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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 April 3 - 9, 2020. Overall, 258 people have been killed and 159 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 increased slightly this week compared to last week. Last week, 405 people were killed or wounded across the country, but this week, 417 were killed or wounded.

The death toll among the Afghan forces this week was low compared to last week. The deadliest incidents have been reported in Badakhshan, Sangmaan, Logar and Badghis provinces, where at least 19 security forces were killed and 10 others were injured in attacks by armed insurgents.

Civilian casualties' figures show an increase compared to last week. The deadliest civilian casualties' incidents were in Balkh, Baghlan, Uruzgan and Maidan Wardak provinces, in which at least 24 civilians were killed and 23 others injured.

On the other hand, the death toll among the armed opposition of the government was also increased 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

April 3:

In Paghman district of Kabul province, two members of the President Protective Service (PPS) were attacked by unknown gunmen, killing one and wounding another.

Three policemen were killed in Taliban attack in Narkh district of Maidan Wardak province.

In the fourth police district of Taloqan city of Takhar province, a local police commander and a pro-government soldier were killed in an attack by Taliban.

A policeman was killed and three others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in the fourth police district of Kandahar city.

April 4:

In Muqur district of Badghis province, six soldiers of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) have been killed and two others wounded in an attack by Taliban.

Three local policemen were killed in clashes between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Tagab district of Kapisa province.

Five local policemen were killed in an armed attack by Taliban militants in Shirwazi area of Pul-i-Alam city, Logar province.

In two separate security incidents in Faryab province, four security forces were killed and two others wounded.

April 5:

Three ANA soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb blast in Alti-Balaq area of Qarmakol district of Faryab province.

A policeman was killed and three others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Grishk district of Helmand province.

A policeman was killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Sherin Tagab district of Faryab province.

A policeman, who wanted to join the Taliban, was killed by Afghan forces in Qadis district of Badghis province.

April 6:

Taliban militants attacked the center of Almar district of Faryab province, killing four policemen and wounding three others.

In an armed clash between Taliban and local police in Pas-Qol area of Dara-i-Souf district of Samangan province, three local policemen were killed and five others were injured.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Warduj district of Badakhshan province, five security forces have been killed and nine others wounded.

April 7:

In Logar province, an official of the first police district of Pul-i-Alam city and two of his guards were killed in a Taliban attack.

A Territorial Army soldier was first kidnapped by Taliban and later killed in Qadis district of Badghis province.

April 8:

In an armed clash between Taliban and security forces in Darwaz area of Nusy district of Badakhshan province, two security forces have been killed and three others wounded.

In Damqul area of Maimana city of Faryab province, an NDS officer and a policeman were killed in an attack by unknown gunmen.

April 9:

A local police commander and two other policemen have been killed in an attack by armed insurgents in Shahr Safa district of Zabul province.

Table-1: Afghan Forces' Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	11	12	23
Police	41	19	60
Total	52	31	83

Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties**April 3:**

Seven Taliban militants were killed and nine others were injured in airstrikes by Afghan forces in Malanoh-Baba, Asheqwalo and Oba villages of Andar district of Ghazni province.

April 4:

12 Taliban militants were killed and three others wounded in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Kandahar province.

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Tagab district of Kapisa province, four Taliban fighters were killed and seven others were injured.

Eight armed insurgents have been killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Samangan province.

Four Taliban fighters were killed and five others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in Alishung district of Laghman province.

Two Taliban militants were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Qala-e-Zal district of Kunduz province.

April 5:

Five Taliban insurgents were killed and seven others injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and armed Taliban in Warduj district of Badakhshan province.



Three Taliban militants were killed and two others were injured by Afghan forces in Maiwand district of Kandahar province.

In Faryab province, two armed Taliban were killed in two separate security incidents.

15 Taliban militants were killed in Afghan forces attack in Zabul province.

April 6:

Eight Taliban militants were killed and 13 others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in the Sayedan area of Greshk district of Helmand province.

20 Taliban militants were killed and 11 others were injured in attacks by Afghan forces in Yangi Qala, Foladi and Khaliji areas of Chamtal district of Balkh province.

April 7:

In air and ground attacks of Afghan forces in Pul-e-Khumri city of Baghlan province, five armed Taliban were killed and six others wounded.

Six Taliban militants were killed in a counter-attack by Afghan forces in Sra-Sakhr area of Shahwalikot district of Kandahar province.

April 8:

In armed clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in Pas-Qol and Charmagazak areas of Dara Souf district of Samangan province, 15 Taliban fighters were killed and 22 others were injured.

Four armed Taliban were killed in an armed clash between Taliban and security forces in Darwaz area of Nosy district of Badakhshan province.

Six Taliban fighters were killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Shahjoi district of Zabul province.

Five Taliban militants were killed and another wounded in Afghan forces' ground and airstrikes in Mianshin and Maroof districts of Kandahar province.

Five Taliban militants were killed and eight others injured in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Patan Khel village of Saidabad district of Maidan Wardak province.

April 9:

In an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Pushtrud district of Farah province, four Taliban fighters were killed and another wounded.

18 armed Taliban were killed in an attack by Afghan forces in Danna-i-Ghori area of Hesarak district of Ghor province.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	158	95	253
ISIS	-	-	-
Total	158	95	253

Civilian Casualties

April 3:

A civilian was killed by militants in Chakab area of Taluqan city of Takhar province.

In Chishma-i-Sangi area of Kohistan district of Faryab province, two children were killed in a rocket attack on a civilian house by Taliban militants.

April 4:

In Samangan province, a civilian was killed in a Taliban attack.

An airstrike in Khas-Uruzgan district of Uruzgan province killed eight civilians, all of them were members of a single family and injured two others.

In Hashimkhel village of Saidabad district of Maidan Wardak province, a civilian was killed and three others, including a woman and two girls, were injured in a mortar shell fired by ANA.

A woman was killed and two children were injured in a mortar shell attack by Afghan forces at a civilian house in Panah village of Chak district of Maidan Wardak province.

Four civilians, including two women and two children, were killed and four others were injured in airstrikes by Afghan and foreign forces in Aab Raghak and Rafchan areas of Jurm district of Badakhshan province.

April 5:

Two members of a family were killed and eight others injured in an airstrike by Afghan forces in Cheshma-i-Sher area of Baghlan province.

A civilian was killed by local police in Fijoj area of Shuhada district of Badakhshan province.

April 6:

Five civilians were killed in a roadside bomb blast in Timori area of Chamtal district of Balkh province.



A civilian was killed and two others, including a woman, were injured in a mortar shell attack by Afghan forces in Dand-e-ghori area of Baghlan province.

April 7:

Unknown gunmen kidnapped and killed a child in Ghani Khel district of Nangarhar province.

A hospital worker was killed by Unknown gunman in Maimana city of Faryab province.

Three children were killed and five others injured when a mortar shell struck a civilian house in Khushab area of Daman district of Kandahar province.

Two civilians were killed and a woman was injured in a night raid by Afghan and foreign forces in Tatemor area of Narkh district of Maidan Wardak province.

April 8:

Two civilians were killed and five others were injured in an attack by militants in Pas-Qol and Charmagzak areas of Dara-e-Souf district of Samangan province.

Gunmen kidnapped eight civilians in Jarha-i-Nahrsurkh area of Sholgara district of Balkh province, killing seven people and wounding another.

April 9:

In Ahmadabad area of Kohsan district of Herat province, five employees of “De Afghanistan bank” who travelling from that district to Herat city, were killed by armed men.

Table-3: Civilian Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	48	33	81
Total	48	33	81

Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 417 people have been killed or injured (258 of them were killed and 159 wounded) from 3 - 9 April 2020.

The overall death toll this week is higher than it was last week, however, the death toll among Afghan forces is lower than last week. Last week, 81 Afghan security forces were killed; but this week, 52 Afghan security forces were killed. The death toll among the anti-government armed militants is higher than it was last week. Last week, 147 armed militants were killed, but this week 158 were killed. Civilian casualties also show an increase compared to last week. Last week, the civilian death toll was 32, but this week the number has risen to 48 (Table-4).

This week was once again bloodier for civilians than the past few weeks. Several civilians were killed in attacks by Afghan and foreign troops this week. Eight members of a family were killed in a drone strike in the Kas Uruzgan district of Uruzgan province. Local government officials blamed the attack on Taliban militants; however, Taliban said in a statement that the casualties were caused by a drone strike. The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) has also expressed regret over the civilian casualties in several attacks by Afghan forces in Maidan Wardak province.

On the other hand, the peace process is also faced deadlock as the Taliban delegation, who came to Kabul to discuss prisoner exchanges, has returned to Qatar as a reaction to the Afghan government policy about the Taliban prisoner release. Although the Afghan government released a number of Taliban prisoners after the departure of Taliban delegation, the process seems fraught with obstacles. The Afghan government does not seem to be able to take a step forward in the peace process because of the tenuous political situation in the country, and unless the post-election conflict has been resolved, there may be no significant steps in the peace process.

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	52	Afghan Forces	31
Anti-government Militants	158	Anti-government Militants	95
Civilians	48	Civilians	33
Foreign Forces	-	Foreign Forces	-
Total	259	Total	159
Total Casualties		417	

The end