



## Press Release

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### Civilians' casualties decline in September: CPAG

A report from the Civilian Protection Advocacy Group (CPAG) shows decline in civilian casualties during the month of September generally while two-fold decline happened compared to previous months.

CPAG collected civilians' casualty figures on monthly basis and use that statistics to press conflicting parties to end harming civilians and avoid using villages and residential areas as battle fields.

According to the report, around 241 people suffered casualties with 101 of them martyred and 140 others injured including women and children in September.

Of the fatalities, 29 people martyred and 16 others wounded in Nangarhar province, according to CPAG that said most of the casualties caused in targeted killing while clashes between the Afghan forces and the Taliban was the second major source of casualties.

After Nangarhar, capital Kabul is the second province with high rate of casualties. Nine people have been killed and 69 others injured in Kabul in September.

In August, 620 people suffered casualties with 254 of them dead and 361 others wounded.

CPAG said that the casualties happened in 15 provinces of the country while the rest of other provinces were stable compare to past months.

Different to past months when most of casualties happened due to car bombings, mortar strikes and landmines, in September, most of casualties caused in ambushes and face to face clashes between the Afghan forces and militants.

CPAG expressed concern over civilian casualties and said both war and humanitarian laws were violated during the ongoing conflict.

The group once again voiced on the government and militants to observe war rules and avoid causing casualties to civilians. CPAG is comprised of around 20 civil foundations which is active in Kabul and many other provinces of Afghanistan.