This Week in Terrorism

05/28/2018-06/03/2018

Total Attacks: 57 Total Killed: 91 Total Injured: 99

From last week attacks increased by 63% fatalities decreased by 8%, and injuries decreased by 34%.

Source

Summary of Attacks

Largest

This week's largest attack claimed the lives of twenty members of a Tuareg organization in Mali. On Monday, gunmen in vehicles and on motorcycles fired on a checkpoint near the Niger border being manned by militants from the Movement for the Salvation of Azawad, a Tuareg group. It is still unclear who was responsible for the attack.

Source

Attackers

AI-Shabaab is suspected in four attacks this week, all in Somalia. In Mogadishu's <u>Bondhere</u>neighborhood an IED attached to a security official's car exploded, killing one and injuring one more on Monday. A parliamentary staffer was shot dead the same day in nearby <u>Waberi</u> neighborhood. Also on Monday, an AMISOM convoy was attacked with firearms and an IED in <u>Golweyn</u>. On Thursday, Abdiweli Ahmed Mohamed, Mogadishu's Wardhigley district Youth League Chairman, was shot to death in<u>Mogadishu</u>.
Boko Haram is suspected in three attacks, all in Nigeria. On Monday, militants attacked <u>Pumbum</u>, a town in Borno state, killing one person and stealing an unknown number of cattle. The same day, two female suicide bombers detonated themselves inside a house and near a mosque in <u>Mashimari</u>. On Thursday, five Nigerian soldiers were killed in <u>Gwoza</u> when they ran into an IED, and then came under fire from suspected Boko Haram militants.

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The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed two attacks and are suspected in four more. In Liège, Belgium, a man wielding a knife and a handgun killed two police officers and a bystander on Tuesday. On Sunday, militants attacked a police station in <u>AI-Qanan</u>, Libya, killing one and injuring five. ISIS claimed both attacks. Also on Tuesday, suspected ISIS fighters attacked an FSA position in <u>Sheikh Saad</u>, Syria, killing four. Late that night in <u>Anjel</u>, Somalia suspected ISIS militants attacked a military outpost, killing one and injuring three. On Wednesday, militants attacked <u>Shirqat</u> town in Iraq. No casualties were reported. On Saturday, militants entered <u>aI-Farahatiyah</u> village, also in Iraq, and killed twelve members of the same family. It is still unclear why that family was targeted.

Jaish-e-Mohammed reemerged for the first time since February and claimed four grenade attacks in India this week. On Tuesday, militants threw a grenade at a police station in <u>Kakapora</u>. No casualties were reported. On Friday, in <u>Srinagar</u>, militants threw another grenade at another police station, injuring six. On Saturday, militants threw a grenade at a police patrol in nearby <u>Fateh Kadal</u>, injuring three police officers, a civilian, and two other unidentified parties. The same day in <u>Lalchowk</u>, a grenade was thrown at a police vehicle, injuring one.

Naxalites are suspected in four attacks, also in India. On Monday, in <u>Kita</u>, a man supervising a road construction project was shot to death. On Thursday, in Bihar's <u>Munger</u> district Naxalites set fire to construction vehicles an abducted laborers working on another road construction project. The next day in<u>Aranpur</u>, two police officers were injured in an IED attack. The next day, an attacker broke into a victim's home in <u>Jamui</u> and shot him to death.

The **New People's Army (NPA)** claimed one attack and are suspected in one more, both in the Philippines. On Wednesday, two police officers had their weapons and vehicle stolen by suspected NPA militants in <u>Mauswagon</u>. No casualties resulted. The same day a newly elected village official was assassinated in <u>Mahaba</u>. The NPA claimed responsibility.

The **Taliban** claimed two attacks and are suspected in one more, all in Afghanistan. On Tuesday, a suspected Taliban suicide bomber injured three police officers at a checkpoint in <u>Dara Afghania</u>. On Wednesday, the Taliban attacked a district headquarters in <u>Takhar</u> province, killing five and injuring three. The same day, Taliban militants attacked a police station in <u>Puli Alam</u>, killing six and injuring twelve. Thirty attacks were carried out by unknown attackers.

Regions

Middle East

Afghanistan suffered six of this week's attacks. On Tuesday, a suspected Taliban suicide bomber injured three police officers at a checkpoint in <u>Dara Afghania</u>. On Wednesday, the Taliban attacked a district headquarters in <u>Takhar</u> province, killing five and injuring three. The same day, Taliban militants attacked a

police station in <u>Puli Alam</u>, killing six and injuring twelve. The Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP) launched a surprise attack on Afghanistan's Interior Ministry in <u>Kabul</u> on Wednesday. The attack include two suicide bomber disguised in military uniforms and two armored vehicles. While Afghan security forces ultimately repelled the attack, one police officer was killed and five were injured. On Wednesday, a vehicle bomb exploded in a garage in <u>Kandahar</u>, killing three and injuring thirteen. The next day, in Helmand's <u>Gereshk</u> district, a vehicle borne suicide bomb injured three police officers. Iraq suffered five attacks this week. On Wednesday, militants attacked <u>Shirqat</u> town. No casualties were reported. On Saturday, militants entered <u>al-Farahatiyah</u> village, also in Iraq, and killed twelve members of the same family. It is still unclear why that family was targeted. ISIS is suspected in both attacks. Also on Wednesday, a bomb injured two in <u>Taji</u>, and an IED killed one and injured three in <u>Tuz Khurmatu</u>. On Saturday, a suicide bomber stepped in front of a military convoy in <u>al-Hakna</u>, killing four.

Israel was hit by three attacks this week. The town of <u>Sderot</u> took gunfire on Monday, damaging buildings and vehicles but injuring no one. The next day, two communities in <u>Eshkol</u> district were hit my mortar and power lines in <u>Southern</u> Israel were destroyed by rocket fire. No casualties were reported in either attack. Saudi Arabia suffered one attack. Two gunmen stabbed a police officer to death and stole his weapons before attacking a military base in <u>Taif</u>, injuring an unknown number of additional soldiers. This was the first attack on Saudi Arabia this year.

Syria suffered four attacks. On Tuesday, suspected ISIS fighters attacked an FSA position in <u>Sheikh Saad</u>, Syria, killing four. The same day, a car bomb exploded near <u>Qebaseen</u>'s local council building. No one was injured but the building was damaged. On Thursday, an IED inside a motorcycle detonated near a bus station in <u>Jarablus</u>, killing four. Also on Thursday, an explosion in <u>Ariha</u> killed three.

Africa

Libya suffered one attack on Sunday when militants attacked a police station in <u>Al-Qanan</u>, killing one and injuring five.

Mali also suffered one attack when on Monday, gunmen in vehicles and on motorcycles fired on a checkpoint in <u>Talataye</u> near the Niger border. The checkpoint was being manned by militants from the Movement for the Salvation of Azawad, a Tuareg organization. Twenty of their members were killed in the attack. It is still unclear who was responsible for the attack which was the largest this week.

Nigeria was hit by three attacks this week, all suspected to be the work of Boko Haram. On Monday, militants attacked <u>Pumbum</u>, a town in Borno state, killing one person and stealing an unknown number of cattle. The same day, two female suicide bombers detonated themselves inside a house and near a mosque in <u>Mashimari</u>. On Thursday, five Nigerian soldiers were killed in <u>Gwoza</u> when they ran into an IED, and then came under fire.

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car exploded, killing one and injuring one more on Monday. A parliamentary staffer was shot dead the same day in nearby <u>Waberi</u> neighborhood. Also on Monday, an AMISOM convoy was attacked with firearms and an IED in <u>Golweyn</u>. On Thursday, Abdiweli Ahmed Mohamed, Mogadishu's Wardhigley district Youth League Chairman, was shot to death in <u>Mogadishu</u>. Al-Shabaab is suspected in all four attacks. The remaining attack occurred late Tuesday night in <u>Anjel</u>, when suspected ISIS militants attacked a military outpost, killing one and injuring three.

Asia-Pacific

India suffered nineteen attacks this week, making it the country with the most attacks for the third week in a row. Early Monday morning, a soldier and civilian taxi driver were killed in an attack on a 50 Rashtriya Rifles camp in Kakapora. Later that morning around 6 am, three soldiers were injured when their vehicle struck an IED in Shopian. Finally on Monday, in Kita, a man supervising a road construction project was shot to death. No group claimed responsibility for any attack, but Naxalites are suspected in the Kita shooting. On Tuesday, Kakapora was attacked again when suspected Jaish-e-Mohammed militants threw a grenade at a police station, leaving no casualties. Wednesday saw string of four attacks throughout the afternoon and evening. Around 2pm in Pulwama's main town, a CPRF naka party was targeted by a grenade, but the attacker missed and no one was injured. Less than two hours later, in nearby Tral, National Conference leader Mohammad Ashraf Bhat's home was also targeted by a grenade, but again no one was injured. That night in Handwara forest, militants fired an army patrol, but were fought off before inflicting any casualties. The same evening, a police station in Raipora also took gunfire, but also suffered no injuries. No group claimed responsibility for any of Wednesday's attacks. On Thursday, in Bihar's Munger district, suspected Naxalites set fire to construction vehicles an abducted laborers working on aroad construction project. The same day inKulgam, a CPRF jawan was injured when militants attacked him with an axe in an attempt to steal his service rifle. Friday saw five attacks. Unknown attackers threw a grenade at CPRF personnel in<u>Anantang</u>, injuring four. Another <u>Tral</u> politician was targeted by a grenade when militants attacked the home of MLA Mushtag Shah. The grenade exploded in his lawn and injured no one. In Aranpur, two police officers were injured in an IED attack suspected to have been carried out by Naxals. Another grenade attack occurred in Srinagar, when Jaish-e-Mohammed militants targeted a police station and injured six. Finally on Friday, a suspected Naxalite attacker broke into a victim's home in Jamui and shot him to death. Three attacks occurred on Saturday. Jaish-e-Mohammed claimed two: one in which militants threw a grenade at a police patrol in Fateh Kadal, injuring six, and another grenade attack on a police vehicle in Lalchowk that injured one. A final grenade on Saturday targeted a police station in Srinagar, but left no casualties. Finally, on Sunday, unknown militants threw a grenade at an army camp in Tral, damaging a wall but leaving no injuries.

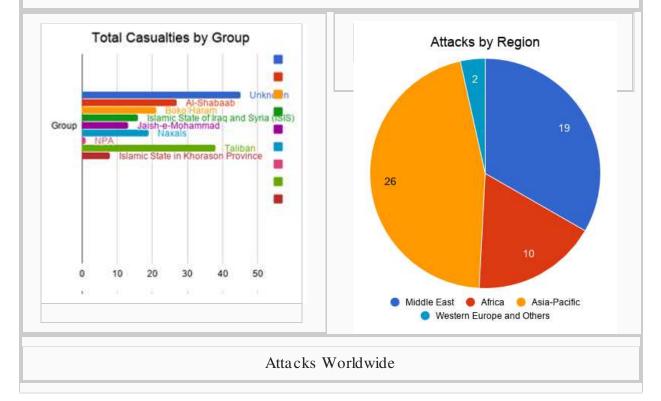
Pakistan suffered three attacks. On Wednesday, two Pakistani soldiers were killed and three injured by an

IED blast in <u>Data Khel</u>. On Saturday, an attacker opened fire on a military checkpoint in <u>Hub</u> and then detonated a suicide bomb, injuring two Sindh Rangers. It is unclear whether the attacker intentionally triggered the device or whether it was set off by the Rangers' retaliatory gunfire. The next day, militants carried out attacks on border posts and fencing in throughout <u>Balochistan</u> that injured five security personnel.

The Philippines were hit by four attacks this week. In <u>Baguindan</u> on Monday an army intelligence officer was shot to death in an ambush. The next day in Bacong, a grenade exploded inside the mayor and vice mayor's residential compound, injuring one. On Wednesday, two police officers had their weapons and vehicle stolen by suspected NPA militants in <u>Mauswagon</u>. No casualties resulted. The same day a newly elected village official was assassinated in <u>Mahaba</u>. The NPA claimed responsibility.

Western Europe and Others

Belgium suffered on attack in <u>Liège</u>, when a man wielding a knife and a handgun killed two police officers and a bystander on Tuesday. The attack was claimed by ISIS and was the first attack on Belgium this year. **Scotland** was attacked this week as well, when a family had its cars incinerated by a petrol-bomb in <u>Sandhaven</u>. No one was injured. This was also the year's first attack on Scotland.





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