

## 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 June 5 – 11, 2020. Overall, 158 people have been killed and 67 others have been wounded across the country this week.

According to the report figures, the total death toll due to the ongoing war in the country this week is higher than last week. 190 people were killed or injured across the country last week, but a total of 225 people have been killed or injured this week.

The death toll among Afghan forces this week was higher than last week. The deadliest incidents of Afghan forces took place in Badakhshan and Zabul provinces, where at least 25 security personnel were killed in attacks by anti-government militants.

Civilian casualties were lower than last week. The deadliest incidents of civilian casualties took place in Maidan Wardak and Sar-e-Pul provinces, in which 7 civilians were killed and 4 others were injured.

On the other hand, the death toll among the government's armed opposition is higher than last week. Taliban fighters also suffered heavy casualties in Zabul, Farah and Kunar provinces, in which at least 44 Taliban insurgents were killed and 12 others wounded.

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

### June 05:

At least ten people, including an ALP commander, were killed in a roadside mine blast in Darkhan area of Khash district in Badakhshan province.

15 policemen were killed and another wounded in a Taliban attack in Jaldak area of Shahr-e-Safa district of Zabul province.

A policeman was killed in a Taliban attack in Qulak area of Daulatyar district in Ghor province.

At least two border policemen were killed and three ANA soldiers were wounded in a Taliban attack in the area between Mardian and Mangjik districts of Takhar province.

A policeman was killed in a Taliban attack in Taloqan city of Takhar province.

### June 06:

Three policemen were killed and four others were injured in a clash between police and Taliban fighters in Kabul's Guldara district.



Two policemen were killed and two others were injured in a roadside mine blast in Paktia province's Dand Patan district.

The head of National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Zazi Maidan district of Khost province was killed and two of his bodyguards were injured in an attack by unidentified gunmen.

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

Three policemen were killed in a roadside mine blast in Karam Khel area of Khogyani district in Nangarhar province.

Two policemen have been killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen in Yawan district of Badakhshan province.

Two policemen were killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen in Gizab district of Uruzgan province.

**June 07:**

A commander and his bodyguard were injured in a roadside mine blast in Kara Taz area of Kapisa province.

Two policemen were injured in an armed clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Nahr-e-Siraj district of Helmand province.

**June 08:**

Taliban militants shot and killed a security guard on his way home on the Kunduz-Takhar highway.

**June 09:**

A roadside mine exploded in Shortepa district chief's car in Balkh province, killing four policemen, including a local police commander.

Taliban attacked a security checkpoint in Shinwari district of Ghorband Dara of Parwan province, killing a policeman.

A policeman was killed in a Taliban attack in Qadis district of Badghis province.

A policeman was killed in a Taliban attack in Ishkamish district of Takhar province.

**June 10:**

A policeman was killed in an armed attack in the 5<sup>th</sup> security district of Kandahar province.

A criminal police chief was killed along with two other policemen in the Nawa Rod area of Kajran district in Daikundi province.



**June 11:**

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

A commander was killed and three other policemen were injured in a Taliban attack in Paktika province.

A policeman was killed in an armed clash between police and Taliban insurgents in Ye Shabadin area of Surobi district in Paktika province.

A policeman was killed in an attack by unidentified gunman in Kandahar city.

One ANA soldier was killed and four others were injured in a roadside mine blast in Charbolak district of Balkh province.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
ANA	3	8	11
NDS	1	2	3
Police	56	16	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>48</b>

### Anti-government Armed Militants' Casualties

**June 05:**

Three Taliban fighters have been killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Darkhan area of Khash district of Badakhshan province.

12 Taliban have been killed in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban insurgents in Jaldak area of Shahr-e-Safa district in Zabul province.

16 Taliban have been killed and five others wounded in an airstrike in Farah province.

**June 06:**

16 Taliban fighters were killed and seven others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban insurgents in Ghaziabad district of Kunar province.

**June 07:**

Five Taliban have been killed and three others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Nahr-e-Siraj district of Helmand province.

Four Taliban fighters were killed in a mine blast in Manjaniq district of Jawzjan province.

**June 08:**

Seven fighters were killed and six others were injured in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Shahr-e-Buzorg district of Badakhshan province.

**June 11:**

Four Taliban fighters have been killed in a clash with police in Shabadin area of Surobi district in Paktika province.

A Taliban fighter was killed during a clash with Afghan forces in Warduj district of Badakhshan province.

Seven Taliban fighters were killed and two others wounded in a clash between Afghan forces and Taliban in Baki Khel district of Paktika province.

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

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Taliban	75	23	98
Total	75	23	98

## Civilian Casualties

**June 06:**

Four civilians, members of a family, were killed in an attack by militants in the area between Dasht-e-Top and Al-Sang areas of Sayed Abad district in Maidan Wardak province.

A man and a woman were killed and another woman was injured when gunmen stormed a civilian house in Syedabad Arabiya area of Sar-e-Pul province.

Gunmen opened fire on a civilian vehicle in Sar-e-Pul province, killing two civilians and wounding three others.

A civilian was killed in a Taliban attack in Dolina district of Ghor province.

Two civilians were killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen in Gizab district of Uruzgan province.

#### **June 07:**

Two sisters were killed in an attack by militants in Mohammad Agha district of Logar province.

A civilian was killed in an armed clash between Taliban and Afghan forces in Shinwari district of Parwan province.

#### **June 08:**

A 13-year-old child was killed and another was injured in a roadside mine blast in Sayed Qala area of Mata Khan district in Paktika province.

A civilian was killed in an attack by unidentified gunmen in Qala-e-Daman area of Mehtarlam city in Laghman province.

#### **June 09:**

A district chief was killed in a roadside mine blast on his way to Mazar-e-Sharif in the northern province of Balkh.

A former Member of Parliament has been killed in a Taliban attack in the village of Chuni in Poli Alam city of Logar province.

Unidentified gunmen opened fire on a civilian vehicle in Baghlan's Doshi district, killing one civilian and wounding another.

An elderly man was shot dead by Afghan forces in Abdul Rauf Qala area of Musahi district in Kabul province. Also, another person was killed and eight others were injured when Afghan forces opened fire on protesters.

#### **June 10:**

One child was killed and three others were injured in a Taliban mine blast in Dolina district of Ghor province.

#### **June 11:**

One civilian was killed and another was injured in a roadside mine blast in the Rahman Mena area of Kabul's 8th police district.

**Table-3: Civilian Casualties**

Name	Killed	Injured	Total Killed and Injured
Civilians	23	18	41
Total	23	18	41

### Conclusion and Analysis of the Week

The report shows that all over the country, 225 people have been killed and injured (158 of them were killed and 67 wounded) from 5 – 11 June 2020.

The overall death toll in this week was higher than last week, 31 Afghan security personnel killed last week, but a total of 75 Afghan soldiers were killed this week. The death toll among the anti-government armed militants has also rose from last week. 36 militants were killed last week, but 75 have been killed this week. civilian casualties rate this week is lower than last week. The number of civilians killed last week was 40, but this week the number has dropped to 23 (Table 4).

This week, however, the overall death toll rate is higher than last week. But civilian casualties are lower this week than last. Last week saw the highest number of civilian casualties among the whole casualties. Civilians are the main victims of the ongoing war. The US Agency for International Development (SIGAR) has stated in a recent report that more than 35,500 civilians have been killed in the Afghan war between 2009 - 2019. The agency also released figures on the number of US troops killed in the Afghan war, in which a total of 2,439 US soldiers and personnel were killed and 20,663 others were wounded between 2001 and 2020. In the first three months of this year, seven US soldiers were killed and 11 others wounded, three of them in civilian casualties, the report said.

Meanwhile, Sohail Shaheen, the spokesman for Taliban's political office in Qatar, wrote on his Twitter account that 107 Afghan forces had been released from Taliban prisons in different provinces this week. In a separate operation, 30 soldiers recently captured in Ghazni province were released in good faith. Sohail Shaheen also said that once the process of the release of the 5,000 prisoners is completed, they are ready to start intra-Afghan talks within a week. The Afghan government announced last week that it had completed the release of 3,000 Taliban prisoners. On the same hand, the head of Taliban's political office in Qatar, Mullah Baradar, and

his delegation also met this week with Zalmay Khalilzad, General Miller and a delegation to discuss speeding up the release of prisoners and starting intra-Afghan talks. It is said that talks are underway between the two sides on the venue and date of intra-Afghan talks and there are hopes that the talks will start soon.

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	60	Afghan Forces	26
Anti-government Militants	75	Anti-government Militants	23
Civilians	23	Civilians	18
Foreign Forces	-	Foreign Forces	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>
Total killed and injured 225			

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