2:

Unknown gunmen shot dead a taxi driver who was driving a sick person to the hospital in Parwan province.

**Table-3: Civilian Casualties**

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	32	10	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>

### Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 405 people have been killed or injured (260 of them were killed and 145 wounded) from 27 March – 2 April 2020.

The overall death toll has dropped this week. The death toll among Afghan forces this week is lower than last week. Last week, 91 Afghan security forces were killed; but this week, 81 Afghan security forces were killed. The death toll among anti government's militants is also lower than last week. Last week, 159 armed insurgents were killed, but 147 were killed this week. Civilian casualties also show a decline compared to last week. Last week, the civilian death toll was 64, but this week the number dropped to 32 (Table-4).

This week was once again a bloody week for the warring parties and civilians. Most of the civilian casualties this week occurred due to attacks by armed militants and roadside bomb blasts. Eight people, including women and children, were killed in a roadside bomb blast in Nahr-e-Siraj district of Helmand province.

On the other hand, the Afghan government announced its team for peace talks with the Taliban last week under the leadership of Masoom Stanikzai, including Fatima Gilani, Nadir Naderi, Abdul Matin bek, Fauzia Kofi, Zerar Ahmad Moqbel, Abdul Hadi Arghandiwal, Habiba Surabi, Mohammad Rasool Talib, Dr. Ghairat Baheer, Mohammad Hafiz Mansoor, Ghulam Farooq Majrooh, Mawlavi Inayatullah Bilgh, Bator Dostum, Kaleemullah Naqibi, Mohammad Naatiqi, General Ayub Ansari, Shahla Farid, Sharifa Zurmati, Khalid Noor and Dr Amin Ahmadi. The US Secretary of State and many others welcomed the Afghan government's team for peace talks with the Taliban and called it inclusive, but some Afghan politicians criticised that the team is

not inclusive. Taliban also rejected the team announced by the Afghan government in a press release. Taliban declares that on one hand, the team does not represent all Afghan political parties, and on the other hand, they will talk to the Afghan government as a political party and will not accept the government monopoly in the process as it was agreed in the peace agreement, hence, it seems that the disagreement will lead to delay in intra-Afghan peace talks.

On the other side, a Taliban delegation arrived in Kabul to discuss prisoner exchanges, but they have not reached any agreement on the issue of prisoner exchanges, as the Taliban want their prisoners' release as it was agreed between the US and Taliban peace agreement, but the government is still not ready for such release. Disagreements over prisoner exchanges are also an issue that has created barriers to the inter-Afghan peace talks.

In the battlefield, violence is increasing day by day. The US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, and NATO Secretary-General, Jens Stoltenberg, insisted that the Taliban should reduce violence in the battlefield in the threshold of starting intra-Afghan peace talks and respect the peace agreement signed with the United States.

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 and to deal with this historical opportunity for peace in Afghanistan responsibly.

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

Name	Killed	Name	Wounded
Afghan Forces	81	Afghan Forces	59
Anti-government Militants	147	Anti-government Militants	76
Civilians	32	Civilians	10
Foreign Forces	-	Foreign Forces	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Total Casualties</b>		<b>405</b>	

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