

# This Week in Terrorism

03/19/2018-03/25/2018

Total Attacks: 30 Total Killed: 32 Total Injured: 297

From last week attacks increased by 200%, fatalities increased by 344%, and injuries increased by 291%.

[Source](#)

## Summary of Attacks

### Largest

Thirty-three people were killed and sixty-five injured when a suicide bomber detonated himself near Sakhi Shrine in Kabul on Wednesday, the first day of the Persian new year. ISIS claimed responsibility, and this attack marks the second time they have targeted that shrine in particular.

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### Attackers

**ISIS** claimed responsibility for five attacks this week, and is suspected to be responsible for at least one more. Two of these occurred in Kirkuk, Iraq; one on [Monday](#), where a gunman injured five, and one on [Tuesday](#), where nine police officers were abducted and then killed on camera. Two more took place in Afghanistan; one in [Herat](#) on Sunday where a suicide bomber killed one and injured nine, and another in [Kabul](#) on Wednesday that killed thirty-three and injured sixty-five. The latter was this week's largest attack. In [Grozny](#), Russia, an ISIS gunman shot and injured a police officer before being killed on Tuesday. In [Tebes](#), France, three people were killed and five others wounded after a gunman stole a car, fired at police officers and took hostages in a supermarket.

**Al-Shabaab** claimed responsibility for two attacks and was suspected to be behind two more. Three of the attacks occurred in Mogadishu. The first was a car bomb on [Thursday](#) that killed fourteen and injured ten. An [IED](#) attack on a hotel killed fourteen more and injured an additional twenty-two the next day. On [Sunday](#), a suicide bomber detonated a car bomb at a checkpoint for the compound housing the presidential palace and parliament. That same day in [Afgooye](#), another car bomb killed one.

**Naxalites** are suspected to be behind four attacks this week, all in India. In [Koitpal](#), militants attacked a

construction site, killing one of the workers and burning six of their vehicles on Monday. Late that night in [Kondagaon](#), Naxals beat two villagers to death and slashed five of their relatives with knives. In [Dhanora](#) on Friday, a former Naxal was dragged from his home by twenty militants and found dead the next morning. Four police officers were then injured on Saturday in [Sirsetti](#) when militants attacked their vehicle with an IED and then shot at them.

Authorities suspect that the **PKK** is behind two attacks carried out in Turkey on Monday. One soldier and one volunteer guard were killed when their military vehicle was attacked in [Diyarbakir](#), while one civilian was killed and four more injured when they were attacked while gathering firewood in [Bitlis](#). These attacks are likely retaliating for Turkish military operations in Afrin.

**Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF)** carried out their second attack in as many weeks when they stormed a police station in [Sambolawan](#), Philippines armed with firearms and grenades on Wednesday. Also in the Philippines, this time in [Liang](#), **Abu Sayyaf** abducted a public school teacher. She has not been seen since her capture on Thursday. Twelve attacks were carried out by unknown perpetrators, including one in [Damascus](#), Syria that killed thirty-seven, and another in [Lashkargah](#), Afghanistan that killed thirteen.

## By Region

### Middle East

**Afghanistan** was hit by six attacks this week. ISIS claimed responsibility for two: one in [Herat](#) on Sunday where a suicide bomber killed one and injured nine, and another in [Kabul](#) on Wednesday that killed thirty-three and injured sixty-five. The remaining four were perpetrated by unknown attackers, including an IED attack by a motorcyclists in [Jalalabad](#) and a grenade attack on an education center in [Dasht-e-Barchi](#), both on Monday. A car bombing outside of a [Lashkargah](#) stadium on Friday killed thirteen people celebrating the new year and injured forty more. In Kabul, one was killed and eleven injured when attackers detonated an IED at a sit-in being held in solidarity with Pakistani protesters on [Saturday](#). Two ISIS attacks targeted **Iraq** this week. On Monday, an attack in [al-Zab](#) injured five. The next day in [Kirkuk](#) nine police officers were abducted and then killed on camera. **Syria** was also the victim of two attacks this week. A rocket struck the Damascus suburb [Kashkoul](#) on Tuesday, killing thirty-seven and injuring thirty-five more. The next day in [Damascus](#) proper, three rockets damaged houses, but left no casualties.

### Africa

Egypt was attacked on Saturday when an IED targeted General Mostafa el-Nemr's convoy in [Alexandria](#). General al-Nemr is Alexandria's security chief. This was the first attack in Egypt since January, and one of only a few that occurred outside of Mount Sinai. Four attacks, all attributed to Al-Shabaab, hit Somalia this week. In Mogadishu, a car bomb killed fourteen and injured ten on [Thursday](#), an [IED](#) attack on a hotel killed fourteen more and injured an additional twenty-two the next day, and a suicide bomber detonated a car bomb at a checkpoint for the compound housing the presidential palace and parliament on [Sunday](#). Also on Sunday

in [Afgooye](#), another car bomb exploded, leaving at least one casualty.

### **Asia-Pacific**

India suffered five attacks this week. Four are suspected Naxalite operations: one in [Koitpal](#) where militants attacked a construction site, one in [Kondagaon](#), where they beat two villagers to death and slashed five of their relatives with knives, one in [Dhanora](#) where a former Naxal was dragged from his home by twenty militants and found dead the next morning, and one in [Sirsetti](#) where four police officers were injured when militants attacked their vehicle with an IED and then shot at them. In the fifth attack, unknown militants threw a grenade at a Central Reserve Police Force camp in [Srinagar](#), but it did not explode and no one was hurt. In [Lahan](#), **Nepal** a pressure cooker bomb exploded Friday in a jewelry shop, injuring eight. Twenty-four were injured during a spring festival in [Dera Ismail Khan](#), **Pakistan** when an attacker threw a grenade at the stage on Saturday. Four attacks targeted the **Philippines** this week. Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) armed with firearms and grenades stormed a police station in [Sambolawan](#) on Wednesday, but left no casualties. On Thursday in [Liang](#), Abu Sayyaf abducted a public school teacher. The remaining two attacks are still unclaimed. Unknown militants threw a grenade at a school basketball game in [Borongotan](#), and then threw another one once first responders had arrived. The two blasts injured five. In [Palumbe](#), a boy celebrating his fifteenth birthday was killed when an armed man barged into his party, shot him, and threw a grenade. Twenty-one of his guests were injured.

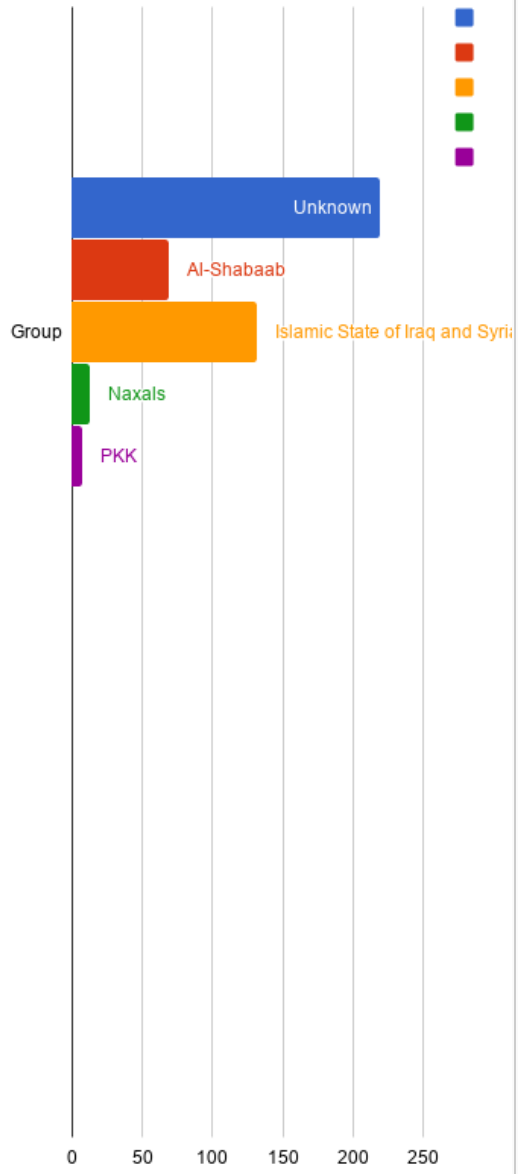
### **Eastern Europe**

In [Grozny](#), Russia, an ISIS gunman shot and injured a police officer before being killed on Tuesday. It is the first attack on Russia since February and one of the only ones to date in Chechnya.

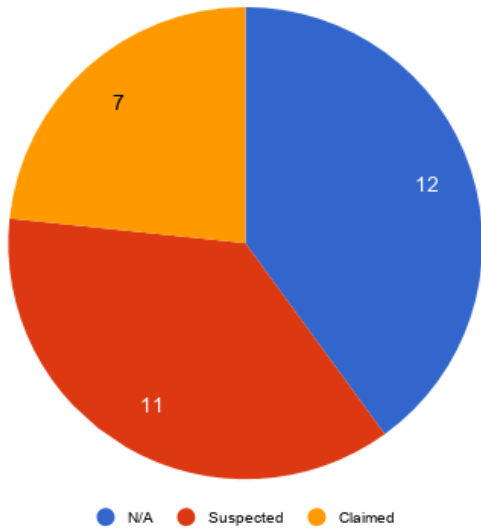
### **Western Europe and Others**

The PKK likely carried out two attacks carried out in **Turkey** on Monday. In [Diyarbakir](#) one soldier and one volunteer guard were killed when their military vehicle was attacked. In [Bitlis](#) one civilian was killed and four more injured when they were attacked while gathering firewood. In [Tebes](#), France, three people were killed and five others wounded after a gunman stole a car, fired at police officers, and took hostages in a supermarket.

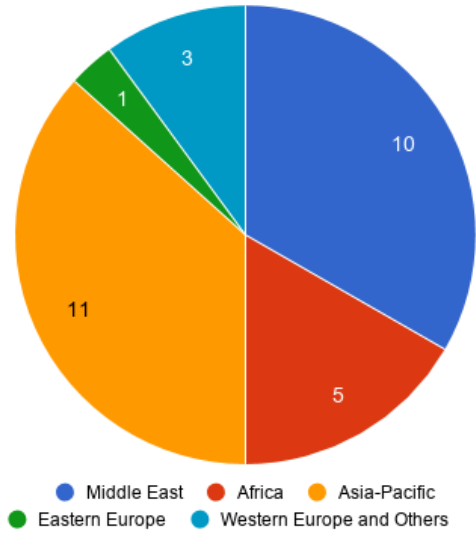
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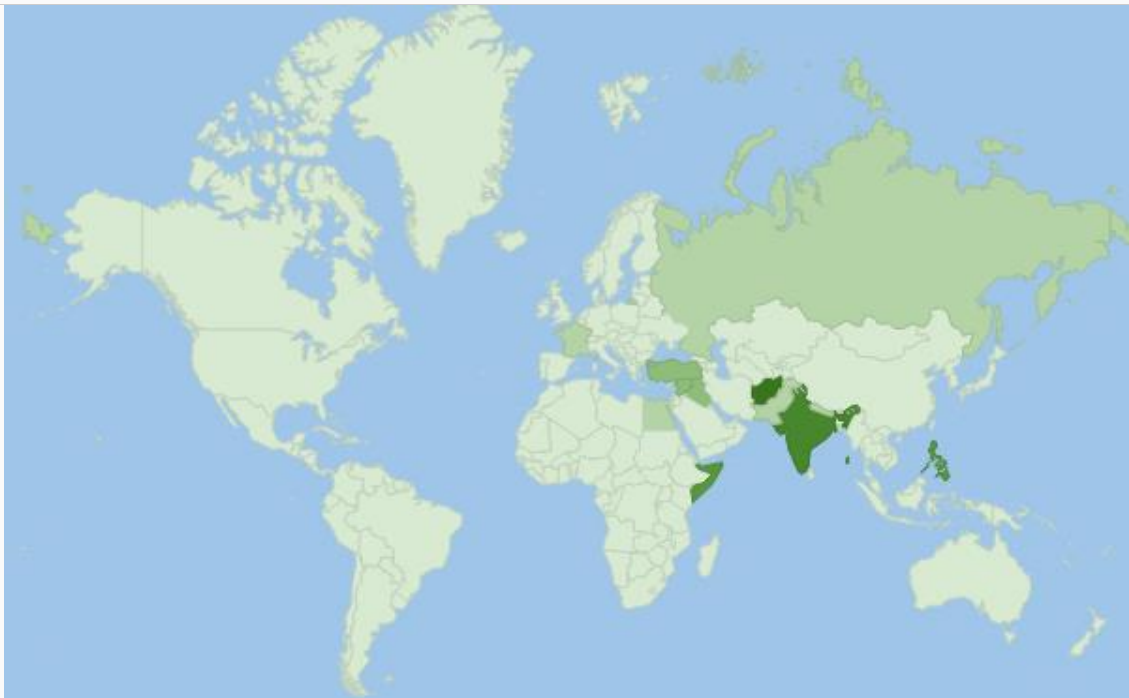
Attribution of Attacks



Attacks by Region



### Attacks Worldwide



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