

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 areas of the country during April 24 – 30, 2020. Overall, 303 people have been killed and 227 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 this week was lower than last week. 652 people were killed or injured across the country last week, but a total of 530 people have been killed or injured this week.

The death toll among Afghan forces this week was lower than last week. The deadliest incidents for Afghan forces took place in Badghis, Samangan, Takhar and Logar provinces, where at least 33 security personnel were killed and 20 others wounded in attacks by insurgents.

Civilian casualties are again higher than last week. The deadliest civilian casualties' incidents occurred in Ghazni, Faryab and Kabul provinces, where at least 11 civilians were killed.

On the other hand, the death toll among the government's armed opposition is also lower than it was last week. The Taliban suffered heavy casualties in Ghor, Faryab, Logar and Badghis provinces.

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 24:

13 local policemen were killed in a Taliban attack in Laman area of Qala-e-Naw of Badghis province.

April 25:

A bomb blast at an ALP base in Dara-e-Suf district of Samangan province, killing one ALP member and injuring four others.

In Dand district of Kandahar province, Taliban fighters attacked an Afghan security outpost, killing one policeman and wounding another.

Taliban militants attacked a security outpost in Hyderabad area of Faizabad district in Jawzjan province, killing two pro-government soldiers and wounding four others.

One ANA soldier was killed and two others were injured in a clash between Afghan National Army (ANA) and Afghan National Police (ANP) in the 4th police district of Kunduz city.

April 26:

Five policemen have been killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Sang Marmar area of Baraki Barak district of Logar province.

Four policemen were killed and seven others were injured in an armed clash in Trinkot city, the center of Uruzgan province.

A policeman was killed and another wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Nawabad area of Imam Sahib district of Kunduz province.

An ANA soldier was killed in a Taliban attack in Sherin Tagab district of Faryab province.

Taliban militants shot dead a policeman in Charikar city, the capital of Parwan province.

Taliban militants attacked a security outpost in Pashtun Zarghoon district of Herat province, killing two local policemen and wounding another.

April 27:

Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and a policeman were killed and three others were injured in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Mangjik district of Jawzjan province.

Also, a security guard was wounded in a Taliban attack on the highway of Jawzjan province.

Four local policemen were killed and four others were injured in a Taliban attack in Yangi Qala port of Bahauddin district in Takhar province.

In Mirza Ali area of Qadis district in Badghis province, gunmen attacked local police, killing two policemen and wounding another.

Two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and another was wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Chahar Dara district of Kunduz province.

Taliban militants shot dead a National Directorate of Security (NDS) soldier in Gulran district of Herat province.

A Territorial Army soldier was killed and another wounded in a roadside bomb blast in Maidanak area of Ferozkoh, the capital of Ghor province.

April 28:

Four policemen were killed in a Taliban attack on a security outpost in Gardez city of Paktia province.

Taliban fighters attacked an Afghan security outpost in Kushk-e-Kohna district of Herat province, killing one ANA soldier and wounding another.

April 29:

In Dara-e-Suf Bala district of Samangan province, Taliban fighters attacked a local police outpost, killing nine of them and wounding nine others.

Taliban fighters attacked an Afghan forces outpost in Ghorizi area of Paktia province, killing two security personnel and wounding three others.

One security guard was killed and another was wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Sherin Tagab district of Faryab province.

An ANA soldier and two policemen were killed and another wounded in clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in Sherin Tagab and Khan Chahar Bagh districts of Faryab province.

Two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and another wounded in a clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Kharwar district of Logar province.

A local policeman was killed and another wounded in an armed clash between Afghan forces and insurgents in Kajran district of Daikundi province.

Four Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and another wounded in a Taliban attack in the third police district of Kunduz city.

A policeman was killed and another wounded in a Taliban attack on a checkpoint in Kharistan area of Muqur district in Badghis province.

Taliban militants shot dead two policemen in Kushk Rabat Sangi district of Herat province.

Taliban militants first abducted two ANA soldiers in Kohsan district of Herat province and then killed them in Ghorian district.

Four local policemen and two soldiers of Territorial Army were killed and 15 others were injured in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Jurm district of Badakhshan province.

Four policemen were killed and three others were injured in a clash between Afghan forces and insurgents in Nawabad area of Imam Sahib district in Kunduz province.

April 30:

A roadside bomb blast in Nawa district of Helmand province has killed the head of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) intelligence and his bodyguard and wounded two other security personnel.

Taliban militants attacked an ALP outpost in Lala Guzar area of Khwaja Bahauddin district of Takhar province, killing five ALP members and wounding seven others.



Taliban fighters attacked Afghan security outposts in Khanabad district of Kunduz province, killing three policemen and wounding seven others.

Table-1: Afghan Forces' Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	20	26	46
Police	77	58	135
Total	97	84	181

Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties

April 25:

19 militants were killed and 13 others wounded in air and ground operations by Afghan forces in Shahrak district of Ghor province.

April 26:

10 Taliban fighters were killed and five others wounded in attacks by Afghan forces in Chahar Dara and Imam Sahib districts of Kunduz province.

Seven Taliban fighters have been killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Baraki Barak district of Logar province.

11 Taliban militants have been killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Poli Alam, the center of Logar province.

Two Taliban militants were killed and three others wounded in Trinkot city, the center of Uruzgan province.

April 27:

Nine Taliban fighters have been killed in clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban in Sherin Tagab, Qaisar and Khwaja Sabz Posh districts of Faryab province.

Four Taliban militants were killed during a clash in Mirazar area of Zirai district of Kandahar province.

Three insurgents have been killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Nawabad area of Imam Sahib district in Kunduz province.

Two Taliban militants were killed and four others wounded in a clash between local police and Taliban fighters in Yangi Qala port of Bahauddin district in Takhar province.

10 Taliban fighters were killed and 10 others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Abkamari district of Badghis province

April 28:

A Taliban intelligence official has been killed in Shinwari district of Parwan province.

Seven Taliban militants were killed and five others wounded in an attack by Afghan forces in Alghan and Gosfanda districts of Sar-e-Pul province.

Four Taliban militants were killed and four others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Mangjik district of Jawzjan province.

Two mine planters were killed by their own mine blast in Daman district of Kandahar province.

April 29:

Eight Taliban militants were killed and three others wounded in a clash with Afghan forces in Shahwalikot district of Kandahar province.

Also, three Taliban militants were killed and two others were wounded in an airstrike in Mandigak area of Khakriz district of Kandahar province.

Four Taliban militants were killed and seven others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Sherin Tagab district of Faryab province.

A Taliban militant was killed and two others were wounded in Khan Chahar Bagh district of Faryab province.

Six Taliban militants have been killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Jurm district of Badakhshan province.

April 30:

13 Taliban fighters were killed and seven others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Kharwar district of Logar province.

11 Taliban fighters were killed and eight others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Nusay district of Badakhshan province.

12 Taliban fighters were killed and six others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Kajran district of Daikundi province.

12 Taliban fighters were killed and six others wounded in an airstrike in Samangan province's Dara-e-Soof Bala district.

Four Taliban fighters were killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Khanabad district of Kunduz province.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	165	83	248
ISIS	-	-	-
Total	165	83	248

Civilian Casualties

April 24:

Four civilians were killed and ten others were injured in Taliban attacks in Almar, Sufi Qala and Qaisar districts of Faryab province.

In Ferozkoh city, the capital of Ghor province, gunmen stormed the home of the deputy police chief of the first police district, killing his brother.

April 25:

A civilian was killed and 13 others were injured when a mortar shell hit a civilian house in Shaliz and Arezo areas of Ghazni province.

A member of Hezb-e-Islami has been killed in an attack by unknown gunmen in Nangarhar province.

A woman was killed and a child was injured when a mortar shell hit a civilian house in Qadis district of Badghis province.

April 26:

Gunmen opened fire on a rickshaw in Alishang district of Laghman province, killing three civilians.

A civilian was killed and three others were injured in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Sherin Tagab district of Faryab province.

April 27:

Taliban militants shot and killed three civilians in Maimana city, the capital of Faryab province.

A civilian was killed and a child was injured when a mortar shell fired by Afghan forces hit a civilian house in Aqcha district of Jawzjan province.

April 28:

Seven civilians were killed in an airstrike in Badrok area of Ghor province.

April 29:

Five civilians, including women and children, were killed in a roadside bomb blast in Andar district of Ghazni province.

Three people were killed and 15 others were injured in a suicide bomb attack in the Chahar Asyab district of Kabul province.

Three civilians were killed when a magnetic bomb attached to a car exploded in Makroyan area of Kabul city.

A policeman opened fire on civilians in the Kakarha area of Qarabagh district in Kabul province, killing one person and wounding two others.

A civilian was killed and 15 others were injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Sherin Tagab district of Faryab province.

April 30:

Son of an MP was killed in an attack by an unknown gunman in Ahmad Shah Baba area of Kabul city.

A civilian was killed in an attack by unknown gunmen in the 5th police district of Herat city.

Four children were killed in a mortar shell attack in Chawni village in Pul-e-Alam city of Logar province.

Table-3: Civilian Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	41	60	101
Total	41	60	101



Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 530 people have been killed or injured (303 of them were killed and 227 wounded) from 24 - 30 April 2020.

The overall death toll in this week is lower than it was last week. The casualties of Afghan forces this week show a decrease compared to last week. 131 Afghan security personnel were killed last week, but a total of 97 Afghan soldiers were killed this week. The death toll among the anti-government armed militants has also dropped compared to last week. 233 militants were killed last week, but 165 have been killed this week. However, the number of civilian casualties is higher than last week. The number of civilians killed last week was 30, but this week the number has risen to 41 (Table-4).

Although the war-related death toll this week is lower than last week, it has been a bloody one overall, with civilian casualties in particular higher than last week. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said in a statement that 533 civilians had been killed, including 150 children, and 760 others wounded in the first three months of this year. The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has blamed the Taliban for 39% percent of the casualties and blamed the government for 32% percent.

The Afghan government and the international community have sharply criticized the Taliban for their attacks on the battlefield after reaching the US-Taliban peace agreement, given the rise in casualties over the past two weeks. The situation comes at a time when the spread of Coronavirus has sparked calls for a ceasefire and calls for a reduction in violence in Afghanistan. UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, last month called for a ceasefire between warring factions around the world, including in Afghanistan, following the outbreak of the coronavirus, in which 16 armed groups accepted his request, but rejected by Taliban. In a latter case, the Taliban rejected the Afghan government's call for a ceasefire, citing the non-release of their prisoners and creating obstacles by the Afghan government to start the intra-Afghan peace talks.

At the same time, the Afghan government's Prisons Authority says 75 positive cases of coronavirus have been registered at Pul-e-Charkhi prison in Kabul. Following the reports, the Taliban also said that if their prisoners were dead, they would take revenge and the responsibility would be on the United States and the Afghan government. Taliban released 52 Afghan government prisoners in Kunduz province this week. Overall, one of the reasons of the obstacles to the exchange of prisoners and the start of intra-Afghan talks and the delay in the process is the political differences between President Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah, which are still unresolved. Dr. Abdullah's team and the Presidential Palace have recently announced progress in talks on political reconciliation, and it is expected that soon the two sides will reach an agreement and the process of intra-Afghan negotiations will begin.



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	97	Afghan Forces	84
Anti-government Militants	165	Anti-government Militants	83
Civilians	41	Civilians	60
Foreign Forces	-	Foreign Forces	-
Total	303	Total	227
Total Casualties		530	

The end