# This Week in Terrorism

07/16/2018-07/22/2018

Total Attacks: 43 Total Killed: 124 Total Injured: 176

From last week attacks decreased by 14%, fatalities decreased by 53%, and injuries decreased by 55%.

Source

## Largest Attack

On Saturday, Afghan Vice President Abdul Rasheed Dostum returned to Kabul after fourteen months of self-exile in Turkey. Soon after his convoy left the airport a suicide blast targeted the crowd that was there to greet them. Dostum was unharmed in the attack, which was later claimed by ISIS.

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### Attackers

**Abu Sayyaf** is suspected in one attack in <u>Sirawai</u>, Philiippines. Armed men kidnapped six farmers on Wednesday, but all six were soon rescued.

Al-Shabaab claimed two attacks and are suspected in two more, all in Somalia. On Friday, a group of militants stormed the town of Af Urur during the night. Exact casualties have not yet been reported in the attack, which was claimed by Al-Shabaab. On Saturday a bomb exploded outside of Somalia's ministry of religious affairs in Mogadishu's Forilow neighborhood. One person was killed and two more were injured. The same day in nearby Bondhere another bomb exploded under a police vehicle, killing one and injuring one more. Also on Saturday, Al-Shabaab claimed an attack on a military base in Jazeera, which killed four.

Boko Haram is suspected in six attacks this week. On Monday, militants attacked a college in <a href="Dapchi">Dapchi</a>, Nigeria setting buildings on fire. No casualties were reported. On Tuesday, another group of militants attacked a convoy of businessmen in <a href="Mussini">Mussini</a>, Nigeria killing six. On Thursday, another convoy was attacked. Suspected Boko Haram militants killed twenty-seven civilians and burned thirty vehicles in <a href="Gajibo">Gajibo</a>, Nigeria. The same day <a href="Daboua">Daboua</a> village in Chad was attacked, leaving eighteen people dead and twelve injured. Ten people were also kidnapped. Also on Thursday, suspected Boko Haram militants attacked a military base in <a href="Baroua">Baroua</a>, Niger, killing one and injuring two. On

Saturday, militants attacked a military patrol in <u>Babbangida</u>, Nigeria but were driven off by soldiers before inflicting any casualties.

**Hizbul Mujahideen** is suspected in an attack in Moran, India, where militants fired on a police checkpoint, killing one officer and injuring another.

The **Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)** is also suspected in one attack. A suicide bomber targeted a mosque in <u>Sar-e-Pul</u>, Afghanistan, killing twenty.

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed one attack and are suspected in two more. On Wednesday, five people were killed in Dana, Syria when a bomb exploded in a vegetable market. The same day, in nearby Idlib, two Hayat Tahrir al-Sham militants were murdered. HTS believes rival group ISIS is behind the attack. On Saturday, Afghan Vice President Abdul Rasheed Dostum returned to Kabulafter fourteen months of self-exile in Turkey. Soon after his convoy left the airport a suicide blast targeted the crowd that was there to greet them. Dostum was unharmed in the attack, which was later claimed by ISIS.

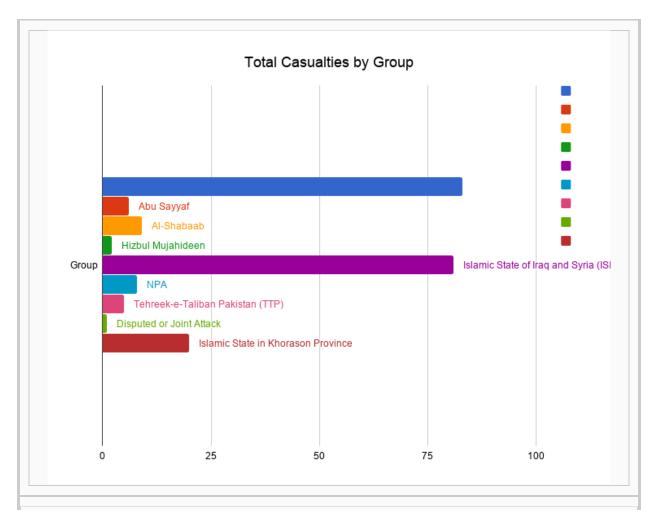
The Manipur Naga People's Front (MNPF) and the People's Liberation Army (PLA) jointly claimed an IED attack on a military patrol in <u>Chandel</u>, India that injured one person.

Naxals are suspected in an attack in Latchar, India where a school building was destroyed. No casualties were reported. The New People's Army (NPA) are suspected in four attacks, all in the Philippines. On Monday, suspected NPA militants attacked an an army patrol in Cabuyoan, leaving no casualties. On Thursday, NPA rebels attacked a police patrol with a landmine and firearms in Bungkulan, killing two and injuring three. The next day suspected NPA rebels killed a man in Bandila and stole his gun. On Sunday, two policemen were shot to death in Bato.

**PJAK**, the PKK's wing in Iran, claimed its first attack in <u>Dari</u>. Attackers targeted a group of soldiers, killing eleven and injuring eight.

**Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan** claimed a suicide attack on a political candidate in <u>Kulachi</u>, Pakistan. Candidate Ikramullah Gandapur was returning home when he was caught in a suicide attack that killed him and one other person. Three more people were injured.

Nineteen more attacks were carried out by unknown groups.



# Regions

#### Middle East

Afghanistan suffered three attacks this week. On Tuesday, a suicide bomber suspected to be affiliated with ISKP targeted a mosque in <a href="Sar-e-Pul">Sar-e-Pul</a>, Afghanistan, killing twenty. On Saturday, Afghan Vice President Abdul Rasheed Dostum returned to <a href="Kabul">Kabul</a> after fourteen months of self-exile in Turkey. Soon after his convoy left the airport a suicide blast targeted the crowd that was there to greet them. Dostum was unharmed in the attack, which was later claimed by ISIS. On Sunday, an IED blast in <a href="Lab-e-Jar">Lab-e-Jar</a>, Afghanistan killed two and injured one.

#### Africa

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#### Asia-Pacific

India was hit by seven attacks this week. Hizbul Mujahideen is suspected in an attack in Moran, where militants fired on a police checkpoint, killing one officer and injuring another. Naxals are suspected in an attack in Latehar, where a school building was destroyed. No casualties were reported. The Manipur Naga People's Front (MNPF) and the People's Liberation Army (PLA) jointly claimed an IED attack on a military patrol in Chandel, that injured one person. On Wednesday, unknown attackers threw a grenade at a police station in Sopore. On Saturday, militants attacked an army patrol in Tangdhar. The same day, a joint military and police patrol in Mattan. Another military patrol was attacked in Havoora, also on Saturday. No casualties were reported in any of those attacks.

**Iran** suffered one attack in <u>Dari</u>, where the PJAK, the PKK's wing in Iran, targeted a group of soldiers, killing eleven and injuring eight.

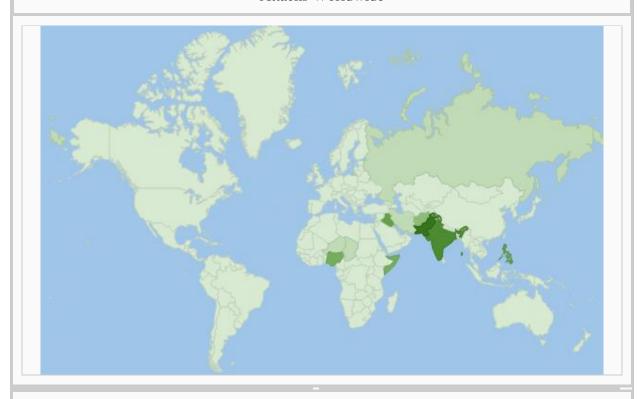
**Iraq** was hit by five attacks this week. On Monday, a policeman was shot to death in <u>Mosul</u>. On Wednesday, eleven people were injured by bombs and mortars in <u>Kirkuk</u>. The same day, a bomb blast in <u>Kirkuk</u> killed one and injured eighteen. <u>Kirkuk</u> suffered a third attack on Wednesday: a roadside bomb killed one person. Kirkuk's <u>Dibis</u> district was hit by a car bomb on Saturday that injured two.

Pakistan suffered nine attacks this week. On Monday, a former senator survived an assassination attempt in Pir Alizai. The next day, an IED killed two soldiers in northwest Pakistan. On Friday, an IED attached to a motorcycle exploded as a police convoy went by in Chaman, injuring four. On Saturday, a bomb was planted outside a civilian residence in Dal Mal. Four people were injured, all were civilians. On Sunday, a candidate in Pakistan's upcoming election in Akram Durrani in Bannu, but no one was hurt. The same day in Mach injured two. In nearby Batkhu a man was injured by a roadside bomb, also on Sunday. Also on Sunday, a grenade attack on a political office in Dalbandin injure thirty. The Philippines were hit by five attacks this week. Abu Sayyaf is suspected in one attack in Sirawai. Armed men kidnapped six farmers on Wednesday, but all six were soon rescued. On Monday, suspected NPA militants attacked an an army patrol in Cabuyoan, leaving no casualties. On Thursday, NPA rebels attacked a police patrol with a landmine and firearms in Bungkulan, killing two and injuring three. The next day suspected NPA rebels killed a man in Bandila and stole his gun. On Sunday, two policemen were shot to death in Bato, where the NPA are suspected as well.

Western Europe and Others

Russia was hit by one attack this week in  $\underline{Dagestan}$ , where gunmen killed two police officers.

### Attacks Worldwide



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