

# This Week in Terrorism

05/21/2018-05/27/2018

Total Attacks: 35 Total Killed: 99 Total Injured: 151

From last week attacks increased by 67% fatalities increased by 71%, and injuries increased by 35%.

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## Summary of Attacks

### Largest

For the time in a row, the week's largest attack took place in Afghanistan. This week, two containers holding explosives detonated in a mechanic shop in Kandahar on Tuesday. At least twenty-one people were killed, including four security officers and five young children. Forty more people were injured. No group has claimed responsibility

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### Attackers

**Al-Shabaab** claimed two attacks and are suspected in two more, all in Somalia. On Monday, in Mogadishu's [Dharkeynley](#) neighborhood, two Somali soldiers were shot to death with a pistol. Al-Shabaab claimed the attack, as well as one the next day, in which a suicide car bomber attacked a military convoy in [Afgoye](#). Al-Shabaab claimed that twelve soldiers were killed, but regional authorities claim that only the bomber died, while four people were injured. On Wednesday, two gunmen suspected to be members of Al-Shabaab shot and killed regional lawmaker Abdihakim Mo'alim Dahir outside a hotel in [Galkayo](#). On Saturday, a yet-unknown man was also shot to death by two pistol-wielding militants in [Mogadishu](#). No group has claimed responsibility, but it clearly fits the pattern of recent Al-Shabaab attacks.

**Boko Haram** is suspected to have attacked [Mashimari](#) village in Nigeria. Two women wearing suicide vests targeted a mosque and a home in the village, killing five and injuring five more.

**ISIS** claimed three attacks and is suspected in four more. Two of these attacks occurred in Libya on Tuesday. In [Ajdabiya](#), two soldiers were killed and two more injured when a suicide car bomber targeted a military checkpoint. In [Awjila](#), a Libyan National Army soldier was kidnapped from a checkpoint. ISIS

claimed responsibility for both attacks. The same day in [Palmyra](#), Syria, thirty people were killed when suspected ISIS suicide bombers attacked a military base. In [al-Riyad](#), Iraq, a tribal chief was kidnapped and then shot by suspected ISIS militants on Tuesday. On Wednesday, in [Mogadishu](#), ISIS militants shot and killed a police officer in Bakara market. Also on Wednesday, in Baghdad's [Shoala](#) neighborhood, a suicide bomber suspected to be a member of ISIS detonated himself in a park, killing seven and injuring sixteen. The same day in [Jalawla](#), Iraq, suspected ISIS members attacked the home of a local tribesman, killing three members of the household and injuring three more.

**Lashkar-e-Taiba** is suspected in an attack in [Gund Prang Hajin](#), India, in which a butcher was abducted from his home, and then found with his throat cut.

**Naxalites** are suspected in four attacks this week, all in India. On Wednesday, in [Bondanar](#), suspected Naxals blew up a BJP MP's farmhouse. No one was home, but the building was damaged. The next day in [Puswada](#), one police officer was killed and another injured when they stepped on a pressure bomb suspected to have been planted by Naxals. Later that night in [Dokwatard](#), a husband and wife were executed by suspected Naxals, who claimed that they were police informants. On Sunday in [Punpalli](#) a civilian in his field was surrounded by a group of suspected Naxals and then hacked to death.

**The New People's Army (NPA)**, claims to have killed a defeated candidate for local office on Wednesday. Rodolfo Ambong was riding his motorcycle in [Tan-Awan](#), Philippines when four NPA members shot and killed him.

The **PKK** is suspected in two attacks this week. On Monday, two soldiers were killed and two more wounded in an attack in [Northern Iraq](#). On Thursday, two people were killed and three injured by a roadside bomb in [Kayalar](#), Turkey.

The **Taliban** claimed a suicide car bombing in [Nad Ali](#), Afghanistan on Sunday that killed two and injured four more.

**Tehreek-ul-Mujhadeen** claimed two grenade attacks in India on Thursday: one in [Jammu](#) injured three, while another in [Srinagar](#) left no casualties.

Twelve attacks were carried out by unknown groups.

## By Region

### *Middle East*

Two of this week's attacks occurred in **Afghanistan**. On Tuesday, two containers holding explosives detonated in a mechanic shop in [Kandahar](#). At least twenty-one people were killed, including four security officers and five young children. Forty more people were injured. No group has claimed responsibility for what became the week's largest attack. On Sunday, a suicide car bombing in [Nad Ali](#) killed two and injured four more. The attack was claimed by the Taliban.

**Iraq** suffered five attacks this week. Unknown militants attached a bomb to a car in [al-Tarmia](#) on Monday,

killing the driver when it exploded. The same day, two soldiers were killed and two more wounded in a suspected PKK attack in [Northern Iraq](#). ISIS is suspected in all three remaining attacks. On Tuesday, in [al-Riyad](#), Iraq, a tribal chief was kidnapped, shot, and killed. On Wednesday, in Baghdad's [Shoala](#) neighborhood, a suicide bomber suspected detonated himself in a park, killing seven and injuring sixteen. The same day in [Jalawla](#), Iraq, suspected ISIS members attacked the home of a local tribesman, killing three members of the household and injuring three more.

Two attacks occurred in **Israel**. On Tuesday, unknown militants set fire to an IDF sniper post in [Kissufim](#). No one was injured. On Sunday, an IED detonated near an IDF position in [Nablus](#). Again no casualties were reported.

**Syria** suffered two attacks this week. On Tuesday in [Palmyra](#), Syria, thirty people were killed when suspected ISIS suicide bombers attacked a military base. On Saturday, a large car bomb rocked [Idlib](#), killing five and injuring at least thirty-five.

#### *Africa*

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#### *Asia-Pacific*

**India** suffered nine attacks this week, the most of any country for the second week in a row. In [Bijbehara](#) on Wednesday, ten people were injured when unknown militants threw a grenade at police but missed and hit a crowd of civilians. On Wednesday, in [Bondanar](#), suspected Naxals blew up a BJP MP's farmhouse. No one was home, but the building was damaged. The next day in [Puswada](#), one police officer was killed and

another injured when they stepped on a pressure bomb suspected to have been planted by Naxals. Later that night in [Dokwatard](#), a husband and wife were executed by suspected Naxals, who claimed that they were police informants. Also on Thursday, Tehreek-ul-Mujhadeen carried out two grenade attacks: one in [Jammu](#) injured three, while another in [Srinagar](#) left no casualties. On Friday, another grenade attack occurred, this time in [Nehama](#), when unknown attackers threw a grenade into a military camp. No casualties resulted. On Saturday, suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba militants abducted a butcher from his home in [Gund Prang Hajin](#) and slit his throat. Finally, on Sunday, in [Punpalli](#) a civilian in his field was surrounded by a group of suspected Naxals and then hacked to death.

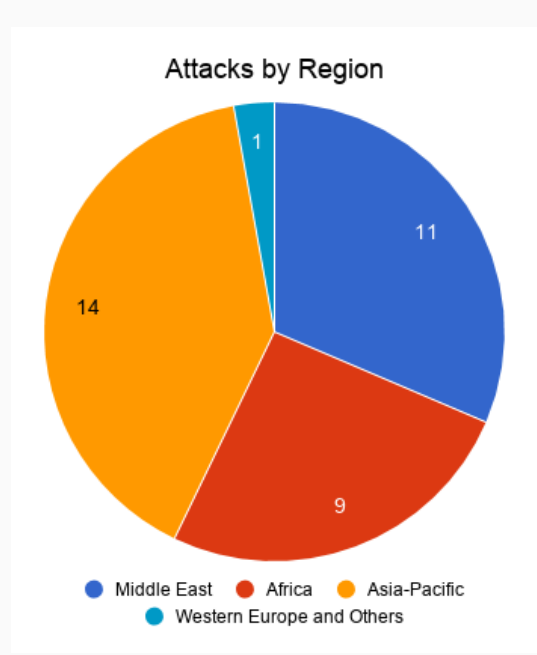
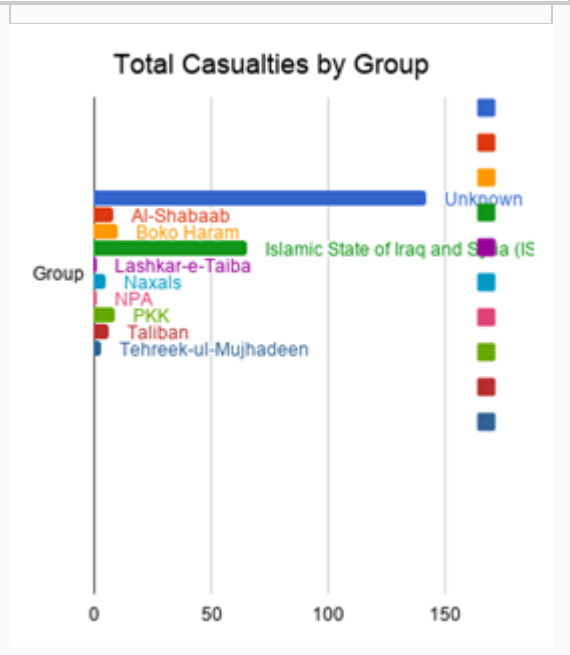
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In **Nepal**, a bomb exploded in a brick factory in [Dhunibesi](#) on Tuesday. At the time of the attack no one was in the factory, and so there were no casualties.

Two attacks occurred in **Pakistan**. On Tuesday, unknown militants threw a grenade at a home in [Ladha](#), killing one and injuring three, including two children. On Saturday, unknown shooters opened fire on security forces in [Gujrat](#). No casualties were reported.

*Western Europe and Others*

In **Turkey** on Thursday, two people were killed and three injured by a roadside bomb in [Kayalar](#).



## Attacks Worldwide



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