# **This Week in Terrorism**

07/30/2018-08/05/2018

## Total Attacks: 48 Total Killed: 153 Total Injured: 267

From last week attacks increased by 4%, fatalities decreased by 56%, and injuries decreased by 16%.

Source

Largest Attack

Thirty-nine people were killed and eighty-one injured when two burqa-clad attackers struck a predominantly Shi'ite mosque in Gardez, Afghanistan. After the attackers entered the mosque, one of them began shooting and one detonated a personal explosive device. The mosque's security guards killed the second attacker. ISIS later claimed the attack, making them responsible for the largest attack for the fourth week in a row.

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## Attackers

Al-Shabaab claimed four attacks and are suspected in three more, all in Somalia. On Monday, the group launched a mortar attack on an airport in <u>Barawa</u>, killing one. Al-Shabaab claimed the attack. On Wednesday suspected Al-Shabaab militants stormed a house in <u>Harbole</u> and demanded the family's six year old girl. Ultimately the attackers abducted the girl, who lives with albinism. The same day, another airport was attacked in <u>Buloburte</u>, when suspected Al-Shabaab militants detonated an IED in Buloburte. No casualties resulted. On Sunday, a suicide car bomb detonated in <u>Afgoye</u> killing twelve and injuring fourteen, a mix of police officers and civilians. The same day in <u>Mogadishu</u>, four people were killed and seven injured when another car bomb detonated outside a restaurant. Al-Shabaab claimed both attacks. In nearby <u>Hamarweyne</u>, two gunmen shot and killed two policemen, also on Sunday. A similar attack in<u>Hiran</u> the same day saw two other gunmen kill an intelligence official. Al-Shabaab claimed the second attack. **AQAP** are suspected in two attacks this week both in Yemen. On Friday, a group of militants stormed a military base in <u>Abyan</u> full of new recruits with guns and RPGs. No casualties were reported. The next day, a car bomb injured six people, also in <u>Abyan</u>.

Boko Haram is suspected in one attack in Gasarwa, where gunmen stormed and burned the village, killing five.

The **Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)** claimed one attack and are suspected in one more, both in Afghanistan. On Tuesday, three attackers targeted a repatriation center in <u>Jalalabad</u>, killing five and injuring fifteen. On Friday, thirty-nine people were killed and eighty-one injured when two burqa-clad attackers struck a predominantly Shi'ite mosque in <u>Gardez</u>. After the attackers entered the mosque, one of them began shooting and one detonated a personal explosive device. The mosque's security guards killed the second attacker. ISIS later claimed the attack, which was the week's largest.

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed two attacks and are suspected in two more. On Monday, the group raided <u>Ashkej</u>, Iraq, killing four. On Tuesday militants detonated a car bomb at a military checkpoint in <u>Lamitan</u>, Philippines killing ten and injuring seven. ISIS claimed responsibility, making this the first ISIS attack in the Philippines. The next day, militants ambushed a military part in<u>Damascus</u>, Syria, killing thirteen and injuring five. ISIS claimed this attack as well. On Thursday, suspected ISIS militants disguised in pro-government paramilitary uniforms killed four tribesmen in <u>al-Shaqij</u>, Iraq.

**Lashkar-e-Taiba** claimed two attacks this week, both in India. On Monday in <u>Sheerbagh</u> a grenade attack injured three policemen. Another grenade attack on Friday injured two more policemen in <u>Lalchowk</u>.

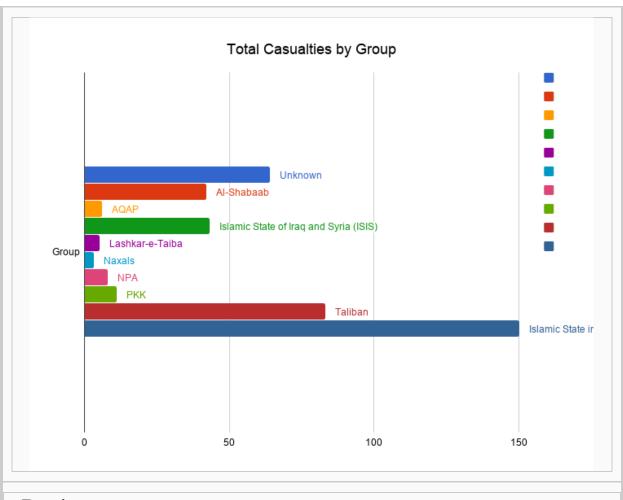
**Naxals** are suspected in two attacks, also both in India. On Wednesday an IED injured a policeman in<u>Basaguda</u>. Two more policemen were injured on Friday when their patrol was attacked in <u>Bijapur</u>.

The **New People's Army (NPA)** are suspected in four attacks this week, all in the Philippines. On Monday militants fired on a policeman in <u>Batuan</u>, but missed. The same day, militants attacked a group of soldiers in <u>Bukidnon</u>, injuring three. On Tuesday an IED targeting an army vehicle in <u>San Jose</u> injuring two. Three more soldiers were killed on Friday in <u>Mactan</u> when militants attacked their patrol.

The **PKK** are suspected in two attacks this week, both in Turkey. On Tuesday an IED killed two in <u>Yuksekova</u>. On Saturday, militants detonated an IED underneath a police vehicle in <u>Hakkari</u>, injuring nine.

The **Taliban** claimed two attacks are suspected in two more, all in Afghanistan. On Tuesday, a roadside bomb killed eleven and injured forty in <u>Bala Buluk</u>. The same day, twenty-two civilians were abducted from<u>Paktia</u>. The Taliban is suspected in both attacks. On Saturday, gunmen attack a new district military headquarters in <u>Uruzgan</u>, killing four. The next day a suicide bomber targeted a NATO foot patrol, killing three and injuring three in <u>Charikar</u>. The Taliban claimed both attacks.

Eighteen attacks were the work of unknown attackers.



# Regions

#### Middle East

Afghanistan suffered nine attacks this week, the most of any other country. On Monday a suicide car bomb in Rodat killed four and injured one, including a tribal elder. On Tuesday, three attackers targeted a repatriation center in Jalalabad, killing five and injuring fifteen. Also on Tuesday, a roadside bomb killed eleven and injured forty in Bala Buluk. The same day, twenty-two civilians were abducted from Paktia. The Taliban is suspected in both attacks. On Thursday, three caterers were abducted and later killed by unknown militants outside of Kabul. On Friday, thirty-nine people were killed and eighty-one injured when two burqa-clad attackers struck a predominantly Shi'ite mosque in Gardez. After the attackers entered the mosque, one of them began shooting and one detonated a personal explosive device. The mosque's security guards killed the second attacker. ISIS later claimed the attack, which was the week's largest. On Saturday, gunmen attack a new district military headquarters in Uruzgan, killing four. The next day a suicide bomber targeted a NATO foot patrol, killing three and injuring three in Charikar. The Taliban claimed both attacks. Also on Sunday a roadside IED killed three and injured eleven in Shamalan.

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disguised in pro-government paramilitary uniforms killed four tribesmen in <u>al-Shaqij</u>. ISIS is suspected in both attacks. Also on Thursday, unknown attackers blew up an <u>electricity line</u>, leaving no casualties but knocking out power for multiple provinces. On Sunday an IED struck a military patrol injured two in <u>al-Quds</u>.

**Syria** suffered two attacks this week. On Wednesday, ISIS ambushed a military part in <u>Damascus</u>, killing thirteen and injuring five. The next day, a car bomb in <u>Idlib</u> killed two and injured thirteen.

Yemen was hit by three attacks this week. On Tuesday, a car bomb in <u>Aden</u> injured three. On Friday, a group of militants stormed a military base in <u>Abyan</u> full of new recruits with guns and RPGs. No casualties were reported. The next day, a car bomb injured six people, also in <u>Abyan</u>. AQAP are suspected in the latter two attacks.

#### Africa

Mali suffered one attack this week on a military convoy in Segou, where four people were killed. Nigeria was hit by one attack in Gasarwa, where gunmen stormed and burned the village, killing five. Somalia suffered eight attacks this week. On Monday, the group launched a mortar attack on an airport inBarawa, killing one. Al-Shabaab claimed the attack. On Wednesday suspected Al-Shabaab militants stormed a house in Harbole and demanded the family's six year old girl. Ultimately the attackers abducted the girl, who lives with albinism. The same day, another airport was attacked in Buloburte, when suspected Al-Shabaab militants detonated an IED in Buloburte. No casualties resulted. On Sunday, a suicide car bomb detonated in Afgoye killing twelve and injuring fourteen, a mix of police officers and civilians. The same day in Mogadishu, four people were killed and seven injured when another car bomb detonated outside a restaurant. Al-Shabaab claimed both attacks. In nearby Hamarweyne, two gunmen shot and killed two policemen, also on Sunday. A similar attack in Hiran the same day saw two other gunmen kill an intelligence official. Al-Shabaab claimed the second attack. On Wednesday, unknown

**Tunisia** was hit by one attack this week in <u>Kasserine</u> where eleven attackers robbed a bank on Wednesday. The incident is being treated as a terrorist attack.

militants killed two and injured four in a suicide bombing in **Buhodle**.

#### Asia-Pacific

**India** was hit by seven attacks this week. On Monday in <u>Sheerbagh</u> a grenade attack injured three policemen. Lashkar-e-Taiba claimed the attack. On Tuesday, unknown militants threw a grenade at an army camp in <u>Chilipora</u>. The same day, a security party was attacked in <u>Maidan</u>. Neither attack resulted in any casualties. On Wednesday a suspected Naxal IED injured a policeman in <u>Basaguda</u>. The same day, unknown militants fired on an army patrol in <u>Check-e-Cholan</u>, but left no casualties. Another Laskhar-e-Taiba grenade attack on Friday injured two policemen in <u>Lalchowk</u>. Finally, two more policemen were injured on Friday when their patrol was attacked in <u>Bijapur</u>, possibly by Naxals.

**Pakistan** suffered two attacks this week, both by unknown groups. On Monday an IED attack killed one and injured three in <u>Dotoi</u>. On Sunday, gunmen fired on a judge's vehicle in <u>Daryal</u>, but left no casualties.

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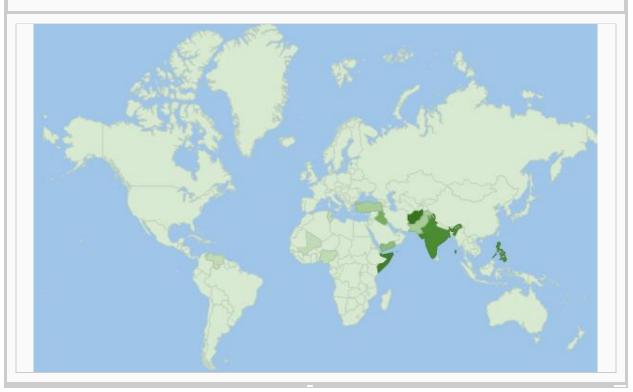
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#### Latin America

**Venezuela** suffered its first attack of the year on Saturday. President Maduro was speaking at a military parade in <u>Caracas</u> when two drones armed with explosives flew towards him. Authorities steered the drones away from the stage, but the explosions still injured seven people.

#### Western Europe and Others

**Turkey** suffered two attacks this week, both suspected to be the work of the PKK. On Tuesday an IED killed two in <u>Yuksekova</u>. On Saturday, militants detonated an IED underneath a police vehicle in <u>Hakkari</u>, injuring nine.



#### Attacks Worldwide

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