# This Week in Terrorism

12/03/2018-12/09/2018

Total Attacks: 32 Total Killed: 87 Total Injured: 114

From last week attacks increased by 19%, fatalities increased by 14%, and injuries decreased by 18%.

Source

# Largest Attack

On Thursday, a suicide bomber attempted to drive an explosive-laden Toyota van into a police headquarters building in <u>Chabahar</u>, Iran, triggering an explosion that killed two officers and injured forty-two more people -- ten officers and thirty-two civilians. This was Iran's first terrorism incident since an attack on their military parade in September killed eighty-six. This time, Ansar al-Furqan claimed the attack, their first since last December.

### Attackers

**Abu Sayyaf** is suspected in one attack this week. On Wednesday, three Indonesian fishermen were abducted by Abu Sayyaf militants off the coast of <u>Sabah</u>.

**Al-Shabaab** claimed one attack this week and is suspected in two more. On Tuesday, the group killed eight militia members in an attack on <u>Guulane</u>, Somalia. On Thursday, nine soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb blast just outside of <u>Mogadishu</u>. Al-Shabaab claimed the attack. Finally, on Saturday, an IED in <u>Sankuri</u>, Kenya injured three.

**Ansar al-Furqan**claimed it first attack of 2018 this week. On Thursday, two policemen were killed and forty-two others injured in an attack by Ansar-al-Forghan in <u>Chabahar</u>. This was the week's largest attack. The group has not claimed an attack since last December.

**Bansamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF)** are suspected in one attack in <u>Masalay</u>, Philippines, where BIFF militants attempted to storm the village, but were repelled before causing any casualties.

**Boko Haram** is suspected in four attacks this week, all in Nigeria. On Thursday, the group attacked a UNICEF building in Rann, killing five. The same day, Boko Haram militants killed one woman as she gathered wood with a group in Ngala. On Friday, Boko Haram launched two separate attacks on military bases. In Gulumba Gana, two were killed and two injured, while three were killed and one injured in Jakana.

Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) is suspected in two attacks this week. On Tuesday, the group destroyed a Syrian

army tank in <u>Ashayer</u>. The same day, ISIS militants killed three Syrian Defense Force soldiers and injured two more in <u>Baghouz Al-Fouqani</u>.

**Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP)** is suspected in one attack this week. On Tuesday, two soldiers were injured in an attack on a military base in <u>Gudumbali</u>, Nigeria.

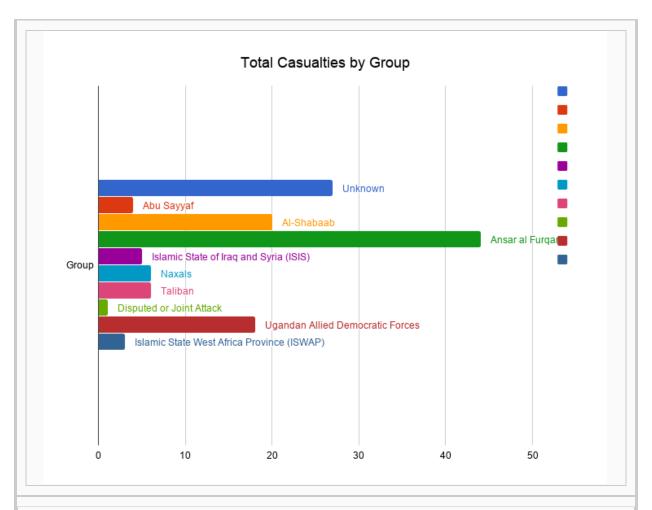
Naxals claimed one attack and are suspected in four more, all in India. On Monday, the group killed two people they believed to be police informants in <a href="Pakhnar">Pakhnar</a>. On Wednesday, one civilian was killed by knife in <a href="Bhansi">Bhansi</a>. The next day, another person was shot in <a href="Kalepal">Kalepal</a>. On Friday, the group killed a soldier in <a href="Arunachal Pradesh">Arunachal Pradesh</a>. Finally, on Sunday, Naxals killed a civilian in Khobramendha

Taliban are suspected in two attacks this week, both in Afghanistan. On Saturday, a roadside bomb in Kort killed three people. The next day, two policemen were killed and one injured in a Taliban attack on a checkpoint in Bazgak.

Taliban and ISIS are both being blamed for an attack in Shindand, Afghanistan, where a large group of militants attacked two military bases, leaving fourteen killed and twenty-one injured. An ISIS spokesman claimed the attack, but some Afghan authorities are attributing it to the Taliban.

**Ugandan Allied Democratic Forces** are suspected in one attack this week. On Thursday, militants killed eighteen civilians near the town of <u>Beni</u>, DRC.

Eight attacks were unattributed.



## Regions

#### Middle East

Afghanistan suffered four attacks this week. On Saturday, a suspected-Taliban roadside bomb in Kortkilled three people. The next day, two policemen were killed and one injured in a Taliban attack on a checkpoint in Bazgak. On Sunday, in Shindand, Afghanistan, a large group of militants attacked two military bases, leaving fourteen killed and twenty-one injured. An ISIS spokesman claimed the attack, but some Afghan authorities are attributing it to the Taliban.

The same day, unknown attackers killed ten and injured three at a military checkpoint in Yaqoob Sabri.

Israel was hit by one attack this week in Ofra, where seven people were injured in a shooting.

**Iran** suffered its first attack since September on Thursday, when two policemen were killed and forty-two others injured in an attack by Ansar-al-Furqan in <a href="Chabahar">Chabahar</a>.

**Syria** was hit by two attacks this week. ISIS is suspected in both. On Tuesday, the group destroyed a Syrian army tank in <u>Ashayer</u>. The same day, ISIS militants killed three Syrian Defense Force soldiers and injured two more in <u>Baghouz</u> Al-Fouqani.

Africa

**Democratic Republic of the Congo** suffered on attack this week. On Thursday, Ugandan Allied Democratic Forces militants killed eighteen civilians near the town of <u>Beni</u>.

Nigeria was hit by six attacks this week. On Tuesday, two soldiers were injured in an ISWAP attack on a military base in <u>Gudumbali</u>. On Thursday, Boko Haram attacked a UNICEF building in <u>Rann</u>, killing five. The same day, Boko Haram militants killed one woman as she gathered wood with a group in <u>Ngala</u>. On Friday, Boko Haram launched two separate attacks on military bases. In <u>Gulumba Gana</u>, two were killed and two injured, while three were killed and one injured in <u>Jakana</u>.

Kenya suffered one attack this week on Saturday, when an IED in Sankuri, Kenya injured three.

**Somalia** was hit by three attacks this week.On Tuesday, journalist and media rights activist Ismail Sheikh Khalifa was badly injured after being targeted by a car bomb in <u>Waberi</u>. On Tuesday, Al-Shabaab killed eight militia members in an attack on <u>Guulane</u>, Somalia. On Thursday, nine soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb blast just outside of <u>Mogadishu</u>.

#### Asia Pacific

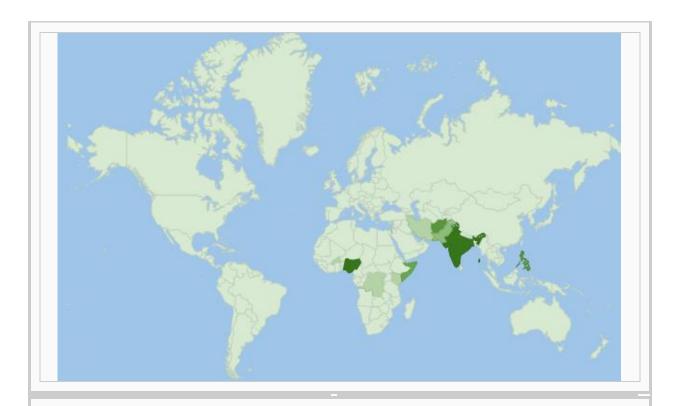
Burkina Faso was hit by one attack this week in Bougui, where a police officer was killed in an ambush on a convoy.

India suffered six attacks this week. On Monday, suspected Naxals killed two people they believed to be police informants in Pakhnar. On Wednesday, one civilian was killed by knife in Bhansi. The next day, another person was shot in Kalepal. On Thursday, unknown attackers launched a grenade at a CRPF bunker in Eidgah, but it did not explode and left no casualties. On Friday, suspected Naxals killed a soldier in Arunachal Pradesh. Finally, on Sunday, Naxals killed a civilian in Khobramendha

**Pakistan** was hit by two attacks this week. On Monday, a car bomb detonated near the Defense Housing Authority in Karachi's Khayaban-e-Mujahi neighborhood. The attack left no casualties. On Saturday, two peopled were injured in an attack on a religious ceremony in nearby Gulistan-e-Jauhar.

**Philippines** suffered three atttacks this week. In <u>Masalay</u>, BIFF militants attempted to storm the village on Tuesday, but were repelled before causing any casualties. The next day, three Indonesian fishermen were abducted by Abu Sayyaf militants off the coast of <u>Sabah</u>. On Friday, three security guards were killed during a fire in <u>Pangarap Village</u>. The incident may have been arson, but the responsible party is unknown.

#### Attacks Worldwide



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