# **This Week in Terrorism**

03/26/2018-04/01/2018

# Total Attacks: 15 Total Killed: 38 Total Injured: 40

From last week attacks decreased by 50%, fatalities increased by 15%, and injuries decreased by 87%.

Source

## Summary of Attacks

## Largest

Four young girls ages thirteen to eighteen entered Maiduguri's Muna Garage neighborhood late Friday night. Between 9 pm and 9:30 pm, all four of them exploded their devices. Two civilians were killed and 13 more injured. No group has claimed responsibility, but the location and method of attack indicates Boko Haram.

Source

### Attackers

PKK/YPG carried out their first attack in two weeks on Monday, planting a bomb inside a family home and killing three of its residents in Afrin, Syria. In Odiong, Philippines, a Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team member, was shot in the thigh at his home Friday evening. No group has claimed responsibility, but the victim heard the retreating gunmen shout "Mga NPA ni, hapa!" (We are NPA, get down!). That same day in Siirt, Turkey, six security officials were killed and seven injured by suspected PKK members while guarding a construction site. Naxalites are suspected in two attacks: the stabbing of a youth leader in Bijapur, India on Tuesday, and an IED attack in nearby Chinnakorepal on Friday. On Thursday, AQAP claimed its first attack since January when it ambushed and decapitated twelve Yemeni soldiers in Al Safra. That same day ISIS carried out two attacks. An IED attack in Manbij, Syria killed two: a British special forces soldier and an American. This was the first British soldier killed in the fight against ISIS. A suicide bombing on a checkpoint in Ajdabiya, Libya killed six and injured five. Al-Shabaab claimed two attacks in Somalia: a car bombing in Mogadishu on Thursday that killed a Red Cross employee and injured two others, and an IED attack on an African Union Peacekeeping base in Bulamareer on Sunday. In Muna Garage, Nigeria, four girls likely recruited by Boko Haram detonated explosive vests Friday night killing two

and injuring 13 more. Also on Friday a suicide bomber suspected to be a member of the **Taliban** killed a provincial council member in <u>Watapur</u>, Afghanistan. Three attacks were carried out by unknown groups.

#### By Region

#### **Middle East**

**Syria** suffered two attacks this week. In <u>Afrin</u>, suspected PKK/YPG fighters planted a bomb inside a family home and killing three of its residents on Monday. In <u>Manbij</u>, an IED attack on Thursday killed two: a British special forces soldier and an American. This was the first British soldier killed in the fight against ISIS. An attack in <u>Al Safra</u>, Yemen that left twelve Yemeni soldiers dead on Thursday was claimed by AQAP. The next day in <u>Watapur</u>, **Afghanistan** a suicide bomber suspected to belong to the Taliban killed a provincial council member. **Iraq** was hit by one attack this week, a car bombing on Friday in <u>Kirkuk</u>province that injured a government official and his daughter.

#### Africa

Somalia was struck by two attacks this week, both claimed by Al-Shabaab. On Thursday, a car bombing in <u>Mogadishu</u> killed a Red Cross employee and injured two others. Days later, on Sunday, an African Union Peacekeeping base in <u>Bulamareer</u> was hit by an IED. Libya was attack on Thursday when a suicide bombing on a checkpoint in <u>Ajdabiya</u> killed six and injured five. Nigeria suffered this week's largest attack in <u>Muna</u> <u>Garage</u>, when four girls likely recruited by Boko Haram detonated explosive vests around 9 pm on Friday night.

#### Asia-Pacific

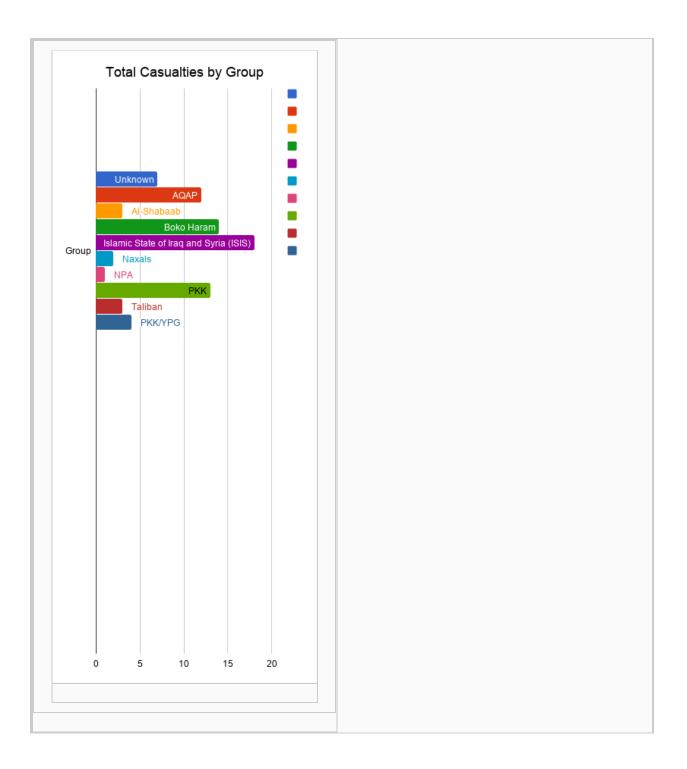
India was attacked by suspected Naxals twice this week. On Tuesday, a youth leader was stabbed to death in <u>Bijapur</u>, and nearby <u>Chinnakorepal</u> was struck by an IED on Friday. In <u>Odiong</u>, **Philippines**, a Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team member was shot in the thigh at his home Friday evening. No group has claimed responsibility, but the victim heard the retreating gunmen shout "Mga NPA ni, hapa!" (We are NPA, get down!). Pakistan suffered one attack this week: a police vehicle driving through <u>Dera Ismail Khan</u> was hit by an IED, killing three and injuring two.

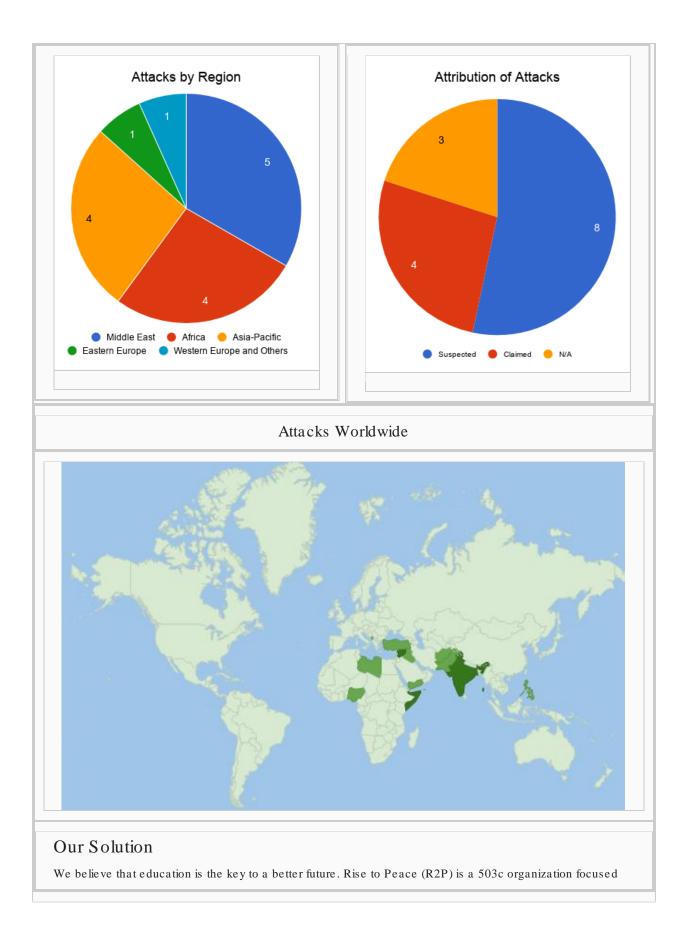
#### **Eastern Europe**

Montenegro suffered its first attack since February this week. In <u>Bijelo Polje</u> on Sunday a car bomb went off in front of the home of noted journalist Sead Sadikovic. It is unknown whether or not he was the target, but he had been investigated organized crime groups.

#### Western Europe and Others

An attack in <u>Siirt</u>, Turkey killed six security officials injured seven others. The officials were guarding a construction site when they were attacked by militants suspected to belong to the PKK.





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