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UPDATE ON CIVILIAN CASUALTIES IN AFGHANISTAN

Further to its statement released on Tuesday, 3 March, and in line with its Security Council mandate, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) continues to verify and record incidents of civilian casualties inside Afghanistan as a result of cross-border armed clashes between Pakistan and Afghanistan's *de facto* authorities.

From late evening 26 February to 5 March 2026, UNAMA verified and recorded a total of 185 civilian casualties in Afghanistan - 56 civilians killed and a further 129 injured - due to indirect fire and aerial attacks.

The majority (55 per cent) of the recorded civilian casualties in this period were women and children.

In one incident, on 27 February in Barmal district of Paktika province, airstrikes killed 14 civilians (four women, two girls, five boys and three men) and wounded six others (two women, one girl, two boys and one man).

The number of civilians killed from the latest cross-border armed clashes surpass civilian fatalities verified and recorded by UNAMA during cross-border hostilities between Afghanistan and Pakistan from 10-17 October 2025 when 47 civilians were killed and a further 456 injured.

In the last three months of 2025, UNAMA documented at least 70 civilians killed and 478 injured in Afghanistan. Additionally, between 1 January and 22 February 2026, 13 civilians were killed and 12 others injured in airstrikes and cross-border shelling in Nangarhar province.

UNAMA reiterates its call to all parties to implement protocols to prevent civilian casualties and meet their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians.

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