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**CIVILIAN CASUALTIES DURING 2007**

**Introduction:**

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**Definition of terms:**

For the purpose of this report the following terms are used:

***“Pro-Governmental forces”*** includes ISAF, OEF, ANSF (including the Afghan National Army, the Afghan National Police and the National Security Directorate) and the official close protection details of officials of the IRoA.

***“Anti government elements”*** includes Taliban forces and other anti-government elements.

***“Other causes”*** includes killings due to unverified perpetrators, unexploded ordnances and other accounts related to the conflict (including border clashes).

***“Civilian”***: A civilian is any person who is not an active member of the military, the police, or a belligerent group. Members of the NSD or ANP are not considered as civilians.

**Grand total of civilian casualties for the overall period:**

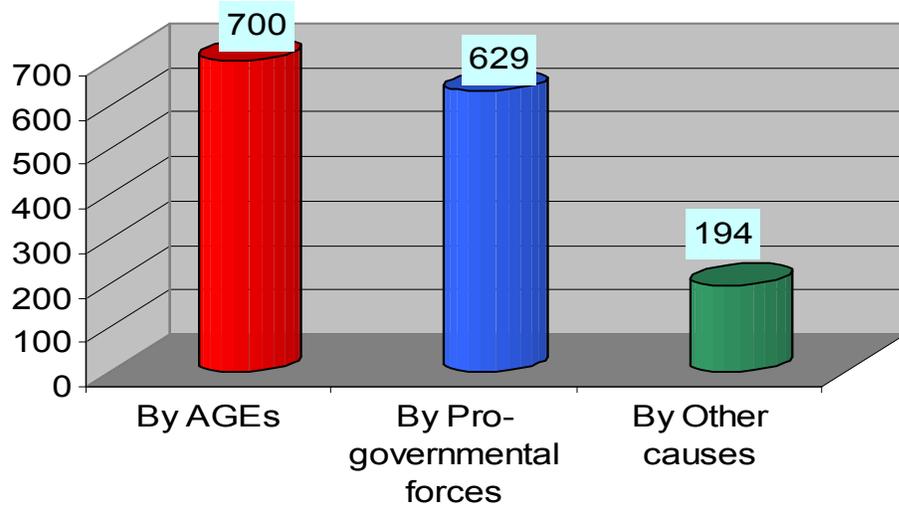
The grand total of civilian casualties is **1523** of which:

- **700** by Anti government elements.
- **629** by pro-governmental forces
- **194** by other causes

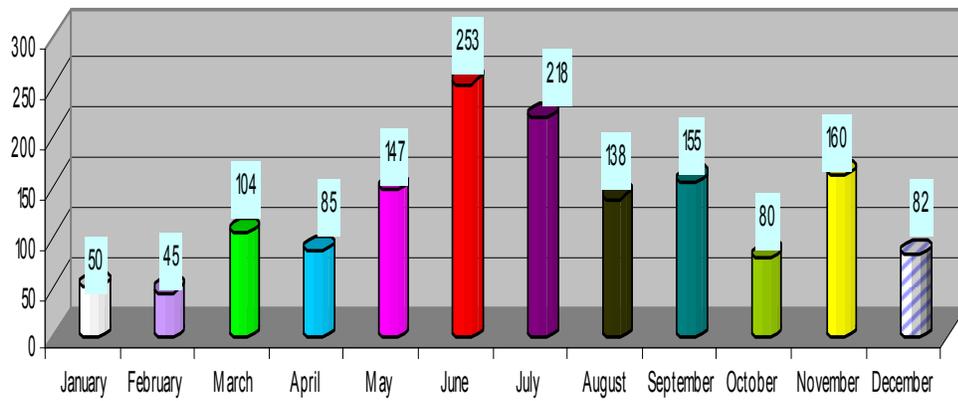
**The reporting period includes minimum of 52 women and 214 children of which:**

- **103** children and **13** women by Anti government elements
- **65** children and **42** women by pro governmental forces
- **49** children and **2** women by other causes

### Civilian Casualties in 2007



### Civilian Casualties During 2007



## CIVILIAN CASUALTIES PER MONTH:

### JANUARY 2007

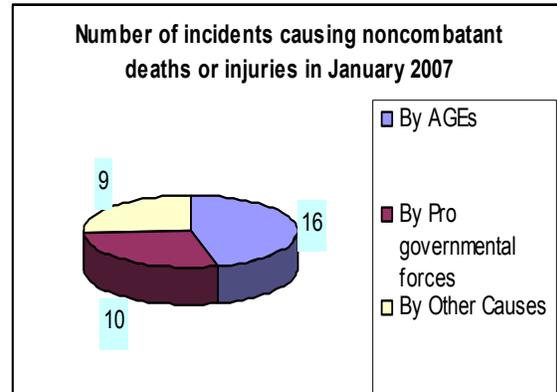
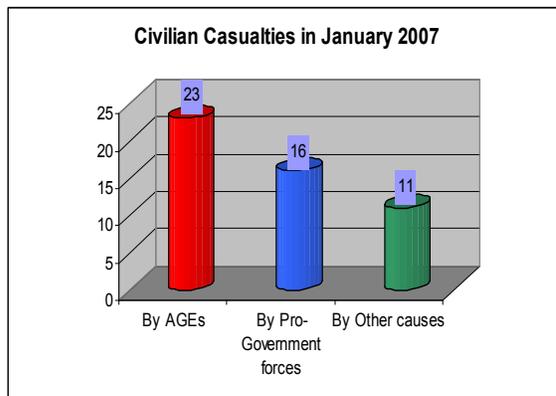
**In January 2007 a total of 50 civilians were killed of which:**

- 23 by anti government elements
- 16 by pro-governmental forces
- 11 by other causes

**The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:**

The total of 50 civilians killed in Jan 2007 includes a minimum of 9 children and 5 women of which :

- 4 children and 5 women by anti government elements
- 5 children by other causes



#### **By Anti government elements:**

- On **6 January** the Principal of a school in **Changer village, Nad Ali District (Helmand)** was shot and killed by Anti government elements. The Principal had reportedly been warned by Anti government elements on several occasions to stop work.
- A suicide bomber detonated himself in front of the eastern entrance gate of the CF base (**Salerno, Bagh Sara area**) in **Khost center (Khost Province)** on **23 January 2007** at around 07:30 hrs, killing 10 and injuring further 40 labor workers. The suicide bomber caused the detonation being within the group of the daily workers queuing before the screening area of the CF base.
- On **30 January, Kandahar Province, Panjwayi District**; at approximately 1100 hrs a civilian vehicle suffered a roadside IED strike in the **Zangiwat area**, killing 2 civilians and seriously injuring 1 other.

- A private vehicle was hit by an IED on a **sub road in Dokanaw / Zhawo area of Ismail Khel district (Khost Province)** around 09:00 hrs on **7 January 2007**. 2 children, 2 women were killed and 3 others (including two women) were wounded in the blast.
- On **20 January**, anti-government elements killed a woman in **Tajikano Area of Grishk district** accusing her for spying and assisting ANA.
- A newspaper reported that between **10 -11 January** a bomb planted on the roadside struck a family while they were in a private station wagon driving home from a clinic in **Khost**, newborn twins and the two women their mother and grandmother were killed. The babies were born overnight.
- The dead body of an unknown man was found in **Andar district (Ghazni)** on **11 January 2007** at around 10:30 hrs. Later, the authorities confirmed that the dead body is one of the kidnapped MRRD engineers by Anti government elements.
- Two people were injured in an IED explosion planted close to a military hospital (ANP) in **Khost centre** at around 07:30 hrs on **15 January 2007**. Police diffused a second IED.
- On **30 January, Herat Province, Guzara District**, Airport road about 20 meters north of the airport gate, at around 08 hrs, a suicide attacker driving a dark blue Korean Toyota Corolla vehicle rigged with explosives and two gas cylinders prematurely detonated the device and killed himself. The attacker was targeting an ANA convoy. Three ANA soldiers and two civilians were reported injured.
- On **14 January** a BBIED prematurely detonated close to a bus station on the main **Kandahar – Kabul road in Qalat City (Zabul)**. 3 civilians, including a 10 year old child, were seriously injured.
- On **16 January** a suicide attacker drove an explosives-laden vehicle into an Afghan army bus in the **western city of Herat** wounding 12 people, police and the army said. Ten soldiers and two civilians were wounded in the suicide attack," a defence ministry statement said.
- On **26 January** an IED explosion near **Kunduz** city injured two by-passers and caused superficial damages to a vehicle.
- On **18 January**, in **Nangarhar, Kama, Landa Boch village**, approx 0845hrs, it was reported that a roadside IED detonated near the vehicle of the District Governor of Kama. Reportedly the explosion was followed by SAF, resulting in the DG and his driver being wounded. Both victims were transferred to Jalalabad Public Hospital and are reported to be in a stable condition. The district Governor was traveling to Jalalabad when the attack took place and authorities are investigating. No arrests have been reported at this stage.
- On **10 January** four tribal elders were injured when their vehicle was struck by an IED approximately 8 km from **Lashkargah City (Helmand)**. The elders were reportedly on their way to meet the Helmand Governor.

- On **19 January**, **Chora district, Uruzgan province**, the district commissioner of Chora's convoy suffered an IED strike when traveling between Tirinkot and Chora. The district commissioner and 5 others were injured in the strike.
- On **30 January**, a vehicle borne suicide bomber prematurely detonated his vehicle in Guzara district, **Herat province**, 20 meters from Herat airport gate. It is believed that the ANA were the targets of the attack. Three soldiers were killed and two civilians were reportedly injured

**By Pro-governmental forces:**

- On **11 January**, local sources reported that thirteen civilians allegedly being held by Anti government elements on allegations of spying for the government and ISAF forces were killed in an air strike on an insurgent compound in Garmaser (**Helmand**).
- On **28 January, Nuristan, Waygal, isolated area of Aranas**, during the day, it was reported that ISAF shot and killed a local villager in the above-mentioned area. Reportedly the victim approached the base from the wrong side, resulting in ISAF member/s opening fire.
- The wounding and killing of two civilians in two separate incidents by the same US CF/ANA convoy led to a partly hostile reaction from the local community. On **31 January**, the ANA portion of the convoy fired at a motorcyclist who was attempting to overtake the convoy on **Fiaz Mohammed Khan Watt road, Khost city, Khost province**. The driver was injured. During the same trip, the convoy opened fire on an overtaking vehicle, killing the driver.
- On **12 January**, in Nangarhar, **Chaparhar District, Lahori Kala of Aghzo Kalay**, approx 0130 hrs' it was reported that a married couple were shot and seriously injured during an IMF/ANSF search operation on a private residence. Members of Nangarhar Military/Security Commission also accompanied this operation.
- On **8 January**, a CF convoy in **Jalalabad** opened fire on a taxi after the vehicle remained too close to the convoy. According to the taxi driver, the CF did not provide any verbal or physical indication that he was to stop. The taxi driver sustained bullet injuries in both of his legs and remains in serious condition in Jalalabad hospital. Of deep concern, the driver informed that after the shooting the CF did not stop but continued driving and another taxi driver brought the victim to the hospital.
- On **22 January 2007**, reportedly a civilian was shot and injured when he failed to obey warnings not to approach as ISAF vehicle that has become stuck in a drain in **district 3 Kandahar** city. The man was transported to the ISAF PRT for treatment.
- On **12 January, in Nangarhar, Jalalabad City, Zone 3, Zaiba Hotel, main KBL - JAA road**, approx 1900 hrs, it was reported that an IMF convoy shot a male riding a motorbike who was reportedly acting suspiciously. The male received bullet wounds to both legs and is currently undergoing treatment at MOPH Jalalabad.
- On **19 Jan 2007**, civilian vehicle was fired upon for failing to stop at an ANP check post. The injured man was transferred to Mirwais hospital for treatment

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- On **5 January**, reportedly a CF helicopter was attacked by AGEs as it was landing at the CF Base in **Kulangal village, Manogai district, Kunar Province**. In response, CF returned fire and one civilian injured.
- On **9 January 2007**, **Nuristan** PC member Menawar Nazami reported that approximately 10 December CF forces operating in **Waigal** fired mortar rounds and severely injured a shepherd who was caught in the line of fire. It appears that the man lost both his eyes. According to the PC member, the victim did not receive sufficient medical treatment from the CF or any form of compensation or apology.

**Other causes:**

- On **25 Jan 07**, **Kabul province**, PD-6, **Mahtab Qala area**, at around **10.00hrs**, 2 children were killed and 7 others injured after playing with an old mine that exploded. The children were playing in an old military compound in Dasht-e Barchi.
- On **8 January**, in **Kunar Province, Chapa Dara District, Cambarek village**, approx 0200 hrs, an explosion inside a residential house resulted in deaths of 2 children with both parents being seriously injured. At this stage there are conflicting reports of a landmine being place within the residence; to hand grenades being throw into the house. ANP is investigating the incident.
- On **26 January**, MP Moulavi Islam Mohammadi was shot dead by an unknown man near his house in Kart-e-Parwan, Kabul on his way to a nearby mosque for Friday prayers.
- On **26 January**, the MOI/ANP Commander Ahmadudin Ghabizai, responsible for UN and Diplomatic Security Posts in **Kandahar** City, was assassinated when he, his Deputy ANP Commander Janan Agha, and an 8 year old child were shot dead by 2 men riding a motorcycle in Kandahar City.
- On **12/01/07** in **Herat** city, three gunmen assassinated the former District Governor in **Karukh**, in his residence. Two members of his family were injured during the incident
- On **18 January** a former provincial council candidate, Malik Akhuzada, was found dead in **Kubi village, Dand district of Kandahar province**.
- On **22 January 2007**, 3 unknown armed men entered a house in the **Gull Qalacha** area of district 3 **Kandahar** city where they shot and killed the owner and withdrew from the area. The ANP has initially assessed the incident as a personal dispute and are investigating the incident.
- On **Jan 19**, 3 rockets were fired into the vicinity of the district center of **Maiwand district Kandahar province** injuring 3 civilians.
- On **January 15**, unknown assailants 600 yard from the PRT **Nuristan** base shot Nuristan Provincial Council member, Ahmad Shah Walikzada, and his cousin. The victims were returning to Nangarach after visiting the PRT regarding humanitarian assistance. It is believed that that the attack may have been conducted by Anti government elements due to the PC member's public support of central government and the efforts of the Coalition. While AGE does operate in this region, TB/AQ has not taken responsibility for the attack.

## FEBRUARY 2007

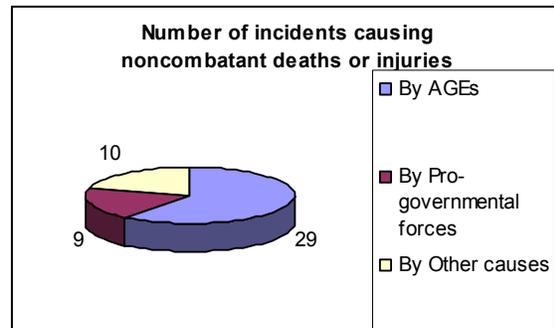
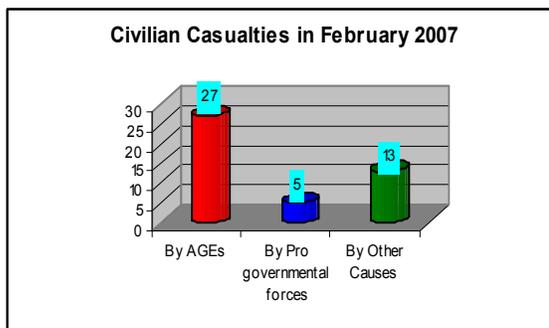
### **In February 2007 a total of 45 civilians were killed of which:**

- 27 by anti government elements
- 5 by pro-governmental forces
- 13 by other causes.

### **The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:**

The total of 45 civilians killed in Feb 2007 includes a minimum of 5 children of which :

- 5 children by other causes



### **Anti government elements:**

- On **27 February**, there was a suicide attack at the main entrance to the US military's main airbase in **Bagram, Parwan province**. The bomber blew him-self up at a checkpoint, and various sources quote at least four non Afghan nationals and between nine to sixteen Afghan civilians killed. The US Vice President Dick Cheney was staying at the base at the time of the attack. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack claiming that the intended target was the Vice President.
- On **25 February** a pro government former Mujahedin commander was killed in **Khas Uruzgan district, Uruzgan province** reportedly by Anti government elements.
- Contractors working for NATO/ISAF were attacked in two incidents in Kunar province. On **02 February**, an armed group reportedly stopped two supply trucks making their way to the Nari district US NATO/ISAF base were attacked in **Asmar district, Kunar province**. One driver was killed whilst the other was wounded. The supplies were burnt.
- On **27 February**, a bicycle borne suicide bomber targeted the **Kandahar** provincial Chief of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) in the city. Whilst the intended target survived, two civilians were killed and a further two injured.

- On **16 February**, in the area of **Grishk town, Helmand province**, Anti government elements hanged two Afghan males accused of spying for NATO/ISAF and the government. No further information is available.
- On **03 February** the Taliban, in **Gurbuz district, Khost province**, reportedly killed a man accused of spying for NATO/ISAF.
- On **20 February**, during the inaugural ceremony of the emergency ward of a local hospital in **Khost province**, a suicide bomber attempted to approach the guests who included the Governor, various Heads of government departments, international military Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) representatives, the head of the Provincial Council and medical staff. The bomber was intercepted but initiated his device before being shot by Afghan and US security forces. A US soldier and Afghan security officer were injured as well as a department of health staff worker.
- On **20 February** a suicide bomber driving a vehicle detonated in the **Kokoran area of district 7, Kandahar city**. Two civilians were reportedly seriously injured.
- On **26 February**, a suicide bomber attempted to gain entry to a police station in **Khost city, Khost province**. When a guard attempted to stop him, the bomber detonated the device killing the guard and injuring four civilian bystanders and an ANA soldier and police officer. Disturbingly, the bomber was reported to be a teenager estimated to be between 12 – 15 years of age.
- The district governor of Pachir Wa Agam, **Nangarhar province** was believed to have been the target of an attack when an improvised explosive device detonated between Chaparhar and Pachir Wa Agam districts. The governor was injured.
- On **19 February**, an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated close to a group of children in Pashmol village, **Zherai District, Kandahar province**. One child was seriously injured.
- On **13 February**, in Cha Ab district, **Takhar province**, a 13 year old girl stepped on a land mine planted on the main road leading to the district centre, close to a police station and a girl's school. The girl lost her foot. Police confirm that the mine was newly planted.
- On **07 February**, NATO/ISAF reported that they were treating three children who were injured by an insurgent rocket that had missed its intended target of the NSATO/ISAF base in **Grishk district, Helmand province**.

**Pro-governmental forces:**

- Two civilians were killed in a NATO/ISAF air strike in the **Kashata Kajaki area of Kajaki district, Helmand province on 13 February**. As ground and air strikes were deployed in the area, one adult male and female were allegedly killed in two separate strikes on houses.
- On **27 February**, an Afghan male was killed when the vehicle he was driving did not keep a safe distance from a NATO/ISAF convoy in **Kandahar city**.

- On **19 February**, the driver of a civilian vehicle was shot and killed when he did not stop at a NATO/ISAF checkpoint in **Shah Joy district, Zabul province**.
- On **17 February**, a civilian was shot and killed when he failed to respond to warnings to keep a distance from a NATO/ISAF convoy in **Arghandab district, Kandahar province**.
- On **17 February**, another civilian was shot and injured when he failed to heed NATO/ISAF warnings in **Kandahar city**
- On **01 February** NATO/ISAF reportedly fired upon a civilian vehicle in **Alikhel area, Mehtarlam district, Laghman province** when the vehicle refused to stop following NATO/ISAF warning shots. The driver and passenger were both injured.

**Other causes:**

- On **26 February** a respected elder, Haji Abdul Manan was shot and killed by unknown armed individuals in **Khoshab village, Daman district, Kandahar province**.
- On **04 February**, Mullah Said Mohammed, the deputy head of the Kandahar Religious Shura and his uncle, also a member of the religious shura were shot and killed by two unknown men on a motorbike in the **Shah Bazaar area of district 2, Kandahar city**.
- On **26 February**, two children were killed and two others injured when an unexploded ordinance detonated in Sabari district, **Khost province**.
- On **24 February**, in **Shoukhi village, Mahmudi Raqi district, Kapisa province**, a 13-year-old boy was killed and an adult male injured when an anti personnel mine exploded.
- On **12 February**, one child was killed when an antipersonnel mine exploded in **Zherai district, Kandahar province**. Another child was injured.
- On **04 February**, one child was killed and another injured when an unexploded ordinance detonated in the **Sahak area of Zurmat district, Paktya province**.
- An attack by armed men on two government officials killed the two males and injured a child on **02 February**. The two men worked for the Department of Education and Department of **Health in Arghandab district, Kandahar province** and were shot as they returned from a picnic.
- On **25 February**, a medical doctor and his driver were abducted in **Lashkargah district, Helmand** whilst on their way to Mukhtar IDP camp. The two men were working for a local NGO, Ibn-e- Sina when they were taken at gunpoint by unknown, armed men. On **28 February** the body of the doctor was found in Garamser district, **Helmand province**.
- On **09 February**, in **Bagcha village, Nari district, Kunar province**, armed men allegedly burnt the supplies of three local based trucks transporting US NATO/ISAF supplies. The three drivers were seriously injured and supplies burnt.

## MARCH 2007

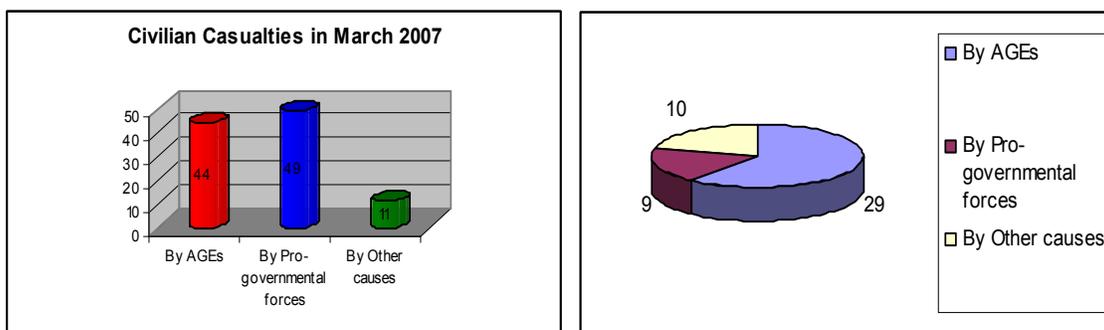
### **In March 2007 a total of 104 civilians were killed of which:**

- 44 by anti government elements
- 49 by pro-governmental forces
- 11 by other causes.

### **The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:**

The total of 104 civilians killed in March 2007 includes a minimum of 13 children and 1 women of which :

- 5 children by anti government elements
- 4 children and 1 woman by pro-governmental forces
- 5 children by other causes



### **Anti government elements:**

- Violent attacks in **March 2007** by Anti government elements are noted to have intensified in the east of the country with the first suicide attack occurring in the **capital of Laghman province** killing four children.
- On **28 March**, the Afghan National Directorate of Security (NDS) was the target of a suicide bombing on the **main road to Deh Afghanan in police district 2 of Kabul city**. The apparent target was the Chief of Investigation. Two civilian bystanders were killed.
- On **19 March**, the US Embassy vehicle was hit by a suicide bomber on **Jalalabad Road, Kabul province**. One civilian was killed.
- On **14 March**, two suicide bombers simultaneously detonated themselves near the **Da Afghanistan bank and ANP HQ** when they jumped from two directions towards an ANP vehicle, in **Khost province**. Four civilians and one policeman were killed and 29 others, including two children were injured.
- On **01 March**, two civilians were killed and 50 injured when a remote controlled IED detonated in **Farah city, Farah province**.

- On **17 March**, a suicide bomber in a vehicle attacked a NATO/ ISAF convoy in **Zherai district, Kandahar province**. A child standing by was killed and three others injured.
- On **13 March**, three civilians were killed and eight injured when a suicide bomber detonated himself near to an Afghan National Police (ANP) check-post situated approximately 500 meters from the **Friendship Gate at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border in Spin Boldak district, Kandahar province**.
- On **06 March**, an IED detonated in a picnic area, killing eight civilians and two ANP officers in **Marja district, Kandahar province**.
- On **04 March**, one passenger was killed when Anti government elements fired on a civilian passenger bus in **Daman district, Kandahar province** as it travelled from the city to Kabul.
- Two decapitated bodies were found on **21 March in Zabul province**. ANP believe that the two bodies were the driver and co-driver of a civilian truck transporting ISAF goods who were abducted on **14 March**.
- On **13 March**, a suicide bomber detonated himself against two DYNCORP vehicles (international private security company) in the **Kata-e-Lagan area of Lashkargah city, Helmand province**. One civilian was killed, another injured and one DYNCORP guard was also injured.
- On **13 March**, a popular local figure and leader of prayers from **Himat Qala, Qarabagh district, Ghazni province** was reportedly beheaded by the Taliban for spying for the government and US forces.
- On **10 March**, an Afghan police officer along with his father came under attack, allegedly from AGE which killed the police officer, his father and another passenger. On the same day, a vehicle belonging to the **Khost Provincial** force was hit by a remote controlled IED which killed four of the soldiers and injured two female Kuchi women.
- On **01 March**, the Afghan national Police found the dead body of an Afghan national (shopkeeper) in **Mumandai village, Alisher district, in Khost province**. The victim was allegedly killed by AGE on charges of spying for ISAF.
- During month of **March 2007** more reports of Taliban hanging Afghan individuals accused of working for the Afghan government and/or international military forces in Helmand province. Three men are alleged to have been hanged by the Taliban in **Musa Qala district, Helmand province** during a Taliban 'judicial' hearing at the end of March.
- On **27 March**, four health department workers were kidnapped alongside their driver whilst en route to Zhari Dashi IDP camp in **Kandahar province**. This latest kidnapping is linked to the earlier release of the Italian journalist who was freed after the Afghan government struck a deal and released some prisoners in exchange. The journalist's driver was killed and his body eventually returned to his family.
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- On **27.03.07** in **Qarabagh District, Ghazni Province**, AGEs killed an afghan male civilian whom they accused of spying for the Government
- On **25 March**, an IED injured three civilians in **Qasaban Line, in the centre of Khost province**. Damage was limited as the streets were fairly empty.
- On **17 March**, a mine clearing worker was injured after he was caught in cross fire between Anti government elements and ISAF/ANA in **Landi Khel village, Tagab district, Kapisa province**.
- On **27 March**, a suicide bomber on a motorcycle detonated himself outside ANP headquarters in **Lashkargah, Helmand province**. Four policemen were killed and two injured. Unconfirmed reports indicate that two civilians were also injured.
- On **25 March** villagers from **Gozanak village, Bala Buluk district, and Farah province** confronted a group of AGE which resulted in the death of two AGEs and injury of three locals.
- On **25 March**, one Kuchi woman was wounded during an AGE attack on an ISAF convoy. The incident took place in **Khujal Khando village, Dawlat Shah district, in Laghman province**. Complainants allege that the injury was due to ISAF counter-fire.
- Another civilian was injured in another incident on **20 March** when an ANP bus struck an IED in **Daman district, Kandahar province** and on **27 March**, three children were seriously injured after an amount of gunpowder detonated near the area where they were playing in **Zharai district, Kandahar**.
- In **Nuristan province**, tribal elders met with UNAMA and confirmed that on **17 March**, a group of AGE cut off one ear of two drivers when three US/ISAF supply trucks were stopped in **Kamu area, Kamdesh district** as a warning to the drivers to stop working for international military forces. The three drivers were also severely beaten and the trucks were reportedly burnt.
- On **11 March**, a suicide bomber attacked the ANA base in **Manogai district Kunar province** injured one civilian injured. On **03 March**, twelve civilians' laborers working at the ISAF base in **Korangal, Manogai district, Kunar province** were injured after an AGE missile impacted in the vicinity of the base. Two were injured.
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- On **08 March**, a respected Alokozai elder and Member of Parliament was the target of an IED attack in **Arghandab district, Kandahar province**. Eight civilians including Mullah Naqibullah and immediate family members were injured and an unconfirmed number were killed.
- On **23 March**, a 7 year old boy was injured after a suicide bomber in a vehicle detonated in the vicinity of an ISAF convoy en route to Jalalabad from Torkham border. The attack took place in **Bati Kot district, Nangarhar province**. One soldier sustained injuries.

- On **23 March** eight civilians were reportedly killed when they were caught in a cross fire between Afghan National Special Forces (ANSF) and Anti government elements during an operation led in the **Loya Manda area of Nad Ali district, Helmand province**.

**Pro-governmental forces:**

- On **24 March**, local elders reported that 15 civilians including a woman and a child were killed in the **Loya Manda area of Nad Ali district, Helmand province** during an Afghan National Army (ANA) operation.
- On **23 March** eight civilians were reportedly killed when they were caught in a cross fire between Afghan National Special Forces (ANSF) and Anti government elements during an operation led in the **Loya Manda area of Nad Ali district, Helmand province**.
- On **15 March**, an ISAF air-strike on **Gunapal Mountains, Alishing district, Laghman province** killed five civilians. According to local police, the imam of the local mosque, his ten year old son, and two businessmen and one other civilian was killed. The air-strike was allegedly against an AGE commander operating in the area.
- UNAMA verified the killing of nine civilians in **Najrab district, Kapisa province** by a US military air-strike which included women and children on **04 March**. The bombing was claimed as retaliation for firing from the vicinity of the house that was targeted by two 2, 000lb bombs towards the nearby Afghan National Army (ANA) base.
- On **04 March**, a vehicle borne explosive device detonated in the vicinity of a US marine convoy traveling in **Mohamand Dara district, Nangarhar province**. Following the attack, small arms fire resulted in the death of at least six civilians and injuring about six people. As the convoy departed from the site, towards Jalalabad, small arms fire from the US forces targeting persons traveling in vehicles or on foot in public places resulted in further deaths and injury to civilians. Confirmed casualties at present are **12 dead and 38 injured**. Following the incident, public outrage at the deaths was strong and a number of demonstrations took place in Jalalabad, Chaparhar, Bati Kot and Ghanikhel districts of Nangarhar. A number of journalists reported that following the VBIED attack, US NATO/ISAF forces seized property and deleted photographs and footage of the incident. Several journalists also report being threatened by US soldiers
- On **22 March** an 11 year old boy was killed when the driver of a civilian vehicle failed to stop at ISAF traveling convoy warnings in **Kabul**.
- On **14 March** in **Takhta Pul district, Kandahar province**, NATO/ISAF troops shot and killed a civilian who reportedly failed to obey ISAF warnings to stop.
- On **05 March**, NATO/ISAF troops shot and killed a driver of a civilian's vehicle when he failed to heed warnings to steer clear of an ISAF convoy in **Kandahar city**.
- On **21 March**, a six year old boy was killed and two other children injured in a shootout between Anti government elements and a US PRT and ANP convoy in **Shewan district, Farah province**.

### **Other causes:**

- A ten year old boy was killed after stepping on a land mine, in **Sirkanay village, Sirkanay district, Kunar province.**
- A civilian truck carrying supplies for ISAF was ambushed and 12 guards and the two civilian drivers were killed in **Shah Wali Kot district, Kandahar province.** The involvement of Anti government elements is not clear in this incident and the police are investigating the notion that this attack may have been perpetrated by a rival private logistics company.
- On **20 March**, a doctor working for a national NGO was killed as well as a civilian by unknown armed men in a health clinic in **Grishk district, Helmand province.**
- On **03 March**, unknown gunmen stopped three trucks carrying supplies for ISAF to **Waza Khauwa district, Paktika province** and killed the driver of one vehicle. The other two managed to escape.
- On **21 March**, the brother of the Panjwai district Police Chief in **Kandahar province** was assassinated whilst on **25 March** the body of a former corrections officer in Helmand prison was discovered in **Marja desert by ANSF.** She had reportedly been kidnapped by unidentified armed men in **Bolan area, Lashkargah, Helmand province** on 24 March. Conflicting reports are emerging with reports of Taliban responsibility on the basis of allegations of spying for the government whilst other reports point to the murder having been perpetrated by a family member, currently being questioned by the police.
- On **01 March**, a Transport Department staff member was shot dead in his private vehicle by unknown armed persons in **district 8, Kandahar province.**
- On **03 March** three children were killed and three injured in **Suraj district, Zabul province** after a UXO exploded.
- On **19 March**, one child was killed and two others seriously injured when a UXO exploded in **District 8, Kandahar city** close to where the children were playing.
- On **26 March**, an unknown armed group attacked four ISAF/CF contracted supply trucks in **Kakac village, Qarghayi district, Laghman province** with rocket propelled grenades, injuring one driver and extensively damaging all the vehicles.
- On **29 March**, the UNOPS senior national advisor (contractor) was shot and injured whilst walking back to his residence after evening prayers in his local mosque in **Kandahar city.** The perpetrators, who were riding a motorcycle, fled the scene and were not arrested. The motive for this shooting is not yet known.

## APRIL 2007

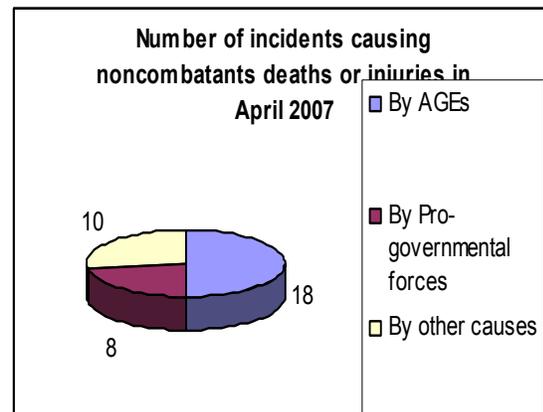
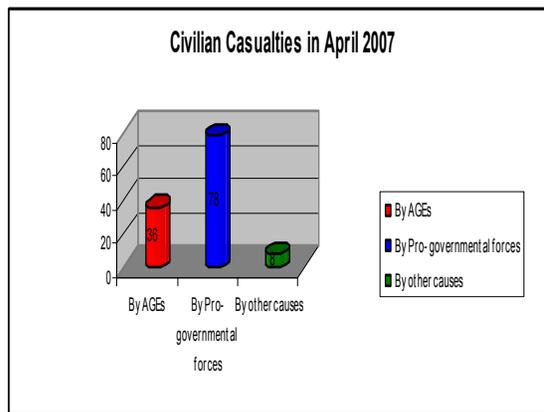
**In April 2007 a total of 85 noncombatants were killed as a result of the conflict:**

- 36 by anti government elements
- 41 by pro-governmental forces
- 8 by other causes.

**The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:**

The total of 122 civilians killed in April 2007 includes a minimum of 12 children and 10 women of which :

- 14 children and 12 women by pro governmental forces.
- 1 child by other causes



### **Anti government elements:**

- On **1 April**, a vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) hit an Afghan National Army (ANA) convoy in **Ali Khail, Metharlam Laghman province**. The attack killed ten civilians including five children and seriously injured at least four civilians and five ANA. According to media sources, the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.
- On **22 April** in **Khost provincial Centre (Hamam Market near Sargardan Chowk)**, a bomb exploded in a mobile phone / fruit juices shop killing one civilian, the shopkeeper, and wounding eight others. Later that morning, the police detected a suspicious man on a motorbike approaching the scene of the explosion. The police tried to stop the man and when he tried to flee, police opened fire at which point he detonated his explosives. A further five civilians including the suicide bomber were kill
- On **20 April**, a vehicle carrying Afghan nationals working as security guards for a local private construction company was struck by a VBIED in **Abdul Ahad village, Qalat, Zabul province**. One security guard was killed and 3 injured.

- On **15 April**, a USPI (private security company) convoy suffered a suicide MBIED (motorcycle) strike on the **main highway in Spin Boldak, Kandahar province**. The motorbike was parked on the roadside carrying an individual who detonated himself as the convoy passed, hitting the last vehicle. Two (national) security guards were killed and two sustained injuries.
- **Nuristan** authorities confirmed that on **4 April**, Anti government elements killed a driver working for the US CF: the man was reportedly shot 35 times. The incident took place in **Kamdesh, Nuristan**. This killing followed a number of warnings made to the victim and his family instructing him to cease his work and for the family to leave the area. On **09 April**, also in Mondagal area Kamdesh, **Nuristan, Kamdesh**, AGE fired five RPG rounds towards the family residence of the victim. The rounds reportedly impacted in the vicinity of the family's residence, however no casualties or damage were reported.
- On **17 April**, a UNOPS convoy of 4 vehicles suffered a roadside IED strike in **Kandahar province** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> vehicle in the convoy killing one UNOPS contracted driver (non-UN staff) and 4 UNOPS contracted Nepalese security guards (non-UN Staff).
- On **08 April** an Afghan journalist abducted on 05 March along with the subsequently released Italian journalist, was executed by the Taliban in **Garmser (Helmand)**.
- On **5 April**, a local elder, Mullah Abdul Salam, was assassinated by Anti government elements in **Marja district, Helmand province**.
- According to provincial security authorities, on **04 April**, AGEs abducted two men working as day laborers at the PRT base in **Kamdesh, Nuristan province**. The men were reportedly taken from an isolated area of Mondagal valley during daylight hours: according to reports received, AGE killed one laborer and later released the other.
- On **14 April**, in **Khost Centre, Khost Province**, a suicide bomber blew himself up at the entrance of the Afghan Border Police (ABP) 2nd Directorate HQ, killing eight ABP policemen and one civilian.
- On **7 April**, in **Matun District (Mangas village), Khost Province**, and Anti government elements reportedly assassinated the Head of the Provincial Ulema Shura of Khost Province. Mohammad Anwar's son, the driver, was also injured during the attack. According to a police and witnesses report, four armed men in a white Corolla station wagon attacked the Head of the shura on his way home.
- Reports indicate that 3 (possibly 4) people were executed by Taliban in the area between **Greshk and Musa Qala (Helmand)** some time between **01 and 03 April**. The victims had reportedly been accused by the Taliban of spying for ISAF and the Afghan government.
- On **21 April** Taliban beheaded a man who they accused of spying for ISAF.
- In **Nuristan** an influential religious scholar known from his support of the Afghan government was kidnapped and executed by AGE **in late April**.
- On **11 April**, a Canadian ISAF patrol was targeted by a suicide bomber in a vehicle in **Kandahar province**. However, the bomber missed his target and detonated prematurely, injuring 10 civilians and destroying a civilian truck and a taxi.

- On **16 April**, approximately nine Anti government elements attacked the INGO DACAAR sub-office in **Islamabad village, Alishing District, Laghman province** with small arms fire and rocket propelled grenade fire, injuring one DACAAR staff member. Reportedly local residents and ANP engaged the attackers with small arms fire and injured two AGE. This incident follows threats and previous attacks including a hand grenade attack in early April. It should also be noted that while AGE were reportedly involved in this attack there may be some personal elements to the attack.
- On **13 April**, a national security guard working for a local security company was injured when Anti government elements ambushed a private contractor convoy transporting logistical items for ISAF in **Shah Joy District, Zabul province**.
- On **9 April**, in **Rahim Khel village Andar District, Ghazni Province**, a convoy loaded with ISAF materials was attacked by AGEs. One vehicle was burned and one of the trucks drivers injured. Two trucks were also taken by AGEs, one of which was recovered later by the ANP in Andar district.

#### **Pro-governmental forces:**

- Twelve civilians were reported killed (along with 24 Anti government elements killed and two NATO/ISAF soldiers injured) in heavy fighting in **Sangin, district, Helmand province** on **20 April**. Details of the incident are not clear but unverified sources report the casualties occurred in a joint Afghan National Army (ANA) and ISAF operation when ISAF initiated an air strike after heavy fighting after a patrol had come under attack from Anti government elements.
- **At the tail end of April**, a US military forces operation lead to the death of five civilians in **Ghani Khel district, Nangarhar province**. Including one woman and a fifteen year old girl, and injury to six persons including three girls aged four, seven and fifteen. This event continued to impact humanitarian assistance throughout May as, due to security concerns, the six Shenwari districts were closed for UN operations until 21 May.
- After several days of conducting house searches and a relatively limited engagement in **Zerko valley of Shindand district, Herat**, a substantial convoy of international Special Forces and ANA units entered the area on **Sunday 29 April**. Apparently, on entering the area the pro-government forces encountered intensive armed resistance and violent clashes broke out in several locations. The clashes continued for at least 24 hours and involved the use of heavy weaponry including mortars, RPGs and heavy machine guns on both sides. SF/ ANA also repeatedly engaged close air support, bombing numerous compounds and targeting fleeing fighters with helicopter gunships. The fighting caused casualties on both sides as well as amongst the civilian population. Local sources claim that the fighting resulted in 57 allegedly civilian deaths. While numerically probably more accurate, it is extremely doubtful that all of these deaths really were civilian casualties. Rather, available victim lists and statements by eyewitnesses indicate that only around 20 of the people killed in the clashes were in fact clearly civilian in nature (some of these drowned in the river while attempting to flee). The remainder is likely to have been actively involved in the hostilities.
- The Afghan Police from **Asmar district, Kunar province** confirmed ISAF/CF mortar fire killed one civilian and wounded two in **April 2007**. The three men were involved in a land dispute and were reportedly harvesting the crop in the middle of night. Farmers in the area expressed concern to the police that other farmers will be killed during the harvest as nighttime harvesting is often required. UNAMA is following up.

- On **22 April**, the district police chief of **Ghanikhael District, Nangarhar province** reported that a 55 year old male was killed during an ISAF/CF operation in the 26 Canal areas. US Coalition Forces (CF) also made a number of arrests. UNAMA also received complaints claiming that the US CF confiscated a large amount of money from both homes and relatives of the detainees complained to the district and provincial authorities that all persons arrested are innocent civilians and requested their release.
- On **18 April**, a civilian taxi driver in **Kandahar city** was reportedly shot dead by ISAF after exiting a side road and failing to stop at a junction whilst moving into the path of an ISAF convoy.
- On **20 April**, in **Yaqubi District, Khulbisat/Yaqubi bazaar, Khost Province**, ANP discovered two IEDs and requested U.S. military assist in defusing the devices. U.S. military personnel secured the area and proceeded to work on the IEDs. A private taxi was reported to have breached the security cordon and failed to stop. U.S. forces opened fire on the vehicle, resulting in the fatality of one 13 year old female and the injury of one 3 year old girl.
- On **5 April**, two civilians were injured by Afghan police in **Qalat Bazaar, Zabol province** when they opened fire on a civilian vehicle that had failed to obey ANP instructions to stop.

**Other causes:**

- On **17 April**, unknown gunmen killed a Mullah from **Kapisa province**, who was teaching in Mandi village, Khost centre, **Khost Province**. Reports suggest that the Mullah had previously received night letters and other forms of threats, reportedly from Anti government elements a week prior to his assassination.
- On **15 April**, unknown gunmen killed the Deputy Director of the Gurbuz high school and a retired police officer of **Shiekh Amir Village, Gurbuz District Khost Province**.
- On **5 April**, in the Deragi area of Tani district, **Khost province**, a vehicle carrying Afghan workers to the PRT base came under fire killing two and injuring two others. No further information is available.
- On **7 April**, unknown gunmen on a motorcycle attacked two persons in **Gharghashta high school area of Khost centre, Khost province** killing one and injuring the other. Reportedly, they were working with a US company (KBR) at Salerno base.
- On **29 April**, a group of contracted workers with the INGO German Agro Action were attacked by armed men in **Ali Abad district, Kunduz province**. The victims' two vehicle convoy was ambushed on their way back to Kunduz; the driver of the first car escaped whilst the driver of the second vehicle was shot and killed. It is unclear as to whether this was an insurgent attack or due to common crime owing to growing insecurity in the area.
- On **1 April**, unknown armed individuals attacked a private contractor truck that was transporting logistic items for ISAF in **Shega District, Kandahar province**. The driver was killed, his assistant injured and the truck was burnt out. The attackers escaped from the area.

- On **7 April**, a 5 truck-transport contractor convoy carrying 73 metric tons of WFP food items was ambushed in the **Badin area of Suri District, Zabul province**. One representative from the transport contractor and an ANP escort were killed in the ambush and three ANP officers were injured.
- On **17 April**, a woman and a child were injured when a private vehicle containing five civilians travelling through the **Sanzari area of Zherai District, Kandahar province** was fired upon by unknown persons. The reason for the attack remains unknown.
- On **17 April**, a woman and a child were injured when a private vehicle containing five civilians travelling through the Sanzari area of Zherai District, **Kandahar province** was fired upon by unknown persons. The reason for the attack remains unknown.
- On **23 April**, in **Chah Ab district, Takhar province**, three children were seriously injured whilst playing with an unexploded ordinance device (UXO). The three have been hospitalised and one has lost a leg.

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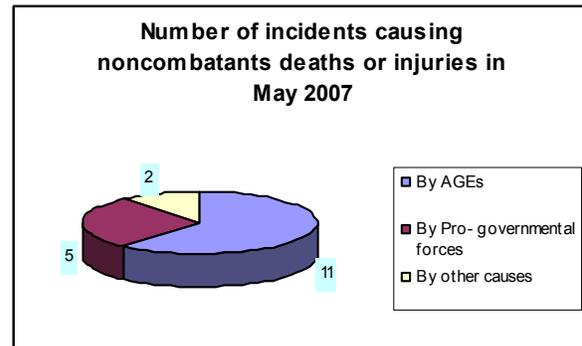
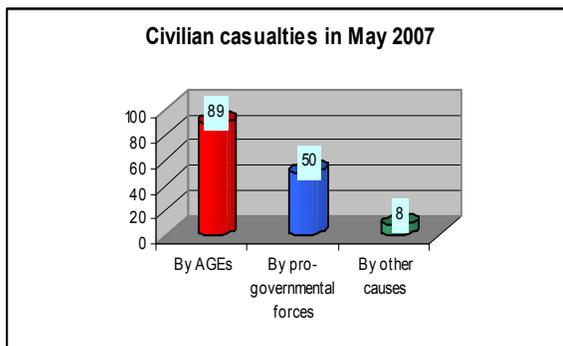
**In May 2007 a total of 147 were Killed of which:**

- 89 by anti government elements
- 50 by pro government forces
- 8 by other causes



**The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:**  
 The total of 147 civilians killed in May 2007 includes minimum of 12 children and 2 women of which :

- 12 children 1 women by Anti government elements
- 0 children and 1 women by Pro- government forces



**Anti government elements:**

- On **5 May in Nad Ali District (Helmand)** four men were shot by AGE as they were returning from poppy harvesting. The reported reason for their killing is that the victims worked as government employees.
- On **12 May** local Taliban hanged a **resident of Sangin District (Helmand)** accusing him of spying for ISAF and ANSF.
- On **17 May** AGE in **Shahjoy (Zabul)** abducted and beheaded 3 persons who they had accused of spying for the government.
- On **20 May** the dead bodies of **15 civilians** were found in **Haider Abad** in between **Grishk and Sangin. (Helmand)**. The victims were reported to be originally from Kunduz, Takhar, and Baghlan Provinces were in Sangin District searching for jobs. They were reportedly captured by AGE on 19 May and subsequently executed. The motivation for the killings is unclear, but it is possible that the victims were seeking employment as private security guards for one of the various construction projects in the area (eg Kajaki Dam).
- On **25 May** AGE hanged a man in **Chora District (Uruzgan)**. He had reportedly been accused of spying for ISAF and Afghan Forces.
- In **Ghazni province** (SE region) one person accused of spying for ISAF was executed by AGE on **23 May**. Another person was executed by AGE in Ghazni province on 26 May.
- In the **Southern Region** this month 8 IED and 3 BBIED (suicide attacks) detonated killing 11 civilians, including four children, and injuring at least 17, including four children and two journalists. Another civilian was killed and two injured on **21 May** when a land mine exploded under a civilian vehicle in Sangin district of Helmand.
- A further two children were killed on **24 May** when an AGE-launched rocket landed on a private house in **Zabul province**.
- In the **South East**, a BBIED detonated in the centre of **Gardez (Paktya)** on **20 May** killing seven civilians and injuring 38. Three other suicide attacks in the south eastern region this month killed five civilians and injured 11. Additionally, five children were killed and two were seriously wounded when they discovered and accidentally detonated an IED in **Ghazni province** on **26 May**.
- **In Kunduz**, on **19 May**, seven civilians were killed and 14 civilians were injured when a suicide bomber detonated his explosives near a German PRT patrol. Also in Kunduz, **on 28 May**, one civilian was killed and two injured in another suicide attack, this time apparently targeting a convoy of DynCorp's police mentors. Laying and detonations of IEDs in civilian areas also intensified in Baghlan in May; though no resulting civilian casualties were reported. 6 IEDs were detonated in Baghlan province.
- In the **Central Region in May 2007**, four IED attacks killed two civilians and injured 15 more, while other AGE attacks (including RPG attacks and ambushes) killed six civilians and injured six more. Another RPG attack on a private home in **Wardak province** killed eight civilians, however it is not clear whether this was an AGE attack or some other motive.

In the eastern region two IED explosions killed six civilians (including one child) and injured four.

- **On 31 May**, AGE fired five missiles towards the **Sirkanay District headquarters, Kunar** province. The missiles missed the target and one missile a residential home, killing a thirty eight year old woman and her sixteen year old daughter and injuring five family members, some critically. UNAMA HRU verification of the incident initially consisted of discussion with district authorities and interviews with family members (Jalalabad) as Sirkanay district was closed to UN operations. After the UNAMA HR special mission was cleared, the HRU ER visited the district on 10 June and met with the family members.

#### **Pro- governmental forces:**

- **On 1 May** an international military (non-ISAF) convoy moving in the area between **Maruf and Arghistan Districts** opened fire on three vehicles. The vehicles were destroyed and an unconfirmed number of people were killed and injured. Local sources have stated that 16 civilians were killed, two of them women, and that 13 persons were injured.
- **On 08 May, Hilmand Province, Sangin District**; International Military Forces conducting operations in the **Garmaw and Sarwan Kala areas of Sangin District** were ambushed by AGE. The fighting continued for some hours and air assets were used. Amongst an unknown number of AGE killed, Hilmand authorities have stated that they have confirmed 21 civilians killed including women and children. Further details are expected but have not yet been received.
- Three small but serious incidents were also reported from the southern region this month. **On 15 May**, ISAF troops escorting a convoy through **Kandahar city** shot and injured five civilians. Two of the injured civilians later died.
- **On 27 May** four civilians working in a field were reportedly killed and three or four more wounded when international forces launched an air strike in **Grishk (Helmand)**.
- The most recent incident remains difficult to verify, but reliable local sources report that seven civilians were killed, also on **27 May in Grishk**, when an international military forces air strike targeted a house belonging to an AGE.

#### **Other causes**

- This month there were four separate incidents directly targeting UN staff, on **8 May** a UNHCR senior driver was shot and killed by an unknown man riding a motorcycle whilst en route from his home in **Kandahar** city to the UNHCR office (riding a UNHCR supplied motorcycle).
- During a border clash (between ANP and Pakistani military) in **Jaji Aryob (Paktya) on 13 May** seven civilians were killed, and 29 others wounded, mostly civilians.

## JUNE 2007

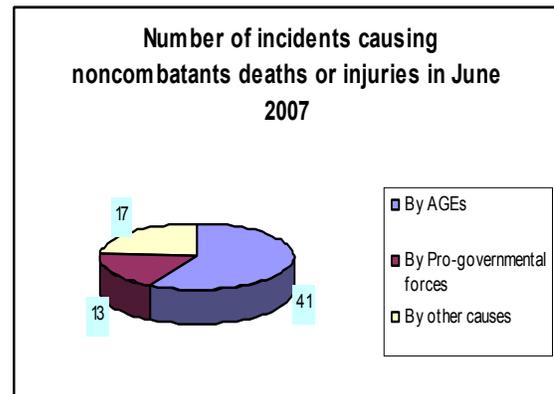
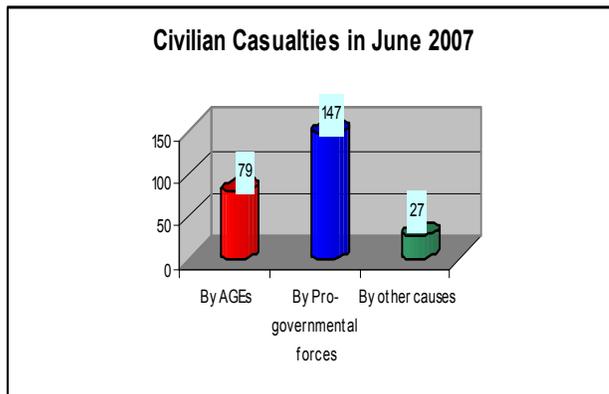
### **In June 2007 a total of 253 were killed of which:**

- 79 by anti government elements
- 147 by pro government forces
- 27 by other causes

### **The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:**

The total of 253 civilians killed in June 2007 includes a minimum of 33 children and 12 women of which :

- 19 children and 1 woman by anti government elements
- 11 children and 9 women by pro governmental forces
- 3 children and 2 women by other causes



### **By Anti government elements**

- The VBIED attack on **16 June** in **Kabul company area PD5** killed 5 civilians (including the suicide bomber) and injured six others (4 men and 2 women). One of the vehicles in the convoy was damaged.
- On **17 June** in **Kabul** province, PD-2, a suicide bomber detonated himself near the **Western Gate of KCP, in front of Walayet** building. The attack was aimed at a Ministry of Interior bus which was parked in the area to allow ANP Academy Officers and recruits to board. The suicide bomber detonated his explosives on boarding the bus. Kabul CoP later confirmed that 35 police officers including instructors from police academy and 11 civilians were killed in the attack and 52 persons (not know how many policemen and civilians) were

injured. A few vehicles parked nearby were also damaged by the explosion. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

- On **9 June**, in **Logar province, Puli Alam District**, at 10 pm AGEs attacked the house of a NDS staff, resulting in the death of his brother and injuries to his daughter.
- On **12 June** in **Puli Alam district of Logar province, Kolangar area**, at 12:00 hrs, two unidentified gunmen riding a motorbike opened fire, killing two female students and injuring two others. The girls were returning home from Qali Sayed High School. According to HRU preliminary investigations, AGEs may be responsible for the killing, although police investigations are still ongoing. The school had been the subject of attacks also in the past and the Headmaster, teachers and students had already been threatened to close the school. Yet, according to reports by the Head of Security in Logar, there is also a possibility that pre-existent tensions between the Headmaster and the local community may have been one of the reasons behind this attack. Three people have been arrested in relation to this incident.
- On **16 June**, **Herat** police reported that 40 AGEs, suspected to be Taliban, attacked the Afghan Border Police (ABP) check post north of **Kaletai Nazer, Shindand district, Herat Province**, approximately two kilometers east of the Iranian border. According to police reports, 2 ABP, 2 customs guards and 3 civilians were killed in the clash. Police also reported 5 ABP injured and 4 AGEs were killed. Herat NSD reported 5 civilians were killed in the incident. Reports of civilian deaths provided to UNAMA by the police and NSD could not be confirmed from any other sources, and UNAMA WR believes them to be exaggerated.
- On **14 June** in **Shawz area of Bala Buluk District Farah**, AGEs killed two Afghan mechanics. The two mechanics were working for Noorman Company, a private company repairing ANP vehicles and were on their way from Herat to Farah city to repair some ANP vehicles there.
- On **16 June 2007**, **Mazar-I-Sharif** witnessed a bomb explosion initially targeting the PRT convoy, which was passing by the area. The bomb, which was a roadside ID, was probably controlled by a remote controller because as soon as the PRT vehicles passed by, the bomb exploded at 04:10 pm in **Mandawi area** and caused the death of one and injury of eight civilians. However, the explosion did not cause any casualty to the PRT convoy.
- On **15 June** a suicide bomber, driving a vehicle laden with explosives detonated close to an ISAF convoy patrolling in **Tirinkot city (Uruzgan)**. The ISAF convoy had stopped in the street close to the governor's office and the ISAF soldiers were engaged in conversation with children who had gathered around the vehicle and were distributing water and sweets to them. The Uruzgan Chief of NDS reports that, as the vehicle containing the SVBIED accelerated towards the stationary ISAF patrol, the ISAF soldiers fired on the vehicle, bringing it to a halt. At this point, the vehicle exploded. 11 children including four girls are now reported to have been killed. All those who died were aged between 8 and 15 years.
- On **16 June**, a BBIED detonated himself against one of the vehicles in an ISAF convoy in **Mirwais Mina area, Kandahar** city. The suicide bomber was killed and 5 civilians sustained injuries. ISAF casualties were not confirmed.
- During the reporting period 3 MoPH nurses and a driver, kidnapped by Anti government elements in **March 2007**, were released and reunited with their families in **Kandahar**. Their release followed the handover of Mullah Dadullah's body to members of Dadullah's family by

the Kandahar Governor's office on 06 June. The body been brought to Kandahar last month following Dadullah's killing in a ISAF/ANSF operation in early May, and was interred by the government in an unknown location when no members of his family had initially come forward to claim it. The kidnapers had then threatened to kill the MoPH hostages unless the body was transferred to them by 05 June, and following the passing of this initial deadline, a Taleban spokesman stated that one hostage, a doctor, had been executed. Although his killing has not yet been verified, the doctor was not released along with the other hostages following the transfer of Dadullah's body, and his whereabouts and fate are not known.

- Local sources reported that Taliban executed Hayatullah Haqooqi (district prosecutor for Maiwand) on **14 June 2007** in **Maiwand district (Kandahar)**. According to these sources Taliban elements in the Cheena area of Maiwand kidnapped the prosecutor and then hanged him on the same day. At the time of his kidnap the prosecutor was participating in a mourning ceremony in Maiwand district
- On **23 June** the 14 year old son of the Sangin CoP was kidnapped by AGE in **Sangin (Helmand)** and subsequently killed.
- On **20 June** a 10 vehicle convoy was ambushed by AGE on Highway 1, 5 km outside of **Qalat city (Zabul)**. The unmarked vehicles were being moved by sub-contractors in preparation for eventual use by contracted security guards in support of UNOPS road construction operations. 2 contract drivers were killed and 1 was injured; 2 vehicles were destroyed.
- On **02 June** AGE ambushed on a private security company (PSC) guard vehicle that was escorting an ISAF private logistics convoy in Zheri (**Kandahar**). 1 security guard was killed and 3 security guards were injured.
- On **20 June** 7 civilian truck drivers transporting construction materials to an ISAF base were killed by AGE after their trucks were stopped and burnt by AGE in **Sangin (Helmand)**. On **22 June** the bodies were taken to Kandahar Mirwais Hospital and 5 were handed over to relatives for burial. 2 bodies are still to be identified.
- On **1 June**, AGE fired one missile which impacted a residential home in **Shamkar Village, Khaz Kunar district** and injured one woman.
- On **1 June**, AGE fired rockets which impacted a residential home in the **Dewagal valley, Chawkay District, Kunar**, killing two civilians and injuring two others.
- On **1 June**, a RCIED detonated in the vicinity of an ISAF EOD team who were responding to a report of another IED. The incident took place between **Deh Malakh and Gul Kari villages, Metharlam city, Laghman** and killed one ISAF and injured two ISAF soldiers and one national interpreter. Reportedly, the EOD team destroyed three additional IEDs during the subsequent search operation. Regarding impact to civilians, one Afghan civilian male was shot in leg due, reportedly on the basis of 'suspicious appearance' and six villagers were arrested (and subsequently released) in connection to the case.
- On **7 June**, AGE fired four missiles towards the PRT base in **Assadabad, Kunar**. Reportedly one missile impacted in a residential compound in Tesha village, injuring two civilians and another round impacted in the vicinity of a private residence in Yar Gul area, injuring another three civilians.

- On **15 June**, AGE lodged missiles and engaged in SAF in the **Terkhe Wobo area of Marawara district, Kunar**. Reportedly one missile impacted into a private residence and injured four civilians, including one teenage girl and two children.
- Authorities confirmed that on **25 June**, AGE fired four missiles, two of which impacted farming areas in the **Daman village, Pashet area Kunar Province, Sirkano district**. Two civilian farmers suffered injuries, one serious. Both are receiving treatment at the ISAF base in Assadabad.
- On **12 June**, a group of AGE attacked the CF/ANSF base with RPG and SAF **Kunar in Badel Valley, Narang District, Kunar**, leaving one female civilian with injuries.
- On **2 June**, AGE ambushed one CF/ISAF convoy en route to Kamdesh with RPGs and SAF in the Baghicha area, **Kamdesh District, Nuristan**. The incident killed two CF/ISAF soldiers and one Afghan interpreter and injured seven.
- On **11 June 2007** (at around 13:10 hrs), **Khost province, Khost (Matun) district, Shamal bridge**, a body borne suicide bomber attacked a police CP located at the bridge on the main road from Khost to Gurbuz district. It appears that the suicide bomber had been dropped off near the CP from a private vehicle and then activated his explosives in the immediate vicinity of the police CP. According to latest reports there were no fatalities apart from the suicide member. As a result of the blast, four policemen and five civilians were injured and two civilian vehicles were burnt. Apparently, two civilians among the five injured are in a serious condition.
- At around **6:00 AM** on **11 June 2007**, in **Garda Serai (Shwak District, Paktya)**, the ANA base was attacked and 4 rockets fired impacted in a local area which injured two children. In similar case the same day, in **Paktika Province (Barmal District)** several rockets were fired at a CF base which impacted in a nearby civilian area, killing three children and injuring one woman.
- On **14 June 2007** in Mirzaka district (Paktya) an ANP vehicle was hit by a remote-controlled IED injuring two policemen, and one civilian and killing one civilian female.
- On **13 June 2007** in Terwa district (**Paktika**) Eng. Shak who had a private construction company, working in Terwa, was shot dead by Anti government elements after visiting the projects on his way back to Waza Khwa district.
- On **01 June 2007**, **Paktika Province**, Sharan centre, at around 1800 hrs, a former JEMB national staff member (Mr. Barat Shahid) was shot and killed in front of his house. The murdered man was the provincial election coordinator for Paktika during the presidential election in 2004. An AGE source claimed the responsibility of the killing, stating that this was the consequence of his involvement with NDS and CF.
- On **2 June 2007**, in Jaghori district of Ghazni province, AGEs attacked an ANP officer's house, killing five family members. The officer was not at home during the attack. ANP reinforcement responded to the attack killing 10 AGEs.
- On **10 June 2007**, in Sar Hawza district (**Paktika**) at night time, the house of a tribal elder who is also member of local shura was attacked by Anti government elements. The tribal elder got killed and his son was kidnapped by AGEs.

- On **12 June 2007**, in Mata Khan District (**Paktika**) at night Malak Mohammad Hassan, the former employee of BRAC, an international NGO, who was working now as a shopkeeper has been killed by AGEs.
- On **15 June 2007** in Sharana district (**Paktika**) a relative of provincial official responsible for Olympic affairs was shot dead and injured another civilian. Reportedly the attack was conducted by AGEs as part of their intimidation campaign.
- On **19 June 2007** in Sakowa area, Zurmat district (**Paktya**), reportedly ANP recovered a body of young man who was killed by AGEs for spying to ANA.
- On **03 June 2007**, **Khost** Province, Sabari district, Zurmber area, at around 10:30 hrs, a premature IED detonation killed two children playing in the vicinity.
- On **21 June 2007**, Khost Province, Bak district, Chinargi village, at around 1710 hrs, a civilian taxi was hit by an IED attack on a sub road. Two occupants of the vehicle were killed and the driver was wounded due to the blast.
- **On 27 June 2007**, Anti-government elements reportedly killed a man in Naw-Bahar district of Zabul province accusing him for being spying for the US forces. No more details available.
- **On 28 June, Kabul province**, PD-12, Arzan Qimat area, Charahai Dashaa, at 0905hrs, a Private Security Company's vehicle convoy was the target of a VBIED attack on the main road that leads to Puli Charkhi Prison. It was reported that the suicide attacker on board a Toyota Corolla vehicle and travelling in an opposite direction slammed into the convoy resulting in a big explosion. Two Nepalese guards and the suicide bomber were killed whilst six others (three Nepalese and **two bystanders**) sustained injuries. We have yet to verify the information and find out about the identities of the two civilian injured in this incident.
- **On 30 June, Paktika Province**, Sharan centre, Khowaja Khel area, at around 1800 hrs, a former Hezbi-Harakat-e-Islami, commander (Amir Mohammad from Muta Khan District of Paktika province) was reportedly killed by unknown gunmen in front of a local mosque. The motive of the killing is unclear at this time. This was reported by UNDSS through their focal point. An additional report which UNAMA HR unit received from the secretary of the governor in Paktika provided additional details. He explained that the commander who was shot dead belong to HIG and he was pro-government and was very close to WJ member Khalid Farooqi who was a very influential figure in HIG. He reportedly had no personal enmity. and it is not yet clear that who might be involved in his assassination though the secretary of the Governor suggested that AGE's might be involved.
- **On 27.06.07**, Approx 0100 hrs, it was reported that three missiles (type unspecified) allegedly fired by AGE impacted into various areas of the Jalalabad city (**Nangarhar**) resulting in one civilian sustaining minor injuries.
- **On 27.06.07**, it was reported that AGE fired eight missiles (type unspecified) towards the ISAF/CF base in Chawkai district (**Kunar**). Reportedly, one of the projectiles missed the target and impacted into a residential house resulting in one civilian being injured.
- On **16 June** 3 civilians were injured when their vehicle was struck by road side IED in Lashkar Gah District (**Helmand**).

- **On 28 June**, Paktika Province, Urgun district, at around 1700 hrs, a U.S. military patrol suffered a suicide VBIED attack near Urgun bazaar area. A civilian pedestrian was killed and three (including two ISAF soldiers) were wounded in the incident.

**BY Pro-governmental forces:**

- At 8:45 am on **16 June** in **Kabul company area PD 5**, a VBIED exploded in the proximity of a US Forces convoy resulting in an explosion that killed five civilians (including the suicide bomber) and injured six others (4 men and 2 women). One of the vehicles in the convoy was damaged. According to the eyewitnesses' reports, the US convoy did not stop in the area of the explosion, but continued for another approx. 500 m, where it stopped and soldiers descended the tanks to search the area. The search continued until 11:30 when the man on the top of the tank started shooting against a small group of men who was sitting in front of a CPO, killing one and injuring two others. US Forces have acknowledged that this incident was a mistake.
- **On 17 June 2007** in **Paktika Province, Zarghon Shar district, Yahya Khiel area**, at around 2300 hrs, reportedly the Khadily Madrassa was attacked by ISAF Air forces. Unconfirmed report stated first that more than 100 people were killed in the Madrassa (also the Paktika Deputy Chief of police confirmed the ANA report and stated that all the 100 people who were killed in the incident were students of the school). However, later it appeared that seven suspected AGEs and seven children in a Madrasa were killed. According to UNAMA sources, ISAF claimed that they were monitoring the madrasa for 10 hours and were certain of their targets (Al-Qaeda). They did not know the children were inside. It appears that the Anti government elements used the children as human shields. There were 18 children in total out of which 7 children died as a result of the airstrike.
- **On 20 June 2007**, a peaceful demonstration was held in **Sharan city (Paktika,Province)** to condemn the recent bombardment of the Madrassa. Some tribal elders met the Governor, expressed their support for the government and asked for assistance to stop civilian casualties.
- **On 07 June** ANA shot and killed a civilian riding a motorcycle on the road between **Soori and Qalat (Zabul)**. The shooting came in the immediate aftermath of an RCIED strike against an ANA vehicle. It is reported that the ANA had mistakenly suspected that the civilian was responsible for detonating the RCIED.
- **On 12 June** UNAMA received information from local medical sources that a boy had been treated for shrapnel wounds to the head, suffered when a rocket fired by international forces hit his house in **Mizan District (Zabul)**. ISAF had reportedly intervened to drive out AGE who was conducting offensive operations in the area.
- **On 18 June** local sources reported that large numbers of civilians were reported killed and injured as a result of fighting between AGE and ISAF/ANSF in **Chora District (Uruzgan)**. In initial clashes between AGE and local villagers, up to 16 armed villagers were reported killed. As fighting intensified, ISAF then launched air strikes against the AGE forces. However, up to 60 civilians are reported to have been killed in these air-strikes and approximately 30-40 injured. These figures were provided to ISAF by the Uruzgan PC

Chairman, who has been able to meet with some of the injured victims. However, the Governor's office subsequently stated that the figures quoted by the PC chairman were exaggerated.

- On **19 June** International Military Forces/ANA carried out an operation to raid 3 private residences in **Kandahar** city. During the Operation 1 civilian was killed and 11 individuals were detained. US military sources are reported as stating that the dead individual was an AGE who resisted arrest. However, Kandahar PC members have claimed to UNAMA that those killed and arrested were not linked to AGE. Local residents have also protested over the conduct of the search, claiming insensitive treatment of women by the arresting forces, and alleging that dogs used during the search mutilated the body of the person who was killed.
- On **22 June** the **Helmand** Chief of Police reported to UNAMA that 25 civilians (including 9 women and 3 children) had been killed as a result of an ISAF air strike on 3 houses in **Grishk (Helmand)**. The CoP reported that he had sent his staff to the location of the air strike and that he could confirm the numbers of casualties reported. The circumstances surrounding the air strike are not clear and UNAMA has been unable to speak to any first hand witnesses of the incident. Media reports (BBC) simply report the ISAF statement that "an ISAF force was attacked near Grishk and responded with air strikes.
- NSD Nuristan confirmed that on **07 June 2007**, an ISAF air strike killed three civilians and injured one in **Kamo area, Kamdesh district of Nuristan**. The air strike was a response to an AGE attack of an ISAF/ANA patrol convoy in the area.
- On **11 June** at approximately 5:00pm, ISAF soldiers opened fire on a civilian vehicle carrying a group of six male youth (aged between 8 and 16) traveling toward the bazaar area between **Kandagal and Zarmandai villages, Manogai district, (Pech Valley) Kunar** province. The soldiers were standing outside their vehicles in the Zarmandai bazaar when the truck turned the corner, probably too quickly, and almost collided with three of the ISAF soldiers standing on the road. A note from ISAF states that the soldiers fired warning shots to stop the vehicle yet the driver failed to stop the vehicle and continued. According to witnesses, however, as the truck passed the soldiers, the soldiers did not fire warning shots but immediately opened fire on the vehicle as it met with or passed the ISAF soldiers on the road. Witnesses stated that after the car collided with a tree, ISAF soldiers continued to open fire on the vehicle and emptied and reloaded magazines. Reportedly, the ISAF soldiers walked toward the truck and continued to shoot, killing the driver and two passengers and injuring two or three passengers. It appears the eight year old boy (third injured boy) may have been injured by the truck as opposed to gun shot wounds. The shopkeepers and residents in the area reported that people were screaming at the ISAF soldiers that the boys were not AGE.

Following the incident, ISAF took a number of steps to calm down the incident including meetings with the tribal elders and the families of the victims. Additionally, almost immediately after the incident, ISAF apologized for the incident, paid condolence (solatia), provided one sheep for each victim and agreed to pay compensation for the vehicle. Additionally, the elders reported that ISAF promised to construct a bridge, a school and a retaining wall on the river bank. The government also took a number of steps to quell tension following the incident: the district governor immediately engaged with elders and ISAF, President Karzai called the families to Kabul and the Provincial Governor sent a delegation from the Education Department to meet with the community. It should be noted that the immediate response and concrete actions from ISAF and government following the incident alleviated the initial tension following the incident.

As this area is closed to UN operations and is located in an extremely volatile area, UNAMA was unable to travel to the area for verification. On 19 June, UNAMA met with three witnesses, one tribal elder and four family representatives in Assadabad, Kunar. According to the witnesses working in the area, ANP, ANA and ISAF did not attend the incident site to investigate or conduct interviews: only a journalist investigated. Please refer to Appendix 1 for witness accounts of the incident. It should also be noted that all reports received from ISAF, government and civilian sources are fairly consistent. UNAMA finds grounds for concern following the above incident, namely, disproportionate, excessive and possibly indiscriminate use of force and non-adherence to the principles of distinction, proportionality and precautions in attack.

- On **3 June 2007**, a small girl named Fatima D/o Jabbar Khan was killed when ISAF opened warning fire on a vehicle coming close to the convoy in **Baloch village of Matun district Khost province**. UNAMA HR team interviewed the father of the girl and one witness named Gula Khan S/o Saleh Mohammad who was present in the premises of the incident. According to him 5 Humveys were passing on the road behind the local Taxi. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Humvey fired on the taxi to warn the bullet struck the near foot path and bounced from the footpath and hit Fatima who was playing nearby. The convoy never stops to help. The father of the girl took the girl to nearby hospital but the girl died on operation table. The bullet bounced from the road and hit the girl.
- On **30 June, Khost Province, Alisher district**, two tribal elders was reportedly wounded when an ANA patrol mistakenly opened fire on their vehicle. The tribal elders belong to the Mandozai tribe were returning from a jirga which took place in Zinikhiel to resolve the conflict between Mandozai and Zini Khiel Tribe. One was slightly injured while the other lost his leg in this incident.
- On **30 June** the Helmand CoP reported to UNAMA that a number of civilian houses had been hit by air-strikes during the course of fighting between AGE and international forces near **Hyderabad village in Grishk District (Helmand)** on 29 June. Initial reports on 30 June from the CoP indicated that 30-35 bodies had been pulled from the rubble of houses hit by these air-strikes. The CoP indicated that his representative would remain at the scene and would report back with updated casualty figures. So far UNAMA has been unable to contact the CoP on 01 July. However, on 1 July the Deputy District Commissioner reported to UNAMA the following casualty statistics arising from the air strikes: AGE killed: 60, Civilians killed: 45, Civilians injured: 23

The basis on which local authorities were able to distinguish between AGE and civilians when identifying bodies is not clear, but some kind of identification process is clearly taking place, as UN DSS has also received reports that relatives were unhappy that bodies were not being released to relatives immediately on being dug out from the rubble, but were processed and examined by ANP in order to determine whether or not they were AGE.

The figures quoted above from the Deputy District Commissioner appear to represent the official line. However, reports from other sources vary, with various local elders and other local contacts (in Lashkargah not in Grishk) reporting “over 100 civilians killed and tens injured.” Meanwhile AIHRC reports information from its own local sources who state that “over 60 civilians have been killed and an unknown number injured.

Having consulted with PC members the Helmand Deputy PC chairman reported to UNAMA that the incident began at approximately 1600hrs on 29 June when an international forces’ ground patrol was attacked by AGE in an area called Haji Hassan Khan, near Hyderabad village in Grishk. The PC Chairman states that the air strike was not called in immediately following

the ambush, but took place later the same evening at around 2000hrs.

The PC Deputy Chairman also reports his understanding from local people that by the time the air strike took place, the AGE had left the area and that the air strikes targeted civilians who were trying to flee the fighting. Again this account had not been verified or repeated by other sources.

BBC TV reports broadcast on 30 June stated their understanding that the patrol attacked by AGE was a joint patrol of ANA and international forces, and that the air strikes had been called in after a lengthy period of fighting when some of the ANA forces had been pinned down by AGE fire. However UNAMA has been unable to contact any eye-witnesses to the fighting and has been unable to verify this account.

Local sources (elders, local contacts, PC members) report that there has been no immediate reaction from the local population as they are currently engaged in mourning and burying the dead. However, the PC Deputy Chairman expressed his concern that the incident is likely to increase local resentment against international forces.

#### **Other causes:**

- On **1 June** in **Kabul province, PD-5, Kareh Mamoreen area**, Shakiba Saanga Amaj a 22 year-old woman newscaster for Shamshad TV was shot and killed in her family home by an unidentified assailant. The police arrested two individuals suspected of being involved in the killing. The police investigation continues and there are reasons to believe that a relative may be involved in the murder.
- On **5 June** in **Jabul Saraj District of Parwan province**, at 2430hrs unknown armed individuals shot dead Zakia Zaki in her house. Zakia Zaki was a prominent journalist and activist in **Parwan** and the manager of Peace Radio. She was shot seven times, also in her face, and died immediately. The police is investigating the case, but there are serious concerns that the local dynamics and political context of Parwan may obstacle the conduct of a fair and independent investigation.
- On **2 June** 2007, unknown gunmen killed a school teacher in **Sahak area of Zumat district**. His name was Rohani and he was teaching in Sahak High School according to his family, he had no personal enmity.
- On **5 July** in **Puli Alam district of Logar province (Kolangar area, Qali Ali Khan)**, at 22:30 hrs a construction truck conveying materials was fired upon by unknown gunmen. One of the construction company's employees sustained injuries.
- On **9 June** in **Kabul Province, PD-1, Kocha Barana area**, a child was killed after a hand grenade exploded whilst collecting steel and iron.
- On **17 June** in **Puli Alam district of Logar province, Babos village**, at 6 am two unidentified armed men on a motorbike opened fire on a private car, injuring three occupants (incl. a pregnant woman). It is alleged that the driver was mistaken for a government spy.
- On **23 June** a mini van (taxi) transporting civilians was struck by an AT mine in **Suri District (Zabul)**. Between 18-20 passengers on the vehicle were reported either killed or injured (the numbers are still to be confirmed).

- On **15 June** unknown armed men shot and injured the private assistant of the Provincial Council Chairman. The motive for attempted assassination is not yet clear.
- On **02 June** 2 children were killed on the spot and one died on the way to hospital when a UXO detonated whilst they were playing with the device **Nahri Sarraj/ Grishk District (Helmand)**.
- On **13 June**, an unknown person threw a hand grenade into a private house in **Shamol village, Kuz Kunar, Nangarhar**, resulting in injury to five civilians. Reportedly the victims are two males and three females and the extent of their injuries is unknown. Initially this case was reported as an AGE attack but UNAMA verification of incident suggests that the case is a private criminal matter. The case is currently being investigated by Nangarhar CID.
- On **28 May**, an AP mine exploded in the **Ragha area of Goshta District, Nangarhar**, injuring six children. Reportedly the children were playing with the mine prior to detonation.
- On **20 June 2007** (around 14:00 hrs), a school teacher named Ghulam Khan who was teaching in girl's primary school Saporai village, **Gardez district**, was shot by two unknown armed men on his way back to home in **Gardez centre**. The report further mentions that the teacher died later in the hospital. Reportedly, he was threatened before and was requested not to teach in girls' school or he would be killed.
- On **24 June, Ghazni Province, Dih Yak district**, at around 0700 hrs, reportedly unknown gunmen fired small arms on an UNOPS rural road construction project, located between **Dih Yak and Niaz Baba area**. One machine operator of the construction company sustained bullet injury and evacuated to hospital.
- On **11 June 2007, Ghazni Province, Qarabagh district**, at about 14:00 hrs, according to a report, a tractor belonging to a local man was hit by an AT mine. The explosion killed the driver and damaged the tractor. The report further suggested that an AT mine was deployed on the road because it is used by ANP patrols.
- On **12 June 2007, Khost province, Khost (Matun) district, Mehdi Khil village**, at about 01:30 hrs; unknown men threw a hand grenade at a civilian house. As a result of the explosion a man and a woman were injured.
- On **27 June, Adraskan district, Hirat Province**, ANP discovered a dead body that was identified as a private security sector worker (from USPI). According to reports from USPI, a vehicle with two Afghan private security workers went missing on 24 June in Adraskan District. The whereabouts of the second worker and the vehicle is not known and the circumstances of the killing are not clear. It is reported that many private security workers were previously affiliated to different jihadi military factions.
- On **30 June, Hirat Province, Chesht Sharif District, Dare Takht** area gunmen broke into an INGO compound (Catholic Relief Services), forced several Afghan staff out of the compound and reportedly opened fire on the rented vehicles parked inside the compound using small arms and an RPG rocket launcher. According to reports by the INGO to human rights officers, minor damages to vehicles were caused. The incidents were not believed by the INGO to have involved AGEs. The INGO is considering what impact the incident will have on its programming.



## JULY 2007

### **In July 2007 a total of 218 civilians were killed of which:**

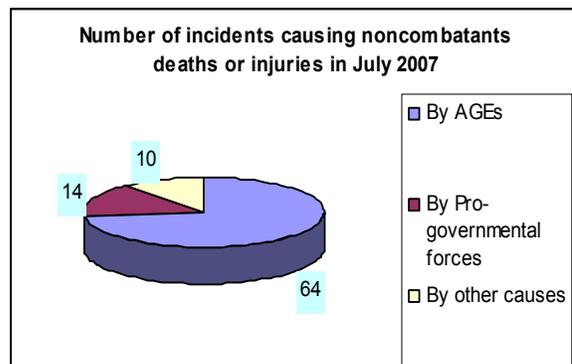
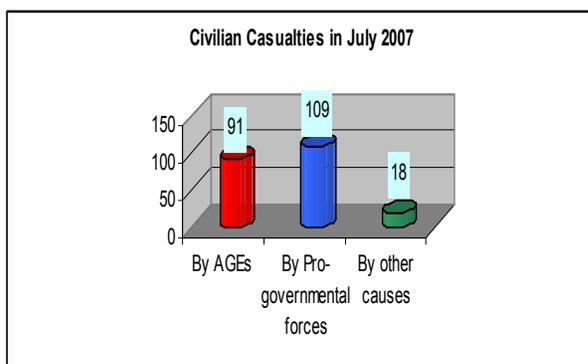
- 91 by anti government elements
- 109 by pro government forces
- 18 by other causes



### **The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:**

The total of 218 civilians killed in July 2007 includes a minimum of 19 children and 0 women of which :

- 14 children by anti government elements
- 5 children by pro governmental forces



### **By Anti government elements**

- On **01 July, Wardak province, Maidan Shahr District**, at 1230hrs, a VBIED (Town Ace) detonated in front of the District Police Office resulting in the death of four persons with 13 others sustaining injuries. Although police authorities in Maidan Shar denied that any civilian casualties occurred in this incident, a reliable source within the police of Maidan Wardak province confirmed with CFO that two civilians working as daily workers with the police were injured.
- On **18 July, Kabul Province, between PD-5 and PD-13, on the main road to Ghazni, close to Company Bridge**, at 0745hrs, a Turkish PRT convoy consisting of two vehicles was targeted by a suicide BBIED attack. As a result of the explosion, two PRT soldiers received minor injuries, one local passer-by was wounded and the suicide bomber was killed.
- On **31 July, Kabul City, Kabul Province**, at 8:45 am, app. 400 meters east of Camp Phoenix on Jalalabad road, a VBIED attacked a Coalition Forces convoy, damaging one vehicle of the convoy. According to the immediate preliminary reports, three CF soldiers were injured in the attack and one civilian was killed. According to preliminary reports, 15 minutes after the explosion both CID officers from Kabul Police and NDS

officers arrived at the scene with the intention to further investigate what happened. The NDS secured the area and reluctant to allow the CID team to enter the area and the dispute lead to firing by the NDS in which one CID officer died of the injuries and three more were injured during this altercation.

- On **30 June**, **Logar province**, **Baraki District**, at night, AGEs attacked the house of a school Headmaster, Mr. Zarif, with two RPGs. One child sustained injuries and the house was slightly damaged. The Chief of Police in Baraki did not confirm the event but the Head of District Administration confirmed the report in a telephone conversation with CFO. According to him the headmaster is coming originally from Shah Mazar village of the district and he confirmed that one RPG hit his house, causing minor injuries to one of his sons. Currently the child is in good condition. His brother reportedly submitted a petition to the district authorities but it seems that no further action had been taken by the authorities.
- On **29 July** 1 civilian was killed and 1 civilian was injured when AGE attacked the Khake Chopan ANP checkpoint in **Malang Kariz area of Maywand District**. 15 AGE were also killed in the clash.
- On **01 July** a BBIED detonated against an ISAF patrol in **Grishk/ Nahri Sarraj District (Helmand)**. 1 civilian was killed and 3 were seriously injured.
- On **10 July 2007** a suicide BBIED detonated close to an ISAF convoy patrolling in **Dehrawot district centre (Uruzgan)**. The provincial government officials confirming the civilians' casualties reported that 19 civilians including 12 school children were killed and 35 civilians injured.
- On **20 July** a VBIED detonated against an ISAF convoy in the **bazaar in Sangin District (Helmand)**. The CoP reported 4 ISAF soldiers were injured and 2 civilians were killed.
- On **07 July** an RCIED in a hand cart detonated next to an ANP vehicle in **Bazaar area of Sangin District (Helmand)**. 3 ANP officers and 2 civilians were killed, 10 civilians were injured.
- On **08 July** a child was injured when an IED detonated prematurely as it was being planted near a mosque in **Tirin Kot city Centre. (Uruzgan)**.
- On **11 July** 2 civilian bystanders were injured along with 3 ANP officers when an ANP vehicle struck an RCIED near **Qalat bazaar. (Zabul)**.
- On **15 July**, 3 civilians were injured when an ANP vehicle was struck by an IED in **District 8, Kandahar City**. 3 ANP personnel were also injured.
- On **30 July** an RCIED fitted on a (stationary) bicycle exploded by an ANP vehicle in **Nahri Saraj District (Helmand)**. 4 ANP were injured and the ANP vehicle was destroyed. Reportedly 5 civilians were injured.

- On **18 July 2007**, the District Commissioner of **Grishk (Helmand)** was targeted by an IED planted in front of the mosque where he was carrying out morning prayers. One civilian was killed but the district governor survived unhurt.
- On **07 July**, the Head of the **Tirin Kot** Religious Shora was abducted and killed by AGE in **Tirin Kot District (Uruzgan)**.
- On **16 July** a large group of AGE detained and subsequently beheaded 3 civilians after they had entered **Nawa district (Helmand)**. The dead included the son of the former district governor of Grishk. The AGE had reportedly accused their victims of being spies and supporting the local authorities.
- On **20 July** 2 men accused of spying for the Government were killed by AGE and later hung in the trees in **Mullayano village of Zhari District (Kandahar)**.
- On **20 July** the beheaded body of a Mullah from Sangin District (**Helmand**) was discovered by ANP close to Lashkar Gah city (Helmand). He had been abducted three days earlier. It is not clear why he was killed or by whom but it is suspected that AGE was responsible.
- On **05 July** a PSC vehicle was struck by road side IED in **Zhari District (Kandahar)**. AGE followed the IED explosion by launching an attack. The PSC fought back and after an intensive fire fight the AGE left the area. 4 private security guards were injured and the vehicle destroyed.
- On **9 July** AGE attacked a Private Security Company (PSC) convoy in **Kharjoy area of Shahjoy District (Zabul)**. 1 PSC guard was killed and 3 injured.
- On **29 July, Helmand Province, Kajaki District**; AGE shot and killed 2 Private Security Company (PSC) armed guards whilst they were travelling on Motorbike to a village near to their base.
- On **23 July** the Director of **Tirin Kot** hospital informed UNAMA that 2 female civilians had been admitted for treatment for gunshot wounds sustained in **Katasang area of Nesh District (Uruzgan)** when AGE fired at the private vehicle in which the women were traveling. The women were traveling in an area where fighting between ANSF and AGE had been ongoing for the past 4 days, and where Taliban were denying access to vehicles on the Kandaahr-Tirin Kot highway on which the women were reportedly travelling.
- On **8 July**, in **Giro District, Ghazni Province**, at around 2100 hrs, reportedly a tribal elder/teacher called Mahlem Abdol Qayum was killed by Anti government elements whilst returning home from a nearby mosque. The victim's support to the GoA and the security forces was believed to be the motive of this killing. This was confirmed by the Ghazni security commander (CoP), Alishah Ahmadzai. According to the security commander, the Taleban had accused Mahlem Abdol Qayum of cooperating with the government. To date no arrests have been made and the investigation into the incident continues.

- On **17 July**, at Dara High School in **Dara area, Gardez centre, Paktya province**, at 16:00 hrs, ANP reported that Anti government elements tried to attack the school but the school's guard confronted them. The Anti government elements opened fire at the school injuring the guard and a civilian. As the local villagers arrived at the scene of the incident the Anti government elements were forced to escape. An official within CoP informed UNAMA that this was the act of Taliban.
- On **18 July**, two suicide bombers armed with AK47s and dressed in ANP/ANA uniforms tried to enter the Provincial Police HQ in **Khost city (Khost)**. When the ANP officers stopped the men at the main Police HQ gate, they opened fire on the officers. One of the assailants was shot and killed and the other detonated his device. Two ANP and one civilian were killed and seven ANP and the Provincial Head of Haj Auqaf Department were injured. The reports were confirmed by the local media and an official within the police HQ.
- On **5 July**, UNDSS reported, and confirmed by the CoP Ghazni, that three road construction workers were killed in **Gada Khel area, Muqur District, Ghazni Province**, in an IED attack whilst they were on their way home to **Waza Khwa District in Paktika**. Reportedly the road construction project is financed by the PRT and as a result Ghazni officials and the workers had been receiving threats from the local AGE group recently.
- On **6 July**, early morning in **Syed Khel area, Waza Zadran District, Paktya Province**, according to reports by UNDSS, a vehicle belonging to a Turkish construction company was struck by an IED. One engineer was killed and another staff member was wounded in the incident. Both the victims reportedly were Turkish citizens. The DC of Waza Zadran confirmed the incident and informed UNAMA that the Turkish company engineers were surveying the Khost-Gardez road; he stated that the engineer died immediately and the injured Turkish citizen was taken to the hospital in Khost. Reports also suggest that AGEs are very active in the area and they are targeting ISAF and pro-government figures as well as also targeting reconstruction and humanitarian projects.
- On **9 July**, between **Urzu and Sha Khel area, Ghazni Centre, Ghazni Province**, at around 0700 hrs, reportedly an armed guard's detachment of a national road construction company was ambushed in the area. One guard was killed in the incident. An ANP QRF from Ghazni responded to the attack and pushed the alleged AGE group from the area. The CoP of Ghazni stated that this was a private construction company, which is implementing PRT funded projects in Ghazni.
- On **15 July**, in **Mashreray area, Barmal District, Paktika Province**, at around 17:00 hrs, two rockets (type unknown) were reportedly fired from the direction of the Pakistan border and impacted on a civilian house resulting in the death of one civilian and injuries to another civilian. The house sustained some damage. However, according to a spokesman from the Governor's Office this was the act of AGEs and no civilians were injured in this incident.
- On **15 July**, in **Ziruk District, about 3 km towards Urgan District, Paktika Province**, at about 07:00 hrs, **Ziruk District** CoP and head of DOPH confirmed that a private vehicle carrying road construction workers from Paktika province and working on a reconstruction project funded by the PRT was hit by an IED. As a result of the explosion eight workers were allegedly killed.

- On **19 July**, in **Liwani area, Qarabagh District, Ghazni Province**, at around 17:00 hrs, a group of 23 South Korean nationals, of which 16 are believed to be women, were kidnapped by the Taliban while they were on their way back to Kabul from Kandahar. They were believed to be part of a Korean Christian mission which mainly focuses on education and rehabilitating medical clinics in the area and improving their capacity. The Taliban have demanded the release of eight Taliban prisoners and the withdrawal of South Korean troops from the country. One male hostage was killed on 20 July and a second male hostage was killed on 30 July; contrary to the promise by the Anti government elements to extend the deadline. High level delegations are involved in the negotiations for the release of the remaining 21 hostages, including a senior South Korean diplomat. On 29 July, in Ghazni centre (Ghazni), a delegation comprising tribal elders and Mulawis from different areas met with the Taliban. Some of the hostages are reportedly in poor health and the negotiating team brought medicines with them to be given to the group. Security forces continue to surround the area.
- On **2 July**, in **Shwna/Khwna Kandow area, Yaqubi District, Khost Province**, at around 0830 hrs, Syed Usman Hussaini, the Deputy Head of Khost Provincial Education Department, was killed allegedly by AGEs while on his way to his office in Khost city. According to the Head of DoE Khost, Mr. Aziz Ahmad Hashimi, the deputy had no personal or family enmity and he had received threats from AGEs in the past. However, there are also rumors that the Taliban has denied this killing on a tape and there are reports that he might have been killed because of his support of the Mujahideen against the communists in Khost.
- On **14 July**, the DC of **Shawak District, Paktya**, was seriously injured, and two other civilians were reportedly killed and one other wounded when the DC's vehicle came under attack by alleged AGEs in the District. The DC was later sent to Kabul for treatment, but according to his friends his general condition is good.
- On **14 July**, the former DC of **Mata Khan District, Paktika**, was reportedly killed and his cousin kidnapped by AGEs.
- On **9 July**, in **Waza Zadran District, Paktya Province**, at around 1030 hrs, The CoP of **Waza Zadran** reported that a truck container transporting ISAF supplies to Khost was ambushed on the main Gardez-Khost road between Sayed Khel and Waza Zadran District HQ. The driver and the co-driver were allegedly killed and the truck, including the goods, sustained extensive damage. [Of note, UNDSS had previously reported that a vehicle belong to Turkish construction company was ambushed in the same area on 06 July 07].
- On **7 July**, according to the CoP Ghazni AGEs reportedly killed two farmers in **Qarabagh District, Ghazni Province**. Taliban has claimed responsibility for the incident and reportedly told local people that they were killed as they were spys for ISAF. A letter was also found near the bodies mentioning that those who spy for ISAF will receive the same consequences.
- On **9 July**, in **Muradi village**, 4 km south of the **district center, Andar District, Ghazni province**, during the night one civilian was reportedly beheaded by Anti government elements. The victim was accused of spying for ISAF and government forces. The DC of Andar District confirmed that the Taleban had dragged a person from his home in Andar District and killed him on charges of spying for foreign forces. He added: "He was an

ordinary person. He was not affiliated to the government nor was he spying for foreign forces.”

- On **10 July**, in **Waghaz District, Ghazni province**, during the night, one civilian was reportedly beheaded by Anti government elements. The victim was accused of spying for ISAF and government forces.
- On **12 July** at 0530 in **Gardez centre, Paktia**, UNAMA was informed by eyewitnesses that the rocket came from an unidentified direction and hit a shop in the central bazaar, which resulted in the killing of a 9 year old child and also injured three other civilians. The DOPH Director told UNAMA that the injured people had been discharged after minor treatment.
- On **13 July** in **Ibraheem village, Andar district, Ghazni**, a civilian was reportedly beheaded by AGEs for allegedly spying for ISAF and government forces.
- On **14 July** at 0300 six rockets allegedly landed in **Mushri village, Barmal district, Paktika**. One civilian was reportedly killed, one wounded and a number of civilian houses were destroyed as a result of the attack. The rockets were reportedly fired from the other side of the border in Paktia Province. The Governor’s spokesman told UNAMA that AGEs are responsible for attack.
- On **22 July**, in **Goshta area, Waza Khwa District, Paktika province**, during night hours, ten empty trucks, which had been carrying supplies for ISAF were reportedly attacked by Anti government elements. As a result of the attack, three truck drivers were allegedly killed and eight trucks were burned.
- On **24 July**, in **Gerda Serai area, Shwak District, Paktia Province** at around 09:30 hrs, a truck transporting fuel supplies for ISAF to Khost Province was reportedly attacked and burned by Anti government elements. As a result of the attack, the driver and two driver’s assistants were reportedly wounded.
- On **24 July**, near **Pareen Mosque, Kolalgo area, Zurmat District, Paktia Province**, at around 17:30 hrs, a group of about 5 Anti government elements, traveling in one vehicle entered Kolalgo village and reportedly killed one civilian named Ihsanullah (40) S/o Ammanullah. During the fight the victim also fired back and reportedly killed one insurgent and wounded two others: one of the injured insurgent subsequently died after the incident, UNAMA HR confirmed the incident via the report of a local villager who witnessed the incident.
- On **25 July**, in **Shack/Shakhan village, Zurmat District, Paktia Province**, three civilians, apparently friends of a man working with ANA were reportedly killed by the Taliban.
- On **25 July**, east of the **Ghazni city, Khashak village, Ghazni Center, Ghazni Province**, at around 08:00 hrs, ANP reported that an interpreter working for ISAF in the Urgun base was shot and killed by Anti government elements in the village. The Governor’s Office informed UNAMA HR that this is the act of AGEs as they are threatening civilians not to work for IMF or the Government.
- On **28 July**, in **Ghaibi Khail village of Yahya Khail District (Paktika)**, ANP found a beheaded body. Reportedly the assassinated person was accused of spying for the Government.

- On **29 July**, in the **Parraw area of Sarhawza district (Paktika)**, AGEs reportedly ambushed a convoy supplying ISAF goods and allegedly wounding two drivers and burning a truck.
- On **29 July**, in **Sahak area, Zurmat District, Paktia Province**, a civilian was reportedly killed by a group of armed persons. Later reports from the area suggest that AGEs came to his house trying to abduct him, but as a result fighting broke out between them. The AGEs allegedly tortured him and started to drag him towards a car, but after dragging him for 1000 meters they allegedly shot him in the head. AGEs claimed that he was spying for ISAF and reportedly threatened the whole village that those who are working with the Government and international agencies will suffer the same consequences.
- On **29 July**, in **Mamoorkhiel area, Dila (Khoshammand) District, Paktika Province**, at around 20:00 hrs, a truck carrying ISAF supplies was reportedly hit by an IED planted on a roadside. As a result of the explosion, the driver was allegedly injured and the vehicle sustained some damage.
- On **30 July**, in **Khataba village, Gardez centre (Paktia)**, a civilian was reportedly beheaded by AGEs while on his way home. He was a shopkeeper in the PRT base in Gardez. AGEs reportedly claimed the incident and told the community that they should not work with ISAF or the Government.
- On **3 July**, in **Ghura area, Rashidan District, Ghazni Province**, on the main road to **Ghazni centre** at around 1330 hrs, reportedly a private vehicle was struck by an IED on its way to the District HQ from Ghazni centre. Three civilian occupants were reportedly killed and three others wounded in the incident.
- On **10 July**, in the **Goshta area, Waza Khwa District, Paktika Province**, at around 17:00 hrs, reportedly a private taxi was hit by a roadside IED. As a result of the explosion, two civilians were allegedly killed and three other civilians were injured.
- On **04 July 07, Takhar Province, Rustaq District**, It was reported that a convoy of MP Mullah Pirum Qul was hit by an IED this morning. The IED detonated while the first vehicle in the convoy, a tractor, passed by a road leading to the old city of Rustaq town. The tractor was damaged and the driver was injured, however, MP Pirum Qul who was further back in the convoy, got away without any injuries. It was also reported that yesterday, some unknown persons tried to ambush MP Pirum Qul at the same spot but failed.
- On **19 July 07**, an IED exploded at 0800 hrs in **Faizabad town in front of the provincial police headquarters**. Authorities believe that the device was remote controlled. According to the investigation, two day laborers were asked to carry a package in their cart a short distance across the square and given a disproportionate amount of money (50 Afg) to do so. The area was crowded, as it was around the time when people were heading to work and the square was central. The IED was detonated in the middle of a crowd. The two day laborers carrying the device were killed in the initial blast. 25 others were injured, all civilians. 2 were critically injured and transferred to the PRT. 4 women, including one girl and one female police trainee, were among the injured. 2 children were injured. An employee of Oxfam and an employee of PADCO also were injured.  
The police and NSD have not been able to identify the perpetrator, though the AIHRC reported that the Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing. As discussed above, speculation is that the IED was designed to send a warning to the CoP, who had recently

returned after recovering from injuries sustained during an IED attack targeting him in May (but with no civilian casualties, see May 2007 report for more information). Nonetheless, the CoP was not in the police station at the time, but was in another location awaiting a meeting with the German Ambassador, who was in town. As discussed above, the tactic employed indicates that there was a high risk of civilian casualties. The proximity of the bombing to the police station may have been designed to undermine the population's confidence in the police's ability to protect.

- **On 30 July, Kunduz province, Kunduz district.** At 1848 hrs, a suicide bomber detonated himself outside the municipal building, injuring 10 civilians, 3 NSD personnel seriously and 1 ANP guard. 1 child was amongst the injured. The suicide bomber, using a vest-type of device, exploded him outside the gate of the municipal building after NSD had identified him as a known potential suicide bomber and were attempting to take him into custody. NSD and ANP had been trying to apprehend him for several weeks based on information that he was planning to undertake a suicide attack. He was disabled and, according to reports, his family was paid handsomely for his actions. His target was a high level meeting of the PG, CoP, Chief NSD, and prominent businessmen about a commercial town to be developed at the Sherkhan Bander border crossing.
- **On 2 July, Kunar Province, Sirkanay district, Pashad area,** it was reported that a RCIED detonated on a passing civilian vehicle en route to the DHQ. Three passengers in the vehicle one an ANP member and two civilians were reported injured and the vehicle was extensively damaged.
- **On 4 July,** a roadside IED detonated against an ANBP vehicle which was travelling along a secondary road leading towards the **main Kabul-Jalalabad road**, resulting one civilian and two ANBP members injured.
- **On 5 July,** A roadside IED detonated when a civilian vehicle was passing along a secondary road towards the main **Kabul-Jalalabad road**, resulting in four civilians killed and one injured.
- **On 14 July, Kunar Province, Pech Valley, Wata Pur District, Karmol area,** it was reported that AGEs attacked a CF/ISAF/ANA convoy with PK/SAF. Reportedly, two civilians were killed in the exchange of fire.
- **On 23 July, Laghman Province, Mihtarlam District, Naway Kellay area** along the main **road between Mihtarlam and Alingar Districts**, it was reported that AGEs attacked an ANP patrol vehicle with RPG and SAF. It was reported that in the exchange of fire, one of the RPG rounds impacted close to a civilian vehicle causing minor damages.
- **On 25 July, Laghman Province, Alishing District,** it was reported that AGEs attacked the DHQ with RPG, PK and SAF. In the exchange of fire, one RPG round reportedly hit a private residence injuring one civilian (male).
- **On 29 July 2007,** AGE reportedly beheaded a man from **Fateh Gul area, Kamdish District, Nuristan Province** for allegedly spying for CF/ISAF. No further details are available at present. The AGE also confiscated his Thuraya phone.
- **On 27 July, Nuristan Province, Kamdesh District, Patigal and Bazgal areas,** it was reported that CF/ISAF/ANSF conducted military operation against the AGEs in the area. The exchange of fire resulted in one CF contractor (Local) killed.

- On **09 July**, AGEs fired four missiles toward the **Nari CF Base and district headquarters (Kunar)**. One missile impacted near the Jaba Village Tent School which killed one child (son of Mirza) and injured four. The school tent was also burnt in this incident.

**By Pro government forces:**

- On **22 July** at least 17 civilians were reported killed and 15 injured when a house in which civilians were sheltering in **Mazarabad village, Musa Qala District (Helmand)** was hit during extended fighting between international forces and AGE. Some of the injured civilians had sought shelter in Mazarabad after fighting had initially erupted in their nearby village when an international forces patrol was ambushed by AGE. Additional unverified reports indicate that the total number of casualties arising from the incident may be higher, but the area is inaccessible and this information is therefore, difficult to verify.
- Local sources informed UNAMA that 26 civilians were killed during military operations in **Landi Nawa village, Musa Qala District, (Helmand)** on **25 July**. Contacts in Lashkargah hospital (**Helmand**) also informed UNAMA that they admitted 15 civilians who had been injured in this incident in Landi Nawa.
- The District Commissioner of Grishk informed UNAMA that local villagers have reported that 28 civilians were killed on **25/26 July** when international forces and ANA reportedly conducted operations against AGE in **Kumbarak village, Grishk District (Helmand)**. This information has not been confirmed or verified by other sources.
- On **02 July**, 2 civilians were killed and 4 others were injured by firing from an ISAF convoy targeting civilian vehicles as it moved through **Kandahar City**. Four of the civilians were reported to be drivers of either motorcycles or small vehicles. The other victims were pedestrian bystanders.
- On **13 July** 3 civilians were shot and injured by shots fired by an ISAF patrol as it moved through **Kandahar city**.
- On **24 July** a civilian was killed when ISAF soldiers opened fire on a private car that was attempting to overtake an ISAF convoy in **Tirinkot (Uruzgan)**.
- On **25 July 2007**, two children were killed when members of an ISAF patrol opened fire on a civilian vehicle in **Tirinkot (Uruzgan)**. The vehicle had reportedly failed to stop when ordered to do so.
- On **9 July**, in **Aman Khel village, Laja Mangal District, Paktya Province**, at around 09:00 hrs UNDSR reported that a civilian's house was reportedly attacked during an operation conducted by ISAF forces. Allegedly two children and one man were killed during the operation. UNAMA HR team interviewed the elders of the tribe who confirmed that on 9 July, that in the early morning around five ISAF helicopters landed in Aram village, Laja Mangal District. The soldiers, mostly ISAF, reportedly surrounded the house of Saleem and asked him to come out. Saleem came outside with gun, accompanied by his 10 year old son. Allegedly shooting started from both sides, although according to the tribal elders it is difficult to ascertain who started firing first. Saleem and his 10 year old son were killed in

the shooting. The elders stated that after the initial firing ISAF again opened fire on Saleem's house in which his 6 year old son was reportedly killed and his wife and daughter were injured. His wife was reportedly airlifted to Bagram to seek medical treatment and later returned to the house, but his daughter was treated at the house for minor injuries. According to the tribal elders Saleem was pro-government and very active. Moreover, they told UNAMA that the Mangal tribal are always supportive of the government and had recently killed a local civilian who was involved in an attack on an Ulaswali office; as a punishment they had burnt his house and had made his family pay a huge penalty.

- On **3 July**, in **Ghazni centre, Ghazni Province**, at 0900 hrs, reportedly an ISAF patrol shot and killed a motorcyclist, Abdullah S/o Mirza, as he violated the instruction to stop at a temporary CP set up approximately one km south of Ghazni bazaar. The Governor's office verified the incident and told UNAMA that the victim was asked to stop three times and when he did not follow the orders he was shot in self defense. The victim came from Ulageer village, Dihyak District, Ghazni and was a student at high school.
- On **9 July**, near **Khost Bridge, Gardez City in Gardez Centre, Paktya Province**, reportedly an ISAF patrol opened fire on a 68 year old driver of a Town Ace Taxi who allegedly violated the instruction to stop and continued to approach the convoy. The driver, from Fatullah Khiel village of Gardez, sustained a bullet injury and his vehicle rolled off the road. He was discharged after some days and interviewed by UNAMA HR team. He explained, he did not think it was his fault as he was ordered to proceed, and after following their instruction and moving forward they fired at least 14 gun shots at him, of which he received one bullet to his right shoulder. Furthermore, he explained that as a result of the shooting he fell unconscious and his car struck an ISAF Armour vehicle and fell off the roadside. He was then taken to Khost Solarno base where he received medical treatment. He stated that after firing on him ISAF dragged him for 500 meters during which he was ill treated. His waistcoat, money and turban were never returned to him.
- In July 2007 As a result of ISAF shelling, two rounds impacted in two different houses in Surkani district (Kunar). One civilian was killed and four others injured. The houses were slightly damaged.
- From **5–7 July 2007** IMF/ANA conducted a joint operation, in the **Sangar village area, Watapour District, Kunar Province**. During this operation 27 civilians killed and 5 injured and number of livestock lost and 5 houses damaged and reportedly 37 AGEs also killed in this operation. While sporadic clashes occurred throughout this period, the heaviest fighting appears to have taken place in the early morning of both days. The operation was launched based on the information that two groups of AGE had assembled near the Sangar village area, with the intent of launching attacks on IMF/ANA forces. The Sangar villager's allege that IMF/ANA operations on 5 July which resulted in the destruction of civilian houses (5 houses damaged) and civilian casualties,(27 deceased and 5 injured) were indiscriminate; that on 6 July the IMF deliberately bombed civilians, killing an undefined number, engaged in collecting the bodies of the dead; and that the IMF/ANA prevented a wounded man from obtaining medical treatment which resulted in his dying of his injuries, shortly after.

In view of the limited information, available UNAMA ER presumes at present that there was no clear distinction between civilians and AGE combatants during the operation, since the AGE deliberately took cover amongst the civilian populated area, which increased the civilian exposure to danger. It is probable that the civilian casualties are a direct consequence of the above-mentioned AGE tactic, which violates IHL. The asymmetrical

nature of the conduct of hostilities renders it problematic for one party to adhere to IHL, in this case the IMF/ANA, while the other does not, in this case the AGE. This, however, does not absolve any one of the belligerent parties, of their obligations under the Geneva Conventions. The findings at present do not suggest that the IMF violated IHL during the operation. However, there are indications that AGE tactics during this operation are in violation of IHL. (Category 2).

- On **6 July, Shiwan Village, Bala Buluk district, Farah Province**, ANA/ANP and CF clashed with AGEs who had taken control of the area. Initial media reports claiming that 108 civilians had been killed in CF air-strikes following a joint ANA/ANP/CF operation to push back Taliban from the Shewan area of Bala Baluk on 6 July were refuted by provincial GoA officials and could not be confirmed by any other sources. A leading international humanitarian organization in Herat put the casualty figure at around 2. HROs' preliminary assessment of the secondary reports received indicates that the use of force by ANSF and CF, including air-strikes, was proportionate and discriminate, with a very low civilian casualty count consistently reported by several sources and low level of damage to civilian property reported. The civilian population also appears to have been made aware of a possible military operation by authorities and was able to leave the area prior to the commencement of hostilities. A verification mission planned and as reported by local community number of killed casualties is 1 person and 3 more injured. 3 houses were completely destroyed while 6 more houses and 1 mosque also received partial damage.
- On **21 July, Farah Province, Khaki Safed District, Karez Jani Village**, during the day, a 12-year old boy was reported injured and later died from a flare when a CF helicopter came in to land. Compensation process is going to be given to the family of boy by support of PC.

#### **Other causes:**

- On **18 July, Logar Province, Charkh District, Dabar area**, at 0830hrs, two unknown armed men riding a motorbike attacked the vehicle of a National Solidarity Program (NSP) implementing partner with AK-47s fire. The attack resulted in the killing of two staff members. The NGO vehicle (Town Ace) was traveling to the district HQ when the attack occurred close to a bridge in Dabar area. These two persons (Mohammad Akram NSP Manager & Sayed Mustafa Driver) were originally from Charkh district and were working with NSP in the district. The perpetrators escaped the area after the attack. Police investigation is still ongoing.
- On **19 July** a civilian vehicle struck an Anti Tank Mine in **Zheri (Kandahar)**. All three occupants of the vehicle were killed.
- On **21 July** an 8 year old girl was admitted for hospital treatment after sustaining injuries from a landmine explosion in **Shahwalikot district centre (Kandahar)**. On 18 July, at Sato Kandow pass, Shwak District, Paktya Province, at around 10:00 hrs, according to the provincial government unknown armed men opened fire on road construction company workers on the road connecting Paktia to Khost, killing two persons and injuring four people. According to a senior police officer in Paktya province, Ghulam Dastgir Rustamyar, one Nepalese engineer and two security guards were killed, and four others injured. All of the security guards were Afghan. According to media reports, an eyewitness stated that they were part of a 13-vehicle convoy that came under fire from small and heavy weapons,

including rockets and Pika machineguns. The number of casualties from the incident could not be confirmed. A doctor at the Gardez Civil Hospital told UNAMA that the condition of the four injured people is satisfactory.

- On **18 July**, in **Sharana center, Paktika Province**, a former jihadi commander and tribal elder, Haji Sardar Sharif, was reportedly shot on a motorbike whilst riding to work. He was later reportedly moved to hospital in Sharana centre but died as a result of blood loss. No one has claimed responsibility for the incident and the Governor's Office stated that he had no personal enmity and this might be the act of AGEs. A local reporter confirmed to UNAMA that no one so far had claimed responsibility of the incident.
- On **15 July**, in **Worze village, Mando Zayi District, Khost Province**, at around 16:30 hrs, ANP reported that a brother of a man who was accused of supporting GoA and beheaded last year in Miramshah city, Pakistan has killed the person that he believed is responsible for this killing. The reports are verified by the UNAMA provincial office through their media contacts.
- On **30 July**, in **Sahak area of Zurmat District (Paktia)**, six truck drivers were allegedly kidnapped by AGEs; reportedly five were killed and one driver escaped. No further details are available.
- On **11 July 07, Takhar Province, Rustaq District**. At 1100 hrs one civilian sub-contractor working for UNMACA with mine clearance struck a mine that exploded. The man was stabilized at the scene by Team Medics and later brought to Kunduz PRT hospital for treatment.
- On **25 July, Kunduz province, Khan Abad district, Chashamiee Bangi village** at 1830 hrs six unknown gunmen reportedly opened fire on a private vehicle carrying a former local commander. The former commander was killed instantly. Two other civilian passengers were wounded in the same incident.
- On **25 July, Kunduz province, Khan Abad district**. It was reported that at 1230 hours unknown men burned a medical clinic in **Boheen village**. The night watchman was killed during an exchange of small arms fire, but the damages to the clinic were minor. It remains unclear if this attack was linked to AGE/Taliban and is of another nature. It also remains unclear if the attack was on the clinic itself or the night watchman, given the low level of damages to the clinic.
- On **21 July, Herat Province, Farsi District, Du Aab area**, during the day, the district CID officer was shot dead by two gunmen. Reportedly the victim had personal enmity.

## August 2007

### In August 2007 a total of 138 civilians were killed of which:

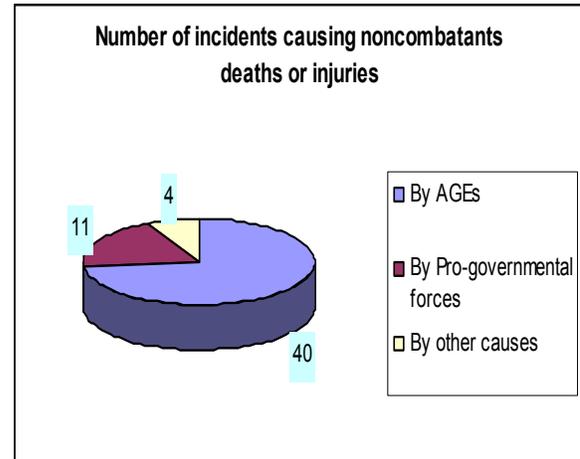
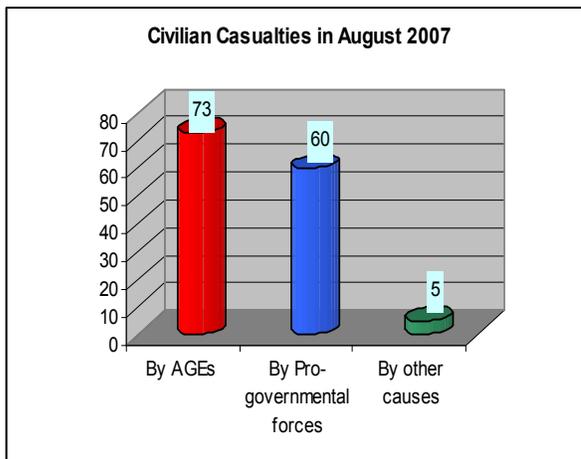
- 73 by anti government elements
- 60 by pro government forces
- 5 by other causes

Note: The figures for August do not include casualties that were allegedly in Baghni, Baghran district, Helmand on 2 August. There is no sufficient information to substantiate that these casualties were civilian in nature.

### The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:

The total of 138 civilians killed in August 2007 includes a minimum of 3 children and 3 women of which :

- 1 child and 1 women by Anti government elements
- 2 children 2 women by pro governmental forces



### By Anti government elements

- **On 04 August** 2 civilians including a Pakistani construction worker were killed and 4 injured when an ISAF convoy was attacked by an SVBIED in **Panjwayi (Kandahar)**.
- **On 18 August** a suicide bomber detonated a VBIED against an ISAF logistics convoy travelling on the **main Kandahar-Heart road about 10km West of Kandahar City** close to a community zoo. ISAF suffered no casualties, but 13 civilian bystanders were killed and another 25 civilians were wounded, including 6 children and 4 women.
- **On 05 August, Kandahar Province, Zhari District**, a civilian tractor was struck by road side IED in **Sowlaghi Village of Zhari District, (Kandahar)** 2 civilians were killed and the tractor was destroyed.

- **On 23 August** AGE detonated a roadside bomb fixed to a bicycle next to an ANP convoy carrying the **Helmand** Chief of Police, Husin Andiwal, in **Grishk City Nahri Saraj District (Helmand)**. The IED missed the ANP Convey but 3 civilians were killed and 13 civilians injured.
- **On 17 August**, the District Commissioner of **Zheri District (Kandahar)**, together with his sons and daughter, were killed in a suicide BBIED attack on the Commissioner's home in **Kandahar city**. The Governor, followed closely by his 2 sons and a daughter, had come out of his house to meet a visitor (who turned out to be the IED carrier). The 'visitor' moved closer to greet the Governor then triggered the device killing the Governor and his family members.
- **On 04 August**, MDC, a 3-man Mine Dog Team working for an UNMACA local implementing partner was abducted by AGE between **Kandahar city and Panjwayi (Kandahar)**. The beheaded bodies of these 3 individuals were subsequently recovered in Zherai District (Kandahar) on 06 August.
- **On 25 August**, a PSC vehicle was struck by a road side IED on the **Kandahar - Herat** Highway in **Zhari District (Kandahar)**. 3 PSC guards were killed and 2 injured.
- **On 27 August** a PSC convoy was ambushed in **Zhari District (Helmand)** by AGE. 1 PSC guard was killed and 5 injured.
- **On 28 August**, a Private Security Company (PSC) vehicle was struck by a road side IED in **Shah Wali Kot District (Kandahar)**. 2 PSC guards were killed and 2 injured.
- **On 13 August** 7 civilians traveling in 2 private vehicles were killed when AGE ambushed a convoy of trucks in **Zheri District (Kandahar)** that was transporting logistic supplies for ISAF. In addition to the civilians 1 PSC guard was killed and 1 injured; additionally, one PSC vehicle was destroyed, 2 fuel tankers, 2 trucks, and 2 civilian vehicles were burned.
- **On 18 August** an SVBIED detonated against a vehicle of a Private Security Company (PSC) that was escorting a road construction company on Kandahar - Herat Highway in **Nahri Saraj District (Helmand)**. Reportedly 4 PSC national guards were killed and 3 injured.
- **On 23 August** AGE detonated a roadside bomb fixed to a bicycle next to an ANP convoy carrying the Helmand Chief of Police, Husin Andiwal, in **Grishk City Nahri Saraj District (Helmand)**. The IED missed the ANP Convey but 3 civilians were killed and 13 civilians injured.
- **On 25 August**, a PSC vehicle was struck by a road side IED on the **Kandahar - Herat** Highway in **Zhari District (Kandahar)**. 3 PSC guards were killed and 2 injured.
- **On 22 August** a person wearing an auxiliary police uniform attempted to enter a wedding party for a Border Police commander in **Spin Boldak City (Kandahar)**. The person was stopped for a body search and was found to be wearing an explosive vest (Suicide BBIED)

and carrying a pistol. He was identified as a Punjabi Pakistan national. The ISAF EOD team safely defused the vest.

- **On 26 August** AGE wearing ANP uniform ambushed ANP in **Pashmol village of Zhari District (Kandahar)**. 1 ANP Officer was killed and 2 injured.
- **On 26 August** a construction company survey team, escorted by a PSC, working on the Kandahar – Herat Highway was attacked by RPG in Ashogha Village of Zhari District (**Kandahar**). 1 PSC guard was injured.
- **On August 2007** a 22 year old resident of **Panjigal village, Watapor district (Kunar)** disappeared two weeks ago and was found beheaded in Qalla Patty, a remote area of the district. Although authorities implied the execution may have been linked to personal enmity, others suggest the incident may be attributed to AGE: Panjigal is situation in the vicinity of Showdarga, an area in which CF/ISAF have conducted numerous operations. Last year, a similar killing took place in the same village, also attributed by some to AGE.
- **On 04 August**, one woman was killed when AGE attacked the **Chapa Dara district headquarters (Kunar)**. Please note, DSS/PA reported two deaths in this incident but HRU ER follow-up resulted in the verification of one civilian death.
- **On 8 August**, a 12 year old boy was killed during an exchange of fire between ANBP and AGE in **Barikot village, Nari district (Kunar)**.
- **On August 5**, one civilian suffered injuries during an exchange of fire between AGE and district authorities in **Gangal Valley, Sirkanay (Kunar)**.
- **On 22 August**, AGE attacked the **Metharlam Municipal Committee office (Laghman)** with SAF and two RPG rounds, each RPG round hit a different civilian residential compound, injuring one man, one woman and an 8 year old girl.
- **On 26 August**, one civilian was killed during an AGE attack against the international military base in **Waigal district, Nuristan**.
- **On 26 August**, AGE fired missiles impacted in **Babaro and Kana Dar villages, Chawkay district**, injuring one civilian.
- **On 26 August 07**: AGEs attacked the district HQ of **Chaparhar (Nangarhar)** with RPG/AK47. Exchange of fire lasted for almost one hour. One civilian, the district police chief and three ANP members were injured, together with five shops being destroyed.
- **24 August, Badghis**, 30-40 AGEs attacked a Mosque during Friday prayer in the **Langer-e-Sharif area of Qadis district**. The targets of the attack were Hashim Habibi, the district governor, and the newly appointed CoP of Qadis who were participating in the Friday prayers in the mosque. The attackers met with resistance from the district security forces and escaped after an hour of fighting. Reportedly, two civilians and two AGEs were killed. Six motorcycles, two RPG rockets and one AK47 Kalashnikov were seized by the district authorities.

- **10 August, Farah Province, Bakwa District, Puzak area**, AGEs stopped a bus at an illegal check point and singled out three individuals who were summarily executed. The individuals included a teacher, and two private contractors with the local government.
- **On 14 August, in Malakh area, Yosuf Khel District, Paktika Province**, at around 03:00 hrs NDS reported that a taxi was hit by an IED on a roadside. As a result of the explosion, one civilian was killed and another three were injured. The injured were transferred to a local hospital where their condition as stated by the hospital authority as satisfactory.
- **On 20 August, in Khoshamand District, Paktika Province**, at around 1200 hrs, reportedly a private taxi was struck by an IED on the outskirts of the city. Three civilian occupants of the car were wounded and the vehicle suffered extensive damage. The CoP of the area stated that the IED was placed by AGEs to target the District administrator.
- **On 21 August, in Khogyani District, Ghazni Province**, at around 1500 hrs, reportedly a private vehicle was struck by an IED on a district road. One civilian was killed and three others were wounded in the blast. The Ghazni CoP stated that IED is a common tactic used by AGEs to target security and international forces and he confirmed that this was a new IED placed by Anti government elements. Moreover, he stated that one of the injured civilian has been transferred to Kabul because of his serious condition.
- **On 28 August, in Sessa Bazar area, Jaji District, Paktya Province**, at around 0930 hrs, a suicide bomber detonated his BBIED at a bridge construction site in the area. Reportedly an ISAF engineering contingent engaged in bridge construction was targeted. An unconfirmed report suggested that six ISAF personnel were killed and three local workers wounded in the incident.
- **On 29 August, at Barmal bazaar area, Barmal District, Paktika Province**, at around 1200 hrs, a suicide bomber detonated his BBIED, targeting some ANA and ANP soldiers in the bazaar area. One ANP soldier, two ANA soldiers and four civilian bystanders were killed and at least ten civilians were wounded in the incident. The report was confirmed by the DC of the area where he also mentioned that all the injured has been transferred to Sharan Center hospital and the condition of the two injured civilians is serious. No further details are available.
- **On 29 August, in Astogan area, Zurmat District, Paktya Province**, at around 1330 hrs, unknown gunmen reportedly killed the father of an ANA soldier. Later reports and investigation from ANP stated that the person has no personal enmity and he had also received threats in the past from AGEs where he was told to force his son to quit the job.
- **On 08 August, in Sarobi District, Paktika Province**, at around 0800hrs a former soldier was beheaded by Anti government elements and his body found in the Rubat area. The Governor's office confirmed the reports and stated the initial investigation suggests that he had no personal enmity and this was the act of AGEs.
- **On 11 August, in Kotanai area, Sar Hawza District, Paktika Province**, at around 04:00 hrs ANP reported that three private trucks carrying ISAF supplies were ambushed by Anti government elements. The attack resulted in injuries to one truck driver and one truck sustained some damage.

- **On 17 August, in Sahak area, Zurmat District, Paktya Province**, during the night; AGE reportedly beheaded a man allegedly for spying for the GoA.
- **On 18 August, in Khoja Khel area, Zurmat District, Paktya Province**, at around 1400 hrs, local villagers found two beheaded male bodies in agricultural land. The identity of the victims and motive of the killings is unknown at this stage. The CoP of Paktia reported that they had been beheaded by Taliban, as reportedly they had no personal enmity and they had received threats in the past.
- **On 27 August, in Balada area on the Gardez-Sayed Karam main road, Gardez Centre, Paktya Province**, at around 0530 hrs, reportedly a transporter truck carrying a road construction grader/dozer to Chamkani ISAF base was attacked by RPG fire resulting in the death of the driver and injuries to his assistant.
- **On 29 August, in Bravo village, Andar district, Ghazni Province**, AGE reportedly executed two locals by beheading and gunfire for their alleged involvement in spying. No further details available.
- **On 30 August, in Khan Kalai area, Waza Khwa District, Paktika Province**, at around 0700 hrs, AGE reportedly killed a man during the night. The Governor's office confirmed the incident and stated that victim was close ally with government and had no personal or family enmity.
- **On 30 August, in Guluruddin area, Sar Hawza District, Paktika Province**, at around 0900 hrs, a group of AGE attacked and burned a contractor's truck, which was transporting supplies to a CF FOB. The driver of the truck was reportedly killed by the attackers.

#### **By pro government forces**

- **On 07 August** UNAMA received reports from local sources that 27 civilians had been killed and 35 injured during joint ANA/international forces operations involving close air support near **Khas Uruzgan District centre (Uruzgan)**. These casualty figures could not be verified, but the Khas Uruzgan Chief of Police subsequently informed UNAMA that 10 members of one family had been killed in this incident, and that 3 females from this family had sought medical treatment at a nearby US military base.
- **On 2 August 2007**, international military forces carried out an air attack in the area of **Baghni in Baghran District of Helmand province**. The strike resulted in numerous casualties, though so far it has proven extremely difficult to verify how many of these civilians were in fact. Most of the available evidence supports that the strike targeted a large gathering of Taliban, many of whom had traveled in from surrounding districts and are thus likely to have been armed. This suggests that substantial majority of the up to 200 people reported killed were in fact combatants and as such a legitimate target of attack. However, HRU has received information that at least some of those killed and injured in the strike were also non-combatants. For example 5 boys under 16 years old were amongst a group of 19 males who claimed to have been civilians injured in the attack and who received treatment at Kandahar hospital. Up to 40 injured individuals were also reported to have received treatment in Lashkargah (Helmand). However this incident remains extremely difficult to verify.

- **On 6 Aug 2007** UNAMA interviewed two male civilians who had been admitted to Kandahar Mirwais hospital with bullet wounds. Both claimed to have been caught in cross-fire between AGE and ANSF in **Sarwan Qala village of Sangin district (Helmand)** on 31 July 2007 after an ANSF convoy was ambushed by AGE.
- **On 22 August** 2 civilians (a 20 year old male and a 12 year old boy) claiming to have been wounded by firing from international forces in **Sangisar village, Zherai District (Kandahar)** on 22 August were admitted to Kandahar hospital. UNAMA spoke to a relative of the 12 year old child who accompanied him to hospital. The relative stated that the casualties occurred when international forces fired "missiles" from their location on Singisar hill towards Sangisar village. The two injured victims were reportedly working in their garden when they were injured. The relative stated that groups of Taleban had been moving in and around the village over the past 2/3 days but that he was not aware that any Taliban were present at the time the "missiles" were fired and that there was no indication that the international forces were being fired at at the time of the incident.
- UNAMA also spoke to the relative of a third casualty, a 13 year old boy, who was admitted to Mirwais hospital on **23 August**. This casualty, also from **Sangisar village, Zheri District (Kandahar)** was reportedly injured in a separate incident in the village on 23 August. According to his relative, who accompanied the boy to hospital, he was shot and injured when he went out into his garden to pick grapes. The relative was inside the house at the time, and did not see the boy being shot, but he presumes that the shot was fired by the international forces that were occupying positions on Sangisar hill overlooking the village.
- **On the evening of 25/26 August** On 25 August ISAF/CF Air assets are reported to have carried out air strikes on **Gobar village in Musa Qala District (Helmand)** targeting AGE in the area. Reports from local sources indicate that there were civilian casualties sustained but the exact figure is not confirmed. On 26 August 8 individuals (2 x women, 3 x children, 2 x adult males, 1 x age/sex details not confirmed) were reportedly admitted to Lashkaragah hospital claiming to have been injured as a result of this incident. One of these individuals subsequently died of injuries. Including this individual who died in hospital, local sources are claiming that 12 civilians (including women and children) were killed in the incident, including 7 people from the same family.
- **On 29 August** local sources reported to UNAMA that 7 civilians were killed when the house in which they were sheltering was hit by "artillery shells" fired by international forces during an engagement with AGE. These sources reported that at approximately 1600 **on 27 August** a patrol of international forces was attacked by AGE firing "rockets" from the village of **Kwhaja Dad in Musa Qala District**. The patrol reportedly responded and the local sources state that artillery shells were then fired at the village. In one house, 7 members of one family (2 women, 2 children and 3 elderly men) who were sheltering in a basement were reportedly killed when their house was struck by these shells. The local sources state that during the same engagement, another 5 civilians were also killed in the neighbouring village of Musselmani, although we have no further details on this report.
- **On 1 August** one civilian was killed and one injured when ISAF troops in **Tirin Kot (Uruzgan)** opened fire on a private vehicle that had failed to heed warnings to stop as it approached an ISAF patrol.

- On **05 August** one civilian was killed in **Dehrawud (Uruzgan)** when ISAF troops opened fire on a motorcycle ridden by two men that had failed to stop when warned to do so.
- **In August 2007** approximately 300 families from **Pacir Wa Agam** and **Khogyani districts** reportedly left their homes during a massive ISAF/CF/ANA operation in **Southern Nangarhar** 12-17 (approx.) August. The operation ended in mid August but ISAF/ANA continue to operate patrols in the region. During UNAMA interviews with impacted communities, residents report reluctance to return due to fear of further fighting. Although the operation involved heavy and repeated bombardment the extent of civilian casualties and impact to livelihood was comparatively limited. However, the majority of the victims are children: district authorities confirmed at least six civilian deaths and serious injury to at least ten. According to reports, most of the casualties occurred as a result of shrapnel or walls of homes collapsing as a result of missile fire and aerial bombardment. Community representatives report substantial loss of livestock and damage to homes. UNAMA has raised the issue with ISAF who agreed to look into the possibility of condolence payments upon receipt of report from UNAMA.

The operations also resulted in the closure of several schools in Khoyghani and Pacir Wa schools in the impacted areas has since remained low or nil in the com. **On 22 and 23 August**, the Nangarhar Department of Education announced on the radio that the schools closed due to the military operations in mid-August have now re-opened and encouraged students to return.

#### **By Other causes**

- **On 04 August** 4 civilians were killed when their mini van struck an anti-tank mine in Zheri District (**Kandahar**).
- **On 06 August** one civilian adult male was injured when a UXO buried in a heap of sand exploded in Kandahar city.
- **On 28 August**, an old UXO detonated in a scrap metal shop and injured 2 civilians in **Kandahar City**.
- **On 18 August**, in the district centre of **Nika District, Paktika Province**, at around 0400 hrs, reportedly a local man was killed by unknown persons. The motive, however, is unknown.

## September 2007

### In September 2007 a total of 155 civilians were killed of which:

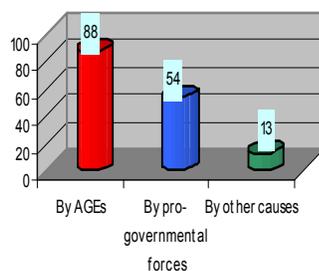
- 88 by Anti government elements
- 54 by pro government forces
- 13 by other causes

### The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:

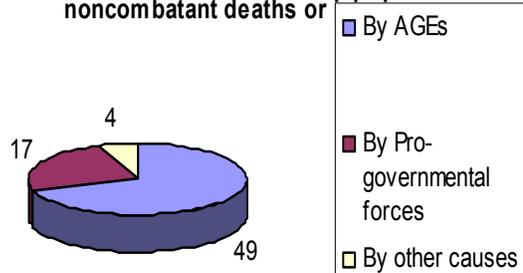
The total of 155 civilians killed in September 2007 is consisting of 13 children and 4 women of which :

- 5 children by Anti government elements
- 4 children 4 women by pro governmental forces
- 4 Children by other causes

Civilian casualties in September 2007



Number of incidents causing noncombatant deaths or injuries



### By Anti government elements

- **On 10 September** 18 civilians were killed and 59 civilians injured when a suicide bomber on a Zarang (3 wheel delivery) motorbike blew up himself in a crowded square in **Grishik Bazaar, Nahri Saraj District (Helmand)**. 8 ANAP were also killed.
- **On 11 September** 8 civilians were injured when a suicide VBIED detonated against ANP personnel at a petrol station in **Dorahi area of Nahri Sarraj District (Helmand)**.
- **On 17 September** 3 civilians were killed and 4 injured in a suicide BBIED attack on the District Chief of Police in **Nad Ali district centre (Helmand)**.
- **On 25 September** 2 civilians were killed and 2 injured in a motorcycle suicide BBIED attack on the Border Police Commander's vehicle on the main road to the border crossing in **Spin Boldak District (Kandahar)**.

- **On 22 September** an ANA vehicle was struck by a road side IED in **Daychopan District (Zabul)**. 2 ANA soldiers and 1 civilian were injured.
- **On 01 September**, 2 AGE riding a motorcycle shot and killed a community elder in front of his house in **Lashkar Gah City**.
- **On 18 September** a community leader from Alizai Tribe and pro government supporter was shot and killed by armed motorcycle riders. He was on his way to mosque for the night prayers in Nahri Saraj District (Helmand).
- **On 22 September** 3 bodies were found in **Shamulzai District (Zabul)**. 1 was beheaded and the other 2 were shot. They were reportedly killed by AGE who accused the victims of spying for the government forces.
- **On 22 September**, 2 ANP officers who were traveling from Kabul in a private vehicle were reported to have been captured and killed by AGE in **Qalat District (Zabul)**. The same day the corpses of the 2 ANP Officers were left at the Qalat hospital.
- **On 24 September** an NDS driver was abducted by AGE in the **Spinaghbarga area of Qalat District (Zabul)** His decapitated body was recovered in the Qalat District two days after the abduction.
- **On 08 September** a private security company (PSC) convoy was attacked by AGE with small arms and an RPG in **Zhari District (Kandahar)**. 1 PSC guard was injured and 1 PSC guard is still missing.
- **On 14 September, Kandahar Province, Zhari District;** at approximately 1515hrs, a private security company (PSC) vehicle was struck by a road side IED in House-e-Madat area, on highway 1, **Kandahar -Herat Road**. 1 PSC guard was injured and 1 vehicle destroyed.
- **On 19 September** a private security company (PSC) convoy was ambushed in **Qalat City (Zabul)** by AGE. 3 PSC guards were reportedly killed, 2 vehicles burnt and 1 vehicle was hijacked by AGE.
- IED Explosion. **On 30 September, Kandahar Province, Kandahar District;** at approximately 1240 hrs, there was an IED explosion on the main road near the arches in **the Durahi area, District 5, Kandahar City**, The device went off when the ANP officers were in the process of making it safe. 3 ANA officers were reported killed, 1 NDS and 1 civilian were seriously wounded. There is a report that the device was a RCIED however, this is not yet confirmed.
- **3 September, Ghor Province, Passband District, Senai village**, during the night, Ghor police reported that 3 civilians (a father name Mohammad Omar s/o Nur Ahmed, aged 47, and his 2 sons, Shah Vali, age 7, Juma Ghul, age 5) known as GoA supporters were killed as a result of an explosion in their house. Unconfirmed reports by police indicate

that a group of approximately 10 AGEs commanded by Mullah Doost entered the village the same night and are believed to be responsible. No one has been arrested.

- **23 September, Farah Province, Bakwa District, Puzak area** a private security company (PSC) convoy was attacked by AGEs resulting in the death of 2 contractors, injury of 2 others and damage to several vehicles. Unconfirmed reports further indicate that ANP reinforcement and air assets were called in resulting in the death of several alleged AGEs.
- **On 1 September 2007**, a bicycle borne IED was detonated 200 metres west of the Blue Mosque, **Mazar-I-Sharif** at approximately 2000 hrs. The explosion resulted in 9 civilian casualties, including one 17 year old boy and one 16 year old boy. All but one was discharged from the hospital on 2 September 2007.
- **On 30 September 2007**, at approximately 1310hrs, an IED was detonated in District 6, south of the Blue Mosque, **Mazar-I-Sharif**. The explosion resulted in 1 civilian casualty and damaged a police traffic stall. Further information of the civilian casualty is unavailable at the time of reporting and will be updated in due course.
- **On 12 September, Takhar province, in Taloqan city** center at approx 1030hrs, an IED made up BM1 shell was remotely detonated in Carpentry Lane, across from Takhar police HQ. As the result of the explosion, 2 civilians were killed and 8 more were injured. UNAMA interviewed responsible medics of Taloqan hospital who confirmed 2 killed (one was beheaded instantly and the other one passed away in the hospital during operation) and 8 others were injured. Taloqan hospital clarified critical conditions for the two victims of the incident who are still hospitalized.
- **On 30 September, Kandahar District, Zhari District**; at approximately 1630hrs, 2 Children were accidentally struck by an IED in Ashogha area. 1 child was killed and the other lost one leg. The injured child was transferred to Mirwise Hospital.
- **On 12 September**, a **Bangladeshi** nationality who was serving as financial manager in BRAC regional micro finance office in **Badakhshan province** was fatally shot in Down Bazaar of Darayem while distributing money.
- **On 24 September**, an IED exploded in **Puza-e-Ishan area of PIK along the main road** between PIK to **Kunduz** resulting death of 3 policemen and 1 civilian bystander.
- **On 24 September, Baghlan province, Baghlan Jadid District, Pouzza Ishan village**. At 1730hrs an IED detonated on the main road. The IED was detonated when the district CoP in Baghlan Jadid was passing by, in the vicinity of his residence. The district CoP, his brother (civilian) and one ANP traveling in the vehicle were killed instantly. One civilian bystander also was killed in the incident. The authorities have arrested one person so far and the investigation is ongoing.
- **On 23 September, Badakhshan province**, an unknown armed group waged an ambush against a private minibus in **Yawan district of Badakhshan** while transporting some governmental officials and ANP members. An updated report by security authorities of the district confirms death of 6 civilians (4 governmental officers + 1 driver and his 1

conductor) and 6 policemen in the incident and injuring one civilian (an employee provincial prosecutor's department) in the incident.

- **On 21 September, Kabul Province, PD-5, Company Bridge on Kabul-Wardak route**, at 0910hrs, a suicide bomber driving a white Toyota Corolla rigged with explosives was killed after he ramped his vehicle into an IM French convoy at mentioned location resulting in the killing of one French soldier and one Afghan civilian and wounded three by passers.
- **On 29 September, Kabul Province, PD-2, vicinity of Baharistan Cinema**, at 0645, a suspected suicide bomber wearing ANA uniform reportedly entered an ANA shuttle bus and detonated explosives on himself after the bus had earlier stopped to take on board ANA officers. Reports put casualties figures as 32 ANA officers and eight civilians killed, 21 ANA officers and several civilians injured. The bus was totally destroyed. According to reports from a Taliban cell which claimed responsibility for the attack, the suicide bomber was a native of Musayi District of Kabul Province.
- **On 1<sup>st</sup> September** a group of armed men attacked on a wedding function at **Zarghun Shah Village of Logar province**. As a result, five people including three AGE combatants and two non combatants got killed and two injured. CRO made an interview with the son of deceased AH who is alleged to be the actual target of this attack by AGE as he is working as Security Bodyguard for the President. He stated that the motivation behind this attack was to kidnap him and then put pressure on the government to release some detained Taliban commanders in exchange of him. Accordingly, it was around 12:30 PM his family and the rest of his relatives gathered in his house to take the groom (his brother) to the bride's house for a traditional practice needed to be completed before the official marriage, when a group of 15-20 armed men attacked on them from different locations. The AGEs said to be equipped with AK-47 and PK and RPG. As a result of the attack, his father and his uncle were killed and two of his relatives injured. The shooting continued for half an hour and then the Anti government elements escaped away and left three death bodies behind. One of the AGEs killed person is reported to be named Khan Wazir from Kulangar village of Mohammad Aga district of Logar province and according to security authorities in Logar province he was involved in many other criminal activities including attacks on CF and police Check Posts. The health conditions of the two wounded people are reported well. The Security Officials in Logar arrested afterwards three suspected persons connected to this incident and apparently they confessed that they were involved in the incident.
- **On 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** shortly after 12 a.m Monday night a group of unknown gunmen attacked Milli Paygham (National Message) radio station in **Mohammad Agha district of Logar province**, about 50 km outside Kabul. Using small arms, the gunmen apparently intended to overtake the station, which is located next to a government security post, but faced tough resistance by the two night guards. During the ensuing gunfight, at least one, and possibly two, rounds of RPG were fired at the station. Shrapnel from the RPG round tore a transmitter cable and badly injured one of the guards. The guard was airlifted to the Bagram base for treatment. Qazi Mudassir, the station manager, blamed the attack on "anti-government" forces with "larger plans." Later, he told Salam Watandar Radio that the Taliban had repeatedly warned the station not to air government propaganda, although they not specifically threatened to attack the station." Mudassir denies this and maintains that the station is non-partisan and airs only impartial and object news. Quadratullah Arabzai, crime chief of Logar, said he had no doubt that the attackers were Taliban members and that their intended target was the radio station. He confirmed that the attackers had fired two RPG rounds, both of which landed near the

station studio. The station was able to briefly resume broadcasts on Tuesday. The station was set up in October 2003.

- **On 8 September, Wardak Province, Chak District, Zaman Kheil Village**, at 1400hrs, one local got killed and four others sustained injuries after the Taxi vehicle on which they were traveling struck an IED on a gravel road at the mentioned location.
- **On 9 September, Wardak Province, Saydabad District, Salaar area, Usuf Kheil Village**, the corpse of a local (brother to UN National Staff member) who was abducted on 8 September and shot dead was found by ANP personnel at mentioned location. A hand written note found on the body threatened the same fate to any local who was identified as a spy for foreigners.
- **On 17 September, In Wardak Province, Chak District**, AGEs reportedly attacked and shot dead the head of the Chak hospital and his driver as they were returning home from a wedding party. The bodies of the victims were found in their vehicle by police.
- **On 30 September, Kandahar province, Zhari District**; at approximately 1630hrs, 2 Children were accidentally struck by an IED in Ashogha area. 1 child was killed and the other lost one leg. The injured child was transferred to Mirwise Hospital.
- A resident of **Koorbagh village, Manogai district (Kunar)** made get down from a public vehicle by AGEs, shifted to a nearby bed river, and beheaded accusing for spying to IMF. Reportedly, Pakistani currency note of Rs.100 and a letter was found with the dead body, which shows that he is executed for spying to IMF. In the letter, it was written that who is spying for IMF would face the same consequences. Last month; a similar killing took place in the same area, also attributed some to AGEs. This is the mountainous area and strategic locations where AGE can use for their gorillas tactics and CF/ISAF have conducted numerous operations in the past.
- **On 1 September, Kunar Province, Pech valley, Omary area of Korangal valley**, approx 1000 hrs, it was reported that AGEs stopped a private truck that was contracted by ISAF/CF, when the occupants refused to exit the vehicle the AGEs fired into the cabin area, resulting in the driver being killed instantly with another three occupants being seriously injured. One of the injured passengers died next morning.
- **On 8 September**, AGEs fired two mortar rounds over newly established CF base in **Watapoor district** and impacted near to a mosque near to **Watapoor village** injured 2 children, while on child seriously injured.
- **On 9 September**, It was reported that AGEs attacked the Watapoor DHQ/CF base with rockets. Reportedly, one family traveling in a car hit a rock due to the AGEs rocket that impacted near their vehicle, 6 families member including woman, men and children wounded.
- **On 15 September, Kunar Province, Nari District, Barikot village**, approx 1930hrs, it was reported that AGEs fired two rockets (type unspecified) toward an ANP CP. Reportedly the round missed the CP and impacted into a private residence killing two children and injuring one female.

- **On 27 September, Nangarhar Province, Bati Kot area, Barikaw village, main Jalalabad-Torkham road**, approx 0640 hrs, AGE suicide VBIEB attackers(2 attackers in one car) vehicle exploded and approx five minutes after the above mentioned incident, a suspected SBBIED wearing an ANP uniform was shot dead by IM in the area. Reportedly authorities recovered from the body of the suspect a vest rigged with explosives, which was later detonated by IM EOD team. No damage and casualties to IM and ANP forces were reported. Further details are outlined in the relevant IR submitted by this office.
- The newly constructed CF base in **Wapapoor district, Kunar** have increased the civilian's casualties in this district. In two separate incident that AGE has fired missiles over the base and missed the targets caused 8 civilians wounded including children, women and men in **September 2007**.
- **On 3 September, Paktika Province, Yahya Khel District**, at around 1800 hrs, a suicide bomber detonated his BBIED targeting the district CoP in the main bazaar area. The district police chief was killed in the attack. Two ANP soldiers and two young boys were wounded in the incident. The two boys shifted to Bagram Air base for treatment and now their health condition is satisfactory.
- **On 22 September, Paktya Province, Gardez Center, Balda area**, at around 1730 hrs; reportedly an ANP vehicle was hit by an IED planted on a sub-road. One passer civilian was wounded slightly and the ANP vehicle was damaged by the blast.
- **On 23 September, Paktya Province, Zurmat District, Makawa area**, at about 1520 hrs; ANP reported that an 11 year old boy was killed when he accidentally stepped on an IED, suspected to be an anti-personnel mine. The IED was planted on a sub-road in the area.
- **On 23 September, Paktya Province, Zurmat District, Dowlatzi Macowa village** at about 1700 hrs; reportedly a local man who was riding a bicycle along a sub-road, drove over and initiated an IED. He sustained serious injuries and was evacuated to hospital. Four children were also killed in the explosion.
- **On 14 September, Ghazni Province, Andar District**, at around 16:00 hrs; ANP reported that a remote control IED fixed on a bicycle detonated on a road between the District Administration building and a District Hospital. As a result of the explosion, the District Commissioner, his driver and 13 other civilians were wounded. Out of these civilians were children under the age of 12 years.
- **On 4 September, Khost Province, Khost Centre, Sahra Bagh area**, at around 2100 hrs, unknown gunmen attacked the house of an ISAF translator. The translator was wounded during the exchange of fire. No other family members suffered in this attack.
- **On 9 Sept, in Kolalgo area of Zurmat district (Paktya)** land mine hit three civilian vehicles injuring seven people.
- **On 20 September, Ghazni Province, Qarabagh District, Jamrad Village**, at 1030hrs; ANP reported that two persons. Mr. Ghula Sadiq and his nephew Mr. Sayed Ahmad, from one family were killed by Anti government elements while they were busy working on their field. The Anti government elements had accused the two men of supporting Afghan Security Forces. Reportedly, three brothers of G.Sadiq are working with government. But

the two victims were innocents and were farmers.

- **On 23 September, Paktya Province, Zurmat District, Makawa area**, at about 1520 hrs; ANP reported that an four boys of 9,8,7 and 10 years aged were killed when he accidentally stepped on an IED, suspected to be an anti-personnel mine. The IED was planted on a sub-road in the area.

#### **By pro government forces**

- Local sources report that one adult male civilian and one female child were killed in **Mazarabad village** on **01 September** when international forces targeted the village with "air strikes" after a joint international forces/ANA patrol was fired on by AGE from the village.  
According to our source, who was a relative of those who died, the dead were the son and daughter of a local village elder, Haji Abdul Hakim Jan. This elder and most of the village population had reportedly already left the area due to ongoing fighting. However, the two reported victims had reportedly remained behind to "take care of the house".
- **On 5 September, Ghazni Province, Andar District, Jabar village, Ali Qala area**, at around 0200 hrs, acting on an intelligence report, ISAF conducted a precision air strike on a private compound where 13 Anti government elements were housed. Reportedly all the thirteen Anti government elements including a key provincial AGE commander were killed in the attack. Four occupants of the house were reportedly wounded in the incident. Reportedly, women with her three children also killed in this air strike.
- **On 02 September**, 9 individuals - 8 females (one aged 35 and the remainder aged between 2 yrs and 15 yrs) and one male (4 yrs old) - were admitted to Kandahar Mirwais hospital claiming to be non-combatants who were injured as a result of ISAF operations involving air strikes in an unspecified location in Arghandab District (**Kandahar**) on the morning of 02 September. These patients are all reportedly from Sozany village in **Arghandhab District (Kandahar)**.

The stated to AIHRC that AGE had been moving in the **area of Sozany village** for a number of days, and on the evening of **01 September** a group of AGE ambushed an international forces/ANA patrol in the area of the village. Fighting continued for several hours through until the following morning, at which time (0500-0530) the house in which the females were sheltering was hit during an "air strike". Those interviewed stated that their house was one of two that was hit during this operation. They have no information on the fate of those who were in the second house.

- **On 02 Sep 2007**, one 20 years old male was admitted to **Kandahar** hospital for treatment of injuries that he claimed were sustained during an airstrike in **Pashmol village, Zheri District (Kandahar)** on an unspecified date.
- **On 02 Sep 2007** a 16 year old boy was admitted to Kandahar hospital for treatment of injuries that he claimed were sustained during an air strike in **Ashougha Village, Zhare District: (Kandahar)** on an unspecified date.
- **On 19 September** international forces conducted air strikes against AGE fighters who were reportedly hiding in homes in **Miyando, Shinghollak and Chaghall villages**. 36 AGE were

reportedly killed. Local sources initially reported some civilian casualties as a result of the air strike including a district judge. However these reports have not been verified.

- **On 19 September** a joint IMF/ANA/ANP force clashed with AGE during a joint operation in **Grishik valley Nahri Sarraj District (Helmand)**. The AGE fighters reportedly fled and sought shelter in civilian homes. Media reports indicated that 6 civilians were killed and 2 injured but these reports have not been verified by local sources.
- **On 25 September** OEF Special Forces conducted a night search operation in the house of a local Mullah in **Sanzari Village**. In the process the Mullah and his brother were shot and killed. Between 300 - 400 residents from the Sanzari Village demonstrated in protest against the killing of the supposedly innocent persons and a local WJ member claimed to UNAMA that the dead men had been “shot in their sleep.” However information received from other local elders contradicts this account, and indicates that the dead men were known to have had AGE connections and were killed whilst attempting to resist the international forces.
- **On 26 September** the **Uruzgan** Director of Health reported to UNAMA that 5 injured persons had been admitted to Tirin Kot hospital claiming to have been injured as a result of air strikes carried out as part of ongoing military operations in Dirwahud District. He also passed on reports that up to 70 civilians had been killed in these operations. However, these figures also match the number of AGE that OEF claim were killed in the operation, and UNAMA has been unable to verify the truth of any of these large scale casualty claims.

UNAMA was subsequently contacted on **26/09/07** directly by villagers from Dirwahud who had been displaced by the fighting and had made their way to Tirin Kot (Uruzgan) during the course of **26/09/07**. They informed UNAMA that between **70-100** civilians had been killed in Kakrak and Diwanah Wak villages during military operations beginning at approx 2000hrs on **25/09/07**.

Additionally AIHRC reported through local sources that 8 houses were destroyed by air strikes in the adjoining villages of Kakrak and Akhundzada during the operation on **25/09/07**. All those in these houses (8 x family groups of 15-25) were reportedly killed. AIHRC specifically named 2 elders (**Karim Hanaka and Kakol Aqa**) whose were killed along with their families. AIHRC informed UNAMA that local sources are stating that there were no AGEs in this location at the time of the strike, but that large numbers of AGE were present in the nearby village of Dirwanah Warkh.

- AIHRC informed UNAMA that their local sources have reported that 6 adult males were admitted for treatment at Lashkargah emergency hospital on 26/09/07. These individuals claim to be non-combatants who were injured by air strikes during operations carried out by international forces in **Musa Qala (Helmand)** on **25/09/07**. Additionally a local elder has reported separately to UNAMA that on 25/09/07 2 male non-combatants were killed and 4 injured during air strikes on the area in Musa Qala District where Regi and Mazarabad villages meet.
- **On 09 September** 1 civilian traveling in a mini bus was injured in cross fire when AGE attacked an ANP checkpoint in **Qalat (Zabul)**.
- **6 September, Lashwa Jowain district**, Roadkohna village, Farah, two vehicles suspected to belong to AGEs carrying ammunitions and weapons were attacked by ANP resulting in the destruction of the vehicles. Unconfirmed reports from police indicate that 1 civilian (a shepherd) was killed as he was close to the targeted area

- **9 September, Badghis province, Petaw village, Ghormach district**, following the killing of 4 ANP by AGEs in an ambush, Abdul Ahmad s/o Abdul Ahad was shot dead by ANP deployed from Faryab who later arrived in Ghormach bazaar. According to reports from PC member from Ghormach and head of terrorism office in Badghis ANP, the victim was a civilian who belonged to Zamanzay tribe and was shot while selling watermelon in Ghormach bazaar. No one has been charged or arrested in connection with the case.
- The NPCC DAILY LOG from **18 September 2007** 1200 hrs stated that “**Kabul** Prov/ Sorobi Dist/ Ozbian Area: **17 Sep 07**. CF and ANA conducted a joint operation in the area, which included an air strike, resulting in one noncombatant killed and three noncombatants injured. An IED bomb making factory and a large weapons cache were discovered and destroyed by ANSF forces.
- During a counter-insurgency operation, on **27 September 2007**, by IMF/ANA in **Gamber Village, Sangar Valley, Watapoor District, Kunar** located on the border between **Kunar and Nuristan Provinces**, IMF air strikes targeting AGEs positions killed three civilians and wounded a woman. The provincial CoP also stated that 18 AGE were also killed in this operation. However, unconfirmed reports state that nine civilians, including a woman, 4 children and 4 men were deceased and one woman wounded during the operation, and that one civilian was arrested. UNAMA is further verifying the information.
- During a counter-insurgency operation in Manogai district, **Kunar province** on **28 September 2007**, that AGE attacked a CF/IMF convoy. CF/IMF air strikes were called and resulted in one child deceased and eight civilians injured. Five civilian houses were totally/partially damaged. Unconfirmed reports stated that the civilian death toll was 3 not one and that 60 live stock were also killed.
- **On 29 September, Paktya Province**, Gerda Serai Unofficial District, at around 0500 hrs; ANP reported that Anti government elements attacked an ANSF team that was operating with CF. The ANSF called for air support, resulting in an aerial raid on the AGE. Seven Anti government elements were killed, an unknown number wounded and three others arrested. An unconfirmed report also indicated that three women and a child, all members of the same family, were killed in the attack when a private house was hit.

#### **Other causes**

- **3 September, Herat Province**, Shindand district, Herat-Shindand main road, a telecommunications company vehicle from ETC1 came under small arms fire resulting in the death of the driver. It is reported that the assailants took the other person hostage.
- **On 23 September, Badakhshan province**, an unknown armed group waged an ambush against a private minibus in Yawan district of Badakhshan while transporting some governmental officials and ANP members. An updated report by security authorities of the district confirms death of 6 civilians (4 governmental officers + 1 driver and his 1 conductor) and 6 policemen in the incident and injuring one civilian (an employee provincial prosecutor’s department) in the incident.
- **On 12 September, Logar Province**, Kharwar District, Bolo Kheil Village, at 1800hrs, four kids were killed and one sustained injuries after an old artillery round exploded within their vicinity at mentioned location.
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- **On 24 September** 2 bodies believed to be of Afghan nationals were found in Soor Kariz area, Maywand District (**Kandahar**). The reason for their killing and the identity of the perpetrators are unknown. It could not be established if the dead were government official or civilians

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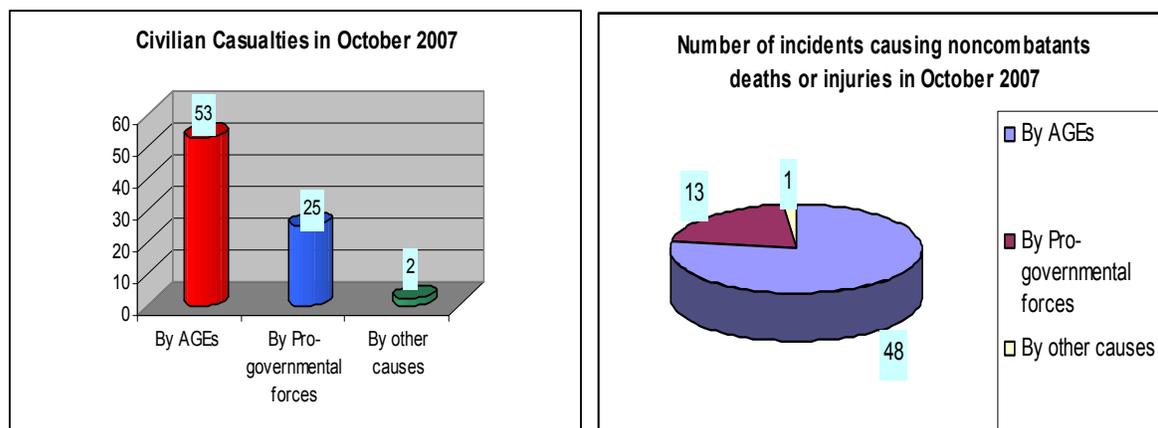
### In October 2007 a total of 80 civilians were killed of which:

- 53 by anti government elements
- 25 by pro government forces
- 2 by other causes

### The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:

The total of 80 civilians killed in October 2007 includes a minimum of 14 children and 10 women of which :

- 6 children and 2 women by anti government elements
- 8 children 8 women by pro governmental forces
- 4 Children by other causes



### By Anti government elements:

- On **6 October**, a suicide attack in **Barikoot bazaar, Nari district** reportedly injured two children.
- Reportedly in **Kunar province Assadabad**, AGEs fired a rocket toward an ISAF helicopter from a hilltop. The rocket missed the target and impacted down in civilian house, causing serious injury to a civilian. The victim was moved to the Korangal ISAF base for treatment to and later transferred to Assadabad ISAF base but died in hospital on **09/10/2007**.  
Kunar provincial authorities confirmed that AGE fired four missiles toward the PRT base in Assadabad, Kunar. One of the missiles impacted a civilian residence (the home of Mr. Fatehkhan and his family) and killed an 18 year old girl.

- Laghman authorities confirmed that on **13 October**, a roadside IED detonated on an ANP vehicle, killing one ANP Officer and two civilians. The incident took place in **Dopai area, Metharlam, Laghman**.
- **Kunar** authorities confirmed that in **October 2007** AGEs fired four rockets (type unspecified) towards the ISAF base in **Pech**. Reportedly two of the rockets impacted inside the base with no reports of damages or casualties; however, the other two rockets impacted in an open area and killed one civilian.
- **On 2 October, Kabul Province, PD-5, Bazaar Charahi Qambar**, on the main road to **Qargha Dam**, at around 0700hrs, an MOI shuttle bus traveling from Qargha area towards the city was targeted by a suspected BBIED attack at Charahi Qambar Bazaar. The suicide bomber apparently entered the front door of the bus and detonated his explosives resulting in the death of 14 MOI personnel including but not only Policemen on board and six other wounded. According to MOI and MOD reports, Five non-combatants were killed and nine others sustained injuries in the vicinity of the explosion.
- **On 6 October, Kabul Province, PD-9, Qali Khayat Area, on Kabul Airport road**, a US convoy consisting of two vehicles (Black Lexes armored type) was targeted by a suicide VBIED (Mini Van Reg#22786) attack while traveling on the airport towards Masud Square. As a result of the explosion, three US soldiers were killed and two others sustained injuries. Two US vehicles were destroyed. According to MOD MOI reports, Four noncombatants were killed and five others (including one woman and two children) wounded in vicinity of the explosion. Two local vehicles and the suicide bomber vehicle destroyed.
- **On 05 October** a suicide BBIED attacker was making his way towards the ANA base in **Sangin District (Helmand)** when at about 200m from his target the device went off prematurely killing the bomber and 2 children who were playing nearby.
- **On 08 October** there was a suicide BBIED attack on an ISAF convoy in **Lashkar Gah City (Helmand)**. The suicide bomber attempted to climb one of the ISAF vehicles while in motion when he exploded himself. One elderly man and a child were slightly injured and evacuated to Lashkar Gah Hospital. No ISAF casualty was reported. 5 civilians injured
- **On 13 October** a suicide bomber riding a motorcycle positioned himself between two Afghan Border Police vehicles carrying ABP officers in **Spin Boldak (Kandahar)** and detonated his BBIED. 2 ABP officers were killed and 8 were wounded. 6 Civilians were also killed and 21 were injured.
- **On 14 October** a suicide bomber who is reported to have been studying at a 'Madrassa', in Pakistan, returned to his home in Pattan Village, 20 km Southwest of **Tirin Kot City (Uruzgan)**. He visited his family over the weekend to bid them farewell before carrying out his planned suicide attack. Relatives reported that the would-be suicide bomber gave his family the equivalent of \$3,600 in Pakistani Rupees before announcing his intention to carry out the attack. And informed them that he would be going to heaven. The mother attempted to stop her son, which resulted in a struggle when the explosive vest was accidentally initiated. The suicide bomber, his mother, 2 sisters and brother (11 years old) were killed.

- On **30 September** 2 children were struck by an IED in **Zheri District (Kandahar)**. 1 child was killed and the other lost one leg. The injured child was transferred to Mirwais Hospital.
- On **04 October** AGE attacked an ANP check point in **Zherai District (Kandahar)** with 5 mortar rounds but missed the target. A round impacted in a civilian's house in **Pashmool Village** and injured 5 persons, including women and children.
- On **30 September** AGE reportedly killed a civilian from **Sangin (Helmand)**, who was visiting some government, PRT and INGOs officials in **Lashkar Gah (Helmand)** to collect an allocation of agricultural assistance for his village.
- On 01 October the body of a 15-year-old boy was found hanging from a tree in Sangin with a US \$5 bill placed in his mouth. He was reportedly accused by AGE of spying for the government and international forces because AGE found 5 US dollars in his pocket.
- On **02 October, Hilmand Province** a community leader and a spiritual Shora Head for **Marja District (Helmand)** were assassinated by AGE while he was on his way to the mosque for morning prayers in Marja Bazaar. The reported reason for his assassination was because he was pro-government
- On **04 October** a decapitated corpse was found in **District 9, Kandahar City**. The victim was identified as an international forces interpreter who was reportedly beheaded by AGE. A letter was discovered on the body which stated that any Afghan working for the international forces will suffer the same penalty.
- On **18 October** local sources informed UNAMA that, on 06 October, 3 armed thieves were killed by the AGE in **Musa Qala District (Helmand)**. The thieves had reportedly disguised themselves as women in Borqas and were stopping and looting vehicles on the Sarwan Qala – Sangin Road. AGE responded to their activities and 2 of the men were killed during the “arrest”. The third was taken to Musa Qala and executed publicly by the AGE parallel structures in the area to “discourage” criminal activity in the AGE controlled area.
- On **07 October** AGE beheaded 2 national staff members of MCPA, an UNMACA de-mining implementing partner, in **Mulayan village, Qalat District (Zabul)**.
- On **17 October** an RCIED fixed to a bicycle detonated near a crowded area in **Marja District (Helmand)**. One civilian was killed and two others injured.
- On **19 October** the bodies of 2 beheaded men were found in **Khawgani Village Maywand District (Kandahar)**. They were reportedly assassinated by AGE who had accused them of spying for the government and international forces.
- On **22 October** a VBIED detonated against an ISAF convoy near **Grishk bazar area, Nahri Saraj District (Helmand)** The suicide bomber was killed and three civilians on a motorbike passing by the area were seriously injured.
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- On **26 October** a civilian vehicle was struck by a road side IED in **Pashmil area**, on the **Kandahar- Hirat highway, Zhari District (Kandahar)**. One civilian was killed and five others injured.
- On **26 October** a private truck was struck by a road side IED in **Pashmil area, Kandahar- Hirat high way, Zhari District**. Three civilians travelling in the truck were injured.
- On **29 October** a suicide bomber wearing a BBIED detonated against a government official vehicle (Land Registry Department) at a bus station in **Lashkar Gah city**. Three civilians were killed, and four civilians (including a child) were injured. One ANP officer was also injured.
- On **05/10/07 in Matun city Khost** UNAMA received a UNDSS report mentioning the killing of ISAF contractor and his friend by unidentified man, **On 06/10/07** CoP office confirmed the incident, moreover a local media reporter and also one of the source in **Khost** mentioned that the man was killed by AGE (Taliban) as they claimed the incident and accused the person of spying for IMF and threaten the people to stop their support for Government or IMF or they will execute all those who vows to support.
- On **06/10/07** UNAMA received report from the media that in **Ghushtai Area, Waza Khwa district Pakitia Province**, some civilians were victimized as the result of crossfire between AGE (Taliban) and ISAF soldiers in the area. The incident was verified from a local source in the area. Moreover, the secretary of Governor of Paktika told UNAMA; that night before the insurgent s entered into the Qala (Compound) of the civilian without their consent and they tightened the hands of the civilians including women and placed them in. the room of one house, next afternoon they attacked the convoy of ISAF which was conducting cordon and search operation in the area that resulted in heavy fighting with small arms and rocket fires, latter on ISAF called for air support, the bombardment resulted in civilian casualties and killing of two Anti government elements and wounding another.
- On **06/10/07** UNAMA received a report from the source in **MirKham Village Qarabagh District of Ghazni**; that armed man shot and killed two brothers while they were on the way to mosque. Moreover, he also told that the brothers had no personal enmity and they had received threats from the Taliban as they claim that they were spying for IMF. CoP in Qarabagh confirmed the incident and claimed that this is the act of AGE
- On **06/10/2007** UNDSS reported that in **Khalbisat, Bazaar area Khost** ambulance was attacked in the area and resulted in injuring two civilians. A local source in the area confirmed the incident and told that ambulance belonged to Public health department and was going to transfer one patient in the area, both driver and passenger was injured in the incident. Public health department confirmed the incident and told that one was hospital driver and other was the attendant and relative of the ill patient that was meant to be transferred to Khost center. Moreover, he claimed that it might be the act of AGE (Taliban). The injured was latter on admitted in the hospital and was discharged after few days.

- On **08/10/07** UNAMA received information via UNDSS that in **Khost city** a mortar which was placed on motor bicycle, in Khost city suddenly exploded. CoP confirmed the incident and said “that he will investigate the incident. Official in health department verified the number of casualties in the incident one child was injured who was in premises of the incident. He was treated in local hospital and was discharged after two days.
- On **4/10/07** UNDSS received report that in **Rana Kheil Area, Waghaz district Ghazni province** one American Agriculture Engineer who was working for one NGO was shot and killed. The report was not verified by media or CoP of Ghazni.
- UNDSS reported that on **7/10/07 Akar Kot area, Qarabagh district Ghazni Province** a 4 wheel drive Toyota vehicle which belong to local construction company came under attack by AGE, the pickup received bullets and while trying to escape the premises overturned nearby roadside, The report was not verified by police department nor by media3 civilian’s workers of construction was company injured in the incident as reported by UNDSS.
- UNDSS reported that on **14/10/07 in Goashta area Waza Khas District Paktia Province** District Administrator of the area was targeted by AGE; he was on his way to visit relatives for Eid. He was accompanied by his driver only and he was traveling in his own private vehicle. Report could not be verified by Governor Office or by local media.
- UNDSS reported that on **15/10/07 in Qarabagh district Ghazni Province** three civilians were beheaded by Taliban, accusing them of spying for IMF.
- UNDSS reported that on **20/10/07 Neknam area, Zurmat district Paktia Province** AGE attacked the truck which was transporting ISAF goods, and the driver was killed. Report was verified by the police, however without much detail.
- UNAMA received information that on **20/10/07 in Khoutaba area, Gardez center, Gardez** a local tribal elder was shot with AK47; his son was also the target of the attack. Media confirmed the news, and police verified the incident. A local source reported that Tribal elder was very close to Government and had no personal enmity. Moreover, report mentioned that family is alleging Taliban for the act.
- On **21/10/07 in Sangi area, Qarabagh district, Ghazni** a local Tribal elder was shot and killed by Taliban, as reported by local source. The incident was verified by WJ members and moreover police explained that he was very close to government, and, new Governor of Ghazni. He was targeted with AK47, received 8 bullets. He was transferred to hospital; however, he passed away by the time he reached hospital as stated by one local Doctor at DoPH.
- A local source reported that on **24/10/07 in Gardez center Paktia** an IED exploded in Internet Café in Gardez Bazaar. A report was verified by police and stated that it was small IED placed in internet Café, and it is new tactic of threat especially in Paktia to Target CD shops and Internet Café. Doctor on duty in Gardez hospital also verified the incident.

- A local source reported that on **24/10/07 in Karwun Serai area, Matun district Khost** a governor convoy came under attack by suicide bomber in the area. The CoP office verified the incident. Moreover, the Governor office stated that Governor was unhurt during the incident while his three bodyguards got injured.  
The civilian casualties were verified by the local hospital source. Moreover, the PC head confirmed the death of one PC member. Reportedly, the PC member died because of the shock though he didn't received any injury during the incident.
- UNDSS reported that on **24/10/07 in Yahya Kheil district Paktia Province** a local man in the area was beheaded in the village  
However report couldn't be verified neither by DC of the area nor by police.
- A local source reported that on **25/10/07 in main district road from Ghazni, Garabagh district** during the day Taliban attacked the police on the main road, while the police was patrolling in the area, firearm exchange took place for about 1 hour, latter on Taliban left the area.  
CoP office in Ghazni confirmed the incident, and stated that Taliban attacked ANP personnel in the area, ANP defended well and succeeded in pushing the insurgent at their back foot.  
2-civilians were injured in the incident, one received bullet in arm and was treated in local hospital while other one was shifted to Kabul due to serious injuries. However, it could not be confirmed that which side was responsible for the causality.
- UNDSS reported that a suicide attacker exploded himself in the center of Barmal city, targeted ANA convoy in the area 4 ANA soldiers killed in the incident. Reportedly civilian causality could not be verified. However the attack was confirmed from Governor's office. 1-civilian killed in the incident. 5-Civilians were wounded in the incident as reported by UNDSS
- UNDSS reported that on **27/10/07 in Chawnai area Gardez** a local mullah was shot and killed in the area. However, a local source reported that a person who was killed was not a mullah or religious figure he was a local farmer in the area. Reportedly, a letter was also found near him accusing him of spying for IM. Chawnai Area, Gardez center).
- On **12 October** 5 civilians suffered minor injuries when an RCIED struck an ANP vehicle while it was collecting ANP officers who had been providing security for the Eid special prayers, approximately 20 meters from the Mosque near the **Grishk District Centre (Helmand)**. 2 ANP officers were killed and 4 were wounded.
- On **29 October, Kandahar Province, Maywand District**; AGE attacked Maywand District Center. ANP retaliated and the fight continued for one hour. Heavy and small arms and at least one rocket were fired at the district center. One rocket landed in a private house killing one civilian and injuring another.

#### **By pro government forces:**

- According to reports received, on **5 October** ISAF opened fire on a civilian vehicle after it approached too close to the ISAF convoy. Two civilians were killed (one man and one girl) and one woman wounded. The incident took place in **Khatti Banda village, Manogai district, Kunar**.

- The **Kunar provincial** and district authorities have confirmed that at least twelve civilians were killed and 11 others were wounded during Operation Avalanche Rock, which began on 19 October in **Kunar province** and is being conducted in four Kunar districts. Almost all the civilian casualties were women and children. UNAMA has conducted interviews with victims receiving treatment at Kunar and Jalalabad PHHs, community elders, district authorities and ISAF. Detailed report is forthcoming.
- On **22 October 2007**, at 9:00-9:30 AM, ISAF carried out three air strikes in **Esmalikhel** village alleging that an ambush was being prepared. No previous ground engagement was reported. The three strikes were separate took place between 15-20 minutes. The first one was against a house/shop located next to the main supply road. In the house there were several villagers who belonged to the same family of MQ. Minutes later a second strike took place. This one landed between two houses also near the main supply road. Minutes later a third strike landed behind the two houses. No injuries were reported due to this strike. 5 non combatants were killed and 7 injured.
- On **02 October** shots were heard at approx 0630 close to **UN Guesthouse in District 6 Kandahar city**. Initial reports from UN compound guards indicated that the shots had been fired from a Canadian military convoy traveling west-east along the road outside UN Guesthouse and had hit locals on the street including two on a motorcycle. 2 males killed
- On **20 October** an ISAF soldier fired at a civilian vehicle from a vehicle in a convoy in **Lashkar Gah District. (Helmand)**. The driver had failed to stop his vehicle as the ISAF convoy was passing. A two year old girl was killed.
- UNAMA received information from a local source in **Khost** that some children who were collecting woods near **Selarno Base** were killed or injured. Local media reporter mentioned that the children belong to the families and their homes are near to solarno. Villagers were complaining that their children's were collecting woods and they were not near to training area. ISAF in their press release stated that children were the victim of incident and verified it. However, they stated that they have no exact idea, and they think the children wer
- UDSS reported that on **06/10/07 in Ghazni center Ghazni** wife of NDS official was shot and killed by ANP guard at ANP check post when she refused to stop at check post She was driving the car accompanied by her child; she was coming back from wedding party.
- UNDSS received reports that on **14/10/07 in Sharan area, sharan district Paktia Province** 5 ANP officials went to search the house in the area for Anti government elements, the owner refused to search the house, which resulted in fighting and shooting 1- Civilian who was also the owner of the house was killed.
- On **23 October** AFP news agency reported that 1 Kuchi child had been killed and 4 injured when US-led troops fired on a nomad tent during a search operation in **Tarna WA Jaldak (Spin Boldak)**. AFP reported the OEF spokesperson as stating that the shots were fired after the US-led troops came under attack from a gunman inside the tent.

## Other Causes:

- Reportedly, children were playing with landmine, which exploded, and 2 children were killed when an old land mine detonated.

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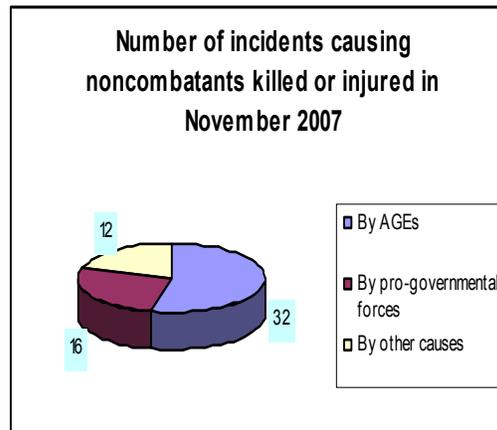
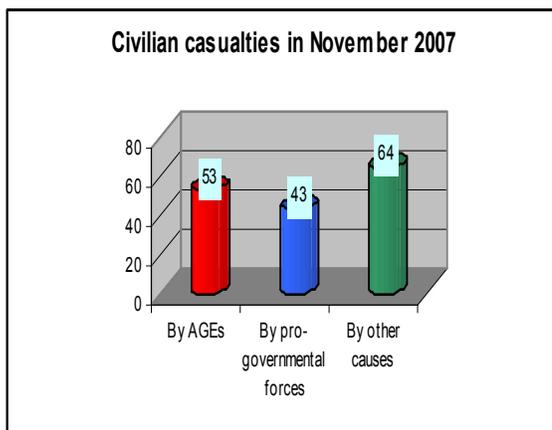
#### In November 2007 a total of 160 civilians were killed of which:

- 53 by Anti government elements
- 43 by pro-governmental forces
- 64 by other causes

#### The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:

The total of 160 civilians killed in November 2007 includes a minimum of 3 children and 4 women of which :

- 35 children and 0 women by Anti government elements
- 16 children 4 women by pro governmental forces
- 3 Children by other causes



## By anti - government elements:

- UNAMA received report from a media source that on **02/11/07 at Ghazni Ada Area Sharana Center Paktika Province** a suicide Bomber detonated himself in front of a local hotel killing him and injuring one civilian  
The incident was confirmed by Governor's spokesman and he also verified the casualties as one noncombatant was injured.
- UNDSS reported that on **01/11/07 at Dirmalak village, Tani District Khost** an IED which was placed on roadside exploded while the children's were playing with it. Hospital resource verified the incident and explained that though they have received some injuries however their condition is now stable and will be discharged in two days.

children, one is 9 year old boy and the other 11 year boy, were injured in the incident.

- UNAMA received reports from NDS sources that on **05/11/07** at **Khowajakhiel Area Sharrana Center Paktika District** a local non combatant was beheaded by Anti government elements in the area. Media verified the incident and mentioned that their family believes that Anti government elements were behind the killing as he had received number of threats. Moreover, the source stated that he was a local villager and in the past he was working with one of the construction company in the area. Worth mentioning, that the victim was a supporter of government.
- UNDSS reported that on **06/11/07** at **Gulshah Manda Area Turwo District Paktika** a private vehicle was struck by an IED in the area, resulting in noncombatant casualties. One noncombatant was killed and two wounded. Report was verified by the Governor's office. Moreover, the office held AGE's responsible for this act as it is a tactic used by AGE's to target ANSF and IMF.
- UNDSS reported that on **08/11/07** at **Sandi Area Ziruk District Paktika** Anti government elements killed the District Shurra elder along with his sons and body guard. Report was verified by the governor's office. It is worth mentioning that the District Shura elder was very close to government and had also received threats from Anti government elements. Media reports also confirmed and stated that Taliban claimed responsibility for the incident.
- UNDSS reported that on **13/11/07** at **Dand-e-Patan District Paktia** a man was killed and his car was burnt in the area. Report was verified by police HQ in Gardez and stated that the person had received threats in the past.
- UNAMA received reports that on **13/11/07** at **Bata village, Andar District Ghazni** a local who was working as a judge in other province was kidnapped; his body was found later on the same day in the area. DC verified the incident and stated that the person was a very honorable man and this is an act of Taliban.
- UNAMA received reports from a local source that on **14/11/07** at **Jan Khan Khiel village Kohsin area Syed Karam District Paktia** a teenager (age 17-18 year) who was a student in Kohsin high school and at the same time he was teaching English to class 1 and 2 boys school, was killed by Taliban. Report was verified by CoP. Moreover, CoP stated that their patrol police was able to track down Taliban which resulted in a firefight resulted in the killing of 3 policemen and two Anti government elements (who were identified as Taliban from Zurmat).
- UNDSS reported that on **22/11/07** at **Ismail Khiel village Mandozai District Khost** Taliban Anti government elements killed an Afghan contractor who was working on sub-road to district in the area. Police sources verified the incident and mentioned that this is the act of Taliban. Anti government elements always target people who are cooperating with IM.
- UNDSS reported that on **24/11/07** **Gurbuz District Khost** a suicide exploded him self near IM convoy resulting in killing of him and injuring 2 IM soldiers. Report further mentions that, after 5 min of attack a noncombatant vehicle that was

ordered to stop by IM, approached the site, IM opened fire on it which resulted in noncombatant casualties as two Noncombatants injured including 10 year old boy.

- UNAMA received report that on **25/11/07 at Nari Area Khushamand District Paktika** two children were killed while they were playing with some kind of explosive material lying next to road.  
The report was verified by the Governor spokesman. 2-children killed 2-childrens injured
- UNDSS reported that on **29/11/07 at Qarabagh District, Speen Band area, Ghazni Province** about an attack on a supply convoy which was carrying supplies for Qarabag district, Ghazani that resulted in the death of one guard.
- **On 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Badghis province, Ghormach district, Jari Sia Village**, at approximately 1100hrs, ANSF patrol convoy was attacked by small arms from AGE resulting in the death of one Noncombatant caught at the middle. Qari Dawlat a PC member from Badghis and Mohammad Osman a local elder from Ghormach confirmed the killing of a noncombatant named Abdul Sattar aged 50 a shopkeeper from Langari village of Ghormach district who was shot dead as he was crossing an area between the trenches of AGEs and ANSFs.
- **On 04 November** AGE ambushed a noncombatant bus in **Poli-e-Aman village, Shahjoy District (Zabul)**. One noncombatant was killed and three others injured.
- **On 16 November** AGE fired on a convoy of noncombatant vehicles in traveling in Zherai District (**Kandahar**) on the Kandahar - Hirat Highway. The convoy was reportedly carrying two newly married couples and their families who were returning to Kandahar after their double wedding in Herat. Three noncombatant females (the two brides and one young child) were killed and three noncombatant males were injured.
- **On 29 November** one Noncombatant was injured when AGE fired small arms at a Noncombatant vehicle traveling on the main Kandahar-Heart highway in Maywand District (**Kandahar**).
- **On 17 November** an IED was detonated in a crowded bazaar area in Nad Ali District Centre (**Helmand**) as an ANP vehicle arrived to change guard shifts. One ANP officer and 12 Noncombatants were reported killed and three ANP officers and two Noncombatants were injured.
- **On 27 November** a noncombatant bus stuck a roadside IED in Sangisar Village, Zheraio District (**Kandahar**). Reportedly four Noncombatants (two women and two men) were killed and five children were wounded.
- **On 8 November** the Uluswal of Shahjoy District (**Zabul**) together with his two bodyguards was shot and killed in Shayjoy Bazaar by four AGES riding on two motorcycles. The Uluswal was known to be strongly opposed to the Taleban.
- **On 19 November** a BBIED suicide bomber detonated outside the office of the **Nimroz** Governor in **Zaranj** City. The governor was in the building but was unharmed. However the

governor's son and eight ANP officers were killed in the attack. Additionally Four Noncombatants and nine ANP officers were injured.

- **On 30 October, Kandahar Province, Zhari District;** AGE Established a vehicle checkpoint in Ashogha village, Zhari District (Kandahar). ANP and ISAF responded to the incident and AGE left the area. However five dead bodies were found on the spot by ANP/ISAF. It is assessed that these Noncombatants were executed by AGE at the checkpoint.
- **On 08 November** AGE reportedly beheaded two Noncombatants who they accused of spying for the government and international forces. The bodies were found in **Tangi area of Qalat District (Zabul).**
- **On 24/11/07 Chashma Bulbol area, Paghman district, Kabul province** a suicide bomber detonated himself in the midst of a group of construction workers and an IM patrol team, while the group was busily engaged in a bridge construction at 10:00 hrs in the mentioned location. One IM soldier was killed, three sustained injuries; seven Noncombatants were killed (including three children) and eight injured. The suicide bomber was also killed in the incident.
- **On 26/11/07 Ghondi Talime Char Asyab district Kabul province** four noncombatants were reportedly killed after their vehicle (Toyota Saracha) hit a suspected RCIED (mine) which had been placed under a culvert on the road leading to Musayi district at 08:30 AM in the mentioned location.
- **On 26/11/07 PD10 Wazier Akbar Khan Area Kabul city** a suicide bomber on board of a Toyota Surf vehicle ramped into as IM three- Vehicle convoy while traveling on the road at 07:40 AM in the mentioned location. Various reports put casualty figures as three Noncombatants (including a girl) including the suicide bomber killed and four others injured. Among the wounded were a girl and three other people in the building nearby who were injured by pieces of shattered glasses. Some buildings also got structural damages in the vicinity of the explosion.
- **On 17 November**, a suicide bomber on a motorcycle rider detonated himself against an ISAF convoy traveling in **Miagano village, Chaparhar district, Nangarhar.** The attack killed one noncombatant and wounded two Noncombatants and one ISAF soldier. On 19 November, UNAMA interviewed one of the injured Noncombatants, a 19 year old laborer who is currently being treated for multiple shrapnel injuries at JAA PHH.
- One noncombatant killed and two wounded in result of suicide attack over ISAF convoy in **Miagano village of Chaparhar district, Nangarhar** at 10:45am, on **17/11/2007.** A motorcycle rider exploded himself, when approached to ISAF convoy, damaged the vehicle, and wounded an ISAF soldier. A nearby cyclist, an employee at the district municipal office, was killed and two men were wounded.
- Reportedly, AGEs abducted and beheaded Faisal s/o Siad Mohammed Din accused spying for ISAF, in **Kammo village of Kamdih district of Nuristan.** NDS Nuristan confirmed that **on 17 November**, AGEs abducted and beheaded a noncombatant accused of spying for ISAF. The incident took place in Kammo village of **Kamdih district of Nuristan.** In the same incident, AGE also abducted an assistant doctor who was

reportedly released on 18 November. A Taliban spokesman confirmed to local media that Taliban had executed one person in Kamdish district on 17 November but stated that beheading is against Taliban policy and forbidden by Amirul Momin Mullah Muhammad Omer.

- It was reported that **on 23 November**, remote control IED detonated in **Niazi Sangar, Alingar District Laghman** targeting the Head of the NDS. While the Head of the NDS escaped harm a noncombatant was seriously injured with burn wounds to his face and a head injury. The noncombatant was hospitalized and remains in a coma at the Laghman Public Health Hospital. According to the Head of NDS the suspect person was apprehended and has identified himself as a resident of Alishang, Laghman Province, who speaks Turkish, Arabic and English fluently. The accused was handed over to the MoI Department of Terrorism, for further investigation.
- **Kunar** authorities confirmed that **on 22 November** AGE fired three rockets towards the **Assadabad** governmental headquarters. The rocket impacted into private houses injuring five children and two women. All victims were transferred to Asadabad Hospital for treatment.
- Nangarhar authorities confirmed that **on 26 November**, an IED (type unspecified) prematurely detonated in **Kata Khel area, Pachir-Wa-Agam District, Nangarhar Province**, injuring two children. The victims were transferred to Public Health Hospital for treatment.

#### **By Pro governmental forces:**

- UNDSS reported that on **17/11/07 at Nadir Shah kot District Khost** some noncombatant was injured while ANA was conducting shooting practice in night. Report was not verified by the police department or by hospital source in Khost. 6-noncombatants were injured.
- UNAMA received reports from local sources that on **26/11/07 at Swaki Kandaw area Suri Khiel village Gerda serai District Paktia** Noncombatants got injured while Taliban attacked ISAF patrol in the area. The Noncombatants were traveling in their car; the elders from the area believe that Noncombatant causality occurred due to ISAF firing.
- **On 05 November** international forces conducted air strike operations on AGE in **Nakhoni village Panjwayi District (Kandahar)**. Unconfirmed reports indicate that two female Noncombatants were killed and two other Noncombatants injured.
- **On 11 November** a woman and two children were reportedly killed by OEF troops who were raiding a compound in **Garmser (Helmand)** suspected of housing AGE. Media sources report that during the raid the AGE in the compound fired on the OEF troops who responded with small arms fire and with a grenade that destroyed the building from where the AGE were firing. The noncombatants were reportedly inside the building and died as the building collapsed.

- **On 13 November** ANP officers opened fire on two motorbike riders when they ignored an order to stop at the police check point in Dand Chowk District 6, **Kandahar City**. One person was killed and the other was injured.
- **On 15 November Kandahar Province** ISAF troops fired on a noncombatant taxi in **Daman District (Kandahar)** for not pulling over as the ISAF convoy approached. One noncombatant was killed and another was injured.
- According to witnesses, **On 24/10/2007 Shahi Khail village, Tagab district, Kapisa province** the IMF/ANA and AGEs fighting started first in the Qurghal village. The distance between Shahi Khail village and Qurghal is said to be one hour by walk (5 kilometers).

The people of Shahi Khail village were constructing a mosque located close to a house when two helicopters came to the area. The people after seeing the helicopters moved to their houses in order to avoid any confusion as a crowd of people were working on the mosque.

The helicopters after flying several times over the village started firing rockets to the village without any ground engagement or receiving firing from the ground.

The rockets were fired one after another and this strike lasted for 10 minutes, it started at 04:00 PM and finished at 04:10 PM. During this time several rockets were fired from the helicopters against the village. Five rockets hit the house of one man, injuring 3 members of the family and destroying the house almost completely. Only two rooms and a wall remained after the attack.

Another 3 rockets hit the house of M, which is located close (20 meters) to the first man's house. Although this strike partially destroyed the house, it did not result in the killing or injury of any of his family members.

Pursuant to this air attack, the villagers came to the house of the witness and took him to a private doctor in the same village for medical treatment. The other two injured persons were taken to a different doctor for treatment. They all returned home after the basic medical treatment at 05:30 PM and their health condition was reported as stable.

On 27 Oct.07 one of the victims came to Kabul to undergo an operation because of shrapnel left in his body. The doctors in this hospital advised that an operation would have been too dangerous, so the surgery was eventually postponed.

3 non combatants injured. They are reported to be all male, aged 34, 15 and 22. Two houses and some gardens were also reported as destroyed by the rockets fired from the helicopter.

- **On 21/10/2007-Mid November** in Operations in **Tagab district of Kapisa province (Shahi Khail, Qaziyan, Pasha Karai, Basagi, Hamza Khail, Shah Kot, Nawroz Khail, and Pasha Karai)** As a result of the operations in Tagab in the mentioned villages, elders who met with the HRU stated that a number of non-combatants were injured.

On 8/11/2007 the CF/ANA visited again Shahi Khail and also another nearby village by the name of Se Padar. In Se Padar village the CF/ANA searched the houses of two people but apparently they could not find any weapon from these houses.

The elders of this district also raised their concerns regarding the mistreatment of both

national and international forces during the house searches. For example, they mentioned the case of one man who was put on the floor by the CF/ANA while they searched his house. They added that this issue is constantly addressed and shared with the authorities both at district and provincial level but unfortunately such incidents are still taking place in the area. They demanded that the CF/ANA should first verify the information they obtain before ordering and carrying out house searches because such operations often bear no results and only create problems for the people of the area.

The number of non combatants injured:

In Shahi Khail: 8

In Qaziyan, 3

In Pasha Karai, 3

In Basagi, 1

In Hamza Khail, 5

In Shah Kot, 4

In Nawroz Khail, 1

- **On 27 October**, IM was descended from helicopters in Chapary area, **Ganjgal village, Sirkanay District, Kunar Province** and reportedly killed six AGEs and wounded five and arrested five in this house search operation. Among the deceased one is Pak citizen, who visited to meet his relatives in the boundary village. District Authorities has concerns about the possible Noncombatants' casualties in this operation and the elders' delegation from this remote boundary area will reach to Surkanay district to share information about possible noncombatants' casualties tomorrow. It is not known, whether the wounded is arrested by ISAF or has been shifted to Pakistan for medical treatment.

District governor confirmed that during IM night search operation, the victims are Noncombatants and among the detainees three-school boys, who are released after being a week in IM custody.

DG reported that most of the residents of the village were ready to leave the village to Pakistan but district authorities send a delegation of elders to calm down the situation. Two families from this village displace and now have been living in a village near to Surkanay DHQ. Six noncombatants were killed and five noncombatants were wounded.

- **On 1 November**, ISAF/CF forces reportedly opened fire on a 17 year old shopkeeper during an operation in **Khas Kunar** returnee camp. The motivation for the operation is unclear. One noncombatant was killed.
- **On 31 October**, Afghan Special Forces (Shaheen unit) conducted a night search of a residential compound in **Takia village, Batikot district**. Provincial authorities confirmed that three noncombatants were killed and three injured (two critically) during an exchange of fire after the forces entered the compound. The military reportedly arrested seven men but have released all. On 1 November, a number of district elders met with the Nangarhar Provincial Governor who in turn paid compensation for the victims and funeral costs. A follow-up meeting was held on 4 November whereby elders reiterated concerns about noncombatant casualties. According to the communities and district authorities, the owner of the residence is a local businessperson (production of sugar cane juice) and is not linked to AGE. The elders are demanding the release of the detainees. Although there is no open public reaction at present, district authorities are concerned that this incident may spark a demonstration within the area. UNAMA is monitoring the issue.

- UNAMA has concerns about the possible noncombatant casualty of a noncombatant after an ambush between the IM and AGEs in **Billa area of Waigul district, Nuristan on 10/11/2007**.  
Nuristan NSD told to UNAMA that according to unconfirmed report, 20 IM soldiers are killed and 12 are wounded in an ambush with AGEs in Billa area of Waigul district, Nuristan province. 5/6 ANA soldiers are killed and 11 are wounded in the same fighting. A local noncombatant shepherded Mohammad ullah s/o, Akhter Mohammad was killed by IM forces, after being reached to the area for collection the dead and wounded from the area and another Abdullah s/o Hajji Khair Mohammad has been arrested.
- It was reported to HRU that ISAF forces bombarded **Korengal, Kunar Province** in the night of the **23rd of November**. Unconfirmed reports indicated that five noncombatants were killed and two injured. UNAMA HRU contacted the Deputy CoP, who was unable to confirm the incident. UNAMA has been unable to contact any other government authorities for further confirmation. UNAMA will follow up.
- **On 26 Nov** Laghman NSD (CONFIDENTIALLY) confirmed that ISAF shelling (ground) killed one woman and injured two in the **Titin area of Balai village, Laghman**. This is a remote area used for grazing.
- Early on the morning of **27 November**, 16 construction workers from a local Nuristani construction company were reportedly killed as a result of IMF aerial bombings on three tents in **Landalabok area**, in the border area of **Nangarage and Doab Districts, Nuristan Province**. Sources state that the company had informed the PRT base in Nangarage of its location on 3 different occasions (note the camp is reportedly 10 kms from the base). 4 bodies of victims were identifiable and the age range of the victims was between 20-35. The remaining 7 victims were unidentifiable due to the condition of the bodies. All victims were male.  
According to information received the IMF has stated that the targets were legitimate. UNAMA HRU is further investigating the incident.
- **On 06 November, in Baghlan-e Jadid district (Baghlan province)** around 1600hrs a BBEID was detonated at the entrance of a Sugar Factory (Fabrica City Centre) where an open meeting was to be held with a delegation of Members of Parliament attending. This suicide attack - the deadliest in the history of the country. According to National Security Directorate 19 noncombatants were killed by bullets fired by body guards and protection officers 37 Noncombatants are killed by blast and 3 noncombatants are killed by both bullet and blast. The cause of the death for 11 noncombatants is unknown.  
No one bears responsibility for this deadly attack. Taliban clearly denied being responsible for this attack.

#### **By other causes:**

- UNDDSS reported that on **02/11/07 at Mirmandai village Gurbuz District Khost** a dead body of a person who was kidnapped some days ago was found near to his home. Police officials has verified the incident and stated that investigation is going on.
- UNDDSS reported that on **05/11/07 at Dadwal Area, Mandozai District Khost** a teenager (16 year old boy) was shot and killed in the area by unknown gunman. Police sources verified the incident and stated that they are investigating the case.  
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Police stated that the family has no conflict or enmity with any one. Though, one of their family members is working with IMF in selarno base in Khost.

Media stated that till now no one has claimed responsibility for the incident.

- UNDSS reported that on **11/11/07 at Ibrahim khiel village Gardez center Paktia** The body of unidentified person was found in the area; he was shot and killed in the area. Police sources confirmed the incident, and stated that his identity is not clear. Hospital sources verified the incident and mentioned the local had checked his identity but no one was able to identify it, the postmortem report suggest that he was shot with the pistol one or two days ago. Moreover, the hospital source stated that they are going to shift the dead body to Kabul. 1-Noncombatantkilled
- UNDSS reported that on **14/11/07 at Lakan Area Matun District Khost** a 3 armed man entered the house rented by NSP and opened a fire which resulted in injury to one of the driver.  
Police verified the incident and stated that though they are investigating the case however they have strong suspicion that Taliban might be involved in the attack. According to media no one has claimed responsibility for the incident till now.
- UNDSS reported that on **21/11/07 at Waro village Giro District Ghazni** a dead body of 20 year old boy was found in the area.  
Police source didn't verified the report nor by Governor or PC office.
- UNDSS reported about the attack on **28/11/07 Ajristan district Ghazani**. The perpetrators of the attack not yet identified. 6 noncombatants including a woman were injured.
- **On 18 November, Badakhshan province**, Wardoj district, at approximately 1530hrs, a vehicle belonging to AKDN Health Unit was attacked by two unknown gunmen who opened fire at the vehicle with AK assault rifles. The driver and a teacher who was a passenger in the vehicle were killed instantly while two other passengers were wounded.
- **On 06 November** an elder and Provincial Shora member was shot and killed in **Nahri Sarraj District (Helmand)** by two unknown gunmen ridding on a motorcycle as he returned home from the Mosque.
- **On 03 November** a national INGO staff member traveling on his private Toyota Corolla vehicle was attacked by two masked gunmen riding a Motorcycle in **District two, Kandahar City**. The attackers tried to stop the vehicle. The driver was shot during his escape.
- According to UNAMA sources **on 11 November 2007 Kijran**, a rocket (RPG) reportedly hit the house of Mr. Sayed Amir in Dorwana village (located close to Zardgulan) which resulted in the death of one child (age and sex unknown) and the injury of his/her mother and one shepherd man. It has been reported that the rocket was fired by AGEs but there is no confirmation and hence it remains unclear whether the rocket was fired by AGEs or governmental forces.  
Additionally, a shepherd was injured reportedly as a result of AK 47 shot.

- A Wahdat daily news report (Peshawar) quotes the Qari Sajad, Tora Boora Mujahideen Front spokesperson as reporting that **on 9 November**, Taliban executed a business man from Khoyghani district, in the **Fatera area of Chaparhar district, Nangarhar**. Some sources confirmed that unknown armed men in the mentioned area killed a local businessperson Zahir and the motive behind this murder is not known yet.
- **On 20 November**, an UXO detonated in Manogai district, **Kunar Province** and injured three children. The children were collecting wood at the time of the incident and were transported to Asadabad Public Hospital where their condition is classed as critical.
- UNDSS reported that **on 28/11/07** at **Dwamunda District, Khost** a teacher was assassinated

**In December 2007 a total of 82 civilians were killed of which:**

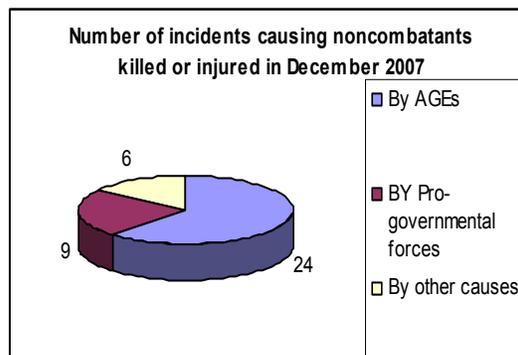
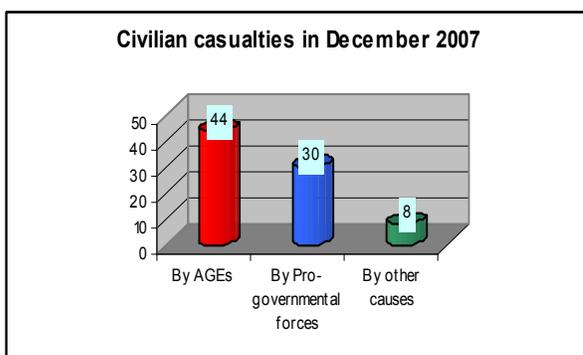
- 44 by anti government elements
- 30 by pro-governmental forces
- 8 by other causes



**The Impact of the armed conflict on women and children:**

The total 82 civilians killed in December 2007 includes a minimum of 4 children and 1 women of which :

- 0 child and 1 woman by Anti government elements
- 1 children 0 woman by pro governmental forces
- 3 Children by other causes



**By anti- government elements:**

- On **3 December** a suicide bomber wearing a BBIED vest approached a vehicle of PSC guards responsible for protecting an Indian Road Construction Company (BRO) and detonated the device **in front of Central Mosque in Ghorghory town Khash Rod District. (Nimroz)** Two PSC guards and two civilians were killed. Three PSC guards and at least five civilians were wounded.
- On **12 December** a suicide VBIED bomber attacked an ANA vehicle in **District 5 Kandahar City**. One civilian passer-by was killed; four other civilians and two ANA soldiers were wounded.
- On **5 December** a civilian commercial truck was struck by road side IED in **Nagahan Village on the road to Khakrez District**. One civilian was killed and two others were injured.
- On **8 December** a local tractor, which was carrying water from ABP base to an ABP check post in **Shorabak District (Kandahar)** was struck by a road side IED. The driver was injured and the tractor was damaged.

- On **13 December** a civilian mini bus struck a freshly planted anti-tank mine outside **Tirin Kot town (Uruzgan)**. Six civilians were reportedly killed and six others were wounded.
- On **17 December** a local family of five consisting of husband, wife and three children were killed when the motorcycle on which they were all riding struck a road side IED in **Tirin Kot (Uruzgan)**. They were reported to be on their way from their home in Garmab Village having been shopping in preparation for Eid in Tirin Kot Bazaar.
- On **19 December** AGE assassinated two local male adults by hanging them from trees in **Kajaki District (Helmand)**. They were accused of spying for international forces and the Government.
- On **23 December** a civilian van was struck by road side IED in **Dala Dam area, Shah Wali Kot District (Kandahar)**. Two civilians were reportedly killed and four others were wounded.
- On **23 December** AGE assassinated a local male adult by hanging him from a tree in the **Ashogha Village of Zheri District (Kandahar)**. He was reportedly accused of spying for international forces and the Government.
- On **23 December** an adult male was shot and killed by AGE in **Jaimrasi Village of Panjwayi District (Kandahar)**. The AGE rigged his body with IED and laid his body by the side of the road; the ANP officers tied a rope to his body and pulled to set off the IED. There was no other casualty recorded.
- On **24 December** a donkey cart was struck by road side IED in **Ashogha area, Zheri District, (Kandahar.)** Two children who were riding in the cart were injured and evacuated to Kandahar Hospital for treatment.
- On **4/12/2007** At 8:15hrs, in **PD 9 Qala e wakil area Kabul province** a SVBIED attack on a two-vehicle IM convoy and a civilian bus with ANA passengers failed after a premature detonation. The incident occurred on the main Mahsoud Square-Airport route. 6 Non-combatants sustained serious injuries with damages to passer-by vehicles.
- On **5/12/2007** in **Waisalabad/Chilsutun area, Takhnikum road Kabul Province**, at 0700hrs, a black Toyota Corolla vehicle rigged with a VBIED rammed into a civilian bus with ANA passengers on board. GoA reports put casualty figures at six ANA killed and six critically injured. 7 Non-combatants (shopkeepers and bystanders) were killed. 15 others (including schoolboys) injured.
- On **15/12/2007** in PD-2 **Salang wat area Kabul Province** At 0820hrs two rockets concealed as an IED in a pick up vehicle(Reg#48689KBL) exploded on the main road close to the South gate of KCP. Five civilians were killed and 35 others sustained injuries in this incident.
- On **24/12/2007** in **PD-11 Panjsad Family Area Kabul province** at 1230hrs, eight children sustained minor injuries after an old UXO (rocket) they were playing with accidentally exploded near a grave yard.

- On **8/12/07 DSS report on Herat-Kandar ring road**, convoy of Delaram district administrator escorted by ANP attacked by AGEs. 7 killed, including district administrator and his son.
- On **16/12/07 in Pusht-e-Rod district, Dorahi Masaw area, Farah province**. DSS report, GoA employee of transport department abducted by suspected AGEs. 17 Dec ANP recover his dead body from Qala Khoshkaba in Khaki Safit in a search operation. UNAMA PA reports AGEs the execution is strongly believed to be politically motivated.
- On **1/12/07 in Speend Band Area, Qarbagh district, Ghazni province** UNAMA received report from UNDSS four private trucks that were transporting GoA supplies were attacked and burned by a group of insurgents. A civilian guard who was escorting the trucks was killed in the attack but the drivers and their assistants escaped.
- On **2/12/07** UNDSS reported that in **Khost Province, Bak District**, on the **main Khost-Bak road**, during the day; reportedly a taxicab was hit by a roadside IED explosion. Two civilians were wounded and the vehicle was slightly damaged in the explosion.
- On **16/07/12 in Khulbesat area, Sabari District, Khost Province** UNDSS reported that in Khost Province, Sabari District, Khulbesat area, a civilian vehicle was hit by an IED planted on a roadside in the area. As a result of the IED explosion four civilians were wounded.
- On **23/12/07 Province** UNDSS reported that in **Khost Province, Bak District, Chinargi area**, at; a civilian vehicle was hit by an IED explosion. The IED was planted on a sub-road in the area. Three civilians, including a woman, were killed in the explosion.
- It was reported that on **11 December in Pashad area Surkanai district Kunar province** AGEs attacked a police check post with mortars. The firing missed target and hit two residential buildings injuring 4 civilians, included three children.
- On **11 December**, AGEs reportedly killed a local resident in **Koat district, Kunar province** for allegedly spying for the international military forces. A letter from the AGEs was reportedly found attached to the deceased body with a warning that other spies will face similar consequences.
- On **7 December** four civilians were reported killed and four others wounded in crossfire during joint ANA/international forces operations in the **Southern part of Musa Qala District (Helmand)**.

**By Pro-governmental forces:**

- On **6 December** international forces conducted air strikes in **Garmser District (Helmand)**. Unconfirmed reports indicate that 13 AGE and eight civilians were killed when a truck full of AGE ammunition was hit and exploded.
- On **7 December** four civilians were reported killed and four others wounded in crossfire during joint ANA/international forces operations in the **Southern part of Musa Qala District (Helmand)**.

- On **09 December** international forces state that they carried out an operation to the **west of Kandahar City** where 3 AGE were arrested and an arms cache discovered. During the operation a 13 year old girl was killed. The exact cause of her death is unknown.
- On **4 December, Kandahar Province, Daman District**, an ISAF convoy opened fire on a civilian corolla vehicle in Shor Andam area on Highway 4 between Kandahar and KAF. They opened fire because the vehicle failed to stop and pull off to the side of the road as the ISAF convoy approached. Two civilians were injured.
- On **2 December**, AGE attacked the ISAF base in **Waygal District, Nuristan Province** with RPG/PK and SAF. In response, ISAF reportedly conducted an air-strike which according to unconfirmed reports indicates that four civilians were injured.
- Kunar authorities reported that on **4 December** in **Barabat village, Khas Kunar District, Kunar Province** ISAF fired an artillery round which impacted in close proximity to a local shepherd and his herd. The shepherd was injured and a number of his animals were killed.
- Afghan National Police (ANP) has confirmed that an unknown type of artillery which is being tested was fired from local International Military base on **22/12/2007 at Bama Khel village of Pacher Wo Agam district of Nangarhar province**. The artillery missed the target and hit Hajji Gul's house at about 10:30 p.m. Two women and a girl were reported to be slightly injured.
- Around **18** civilians have been killed and **41** others injured by an air strike in **Baghran Sub-district of Helmand province** on **11-P.M. 25/12/07**.  
This was told to UNAMA by Mr. Khawanin one of the helpers of those **12** injured civilians who have been admitted in Kandahar Mirwais Hospital on **26/12/07**.  
Mr.Khawanin added that we were asleep when the air strike took place targeted two villages named **Kalanjue** and **Tareak** and all those were targeted who ever was moving out of their room to the compound of their houses to see what is going on ,as a result **18** non-combatants have been killed and **41** others injured mostly women and children .  
He added that they do not know why they have been targeted because there was no Taliban force nor any kind of clash.
- On **17/12/2007** in **PD-10 Kabul International Airport Area Kabul Province** At 0730hrs, ANP/ANA advertently shot dead a local male suspected to be a suicide bomber after he failed to heed to stop warning. The victim who was wearing ANA marked sports clothing was apparently walking towards the second check post when the incident occurred. After an investigation no explosives were found on him.

#### **By other causes:**

- On **18 December** the secretary to the Governor of Kandahar was shot and killed by unknown armed men in front of his house in **District 8, Kandahar City**.
- On **09/12/07 Mormenda, Ali Sher District Khost** UNDDSS reported that local security sources reported that unknown armed men shot and killed a man while he was praying. The motive of the killing is not clear but the local population believes it was because of the man's support for GoA.

- A truck driver employed by a company engaged by the international military forces in **Assadabad, Kunar province was found dead in his home Kerala are, Asadabad centre, Kunar province on 9th December**. It is suspected that he was killed as a result of his carrying out his duties under of his employment.
- On **20 December in Sipae village Bati kot district Nangarhar province** An UXO exploded, resulting in the killing of a boy age 7 and another girl age 3. It also injured a 13 years old girl. The children found the old UXO and took it home, while playing, it exploded.
- On **23/12/2007**, two men were killed at night by unknown gunmen in **Kandi Bagh area of Chaparhar district of Nangarhar**.  
Qari Sajad, spokesperson of Tora Bora Mujahideen Front claimed that his Front was responsible for these killings. He accused the victims of spying for the International Military Forces.  
No other Anti-Governmental Element has refuted this claim. However, Afghan National Police (ANP) sources informed UNAMA that personal enmity may be the cause of the killings. District authorities have however confirmed to UNAMA, that they have arrested a person suspected to be responsible for the killings.
- On **6/12/2007 PD-7, Chihil Sutun area Kabul Province**, a child was killed and another wounded after an old UXO they were playing with exploded. One child was killed and another was wounded

