This Week in Terrorism

07/23/2018-07/29/2018

Total Attacks: 46 Total Killed: 348 Total Injured: 319

From last week attacks increased by 19%, fatalities increased by 181%, and injuries increased by 81%.

Source

Largest Attack

On Wednesday, the city of Sweida, Syria and several surrounding villages were hit by multiple suicide bombings and raids. The attacks started around 3:50 am and lasted until 4:30 am. Militants started by knocking on doors, entering homes, and then killing the inhabitants silently before the attacks escalated into gunfights. Two suicide bombers targeted the city but were killed by police before detonating. By the time the violence ended, around 250 people were killed and 180 injured. ISIS claimed the attack.

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Attackers

Al-Shabaab claimed two attacks and are suspected in three more. On Monday, the group attacked a military base in Bar Sanguni, Somalia and claimed to have killed 27 soldiers, but the Somali military claims only 10 people were killed. On Wednesday a roadside IED hit a military convoy in Lower Shebellle, Somalia killing six. Al-Shabaab claimed the attack. The same day, another IED targeted a senior military official in ElashaBiyaha, Somalia. The official survived, but four government soldiers were injured. On Thursday, suspected Al-Shabaab militants shot at a police vehicle before setting it on fire, killing one and injuring two in Mpeketoni, Kenya. The same day, militants shot at police in Lamu, Kenya, also killing one and injuring two.

AQAP and **ISIS** are both being blamed for a suicide attack in <u>Aden</u>, where a suicide bomber on a motorcycle targeted a vehicle carrying Colonel Abu Muhtam, the anti-terror commander of Aden's Fourth Security Battalion. The colonel was unharmed, but three others were killed and seven injured.

Boko Haram is suspected in three attacks this week, all in Nigeria. On Monday in Konduga a suicide bomber targeted a mosque, killing seven and injuring seven more. On Thursday, attackers dressed in military fatigues

struck <u>Jakana</u> village killing thirteen and injuring nine. The next day, a similar attack on <u>Bunari</u> killed fourteen. The **Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP)** claimed one attack in <u>Jalalabad</u>, Afghanistan, where two

militants carried out an attack on a midwife training center, leaving three dead and eight injured.

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed three attacks and are suspected in four more. On Monday, suspected ISIS fighters attacked a government building in Erbit, Iraq with machine guns and grenades, killing one and injuring two. The same day in Al-Qa'im an IED suspected to have been planted by ISIS injured two civilians. On Wednesday, the city of Sweida, Syria and several surrounding villages were hit by multiple suicide bombings and raids. By the time the violence ended, around 250 people were killed and 180 injured. ISIS claimed the attack, which was the largest this week. The same day, a suicide bomber targeted an election station in Quetta, Pakistan, killing 31 and injuring 35. ISIS claimed this attack as well. On Saturday, a landmine likely planted by ISIS detonated in Jadeid Akeidat, Syria killed a child. On Sunday in Danghara, Tajikistan a car swerved off the road to hit a crowd of bicyclists. Attackers then jumped out of the vehicle and began stabbing the cyclists, killing four and injuring three. Authorities blame a banned Islamist party, but ISIS claimed the attack. The same day suspected ISIS attackers blew up an electricity station in Kirkuk, Iraq, but left no casualties.

Jamaat Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimeen (JNIM) claimed an attack in <u>Aguelhok</u>, Mali where a mortar attack targeted a polling station. Voting was temporarily suspended, but no casualties resulted.

Lashkar-e-Taiba also claimed a grenade attack on a military patrol in <u>Bijbehara</u>, India that injured five soldiers.

Naxals are suspected in two attacks, both in India. On Wednesday in <u>Bijapur</u>, an IED injured two police officers. On Friday, militants abducted a suspected police informant in <u>Kumkumapudi</u>.

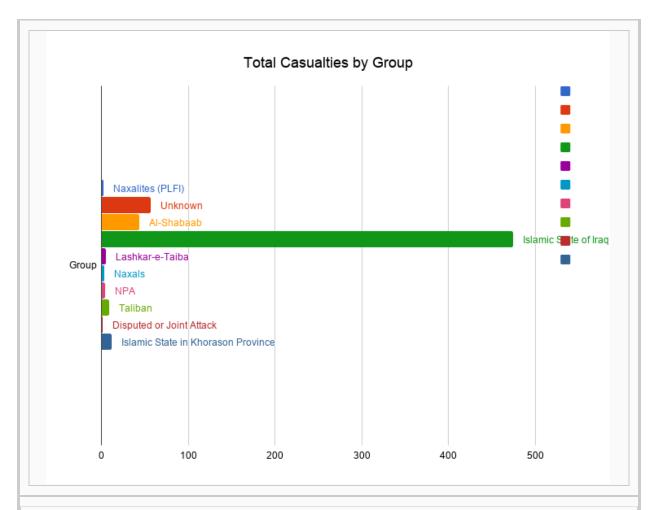
Naxalites (PLFI) claimed one attack and are suspected in one more, also both in India. On Monday in Sunajhor, suspected Naxals shot at a car carrying police informants injuring two. The next day in Chandwa, the group claimed an attack on a coal plant that left no casualties.

The **New People's Army (NPA)** claimed one attack and are suspected in two more, all in the Philippines. In <u>Bulado</u>, a retired soldier was shot to death on Tuesday. The NPA claimed responsibility. A similar attack on Thursday, injured a police officer in <u>Tomoaong</u>. On Saturday a landmine injured two soldiers in <u>Tambobong</u>.

The **Oromo Liberation Front** carried out its first attack on Saturday when militants stormed a police base in <u>Sololo</u>, Kenya. No casualties were reported.

The **Taliban** claimed an attack in <u>Bagh-i-Davod</u>, Afghanistan, where a suicide car bomber hit a convoy of intelligence officials, killing five and injuring four.

Eighteen attacks were carried out by unknown groups.



Regions

Middle East

Afghanistan suffered two attacks this week. The Taliban claimed an attack in Bagh-i-Davod, Afghanistan, where a suicide car bomber hit a convoy of intelligence officials, killing five and injuring four. The Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP) claimed one attack in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, where two militants carried out an attack on a midwife training center, leaving three dead and eight injured.

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Israel suffered one attack on Thursday. One person was killed in <u>Adam</u> and two more injured when an attack jumped over the town's security fence and began stabbing passersby.

Syria was hit by five attacks this week. On Monday an IED killed four members of the Tahrir Syria militia in <u>Ariha</u>. The same day, another IED attack killed five and injured twelve more in <u>Bab Laimoun</u>. A final IED

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Africa

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Mali was hit by one attack when Jamaat Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimeen (JNIM) targeted a polling station in <u>Aguelhok</u> with mortar fire. Voting was temporarily suspended, but no casualties resulted.

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Asia-Pacific

China suffered its first recorded attack of the year on Thursday when a man set off a bomb near the US Embassy in Beijing. No casualties result.

India was hit by fourteen attacks this week, the most of any other country. On Wednesday in Bijapur, an IED injured two police officers. On Friday, militants abducted a suspected police informant in Kumkumapudi.

Naxals are suspected in both attacks. On Monday in Sunajhor, suspected Naxalite (PLFI) militants shot at a car carrying police informants injuring two. The next day in Chandwa, the group claimed an attack on a coal plant that left no casualties. On Monday in Srinagar a police patrol was shot at, leaving one officer dead and two more injured. On Tuesday in Tral attackers threw a grenade at an army camp, but left no casualties. Tral was attacked again on Friday, when militants abducted a police officer from his home. The same day, a group of terrorists attempted to rob a bank in Mohanpura, injuring three people. On Saturday, a

group of police officers was attacked with a grenade, this time in <u>Awantipora</u>. Four people were injured. A similar attack occurred the same day in <u>Jawbehra</u>, this time injuring seven officers. A third grenade attack on Saturday targeted an army camp in <u>Sopore</u>, but left no casualties. On Sunday, an attacker threw a petrol bomb at political figure TTV Dhinakaran's vehicle in <u>Chennai</u>. Dhinakaran was not in the car at the time, but his driver and personal photographer were both injured. The same day, a police officer was shot and killed in his home in <u>Naira</u>.

Pakistan suffered two attacks this week. On Tuesday, unknown militants threw a grenade at a car belonging to Faisal Nadeem, a political candidate in <u>Latifabad</u>. One person was injured. The next day, a suicide bomber targeted an election station in <u>Quetta</u>, killing 31 and injuring 35. ISIS claimed this attack as well.

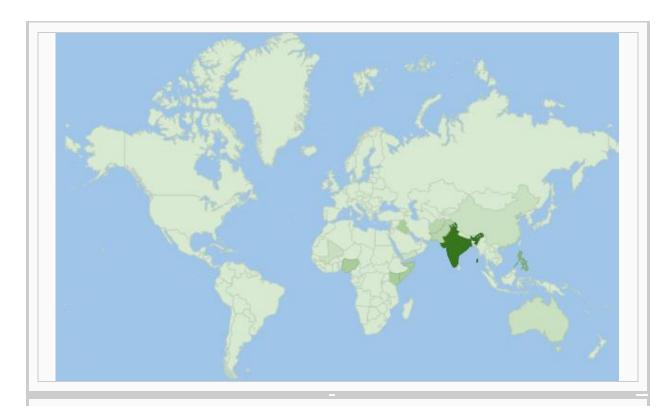
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Tajikistan suffered its first attack of the year this week. On Sunday in <u>Danghara</u> a car swerved off the road to hit a crowd of bicyclists. Attackers then jumped out of the vehicle and began stabbing the cyclists, killing four and injuring three. Authorities blame a banned Islamist party, but ISIS claimed the attack.

Western Europe and Others

Australia suffered its first attack since February when a molotov cocktail was thrown at a home in <u>Mount</u> <u>Barker</u>. One person was injured.

Attacks Worldwide



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