

# This Week in Terrorism

08/13/2018-08/20/2018

Total Attacks: 33 Total Killed: 153 Total Injured: 126

From last week attacks decreased by 3%, fatalities decreased by 51%, and injuries decreased by 35%.

[Source](#)

## Largest Attack

Thirty-four people were killed and fifty-six injured in Kabul on Wednesday, when a suicide bomber attacked a community education center. A man entered the building while teaching was underway and detonated a personal explosive device in the attack, which was later claimed by ISKP. The victims were mostly teens preparing for university entrance exams. This is the third week in a row that the largest attack occurred in Afghanistan.

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## Attackers

**Abu-Sayyaf** is suspected in its first attack since July. Militants abducted three children from [Jolo](#), Philippines.

**Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)** is suspected in its first attack since March. A bomb planted in [Abnif](#), Algeria, killed two children on Saturday and injured four more.

**Al-Shabaab** is suspected in two attacks this week. On Wednesday, workers travelling to a site in [Elwak](#), Kenya hit a roadside IED. Six members of the group were killed and two were injured. On Friday an IED targeted African Union vehicles in [Merca](#), Somalia. No casualties were reported.

**Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF)** is suspected in an attack in [Pikit](#), Philippines, where two militiamen and a pregnant woman were killed and one more militiaman was injured. The militia members were returning to their detachments on motorcycles when militants fired at them. The woman was caught in the crossfire.

**Boko Haram** is suspected in two attacks, both in Nigeria. On Saturday, attackers on motorcycles used knives to kill four farmers working in the fields in [Ali Goshe](#). The next day at around 2 am, militants attacked [Mailari](#), burning and looting buildings for nearly two hours and leaving nineteen residents dead.

**Haris Hatzimihelakis/Internazionale** claimed its first attack on Thursday in [Villorba](#), Italy. The anarchist group

detonated an IED outside a political office, but left no casualties.

**Hizbul Mujahideen** is suspected in its first attack since July. On Friday, militants shot and killed a woman in [Drubgam](#), India

The **Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKAP)** claimed one attack this week. Thirty-four people were killed and fifty-six injured in [Kabul](#) on Wednesday, when a suicide bomber attacked a community education center. A man entered the building while teaching was underway and detonated a personal explosive device in the attack, which was the week's largest. The victims were mostly teens preparing for university entrance exams.

The **Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)** are suspected in three attacks this week. On Friday, the group attempted to drive a bomb-laden vehicle into a housing facility for US soldiers in [Deir ez-Zor](#), Syria. US forces bombed the vehicle, but not before the attackers killed one and injured five. The same day, twenty Syrian soldiers were killed in an ISIS attack, also in [Deir ez-Zor](#). On Sunday, in [North Sinai](#), Egypt a car bomb killed one military officer and injured four conscripts.

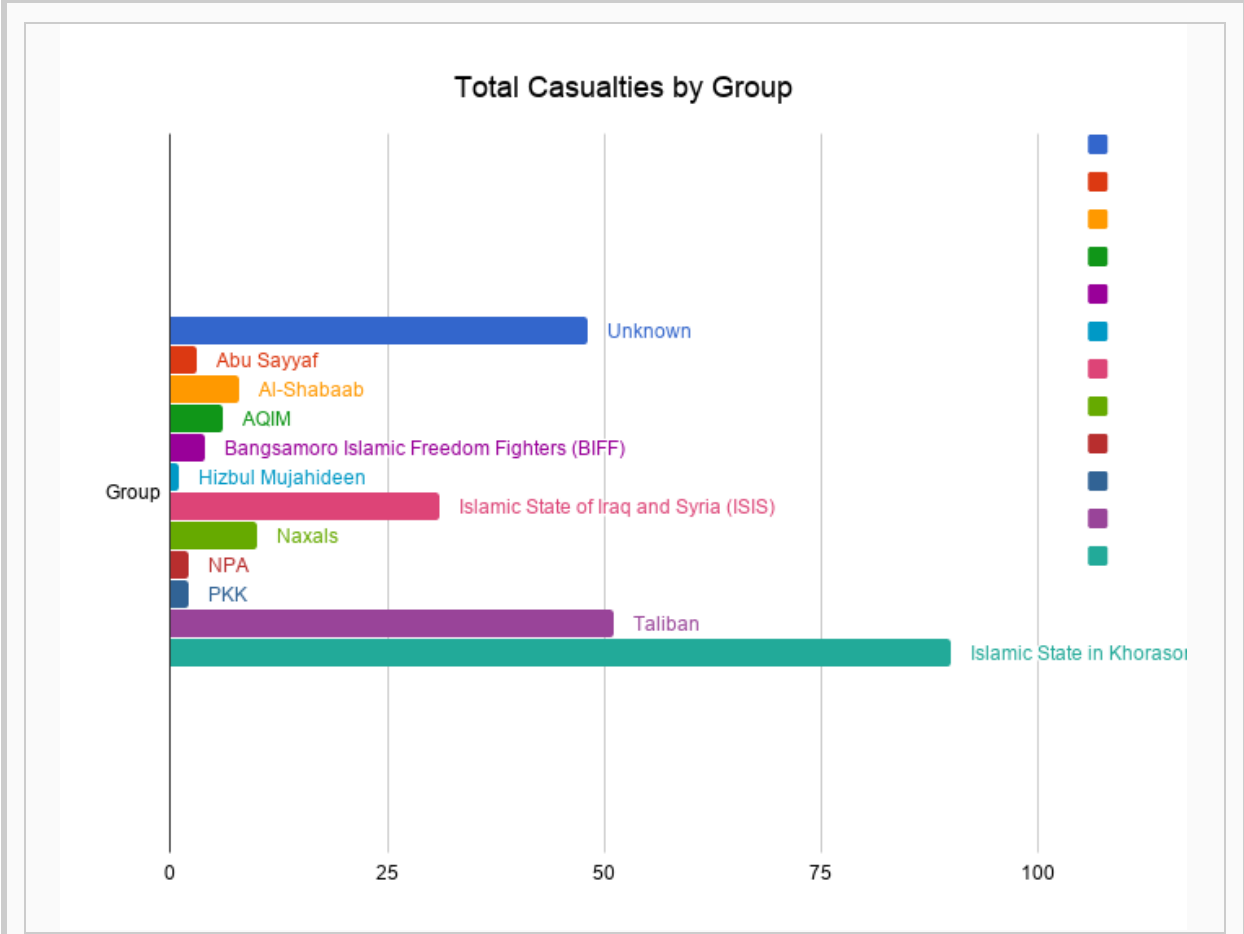
**Naxals** claimed two attacks and are being blamed for two more, all in India. On Tuesday in [Chandramadi](#), militants beheaded a man and left his body in front of a temple. When police approached the body, explosives the militants had planted in it, injuring six of the officers. Naxals claimed responsibility for the attack. The next day, an IED supposedly planted by Naxals injured two policemen in [Mistri](#). On Friday, suspected Naxal militants burned a bus in Bhusaras, but left no casualties. On Sunday, Naxals stabbed a man to death in [Dhabba](#). In claiming the attack, the militants alleged that their victim was a police informant.

The **New People's Army (NPA)** claimed one attack in [Negros Occidental](#), Philippines. One of the mayor's security officers was riding a motorcycle, when militants alongside him and shot him twice in the head. In claiming the attack, the NPA said that the officer was using his position to intimidate the townspeople.

The **PKK** are being blamed for two attacks, both in Turkey. On Tuesday, militants set fire to a marble quarry in [Adiyaman](#), then bombed the military vehicle that came to investigate, injuring one person. On Thursday, an IED killed a Turkish soldier, also in [Adiyaman](#).

The **Taliban** claimed one attack and are suspected in one more. On Wednesday, suspected Taliban militants attacked a security checkpoint in [Qalat-Zabul](#), killing four police and injuring three. The same day, another assault on two checkpoints in [Baghlan-e-Markazi](#) killed forty-four.

Twelve attacks were the work of unknown attackers.



## Regions

### *Middle East*

**Afghanistan** suffered seven attacks this week. On Monday a suicide bomber killed one and injured one more outside an election office in [Kabul](#). Thirty-four people were killed and fifty-six injured in [Kabul](#) on Wednesday, when a suicide bomber attacked a community education center. A man entered the building while teaching was underway and detonated a personal explosive device in the attack, which was the week's largest. The victims were mostly teens preparing for university entrance exams. On Wednesday, suspected Taliban militants attacked a security checkpoint in [Qalat-Zabul](#), killing four police and injuring three. The same day, another assault on two checkpoints in [Baghlan-e-Markazi](#) killed forty-four. Also on Wednesday, a car bomb killed four and injured four more in [Kandahar](#). On Thursday, multiple gunmen attacked and laid siege to an intelligence service compound in [Kabul](#). Finally, on Sunday, an IED attached to a police car detonated and injured one officer, also in [Kabul](#).

**Iraq** was hit by one attack this week in [Hillah](#), where a bomb killed four civilians and injured four more.

**Syria** suffered two attacks this week. On Friday, the ISIS attempted to drive a bomb-laden vehicle into a housing facility for US soldiers in [Deir ez-Zor](#). US forces bombed the vehicle, but not before the attackers killed one and injured five.

The same day, twenty Syrian soldiers were killed in an ISIS attack, also in [Deir ez-Zor](#).

#### *Africa*

**Algeria** suffered its first attack this year at the hands of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). A bomb planted in [Ahnif](#), killed two children on Saturday and injured four more.

**Egypt** suffered its first attack since April on Sunday when a car bomb in [North Sinai](#) killed one military officer and injured four conscripts.

**Kenya** was hit by two attacks this week. On Wednesday, workers travelling to a site in [Elwak](#) hit a roadside IED. Six members of the group were killed and two were injured in the attack, which is suspected to have been carried out by Al-Shabaab. On Friday in [Lakole](#), unknown gunmen injured three in an attack on a civilian vehicle.

**Nigeria** suffered two attacks this week; Boko Haram is suspected in both. On Saturday, attackers on motorcycles used knives to kill four farmers working in the fields in [Ali Goshe](#). The next day at around 2 am, militants attacked [Mailari](#), burning and looting buildings for nearly two hours and leaving nineteen residents dead.

**Somalia** was hit by one attack this week when an IED targeted African Union vehicles in [Merca](#), on Friday. No casualties were reported.

#### *Asia-Pacific*

**India** was hit by seven attacks this week. On Tuesday in [Chandramadi](#), Naxals beheaded a man and left his body in front of a temple. When police approached the body, explosives the militants had planted in it, injuring six of the officers. Naxals claimed responsibility for the attack. The next day, an IED supposedly planted by Naxals injured two policemen in [Mistri](#). Also on Wednesday, unknown militants threw a grenade at a police station in Pulwama, but left no casualties. On Friday, suspected Naxal militants burned a bus in Bhusaras. No casualties were reported in this attack either. Hizbul Mujahideen is suspected in its first attack since July. On Friday, militants shot and killed a woman in [Drubgam](#). The same day, a grenade attack killed one and injured three in [Awantipora](#). On Sunday, Naxals stabbed a man to death in [Dhabba](#). In claiming the attack, the militants alleged that their victim was a police informant.

**Nepal** suffered one attack this week in [Jhapa](#), where an IED detonated outside a political office. No casualties resulted.

**Pakistan** was hit by two attacks this week. On Tuesday, two men on a motorcycle threw a grenade into a shop in [Noshki](#), injuring fourteen. On Sunday in [Drengar](#), a suicide bomber struck a military convoy, injuring six.

The **Philippines** suffered three attacks this week. On Monday, suspected Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) carried out an attack in [Pikit](#), where two militiamen and a pregnant woman were killed and one more militiaman was injured. The militia members were returning to their detachments on motorcycles when militants fired at them. The woman was caught in the crossfire. On Wednesday in [Negros Occidental](#), the New People's Army (NPA) claimed an attack. One of the mayor's security officers was riding a motorcycle, when militants alongside him and shot him twice in the head. In claiming the attack, the NPA said that the officer was using his position to intimidate the townspeople. The next day, suspected Abu-Sayyaf militants abducted three children from [Jolo](#).

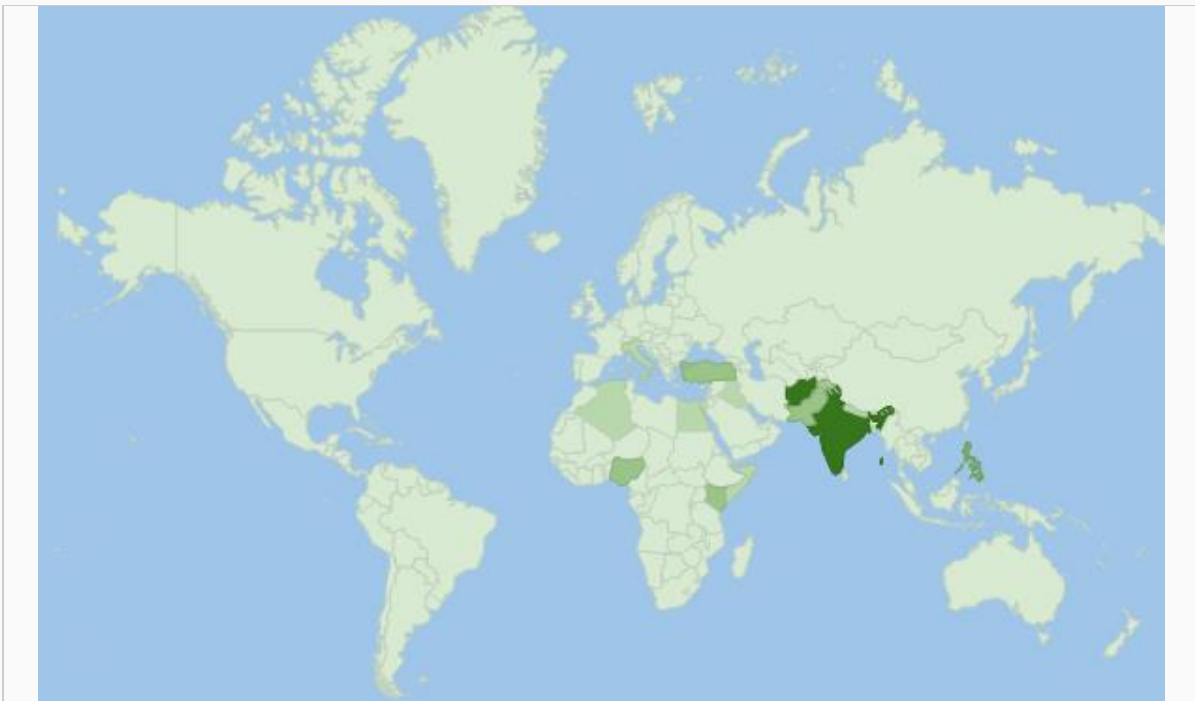
### *Western Europe and Others*

**Italy** suffered its first attack of the year when anarchist group Haris Hatzimihelakis/Internazionale detonated an IED outside a political office in [Villorba](#) on Thursday. The attack left no casualties.

**Turkey** was hit by two attacks this week; the PKK is suspected in both. On Tuesday, militants set fire to a marble quarry in [Adiyaman](#), then bombed the military vehicle that came to investigate, injuring one person. On Thursday, an IED killed a Turkish soldier, also in [Adiyaman](#).

The **United Kingdom** suffered its first attack since July when a car crashed through the gates of parliament in [London](#) on Tuesday, injuring two.

## Attacks Worldwide



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