

# This Week in Terrorism

06/18/2018-06/24/2018

Total Attacks: 32 Total Killed: 93 Total Injured: 328

From last week attacks decreased by 42% fatalities decreased by 56%, and injuries increased by 10%.

[Source](#)

## Largest Attack

On Saturday Ethiopia's new Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed was holding a rally in Meskel Square in Addis Ababa. An attacker dressed in a police uniform threw a grenade at the stage, killing one person and setting off a massive stampede as people rushed to safety. Around 155 people were injured. The Prime Minister - the target of the attack - was not among them. Addis Ababa's deputy police commissioner and eight of his officers were arrested on suspicion of complicity.

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## Attackers

**Abu Sayyaf** is suspected in two attacks this week, both in the Philippines. Early Wednesday morning, the mayor of [Talipao](#)'s step-mother and half-sister were kidnapped from their home. The mayor suspects Abu Sayyaf is responsible, but the group has not said anything about the attack. On Saturday, in nearby [Patikul](#), eight soldiers were injured by an explosive device they tripped accidentally. The device is thought to have been left by Abu Sayyaf.

**Al-Shabaab** is suspected in an attack in [Bar Sanguni](#), Somalia, where five soldiers were injured when fighters attacked them.

**Boko Haram** is suspected in three attacks, all in Nigeria's Borno province. On Monday, eleven trucks of suspected Boko Haram fighters entered [Gajiram](#), but were repelled by police and security forces. Nine soldiers were killed and two injured. On Wednesday, two female suicide bombers attacked an army barracks in [Maiduguri](#), killing fifteen. On Saturday, militants attacked [Tungushe](#), killing five and wounding six, in addition to burning down homes and stealing cattle.

**Hezbollah** is suspected in one of its first attacks in several months in [Baghdad](#). Iraqi police were pulling over a vehicle

when they were ambushed by militants who began shooting at them. Three were injured.

**Hizbul Mujahideen** claimed an attack in Tral, India, that injured nine CPRF jawans. Militants threw a grenade at them on Thursday.

The **Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)** claimed one attack and is suspected in seven more, all in Iraq. On Monday, militants set up a fake checkpoint just outside of [Mosul](#) and disguised themselves as security personnel. They then ambushed a security vehicle traveling through the checkpoint, killing six soldiers. This appears to be a new tactic for the group. On Tuesday, in [Albu Issa](#), one woman was killed and another injured by an IED. Also on Tuesday, a string of abductions and executions were carried out throughout Iraq. Three citizens were abducted from [Ar-Rutba](#), and have not yet been found. In [Al-Jazirah](#), six more citizens were abducted, these six were later executed. Thirty shepherds and farmers were abducted from their village in [central Iraq](#), and seven of them have been found murdered. The same day, a policeman guarding a mosque in [Diyala](#) was shot and killed by a sniper. Meanwhile, militants attacked a security checkpoint [nearby](#), but left no casualties. On Saturday, ISIS posted a video with six policemen abducted from [Anbar](#) and threatened to kill them unless the government released Sunni female prisoners.

**Jabhat Fateh al-Sham** is suspected in an arson attack on [Hadar](#), Syria on Monday. Though no casualties resulted, the villagers crops were all destroyed.

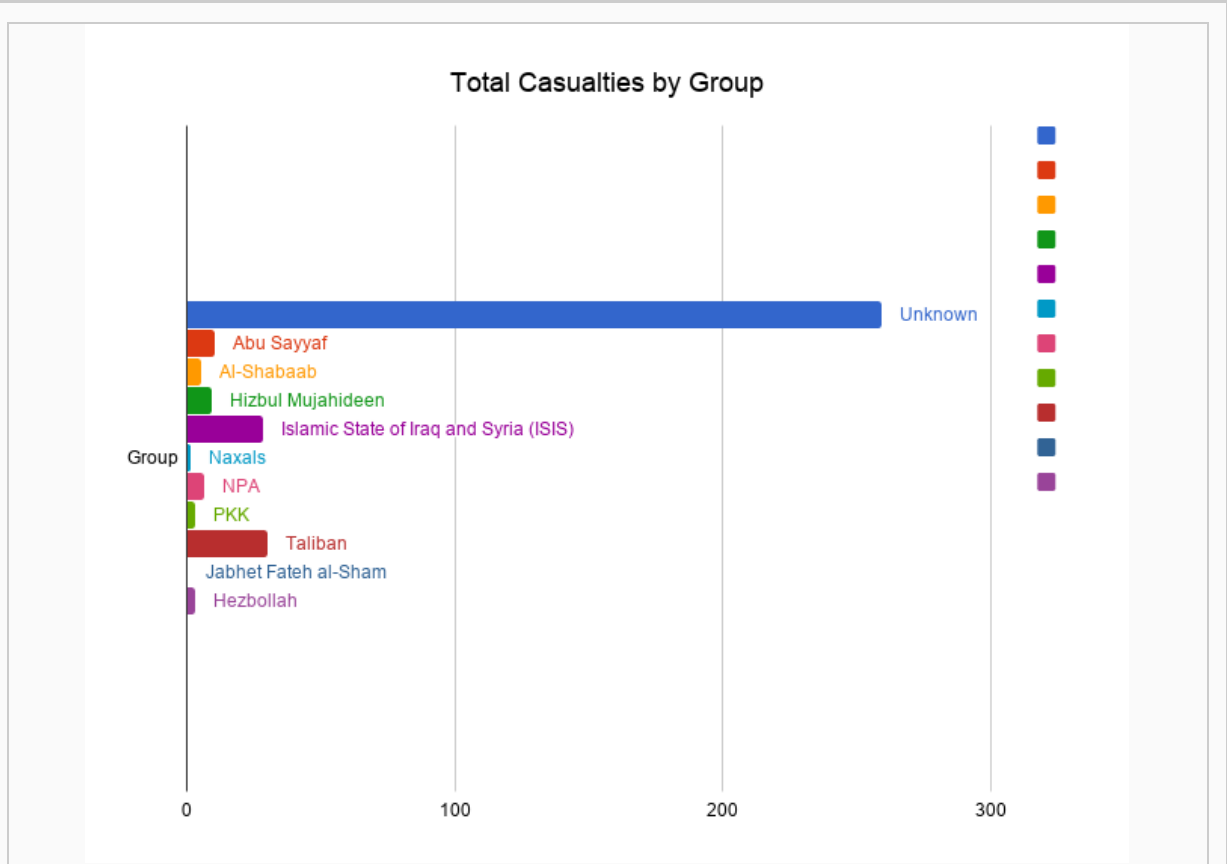
**Naxalites** claimed one attack this week and are suspected in one more. In [Sudhakonda](#) on Thursday, Naxals fatally shot a man they claimed was a police informant. On Sunday in [Bastar](#), suspected Naxals uprooted train tracks to derail a cargo train, boarded it, and stole walkie-talkies from its conductor. No casualties were reported.

The **New People's Army (NPA)** are suspected in two attacks this week, both in the Philippines. On Thursday in [Doles](#), a military vehicle hit a roadside bomb, injuring six soldiers inside. On Saturday in [Cabatuan](#), suspected NPA militants set fire to government vehicles, but left no casualties.

The **PKK** is suspected in an attack in [Hakkari](#), Turkey, where a rocket hit a military convoy, killing two and injuring one.

The **Taliban** is suspected in an attack in [Badghis](#), Afghanistan. Two checkpoints were ambushed on Wednesday, a few days after the Taliban's Eid ceasefire ended. Thirty soldiers were killed in the explosions.

Nine attacks were carried out by unknown groups.



## Regions

### *Middle East*

**Afghanistan** suffered one attack this week in [Badghis](#). Two checkpoints were ambushed on Wednesday, a few days after the Taliban's Eid ceasefire ended. Thirty soldiers were killed in the explosions.

**Iraq** was hit by nine attacks this week, the most of any other country. On Monday, militants set up a fake checkpoint just outside of [Mosul](#) and disguised themselves as security personnel. They then ambushed a security vehicle traveling through the checkpoint, killing six soldiers. This appears to be a new tactic for the group. On Tuesday, in [Albu Issa](#), one woman was killed and another injured by an IED. Also on Tuesday, a string of abductions and executions were carried out throughout the country. Three citizens were abducted from [Ar-Rutba](#), and have not yet been found. In [Al-Jazirah](#), six more citizens were abducted, these six were later executed. Thirty shepherds and farmers were abducted from their village in [central Iraq](#), and seven of them have been found murdered. The same day, a policeman guarding a mosque in [Diyala](#) was shot and killed by a sniper. Meanwhile, militants attacked a security checkpoint [nearby](#), but left no casualties. On Thursday in [Baghdad](#). Iraqi police were pulling over a vehicle when they were ambushed by militants who began shooting at them. Three were injured. On Saturday, ISIS posted a video with six policemen abducted from [Anbar](#) and threatened to kill them unless the government released Sunni female prisoners.

**Israel** suffered one attack in [Hebron](#), where a grenade was thrown at troops guarding the Tomb of the Patriarchs. The grenade did not explode and no casualties were reported.

**Syria** was hit by two attacks this week. Jabhat Fateh al-Sham is suspected in an arson attack in [Hadar](#), on Monday. Though no casualties resulted, the villagers crops were all destroyed. On Thursday in [Idlib](#), two bombs killed five people and injured thirty-five more. Explosives were attached to a car and motorcycle and detonated near the city's western entrance.

#### *Africa*

**Ethiopia** suffered its first attack this year on Saturday, when the new Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed was holding a rally in Meskel Square in [Addis Ababa](#). An attacker dressed in a police uniform threw a grenade at the stage, killing one person and setting off a massive stampede as people rushed to safety. Around 155 people were injured. The Prime Minister - the target of the attack - was not among them. Addis Ababa's deputy police commissioner and eight of his officers were arrested on suspicion of complicity.

**Nigeria** was hit by three attacks this week; Boko Haram is suspected in all three. On Monday, eleven trucks of suspected Boko Haram fighters entered [Gajiram](#), but were repelled by police and security forces. Nine soldiers were killed and two injured. On Wednesday, two female suicide bombers attacked an army barracks in [Maiduguri](#), killing fifteen. On Saturday, militants attacked [Tungushe](#), killing five and wounding six, in addition to burning down homes and stealing cattle.

**Somalia** suffered three attacks this week. Suspected **Al-Shabaab** attacked a group of soldiers in [Bar Sanguni](#) on Tuesday, injuring five of them. The next day in [Mogadishu](#), a car bomb exploded, injuring two people. On Saturday, another car bomb exploded nearby in Mogadishu's [Sayidka](#) neighborhood. This time no casualties resulted.

Zimbabwe was hit by one attack in [Bulawayo](#) on Saturday. President Emmerson Mnangagwa had just finished speaking at a political rally when a grenade explosion hit the venue. The president was unharmed, but two people were killed and forty-nine more injured.

#### *Asia-Pacific*

**India** suffered three attacks this week. Hizbul Mujahideen claimed one attack in Tral that injured nine CPRF jawans. Militants threw a grenade at them on Thursday. Also on Thursday in [Sudhakonda](#), Naxals fatally shot a man they claimed was a police informant. On Sunday in [Bastar](#), suspected Naxals uprooted train tracks to derail a cargo train, boarded it, and stole walkie-talkies from its conductor. No casualties were reported.

**Pakistan** was hit by one attack in Gurbaz, where soldiers constructing a border fence in North Waziristan were shot at. One person was killed and one more injured.

The **Philippines** suffered five attacks this week. Abu Sayyaf is suspected in two of them. Early Wednesday morning, the mayor of [Talipao](#)'s step-mother and half-sister were kidnapped from their home. The mayor suspects Abu Sayyaf is responsible, but the group has not said anything about the attack. On Saturday, in nearby [Patikul](#), eight soldiers were

injured by an explosive device they tripped accidentally. The device is thought to have been left by Abu Sayyaf. Two more are thought to be the work of the NPA. On Thursday in [Doles](#), a military vehicle hit a roadside bomb, injuring six soldiers inside. On Saturday in [Cabatuan](#), suspected NPA militants set fire to government vehicles, but left no casualties. The final attack took place in [Bukal](#), where six people were injured in a grenade attack on Saturday. The group responsible is unknown.

#### *Western Europe and Others*

**Turkey** was hit by one attack in [Hakkari](#), where a rocket hit a military convoy, killing two and injuring one. Authorities suspect the PKK.

The **United States** suffered its first attack of the year in [Lancaster](#), Pennsylvania, where two men set fire to the town's city hall. One has been apprehended and is facing arson and terrorism charges, the other is still at large.

## Attacks Worldwide



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