# This Week in Terrorism

10/08/2018-10/14/2018

Total Attacks: 38 Total Killed: 153 Total Injured: 170

From last week attacks increased by 9%, fatalities increased by 115%, and injuries decreased by 6%.

Source

# Largest Attack

On Saturday unknown militants targeted a political rally in Rustaq. A motorcycle bomb killed twenty-two people and injured thirty-six more at candidate Nazifa Beg's political rally. This was the week's largest attack.

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### Attackers

Al-Shabaab claimed two attacks this week. On Tuesday, two teachers were killed in an attack on a school in Mandera, Kenya. On Saturday, Al-Shabaab claimed a twin suicide bombing in Baidoa, Somalia that killed sixteen and injured twenty.

**Boko Haram** is suspected in three attacks. On Tuesday, a Nigerian military base attacked in <u>Metele</u>, killing seven and wounding sixteen. On Friday, suspected Boko Haram militants shot at an army base in <u>Arege</u>, Nigeria injuring six. On Wednesday, Boko Haram killed eight soldiers in the <u>Lake Chad</u> region. Eleven other soldiers were left wounded by the attack.

Islamic State of Iraq and Syria/Islamic State (ISIS/IS) claimed two attacks and are suspected in nine more. On Monday, two killed in Mosul, Iraq using a firearm. On Monday, ISIS attacked paramilitary troops in Udhaim, Iraq. No casualties reported. On Tuesday, an HTS base attacked in Hama, Turkey, killing 6 and seizing chemical weapons. On Tuesday, ISIS ambush in the Al-Safa district of Syria leaves 10 soldiers of the Syrian Arab Army and National Defense Forces (NDF) dead. There were at least 15 soldiers in the area at the time of the attack, 10 are reported dead while injuries are not reported. On Wednesday, ISIS attacked Sunni fighters near Kashaf village in al-Quwair region. The number killed and injured is unknown. On Wednesday, an army officer was killed and 3 soldiers taken captive in Akaz. The perpetrators are unknown but ISIS is suspected. ISIS militants killed 10 in an attack on security forces in Akkas gas field in western Anbar. ISIS killed one and took two captive in an attack in Al-Qa'im district in Anbar. On Thursday,

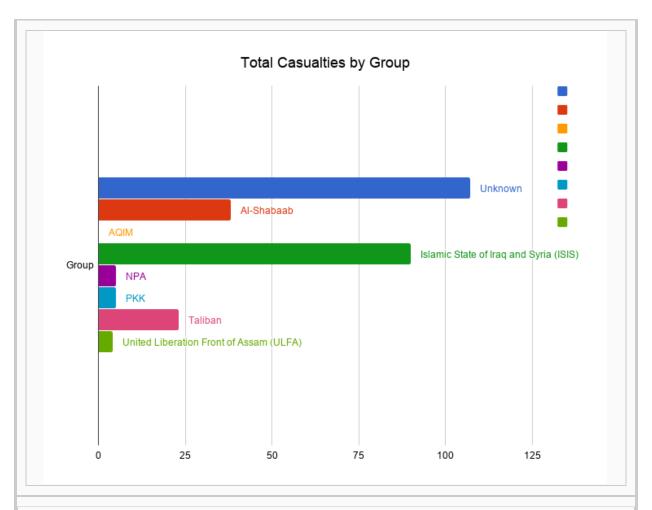
one killed and at least five others injured in an IED blast in <u>Kirkuk</u>. No group has taken responsibility, but ISIS is suspected. On Wednesday, ISIS militants killed 10 soldiers and took several dozen of the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) hostage near <u>Hajin</u>. On Thursday, IS killed 6 during an attack on the Syrian Arab Army (SAA) <u>near Hasarat and Al-Mayadeen.</u>

New People's Army (NPA) claimed one attack and is suspected in four more, all in the Philippines. On Monday, two killed and two injured after NPA rebels wounded a mayor and killed his bodyguard in Tacloban. On Tuesday, New People's Army rebels wounded 2 soldiers in New Eden. On Wednesday, police were ambushed in Takalag. None were killed. The ambush is suspected to have been carried out by the New People's Army (NPA). The same day, NPA stabbed a civilian to death in Takalag. Also on Wednesday, suspected NPA militants attacked an army regiment in Maco. Compostela Valley. No troops were injured or killed.

**PKK** is suspected in on attack on Tuesday, when one soldier was killed and four were wounded in a cross-border attack in <u>Cukurca</u>.

**Taliban** is suspected in four attacks this week, all in Afghanistan. On Thursday, three people were killed by a suspected Taliban IED in <u>Orgun</u>. The same day, another IED in <u>Muqar</u> killed one and injured five. A third IED at an election campaign headquarters in <u>Faryab</u> killed four people. On Friday suspected Taliban militants attacked a military base in <u>Dashti Archi</u>, killing four and injuring six.

United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), a new group, claimed its first attack in <u>Guwahati</u>, India, where an IED injured four people.



## Regions

#### Middle East

Afghanistan suffered seven attacks this week. On Tuesday, a suicide bomber at an election rally in Lashkar Gah killed 8 and wounded 11.On Thursday, three people were killed by an IED in Orgun. The same day, another IED in Muqar, Afghanistan killed one and injured five. A third IED at an election campaign headquarters in Faryab killed four people. On Friday suspected Taliban militants attacked a military base in Dashti Archi, Afghanistan, killing four and injuring six. The Taliban are suspected in all four attacks. On Saturday unknown militants targeted a political rally in Rustaq. A motorcycle bomb killed twenty-two people and injured thirty-six more at candidate Nazifa Beg's political rally. This was the week's largest attack. The same day, a political candidate's office in Herat was targeted by gunmen in Injil, killing two and injuring one.

Iraq was hit by nine attacks this week, the most of any country. On Monday, two killed in Mosul by ISIS using a firearm. The same day, ISIS attacked paramilitary troops in Udhaim, no casualties reported. Also on Monday, four killed in Hilt by ISIS. Finally on Monday, two killed in Basra. On Wednesday, ISIS attacked Sunni fighters near Kashaf village in al-Quwair region. The number killed and injured is unknown. The same day, an army officer was killed and 3

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#### Africa

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**Chad** also suffered one attack **on** Wednesday, Boko Haram killed 8 soldiers in the <u>Lake Chad</u> region. Eleven other soldiers were left wounded by the attack.

**Kenya** was hit by an attack **on** Tuesday, when two teachers were killed in an Al-Shabaab attack on a school in <u>Mandera</u>. **Mali** suffered an attack **on** Thursday, when three soldiers were killed by an IED on the road between <u>Djoungani and Koro</u>. The group responsible is unknown.

#### Asia Pacific

India suffered three attacks this week. On Friday, unknown terrorists shot a police officer to death at his home in <u>Sopore</u>. The same day, more unidentified attackers threw a grenade at an army patrol in <u>Narbal</u>, but left no casualties. The next day a new group, the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), claimed its first attack in <u>Guwahati</u>, where an IED injured four people.

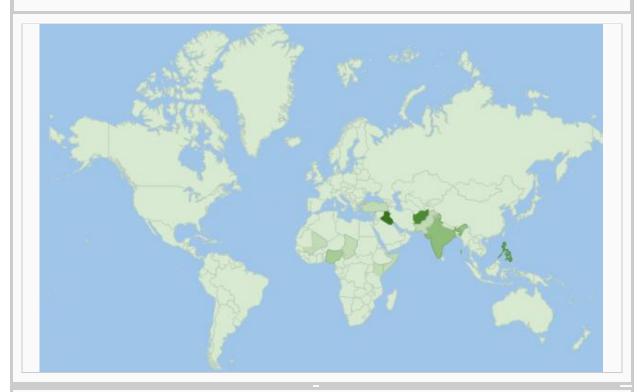
**Pakistan** was hit by one attack on Thursday, when an IED planted by unknown attackers killed three soldiers and injured five more in <u>Makeen</u>.

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NPA militants attacked an army regiment in Maco, Compostela Valley. No troops were injured or killed.

**Turkey** was hit by one attack on Tuesday when one soldier was killed and four were wounded in a cross-border PKK attack in <u>Cukurca</u>.

### Attacks Worldwide



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