# This Week in Terrorism

12/17/2018-12/23/2018

Total Attacks: 19 Total Killed: 91 Total Injured: 75

From last week attacks decreased by 20%, fatalities increase by 5%, and injuries decreased by 18%.

Source

### Largest Attack

On Sunday, a group attacked the Afghan Ministry of Public Works in <u>Kabul</u>. The attack began with a suicide bomber detonating a car outside the ministry, following which militants stormed the building with guns, taking civilians hostage as they went. Afghan forces later killed three of the attacks and freed more than 350 inside. However, forty-three people were killed and twenty injured in the attack.

### Attackers

**Al-Shabaab** claimed one attack this week. On Saturday, two suicide car bombers attacked Somalia's presidential palace and a monument in Mogadishu. Fifteen people were killed and twenty injured.

**Boko Haram** claimed one attack and is suspected in two more. On Monday, four attackers struck a military base in Mairari, Nigeria, killing one and injuring one more. Boko Haram claimed the attack. On Friday, suspected members of the group attacked farmers in N'Guayami, Niger, leaving three dead. On Sunday, another group of suspected Boko Haram attackers burned down houses in Thlaimakalama, Nigeria, killing two.

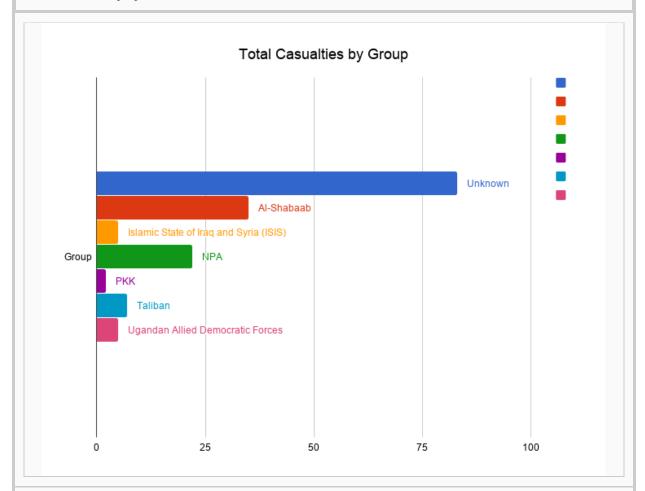
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed one attack and are suspected in one more. On Tuesday, suspected members killed three people in <u>Al-Obour</u>, Iraq. On Thursday, two Scandinavian tourists were killed while camping in <u>Morocco</u>. ISIS later claimed the attack.

New People's Army (NPA) claimed one attack and are suspected in three more, all in the Philippines. On Monday, four people were injured in an attack on a police station in <a href="Poblacion">Poblacion</a>. On Wednesday, the group claimed responsibility for kidnapping fourteen people from <a href="New Tubigon">New Tubigon</a>. On Saturday, a group of thirty suspected-NPA militants engaged security forces in <a href="Caputoan">Caputoan</a>, killing one and injuring two. The next day, militants burned down buildings in <a href="Kalinga">Kalinga</a>, leaving one person dead.

PKK is suspected in one attack. On Monday, the group killed one policeman and injured one more in Hani, Turkey.

Taliban is suspected in one attack in Shahkong, Afghanistan, where an IED killed seven people.

**Ugandan Allied Democratic Forces** are suspected in one attack the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where an attack killed five people in <u>Masiani</u>.



## Regions

#### Middle East

**Afghanistan** suffered three attacks this week. On Thursday, an IED in <u>Chesht</u> killed four people and injured three. On Sunday, a group attacked the Afghan Ministry of Public Works in <u>Kabul</u>, killing forty-three and injuring twenty. This was the week's largest attack. The same day, in <u>Shahkong</u>, an IED killed seven people.

Iraq was hit by one attack on Tuesday when suspected ISIS members killed three people in Al-Obour, Iraq.

#### Africa

The Democratic Republic of the Congo was hit by one attack in Masiani, where five people were killed.

Morocco suffered one attack this week. On Thursday, two Scandinavian tourists were killed while camping

in Morocco. ISIS later claimed the attack.

**Niger** was hit by one attack on Friday, when suspected members of the group attacked farmers in N'Guayami, leaving three dead.

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Asia Pacific

**Bangladesh** suffered its first attack of the year this week in <u>Chandina</u>, where five people were injured in a IED attack on a campaign rally crowd.

**Burkina Faso** was hit by one attack on Saturday, when an IED hit a military vehicle in Kompienga, killing three and injuring four.

Pakistan suffered one attack on Sunday, when a series of grenade attacks in Tehsil Safi injured one person.

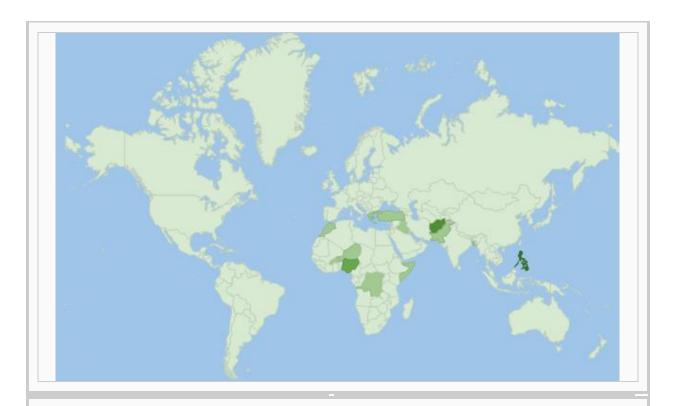
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Western Europe and Others

**Greece** was hit by one attack this week. On Monday, a bomb detonated outside a TV station in Athens, but left no casualties.

**Turkey** suffered one attack as well. On Monday, suspected-PKK militants killed one policeman and injured one more in Hani, Turkey.

#### Attacks Worldwide



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