



Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission

Title: Civilian Casualty Figure; First Seven Months of 2010 (1st January – 31st July)

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This report shows number of the civilian casualties in Afghanistan during the first seven months of year 2010, which have been gathered accurately by the regional, provincial and central offices of the AIHRC in Kabul. The report indicates the rise of civilian casualty continuously since 2001 and civilians are the daily victims of the current armed conflict in Afghanistan. This report indicates 5.5% rise in civilian casualty compare to last year (first seven months of 2009) that Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission and other Human rights bodies are concerned of. In the first seven months of year 2009 approximately 1252 civilians were killed during the armed conflict but this figure rise to 1325 in 2010.

Breakdown of these casualties by perpetrators have not been changed much. In the year 2009 Anti-Government Elements, AGEs, were responsible for 67% of all casualties and Pro-government Forces, PGF, for about another 25% of it. The same way in the first seven months of 2010, AGEs' armed activities caused 67.5% and PGF caused 23% of all casualties. In the year 2010, the percentage of civilians killed by unknown perpetrators had an increase of 2%. Armed conflict between the Pro-government Forces and Anti-government Elements and insecurity in some areas of the country are the main reasons that prevented the investigators of AIHRC from investigating cases in these areas. Thus, perpetrators of some incidents have remained unknown.

In 2010, as per changes of tactics of Pro-government Forces and Anti-government Elements, there are rare changes in cause and types of civilian deaths then 2009. Last year, based on the types of attacks, Land mines and IEDs by AGEs had the most casualties which in the year 2010 remain to its extreme level, but casualties caused by suicide attacks have had a decreased then the last year. Execution and target killings have replaced the suicide attacks and have taken the lives of nearly 197 civilians in the first seven months of 2010 while in the year 2009, number of 225 civilians were executed during the whole year. The executions of civilians, especially government

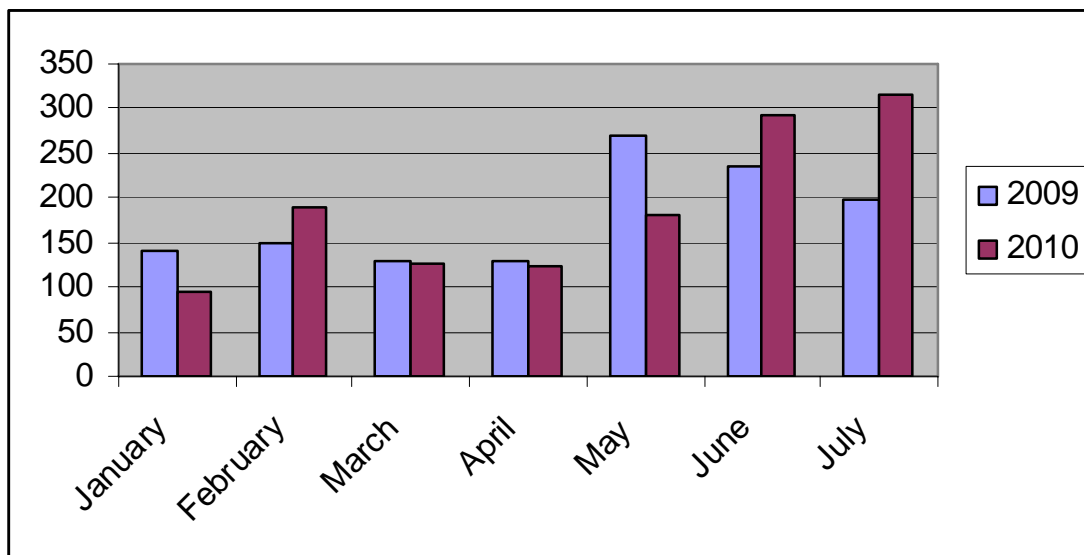
officials, relatives of security personal, tribe elders and government supporters have been increased seemingly in the South of Afghanistan.

Fortunately, in 2010, number of civilian casualties caused by air strikes which was one of the main concerns of AIHRC, shows a decrease compare to 2009, but rocket attacks by Pro-government Forces have taken lives of more civilians than last year. Casualties caused during the night raids had a fall but a rise can be noticed in the incidents of Force Protection.

Total civilian casualties in first seven months of year 2010: 1325

1.1 Comparison with the year 2009

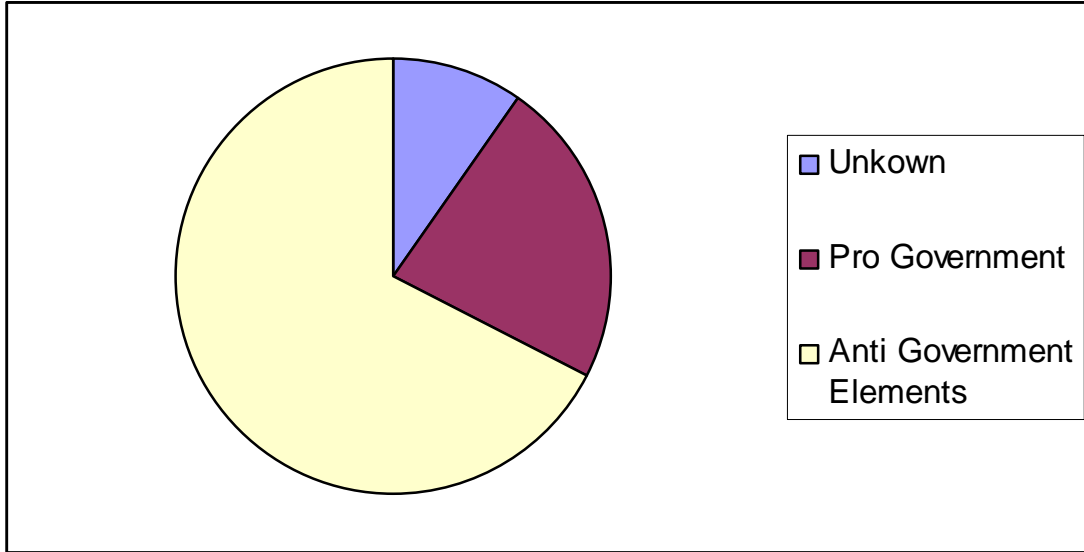
Month	2009	2010
January	141	96
February	149	189
March	129	127
April	128	122
May	271	181
June	236	294
July	198	316
Total	1252	1325



Increase compare to 2009: 5.5%

1.2 Breakdown based on Perpetrators

Anti Government Elements	895	67.57%
Pro Government	303	22.86%
Unknown	127	9.584%



1.3 Breakdown based on Age and Sex

Male:	899
Female:	209
Children:	217

(Children Percentage: 16.37%)

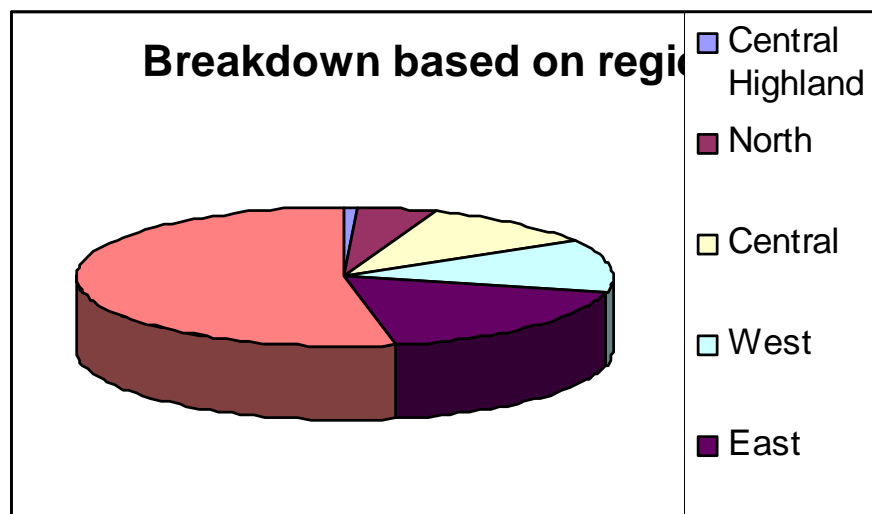
1.4 Types of Incidents that caused highest civilian casualty

Land Mines and Road side IEDs:	425
Suicide Attacks:	122
Killing and Executions:	197

(Only in June and July 2010, land mines and IEDs have taken lives of more than 200 civilians)

1.5 Braekdown based on regions

South:	701
East:	238
West:	165
North:	64
Central Highlands:	11
Central:	141



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