# This Week in Terrorism

12/31/2018-01/06/2018

Total Attacks: 23 Total Killed: 42 Total Injured: 114

From last week attacks increased by 22%, fatalities decreased by 24%, and injuries increased by 8%.

Source

# Largest Attack

On Tuesday, Taliban militants launched attacks in <u>Sar-e-Pul</u>. Gun battles raged for several hours, leaving fifteen dead and twenty-one injured.

## Attackers

**Al-Shabaab** claimed one attack this week in <u>Mogadishu</u>. On Tuesday, mortars were fired into a UN base, injuring three staffers.

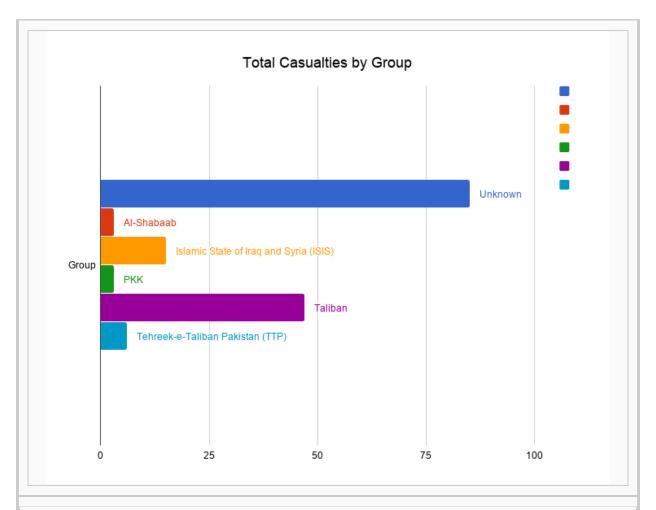
The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) is suspected in four attacks this week. On Friday, a rocket attack in Al-Sha'Afa, Syria injured one Kurdish fighter and two members of the British special forces. The next day, an IED outside a Coptic Church in Cairo's Nasr City killed one and injured two more. On Sunday, two bomb blasts hit Kirkuk, Iraq. The first, in Dibis, killed one and injured two. The second, in Al Zab left six injured.

**Jamaat ur Ahrar** are suspected in one attack on Sunday, when militants attacked a checkpoint in Landikotal, Pakistan, but left no casualties.

**The PKK** are also suspected in one attack. Early on Friday morning, suspected PKK militants fired on a military patrol in <a href="Emince">Emince</a>, Turkey, but left no casualties.

**Taliban** claimed two attacks this week, both in Afghanistan. On Tuesday, in <u>Sar-e-Pul</u>, a shooting attack killed fifteen and injured twenty-one. The same day, Taliban militant dug a tunnel under an Afghan army base in <u>Maiwand</u> and then detonated a bomb inside, killing five soldiers and injuring six more.

**Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan** (**TTP**) claimed one attack this week in <u>Loralai</u>, Pakistan. Militants attempted to storm a residential area attached to a military base. They were stopped before entering, but still killed four and injured two.



# Regions

### Middle East

Afghanistan suffered four attacks this week. On Monday, a police chief was killed by a car bomb in Taloqan. On Tuesday, in Sar-e-Pul, a shooting attack killed fifteen and injured twenty-one. The same day, militants dug a tunnel under an Afghan army base in Maiwand and then detonated a bomb inside, killing five soldiers and injuring six more. The Taliban claimed both Tuesday attacks. On Wednesday in Herat, a local soldier turned his weapon on fellow Afghan and Italian troops, injuring one. No group has claimed the attack, but authorities suspect the shooter was an extremist who infiltrated military ranks.

**Iraq** was hit by three attacks this week. On Wednesday, an explosion on a popular commercial street in <u>Tikrit</u>, killing five and injuring sixteen. On Sunday, two bomb blasts hit Kirkuk. The first, in <u>Dibis</u>, killed one and injured two. The second, in <u>Al Zab</u> left six injured.

**Israel** suffered one attack this week. On Wednesday, an attacker threw a bomb at a group of soldiers in <u>Ya'bad</u>, but left no casualties.

Syria was hit by one attack on Friday, when a rocket in Al-Sha'Afa, Syria injured one Kurdish fighter and two members

of the British special forces.

Africa

**Burkina Faso** was hit by one attack this week. Militants entered a small village in <u>Burkina Faso</u>, killing six civilians, including the village chief.

**Egypt** suffered one attack this week. On Saturday, an IED outside a Coptic Church in Cairo's <u>Nasr City</u>killed one and injured two more.

**Somalia** was hit by one attack in <u>Mogadishu</u>, where suspected Al-Shabaab militants fired mortars into a UN base, injuring three staffers.

Asia Pacific

India suffered two attacks this week. On Tuesday, unknown militants entered a Special Police Officer's home in <a href="Pulwama">Pulwama</a> and killed him. Late Friday night, militants carried out a grenade attack on an army base in <a href="Sumbal">Sumbal</a>, but left no casualties.

Pakistan suffered five attacks this week, the most of any other country. On Tuesday in Loralai, TTP militants attempted to storm a residential area attached to a military base. They were stopped before entering, but still killed four and injured two. On Saturday, in Saddar, a car bomb injured six civilians. On Sunday, two bomb blasts hit Balochistan. The first in Pishin, injured ten. The second, in Panjgur, injured two. Also on Sunday, suspected Jamaat ur Ahrar militants attacked a checkpoint in Landikotal, but left no casualties.

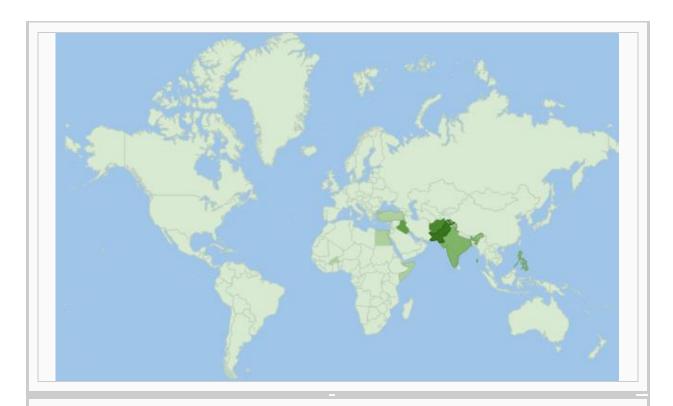
The Philippines was hit by two attacks. On Monday, an IED attack in a mall in <u>Cotabato City</u> killed two and injured thirty-two. On Sunday, two IEDs were detonated outside the home of a government official in <u>Masao</u>. No casualties resulted.

Western Europe and Others

**Turkey** suffered one attack this week. Early on Friday morning, suspected PKK militants fired on a military patrol in <a href="Emince">Emince</a>, Turkey, but left no casualties.

The United Kingdom was hit by one attack. A stabbing in the Manchester railway station left three people injured.

### Attacks Worldwide



### Our Solution

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