

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 May 29 – June 4, 2020. Overall, 107 people have been killed and 83 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 risen slightly this week compared to the previous week. 186 people were killed or injured across the country last week, but a total of 190 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 Nangarhar, Paktia and Uruzgan provinces, where at least 19 security personnel were killed and six others wounded in attacks by anti-government militants.

Civilian casualties were higher than last week. The deadliest civilian casualties' incident took place in Kandahar, Kunduz, Sar-e-Pul, Kabul and Parwan provinces, in which 28 civilians were killed and 37 others were injured.

On the other hand, the death toll among the government's armed opposition is also lower than it was last week. Taliban fighters suffered heavy casualties in Nangarhar and Paktia provinces, where at least 34 Taliban fighters were killed.

In this report, you will read the details of casualties of 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.

Afghan Forces' Casualties

May 29:

Four policemen were injured in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Ghazi Abad district of Kunar province.

A policeman was killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Mohammad Agha district of Logar province.

A policeman was killed in a Taliban attack in Rabat Sangi district of Herat province.

14 border policemen were killed and three others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban fighters in Dand Patan district of Paktia province.

May 30:

A National Directorate of Security (NDS) soldier was injured in an attack by unknown gunmen in Parwan province.



May 31:

Three local policemen were killed and another wounded in a clash between police and Taliban in Hesarak district of Nangarhar province.

A policeman was killed and two others were injured in a Taliban attack in a bazaar in Ghoryan district of Herat province.

June 1:

The head of the traffic department was killed in an attack by unknown gunmen in Sayed Khan area of Kapisa province.

A policeman was killed in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Ghorian district of Herat province.

June 02:

A Taliban infiltrator shot and killed his two colleagues and wounded two others in Sufi area of Tirinkot city of Uruzgan province.

A policeman was killed in a bomb blast in Alasai district of Kapisa province.

June 03:

Four policemen, including the district police chief, were killed and four others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Paktia's Sayed Karam district.

A local policeman was killed in an attack by unknown gunman in Chashma Shirin area of Qala-e-Naw, the capital of Badghis province.

June 04:

In Abkamari district of Badghis province, armed Taliban first abducted and later killed a female NDS official.

Table-1: Afghan Forces' Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	1	1	2
Police	30	16	46
Total	31	17	48



Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties

May 29:

A Taliban fighter was killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Mohammad Agha district of Logar province.

18 Taliban fighters have been killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Dand Patan district of Paktia province. Taliban have admitted the death of their two fighters in the clash.

May 31:

16 Taliban fighters were killed and nine others wounded in a clash between police and Taliban in Hesarak district of Nangarhar province.

June 03:

A mine planter was killed by Afghan forces in the 19th police district of Kabul.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	36	9	45
Total	36	9	45

Civilian Casualties

May 29:

Two children were killed and five others were injured in a roadside bomb blast near the 5th police district in Kandahar city.

A child was killed and another was injured in a roadside bomb blast in Ferozkoh city of Ghor province.

May 30:

Two people were killed and five others were injured when a roadside bomb exploded near a car belonging to a private TV station in Kabul's Gul Surkh Square. Taliban have denied any involvement in the incident.

Three civilians were killed and three others were injured when a mortar shell hit a civilian house in Joy Dakhtar area of Siagard district in Parwan province.

In addition to a National Directorate of Security (NDS) employee, a child was also injured in an attack by unknown gunmen in Parwan province.

Two shepherds were killed in a roadside bomb blast in Kohistan district of Badakhshan province.

May 31:

Three civilians were injured in a roadside bomb blast near Kabul's 11th police district.

Three people were killed and three others were injured when a mortar shell hit a civilian house in Nerkh district of Maidan Wardak province.

A civilian was killed and another wounded when a mortar shell hit a civilian house in Yangi Qala district of Takhar province.

June 01:

A roadside bomb blast in Khan Abad district of Kunduz province has killed seven workers and injured six others.

June 02:

A bomb blast at Wazir Mohammad Akbar Khan Mosque in Kabul has killed the mosque's famous imam, Dr. Ayaz Niazi, and a worshiper, and injured eight others.

A civilian was killed and four others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Kandahar's Shah Wali Kot district.

Three civilians were killed and four others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Aqtash area of Sar-e-Pul province.

June 03:

Nine civilians, including women and children, were killed and five others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Kandahar's Arghistan district.

June 04:

Taliban militants attacked the center of Alasai district in Kapisa province, injuring a civilian.

A civilian was killed and three others were injured in a roadside bomb blast in Qarabagh district of Kabul province.

Three women were killed and four others, including three women, were injured when Afghan forces fired a mortar shell at a civilian house in Spinda area of Ghazni city.

Table-3: Civilian Casualties

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	40	57	97
Total	40	57	97

Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 190 people have been killed or injured (107 of them were killed and 83 wounded) from 29 May – 4 June 2020.

The overall death toll in this week was lower than it was last week, but most of the casualties were civilians. 53 Afghan security personnel were killed last week, but a total of 31 Afghan soldiers were killed this week. The death toll among the anti-government armed militants has also dropped compared to last week. 48 militants were killed last week, but 36 have been killed this week. However, civilian casualties were higher than it was last week. The number of civilians killed last week was 27, but this week the number has risen to 40 (Table-4).

This week, the overall death toll is lower than last week, due to the continuing decline in violence following the Eid al-Fitr ceasefire. Although, casualties were low this week, civilians still suffered heavy casualties. The highest number of civilian casualties was caused by roadside bomb blasts and attacks by Afghan forces on civilian homes. UNAMA said in a statement that roadside bomb blasts in the first 48 hours of June killed ten civilians and injured more than ten others only in Sar-e-Pul and Kunduz provinces.

Despite the reduction in violence on the battlefield, Zalmay Khalilzad, the US special envoy for Afghan peace, said the Afghan government should release 5000 Taliban prisoners before intra-Afghan talks could begin. The Afghan National Security Council (ANSC) said that 2,710 Taliban prisoners have been released so far and stressed that intra-Afghan talks will commence after the release of 3000 prisoners. Sohail Shaheen, a spokesman for the Taliban's political office in Qatar, said on Twitter that the Afghan government had so far released 2284 Taliban prisoners and Taliban have released 420 prisoners. Although the prisoner exchange process accelerated during the Eid holidays, there are differences between the Taliban and the Afghan government over the number of prisoners released. Overall, the speed of this process has raised hopes for the start of intra-Afghan talks.

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	31	Afghan Forces	17
Anti-government Militants	36	Anti-government Militants	9
Civilians	40	Civilians	57
Foreign Forces	-	Foreign Forces	-
Total	107	Total	83
Total killed and injured 190			

The end