



# Suicide Attacks: Afghanistan



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Remains of an SVBIED, Paktia Province, FOB Gardez  
(U.S. Army photo, 24 September 2010)

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# OEA Team Threat Report



## Purpose

- To inform deploying units, scenario developers, and trainers of the threat from suicide attacks in Afghanistan.
- To provide examples of tactics, techniques, and procedures employed by suicide bombers in Afghanistan.

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## JANUARY 2010

- ❑ **07 January - Paktika Province, Gardez, a suicide bomber wearing an explosives-filled vest, detonated his device in a market killing at least nine people and wounding at least 28 others.**
  - Nasir Paray, the commander of a private security firm working for American forces, appeared to be the target of the attack. Paray, his brother, and two bodyguards were killed.
  
- ❑ **11 January - Uruzgan Province, Dihrawud District, a suicide bomber attempted to enter a police office where a meeting was being conducted. The bomber was prevented from entering when he was wounded by police. He detonated his explosive vest, killing one policeman and wounding two others.**
  
- ❑ **13 January - Kandahar Province, Daman District, a SVBIED exploded near a police station, wounding three police and three civilians.**



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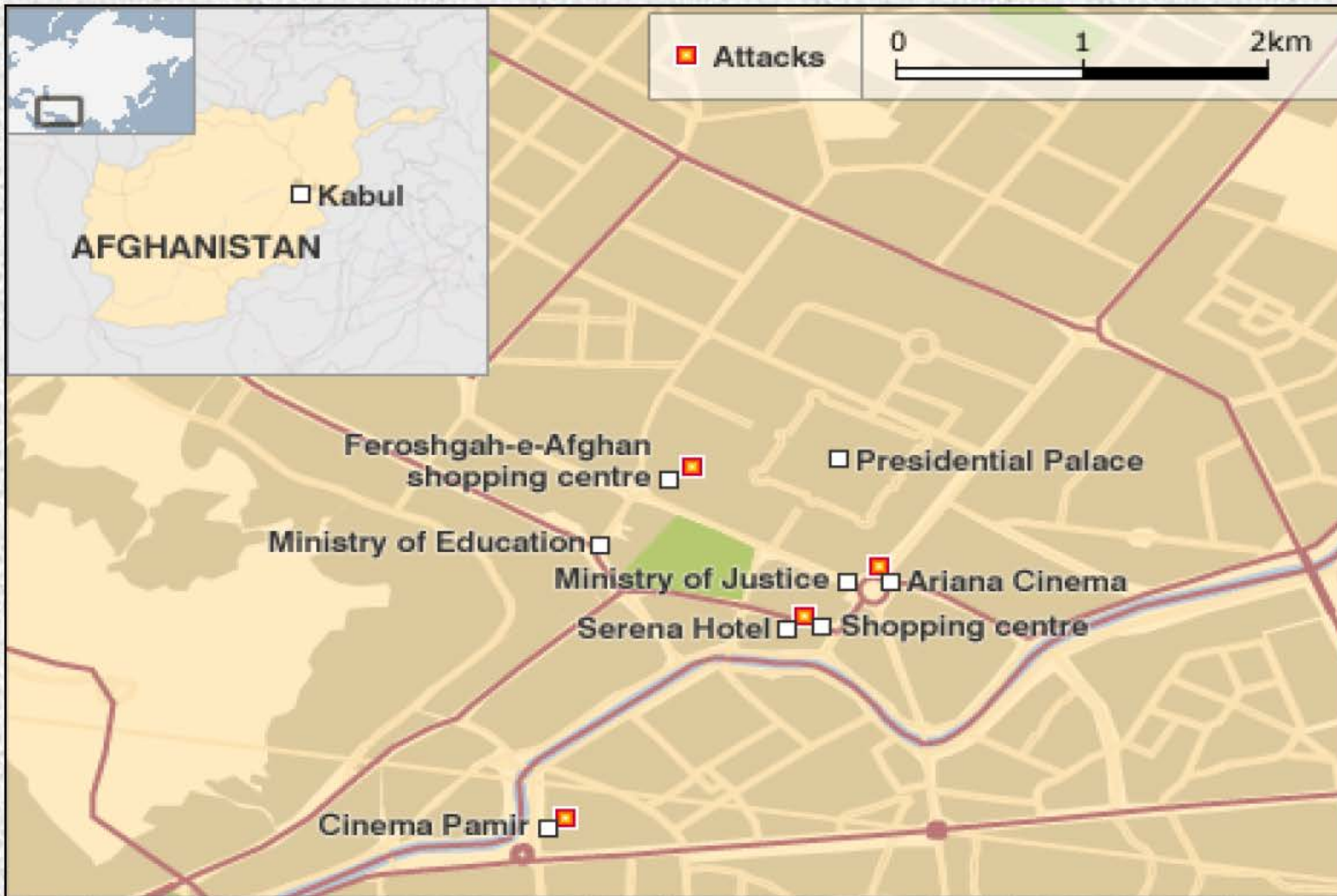
## JANUARY 2010

- **14 January - Uruzgan Province, Gardez, Dihrawud District, a suicide bomber detonated explosives at the Haji Mohammad Nasim market, killing at least 15 people and wounding at least 13 more.**
  
- **18 January - Kabul Province, Kabul city, a complex attack by the Taliban killed at least five people and wounded 71 more.\***
  - The attacks began at about 0950 (0520 GMT) when a man disobeying commands to stop was fired upon by security guards in front of the Central Bank, next to the Presidential palace, after he tried to climb over a barrier. The suicide bomber detonated explosives, leaving only his legs intact. The attacker's shoes were of Pakistani design.
  
  - Minutes later, two or three suicide bombers plus armed militants took over a multi-storey shopping center overlooking the presidential palace, and attacked other government buildings and the five-star Serena Hotel. As security forces responded to the shopping center, a suicide bomber driving a van painted like an ambulance detonated explosives outside another nearby shopping center.
  
  - Security forces declared the situation under control at about 1500 local time (1230 GMT).



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## 18 JANUARY 2010



Map of 18 January attacks in Kabul (BBC, 18 January 2010)



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# JANUARY 2010

- 24 January - Helmand Province, Khan Nehin District, a suicide bomber detonated explosives at the Tagaz bazaar, killing two children.**
  
- 26 January - Kabul Province, a SVBIED exploded on Jalalabad road outside the main gate of Camp Phoenix, wounding six afghan civilians.**



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# FEBRUARY 2010

- 04 February - Kandahar Province, Kandahar city, a SVBIED apparently exploded prematurely as the vehicle was approaching the main road. At least two people were killed and as many as 18 were wounded.**
  
- 11 February - Paktia Province, Dand aw Patan District, a suicide bomber wearing an Afghan border policeman's uniform detonated explosives, wounding five Americans.**
  
- 13 February - Kandahar Province, attack killed three US troops and wounded seven people.**
  
- 22 February - Nangarhar Province, Khogyani District, a suicide bomber detonated explosives after approaching a group of tribal elders at a gathering of refugees. The blast killed 15 people, including warlord Mohammad Haji Zaman (also known as Haji Zaman Gamsurek).**



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# FEBRUARY 2010

- **26 February - Kabul Province, Kabul, the Taliban conducted a complex attack targeting guesthouses frequented by foreigners, killing at least 17 people and wounding at least 32 more.**
  - The attack was initiated by a car bombing outside the Hamid guesthouse, popular with Indian workers. Three suicide bombers then entered the Park Residence, a guesthouse often used by Americans. Two of the bombers detonated explosives inside the building. The third bomber was killed by police about four hours later.





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## MARCH 2010

- 01 March - Kandahar Province, a SVBIED attack on a NATO convoy killed five people, including one soldier, and wounded an unknown number of others.**
  
- 09 March - Khost Province, Ali Shir District, two NATO soldiers were killed when a man wearing a suicide vest detonated explosives outside a US. Military base also used by the afghan national border police.**
  
- 13 March - Kandahar Province, Kandahar city, four suicide attackers struck near a hotel, a prison, a mosque and at an intersection in the center of Kandahar. At least 35 people were killed and at least 57 injured.\***
  - President Karzai's half-brother, Ahmad Wali Karzai, head of Kandahar's provincial council, said the first attack was a SVBIED at Kandahar's main prison. The second was a motorcycle SBIED near Karzai's home, the third explosion was a bicycle SVBIED targeting a police vehicle and the fourth blast was at Kandahar police headquarters.



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## MARCH 2010

- ❑ 17 March - Helmand Province, Lashkargah, two suicide bombers **wearing burqas** were shot by Afghan police at the office of an aid organization. One of the bombers detonated explosives but only the bombers were killed. One civilian was injured.
- ❑ 17 March - Helmand Province, Gereshk, a suicide bomber unintentionally detonated the explosive vest he was putting on inside a home. A child was wounded in the explosion.\*
- ❑ 21 March - Helmand Province, Gereshk, a rickshaw SVBIED, which was apparently targeting an afghan army vehicle, exploded near a crowd of civilians. At least 10 people were killed and at least seven wounded.
- ❑ 25 March - Ghazni Province, Muqur District, a would-be suicide bomber was killed by civilians who turned the explosive vest in to police.\*

**\*Analyst comment: As bombers in the 17 and 25 March incidents were not able to attack their intended targets, these incidents will not be counted as part of the statistical assessment. These reports are included for information only.**



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## MARCH 2010

- 26 March - Helmand Province, Sangin, a SVBIED exploded near a British foot patrol, killing one British soldier.**
- 31 March - Helmand Province, Lashkargah, Babaji, a suicide bomber detonated explosives amidst a group of farmers gathered to receive free seeds, killing seven people and wounding 20 more.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## APRIL 2010



- 01 April - Farah Province, a motorcycle SVBIED exploded near a convoy of oil tankers; the attacker was the only casualty.**
- 07 April - Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad, Mostofeyat, a suicide attack targeting ISAF soldiers killed one civilian and injured 15 civilians but caused no casualties to the soldiers.**
- 08 April - Kabul Province, Kabul city, Afghan police arrested five would-be suicide bombers as they were entering Kabul from the south in a sport utility vehicle.**
  - According to Abdul Ghafar, deputy commander of the Afghan National Police crisis unit, the suicide bombers had been sent by the Haqqani network.\*
- 12 April - Kandahar Province, Kandahar city, three insurgents wearing suicide vests attempted to seize the main intelligence building. one attacker managed to detonate his explosives while the other two were killed by security forces. two security personnel were wounded.**

**\* Analyst comment: As the would-be bombers in the 08 April incident were not able to attack their intended target(s), this incident will not be counted as part of the statistical assessment. This report is included for information only.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## APRIL 2010



- 15 April - Kandahar Province, Kandahar city, a SVBIED exploded at the inner security barrier of a compound shared by several western companies, killing at least three people and wounding at least 16 others.**
- 19 April - Kabul Province, Kabul city, a suicide attack at an Afghan Army base killed one U.S. soldier. two others were wounded in the attack.**
- 25 April - Zabul Province, Sahjoy District, a suicide bomber approached security guards working for the U.S. Protection and Investigations private security company at a market and detonated explosives, killing four people and injuring 12 more.**
- 27 April - Kandahar Province, Kandahar city, a SVBIED exploded at a compound providing logistical support to NATO forces, killing three people and wounding 35 others.**
- 29 April - Laghman Province, a SVBIED exploded at the entrance of an Afghan army training facility, killing a soldier and wounding two soldiers.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## MAY 2010



- 03 May - Khost Province, Khost city, a SVBIED exploded outside forward operating base Chapman, killing one civilian and wounding two security guards.**
- 05 May - Nimruz Province, Zaranj, the Taliban utilized as many as nine suicide bombers in a complex attack on the office of the governor of Nimroz Province. At least five detonated explosives. Two police officers and a provincial council member were killed in the attack. Approximately 12 people were wounded.**
- 12 May - Uruzgan Province, Dihrawud District, a suicide bomber attacked an Afghan police vehicle, killing three policemen.**
- 16 May - Kandahar Province, a motorcycle SVBIED exploded near the gate of an Afghan Border Police compound while two suicide bombers attempted to enter the compound but were shot and killed before they could detonate their explosive vests. At least three people were injured in the attack.\*\***

**\* Analyst comment: While multiple bombers were involved in the 05 May complex attack in Nimruz, this incident will be counted as one attack for statistical assessment. \*\* As the three attackers in the 16 May complex attack in Kandahar utilized different delivery methods, this incident will be counted as two attacks (one vehicle-borne and one body-borne) for statistical purposes.**



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# MAY 2010

- 18 May - Kabul Province, Kabul city, a SVBIED detonated near a U.S. convoy, killing 18 people, including six NATO soldiers - five Americans and a Canadian. At least 47 people were wounded in the attack.**
- 19 May - Parvan Province, Taliban insurgents initiated a complex attack on Bagram Airbase with four suicide bombers detonating explosives near the gates of the base. The suicide attacks were followed by small arms and rocket fire. One U.S. contractor and at least 11 insurgents were killed and nine soldiers were wounded in the attack.\***
- 20 May - Kandahar Province, a SVBIED detonated near a NATO convoy but caused no casualties.**
- 21 May - Paktika Province, Urgun District, insurgents initiated a complex attack on a police base with a SVBIED attack at the entrance to the compound. Three other suicide attackers dressed in military uniform then attempted to enter the station but were shot and killed. One policeman was killed.\*\***

**\* Analyst comment: While multiple bombers were involved in the 19 May complex attack in Parvan, this incident will be counted as one attack for statistical assessment. \*\*Analyst comment: The multiple attackers in the 21 May complex attack in Paktika will be counted as two attacks (one vehicle-borne and one body-borne) for statistical purposes.**



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# MAY 2010

- 29 May - Kabul Province, Kabul city, a suicide bomber detonated explosives close to a warehouse and supermarket run by Supreme Food Services, which supplies food to foreign troops. Only the bomber was killed and may have prematurely detonated his explosives.**
  
- 30 May - Khost Province, Karway Saray, the Taliban claimed responsibility for a SVBIED attack at an Afghan police compound. The Taliban claimed the attack killed nine policemen and wounded 23 others but those numbers were not confirmed.**
  
- 31 May - Ghazni Province, Qarabagh District, a bicycle SVBIED exploded next to a logistic convoy of NATO-led troops but caused no casualties.**





# OEA Team Threat Report

## JUNE 2010



- 02 June - Kabul Province, Kabul city, three suicide bombers, **wearing burqas** and armed with RPGs, attempted to breach the defenses of a compound where Afghan president Hamid Karzai was hosting a meeting with tribal leaders. According to Karzai's spokesman, Wahid Omar, two of the attackers were shot to death as they approached a checkpoint less than a mile from the compound and the third attacker was arrested.
- 06 June - Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad, a motorcycle SVBIED attack on a NATO convoy injured 13 people.
- 07 June - Kandahar Province, Kandahar city, a SVBIED explosion at a police training center was followed by two suicide bombers entering the compound. Police killed the bombers but two foreign nationals and three policemen were injured in the attack.
- 10 June - Zabul Province, Shahjoy District, a suicide bomber **dressed in a burqa** detonated explosives at a bazaar, killing two civilians and wounding at least 16 others.

\* Analyst comment: The multiple attackers in the 07 June complex attack in Kandahar will be counted as two attacks (one vehicle-borne and one body-borne) for statistical purposes.



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## JUNE 2010



- ❑ 02 June - Kandahar Province, Arghandab District, a suicide attack at a wedding party killed at least 40 people and wounded at least 80 more. The attack was carried out by a boy witnesses described as "12 or 13".
- ❑ 17 June - Ghazni Province, Andar District, a SVBIED attack at the District police headquarters wounded four policemen.
- ❑ 21 June - Kunar Province, Segal District, Shaltan village, Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed **a female suicide bomber** detonated an explosive vest amongst a crowd of military personnel who were helping at a clinic. He claimed 10 foreigners and two Afghan soldiers were killed, and seven foreigners and seven Afghans were wounded in the attack.
  - An ISAF spokesman stated the explosion was an IED attack which killed two U.S. soldiers while wounding two U.S. soldiers and two Afghan soldiers.



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## JUNE 2010

- ❑ **26 June - Uruzgan Province, a suicide bomber killed two Afghan civilians and wounded five others.**
  
- ❑ **30 June - Nangahar Province, Jalalabad, insurgents initiated a complex attack with a SVBIED detonation at the gate of the Jalalabad airport. Multiple attackers with small arms and RPGs then attempted to enter the airport but were repelled.**
  - Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said there were six suicide attackers but the Associated Press news agency reported eight insurgents died. An Afghan soldier and one international service member were wounded, according to NATO.

**\* Analyst comment: The multiple attackers in the 30 June complex attack in Nangahar will be counted as one vehicle-borne suicide bombing for statistical purposes as it is unclear if the other attackers were suicide bombers or not.**



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## JULY 2010



- 02 July - Kunduz Province, insurgents initiated a complex attack with a SVBIED detonation at the gate of a compound utilized by Development Alternatives Inc., a company contracted by USAID. A suicide bomber on foot also detonated his explosives at the gate. Four suicide bombers with small arms and grenades then entered the building. Afghan security forces engaged the attackers in a five hour battle. Five people were killed and 20 wounded, according to government officials.\***
  
- 05 July - Herat Province, Herat, a woman was injured by a suicide bomber in what appears to have been a premature detonation.**
  
- 09 July - Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad, a SVBIED attack against a convoy killed one civilian.**
  
- 10 July - Zabul Province, Shahjoi District, Afghan security forces shot and killed a would-be suicide bomber attempting to enter a base.**

**\* Analyst comment: The multiple attackers in the 02 July complex attack in Kunduz will be counted as two attacks (one vehicle-borne and one body-borne) for statistical purposes.**



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## JULY 2010



- 10 July - Khost Province, Ismail Khil District, a SVBIED exploded near a NATO convoy.**
  
- 13 July - Kandahar Province, Mirwais Miana District, a SVBIED attack at the gate of the headquarters of the Afghan National Civil Order Police was followed by rocket and small arms fire. Three U.S. soldiers, an Afghan policeman, and five Afghan civilians died in the attack.**
  
- 16 July - Herat Province, Gazara District, a SVBIED attack on a police convoy killed at least one policeman and wounded two others.**
  
- 18 July - Kabul Province, Kabul city, a suicide bomber detonated explosives near a market, killing three civilians and wounding approximately 45 people.**
  
- 18 July - Parvan Province, Bagram, a SVBIED detonated near Bagram Air Field but the bomber was the only casualty.**
  
- 31 July - Kunduz Province, Kunduz, a suicide bomber killed three people, including a local militia commander, and wounded 19 others at a football game.**



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## AUGUST 2010

- 02 August - Kandahar Province, Dand District, a SVBIED exploded near a vehicle carrying the District government chief, Hamadullah Nazak. Six children were killed in the blast and three people were wounded.**
- 03 August - Kandahar Province, Kandahar Air Field, between eight and ten insurgents attacked Kandahar Airfield. The attack was initiated when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest at the perimeter. At least two attackers killed outside the base were wearing explosive vests.\***
- 05 August - Kunduz Province, Imam Saheb District, a SVBIED attack on a convoy killed seven Afghan policemen while wounding six policemen and five civilians.**
- 08 August - Herat Province, a SVBIED attack on a police convoy killed four police and wounded one police officer.**

**\* Analyst comment: While multiple bombers were involved in the 03 August attack on Kandahar Air Field, this incident will be counted as one attack for statistical assessment.**



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## AUGUST 2010

- 09 August - Paktika Province, Gayan District, a suicide bomber was fired upon while approaching an Afghan army base. The bomber detonated his explosives, killing only himself.**
- 10 August - Kabul Province, Kabul, at least two suicide bombers opened fire at a building rented by a private security company before detonating explosive vests. Two security guards and three civilians were killed and one security guard was wounded in the attack.\***
- 18 August - Kandahar Province, Daman District, a SVBIED attack on a police vehicle crossing a bridge killed the Daman District police chief, two police officers and a civilian while wounding five police and a civilian.**

**\* Analyst comment: While multiple bombers were involved in the 10 August attack in Kabul, this incident will be counted as one attack for statistical assessment, as both bombers attacked the same location at the same time with the same method.**



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## AUGUST 2010

- 28 August - Khost Province, insurgents executed a complex attack on Forward Operating Base Salerno and Camp Chapman. Around 50 insurgents were killed. At least 13 of the attackers were wearing explosive vests. Two Afghan soldiers were killed and three were wounded, while four U.S. service members were wounded in the attack.**
- 29 August - Farah Province, two suicide bombers attempted to climb over the back wall of the governor's compound but were shot by guards. The bomber's explosives detonated but it was unclear if they intentionally detonated the explosives.**





# OEA Team Threat Report

## SEPTEMBER 2010

- 04 September - Kunduz Province, Kunduz, a motorcycle SVBIED attack killed five Afghan police and one civilian while wounding five people.**
  
- 08 September - Baghlan Province, Shahabuddin village, a suicide bomber targeted a group of pro-government militiamen killing one, while injuring two children and two militiamen.**
  - **The militiamen were former members of Hezbi Islami, an associate group of the Taliban which surrendered to the government in March and has been employed to provide security.**
  
- 20 September - Nangahar Province, Behsood District, a SVBIED attack on a NATO convoy injured four civilians.**
  
- 24 September - Balkh Province, Takhta Pul, a Toyota Corolla SVBIED attack on a NATO convoy killed a child and injured 29 civilians in a bus returning from a wedding.**



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# SEPTEMBER 2010

- 24 September - Paktia Province, Gardez, a SVBIED followed by four suicide bombers attempted to breach the perimeter of a forward operating base. There were no ISAF casualties, but an Afghan soldier and an Afghan security guard were injured.**
  
- 28 September - Ghazni Province, Ghazni city, a SVBIED exploded at the back of a car transporting Ghazni's deputy governor Mohammad Kazim Allahyar. The blast killed Allahyar, his son, nephew and driver, as well as at least two bodyguards and two civilians. At least 17 people were wounded in the attack.**
  
- 30 September - Kandahar Province, a Toyota Corolla SVBIED exploded beside a convoy of NATO troops on the Kandahar-Spin Boldak highway, killing three civilians and wounding at least nine others.**

**\* Analyst comment: The multiple attackers in the 24 September complex attack in Gardez will be counted as two attacks (one vehicle-borne and one body-borne) for statistical purposes.**



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# OCTOBER 2010

- 02 October - Helmand Province, Nahr-e Saraj, a suicide bomber approached a British patrol and detonated explosives, killing a Gurkha soldier.**
  
- 07 October - Baghlan Province, Shahabuddin, a suicide bomber detonated explosives near a German military convoy, killing one German soldier and injuring six others.**
  
- 08 October - Takhar Province, a suicide bomber killed Kunduz provincial governor Mohammad Omar at a mosque during Friday prayers. At least 19 others were killed and 35 wounded in the attack.**
  
- 10 October - Khost Province, Mandozai District, a SVBIED exploded near a military convoy, killing a child standing nearby and wounding two other people. A NATO vehicle suffered light damage.**
  
- 14 October - Helmand Province, Reg-i-Khan Nishin District, when an Afghan policeman confronted an individual approaching a compound, the man detonated explosives, killing himself and the policeman.**



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## OCTOBER 2010

- 23 October - Herat Province, Herat city, insurgents initiated a complex attack on a United Nations compound. The attack began when four militants drove up to the UN compound in a car loaded with explosives and fired a rocket at the gate. When the rocket failed to destroy the gate, three attackers exited the vehicle. The three were wearing burqas over police uniforms and were armed with AK-47s and suicide vests. The fourth attacker detonated the SVBIED, destroying the gate. Reports were conflicted regarding whether or not the attackers killed themselves or were killed by security forces. Reports also varied on the number of Afghan security forces wounded. No UN personnel were injured.\***
- 23 October - Kandahar Province, Kandahar city, a motorcycle SVBIED exploded before reaching a checkpoint, killing two civilians and injuring two others.**
- 25 October - Baghlan Province, Pul-e-Khumri, a Toyota Corolla SVBIED attack on a Hungarian convoy killed only the attacker with no casualties inflicted.**

**\* Analyst comment: The multiple attackers in the 23 October complex attack in Herat will be counted as two attacks (one vehicle-borne and one body-borne) for statistical purposes.**



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## OCTOBER 2010

- 25 October - Khost Province, Tanai District, a SVBIED attack near a police checkpoint killed one policeman and two civilians while wounding five policemen and five civilians.**
  
- 26 October - Farah Province, Farah city, two gunmen wearing explosive-filled vests attacked the home of an intelligence official. Guards fired upon the suicide bombers and one of the explosive vests detonated killing both attackers. One guard and two others were wounded.**
  
- 30 October - Khost Province, Tanai District, a SVBIED exploded near a military convoy. No casualty information was available.**



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# NOVEMBER 2010

- 01 November - Khandahar Province, a suicide bomber detonated explosives at the entrance to a U.S. base, killing two U.S. soldiers.**
- 03 November - Khost Province, Yaqoubi District, a SVBIED attack was followed by RPG fire on an Afghan Army outpost. The SVBIED killed two Afghan soldiers.**
- 05 November - Faryab Province, Khwaja Sabz Post District, a teenage suicide bomber detonated explosives in a bazaar, killing at least 12 people and wounding 30 others. The attack wounded the head of the Faryab provincial council, Mullah Rahmatullah Turkistani, who regularly visits the bazaar on Fridays.**
- 10 November - Khost Province, Dwa Mandala District, a SVBIED attack at a bazaar killed a policeman and an Afghan soldier while wounding four others.**
- 12 November – Kabul Province, Kabul, a SVBIED attack on Darulaman road, near Camp Julian, killed an Afghan soldier.**



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## NOVEMBER 2010

- 13 November - Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad, several gunmen attacked an Afghan army checkpoint outside a coalition base at dawn, sparking a gun battle which lasted at least two hours. Six insurgents were killed, including two who were wearing suicide vests.**
  
- 13 November - Kunduz Province, a motorcycle SVBIED killed at least 10 people.**
  
- 13 November - Kandahar Province, a suicide bomber detonated a vest bomb, killing three infantrymen from the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division**
  
- 16 November - Uruzgan Province, Tarin Kowt, a suicide bomber detonated explosives inside the house of tribal elder Mohammad Saddiq, killing Saddiq and injuring five of his guests.**



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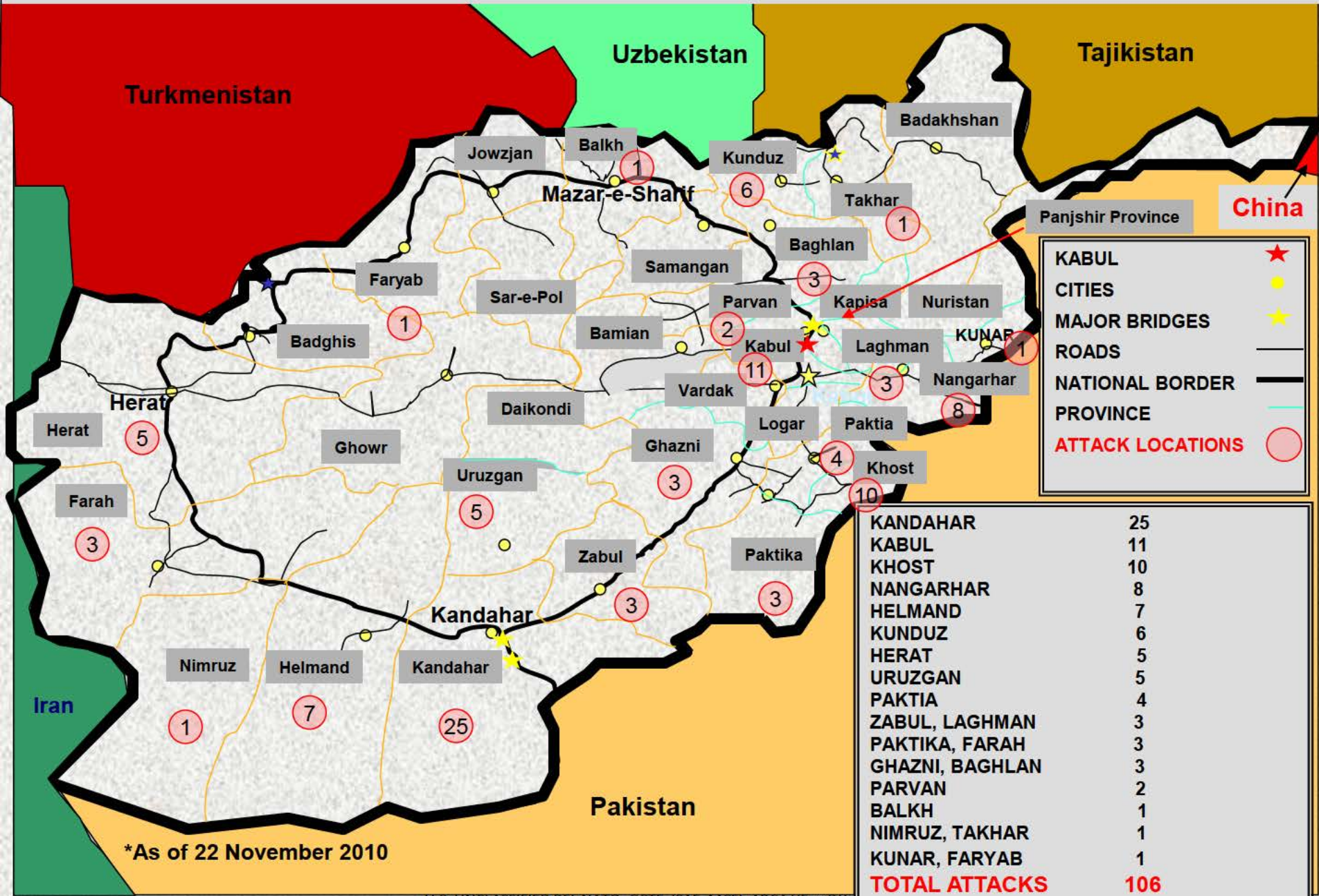
# NOVEMBER 2010

- 20 November - Laghman Province, Mehtar Lam District, Mehtar Lam, a suicide bomber riding a bicycle detonated explosives in front of the public health department, killing three and injuring 25 civilians. Minutes later a second suicide bomber on a bicycle detonated explosives, killing one man and injuring eight others.\***
- 22 November - Nangarhar Province, Mohamand Dara District , a suicide bomber injured two civilians.**

**\* Analyst comment: The multiple attackers on 20 November in Laghman will be counted as two attacks (vehicle-borne) for statistical purposes.**



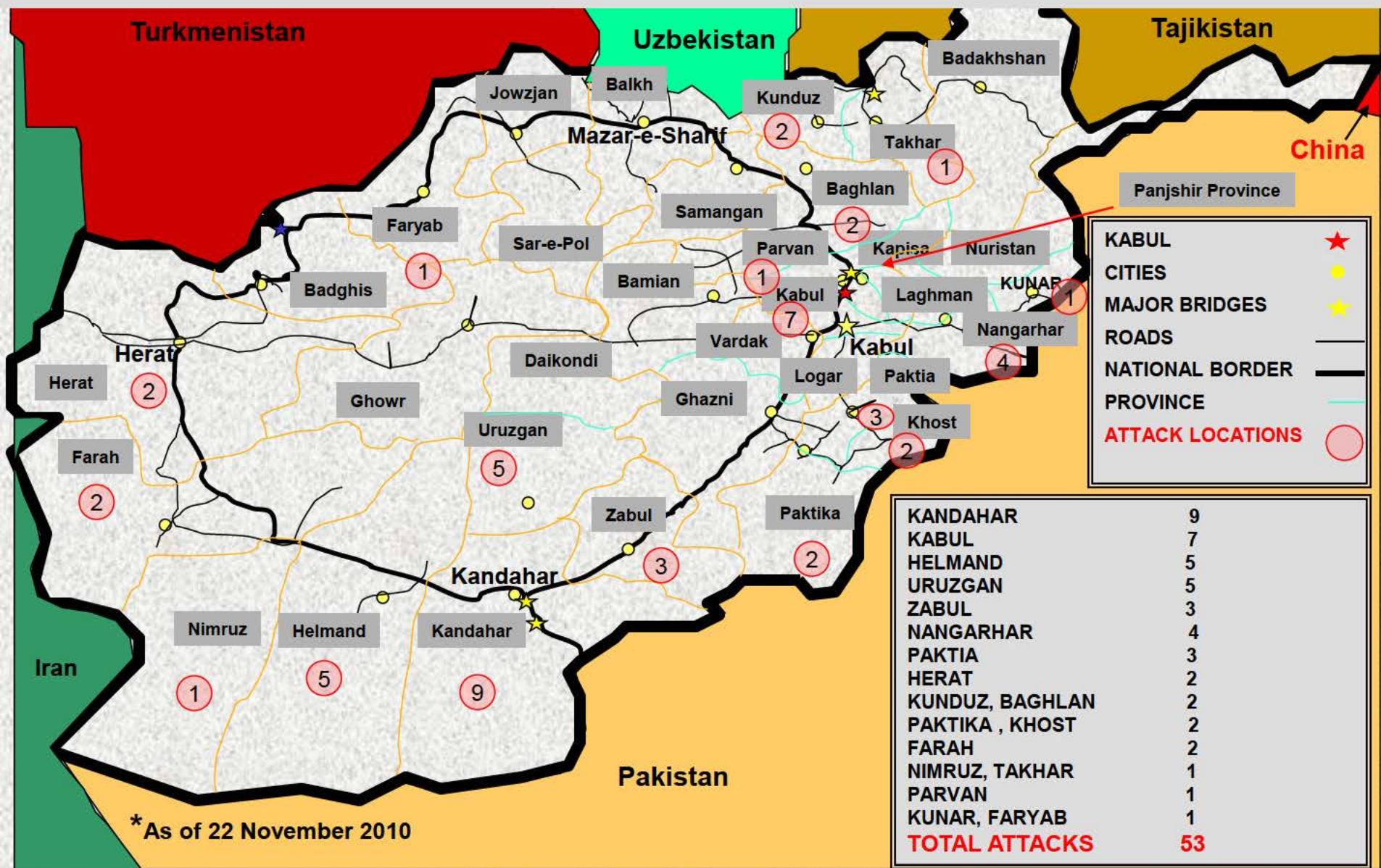
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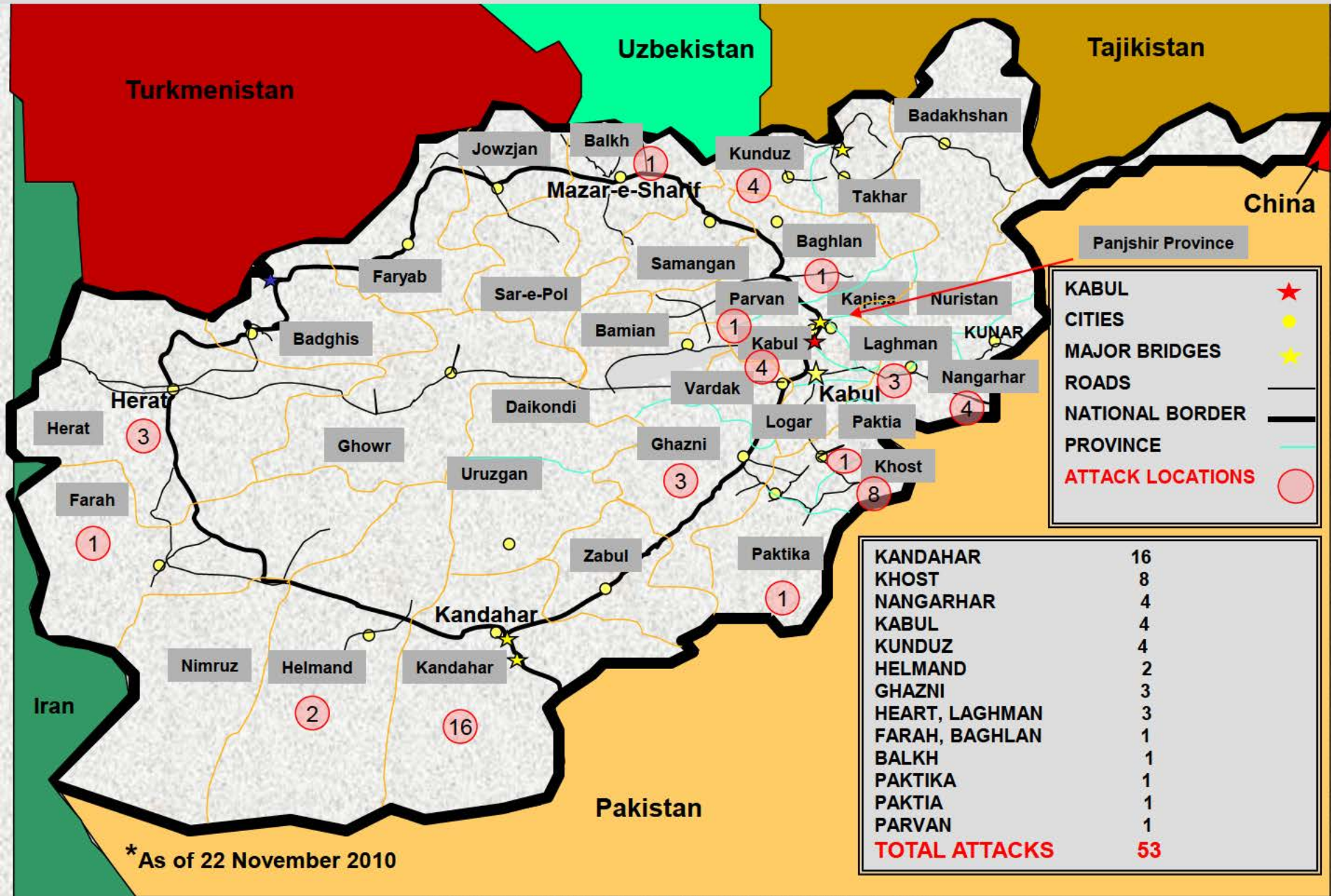
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# BODY-BORNE SUICIDE **ATTACKS** BY PROVINCE

## 2010\*



# SVBIED **ATTACKS** BY PROVINCE 2010\*



\* As of 22 November 2010



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# JANUARY 2009

- 01 January - Kandahar Province, Shahwali Khot District, Canadian soldiers shot and killed the driver of a sport utility vehicle after repeated warnings to stop were ignored and the vehicle approached a patrol at high speed. The vehicle was loaded with explosives.**
  
- 01 January - Herat Province, Adraskan District, at least five people were injured and one policeman was killed when a suicide bomber attacked a joint police and military patrol.**
  
- 08 January - Kandahar Province, Maywand District, three civilians were killed and 21 people injured by a SVBIED attack against a NATO-led convoy.**
  
- 09 January - Nimruz Province, Zaranj, a suicide bomber targeting a police officer killed at least 6 people at a market.**



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## JANUARY 2009

- 17 January - Kabul Province, Kabul city, a SVBIED rammed a us military vehicle guarding a gasoline tanker making a fuel delivery near the German embassy. Five people, including a US Soldier and a child, were killed. At least 26 others, including four US Soldiers and one U.S. civilian, were injured.**



Kabul - 17 January 2009

- 17 January - Nangarhar Province, Chaparhar District, a Toyota Corolla SVBIED killed one civilian while attempting to strike a NATO convoy.**



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## JANUARY 2009

- 19 January - Khost Province, a SVBIED exploded near a NATO base, killing a teenage boy and wounding 7 civilians. There were two suicide bombers in the vehicle, one left the car, apparently intending to attack those who responded to the SVBIED explosion. He was wounded in the SVBIED blast and fell to the ground, where he later detonated his explosives, causing no further casualties.
- 20 January - Herat Province, Mir Awad, a SVBIED detonated near a convoy, killing two afghan soldiers and wounding three others.



**Herat – 20 January 2009**



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# JANUARY 2009

- 20 January - Kandahar Province, a bicycle SVBIED exploded killing two police and injuring two others, including a passerby.**
  
- 24 January - Paktika Province, Samkanai District, a suicide bomber apparently targeting an intelligence official, killed one and wounded eight at a market. The intelligence official was unharmed.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## FEBRUARY 2009

- 01 February – Kabul Province, Kabul city, a SVBIED attack on a French convoy wounded two civilians and slightly wounded a French soldier.**
  
- 02 February – Uruzgan Province, Tirin Kot, a suicide attacker wearing a police uniform detonated explosives at a police station, killing 21 police officers and wounding 8 more.**
  
- 05 February – Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad, a SVBIED exploded near a military convoy.**
  
- 08 February – Nimruz Province, a suicide bomber attacked a group of afghan soldiers, killing one soldier and two civilians.**
  
- 10 February – Khost Province, a SVBIED attack on a NATO convoy killed 2 soldiers and wounded another.**





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## FEBRUARY 2009

**□ 11 February – Kabul Province, Kabul, eight Taliban suicide attackers burst into the Justice Ministry, while others struck at the prisons directorate and education ministry in coordinated attacks.**

- Five of the attackers stormed the ministry of justice building, prompting a three-hour firefight with afghan soldiers and police. A witness said one bomber blew himself up at the entrance gate after shooting dead a policeman, and another detonated his device at one of the building's doors.
- Two suicide attackers detonated their explosives at a prison near the Khair Khana District, north of Kabul.
- At the education ministry, about half a mile away, afghan security officers killed another suicide bomber. He detonated explosives but did not injure anyone.
- Details of the approximately 26 killed and 60 injured were not clear, but afghan defense ministry spokesman gen. Mohammed Zahir Azimi said most of the casualties were at the justice ministry, including civilians and guards. The attacks occurred a day before Richard Holbrooke, the new us special envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, was expected to visit Kabul.



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## FEBRUARY 2009

- ☐ 12 February – Paktika Province, Shrena, an elderly man, who appeared to have difficulty walking, blew himself up and killed a policeman who was helping him outside the offices of the provincial governor.**
  
- ☐ 12 February – Nimruz Province, a suicide bomber attacked an Afghan convoy, killing one soldier and wounding two more.**
  
- ☐ 23 February – Nimruz Province, Zarang, two suicide bombers blew themselves up within minutes of each other at an anti-drug police station, killing one officer and wounding two more.**
  - The first suicide attacker, wearing civilian clothes, approached the station at about 11 am; when police shouted for the man to stop, he blew himself up, causing no casualties. Minutes later, a second attacker, wearing a police uniform, approached the building and blew himself up, killing one officer and wounding two more.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## MARCH 2009

- 01 March – Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad, a SVBIED exploded near a US convoy, wounding six civilians but causing no US casualties.**
  
- 04 March – Kabul Province, Bagram, a SVBIED attack, followed by a bomber wearing a vest filled with explosives, caused minor injuries to three government contractors at the entrance to Bagram air base.**
  
- 07 March – Nimruz Province, Zaranj, a suicide bomber detonated explosives strapped around his body inside a police station, killing a policeman and a civilian; three other police were wounded.**
  
- 15 March – Kabul Province, Gala Kashif, a suicide bomber on foot, who was targeting a NATO patrol, killed two Afghan civilians and wounded 14 others.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## MARCH 2009

- 16 March – Helmand Province, Lashkar Gah, a bomber wearing a police uniform detonated explosives inside the main police building, killing 11 people (including nine policemen) and wounding at least 24 other people.**
  
- 16 March – Farah Province, one policeman died and two civilians were hurt when a suicide bomber attacked police headquarters. A second attacker was shot dead by police before he could detonate his bomb.**
  
- 21 March – Nangarhar Province, Chaparhar District, a SVBIED exploded at a police checkpoint where officers were searching cars. The blast killed five civilians and one policeman; at least four others were wounded.**
  
- 30 March – Kandahar Province, Dund District, a suicide bomber wearing a police uniform killed five police and four civilians and wounded six people inside a police headquarters.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## APRIL 2009

- **01 April – Kandahar Province, after a SVBIED exploded at the gates of the provincial council office, three militants dressed in Afghan Army uniforms, wearing suicide vests, and armed with AK-47 rifles, attacked the council office building. Five civilians and a police officer were killed.**
  - Ahmad Wali Karzai, the head of the council and president Hamid Karzai's brother, told the Associated Press that he was the target of the attack, but that he had left the building five minutes before the assault began.
  - "Two attackers blew themselves up inside the compound and the third one was killed by our forces," Karzai said.
  - An interior ministry spokesman said police killed two of the suicide bombers but the third managed to detonate his explosive vest.
  - This complex attack was similar to the 11 February 2009 attack in Kabul, where militants assaulted three government buildings simultaneously.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## APRIL 2009



- ❑ 09 April – Helmand Province, Lashkar Gah, a suicide bomber killed at least five people, including two policemen and three civilians, in an attack on a six vehicle anti-drug patrol; 13 civilians and four police were injured.
- ❑ 17 April – Balkh Province, Mazar-e-Sharif, two NATO soldiers were wounded when a SVBIED attacked their convoy.
- ❑ 17 April – Nimruz Province, Zaranj, two militants with explosives strapped to their bodies attempted to target the afghan minister for refugees.
  - Provincial police chief Jabar Purdeli said the first attacker was a **man in a burqa** disguised as a woman. He was intercepted by guards while trying to enter the building and detonated his explosives after police opened fire.
  - Police then chased the second attacker, who was wearing a military uniform. He detonated his explosives among a crowd of bystanders, killing at least three people and injuring three more.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## APRIL 2009

- ❑ **22 April – Herat Province, a suicide attacker with explosives hidden in his artificial limb tried to enter the provincial council compound but was shot by police. The explosives were detonated and injured three people.**
  
- ❑ **25 April – Kandahar Province, after a suicide bomber attacked at the entrance of the provincial council office, two other bombers entered the compound, were fired on by guards, and their explosive devices detonated. Five police officers were killed.**
  - Ahmad Wali Karzai, the head of the council and president Hamid Karzai's brother, said police were searching for a possible fourth bomber.
  - This complex attack was very similar to an attack at the same location on 01 April 2009.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## APRIL 2009

- ❑ **29 April – Kunduz Province, a SVBIED exploded near a German patrol, severely damaging an armored vehicle and injuring five German soldiers.**
  - The attack happened shortly after German foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier landed in Kunduz for an unannounced visit.
  - "Such attacks will not and must not keep us from continuing our work for a better future for this oppressed people," Steinmeier told reporters.





# OEA Team Threat Report

## MAY 2009



- 04 May – Laghman Province, Mehta Lam, a suicide bomber attacked the mayor of Mehta Lam, capital of Laghman Province, killing seven people, including the mayor, his nephew, two bodyguards and two villagers. The attacker walked up to the mayor's vehicle as the mayor was leaving his office and detonated explosives.**
- 07 May – Helmand Province, Gereshk, a motorcycle SVBIED exploded near ISAF soldiers in a bazaar, killing two British soldiers and 19 civilians and wounding more than 30 others.**
- 10 May – Helmand Province, Gereshk, a motorcycle SVBIED exploded near a joint Afghan Army and police patrol. When police and army personnel responded to the scene, a second suicide bomber (on foot) detonated explosives, causing a majority of the casualties.**
  - Helmand deputy provincial police chief Kamaluddin Khan said more than 20 people had been killed or wounded in the two attacks, mostly police and soldiers.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## MAY 2009



- **12 May – Khost Province, Khost city, as many as 11 suicide bombers were employed in coordinated attacks on government buildings.**
  - The attacks began about 10 am Local time when a SVBIED exploded at the gate of the governor's office, killing two police officers and two guards.
  - A group of nine suicide attackers stormed a nearby municipal building. Four of them blew themselves up in a battle with security guards, and the other five entered the building and held about 20 hostages. After several hours of sporadic exchanges of gunfire, afghan security forces backed by ISAF troops rescued the hostages unharmed.
  - **At least one of the suicide bombers was disguised in a *burqa***, while others wore afghan army uniforms. Insurgents also apparently laid an ambush for a rescue team deployed from the American base.
  - This incident continued the trend in 2009 toward coordinated attacks against government buildings/officials.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## MAY 2009



- 13 May – Khost Province, a SVBIED attack outside camp Salerno killed seven civilians and wounded 21 more; all the victims were laborers working at the base.**
  
- 14 May – Kandahar Province, Spin Boldak, a SVBIED attack on a border police station wounded up to five people (reports conflicted on the number injured).**
  
- 19 May – Kandahar Province, Arghandab District, a suicide attacker killed at least two police officers and wounded eight others.**
  
- 26 May – Kapisa Province, Mahmud Raqi District, a Toyota Corolla SVBIED killed three US Soldiers and three civilians and wounded one US Soldier and two civilians.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## JUNE 2009



- 02 June – Kabul Province, Bagram, a suicide attack near Bagram airfield killed six civilians.**
  
- 02 June – Paktika Province, Bermel District, afghan national security forces patrolling a bazaar area attempted to detain a suspicious person moving toward a crowd of civilians. The man jumped into a taxi and detonated his explosive-filled vest, killing himself and injuring the vehicle's driver and two of the pursuing Afghan security force members.**
  
- 03 June – Kandahar Province, Spin Boldak, a motorcycle SVBIED killed five afghan security guards escorting a supply convoy about a mile from the Pakistan border.**
  
- 06 June – Kandahar Province, Spin Boldak, a motorcycle SVBIED killed at least three people.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## JUNE 2009

- 13 June – Helmand Province, Gereshk, a SVBIED attack against a convoy of fuel tankers destroyed six trucks, killed eight civilians and wounded 21 more.**
  
- 22 June – Kandahar Province, Jalai District, a SVBIED attack on a convoy killed three afghan soldiers. Five other soldiers and two pedestrians were wounded.**
  
- 22 June – Khost Province, two explosions occurred in front of the electricity directorate building, killing six civilians and wounding more than 40 others. Reports conflict over whether or not there were two bombers, one motorcycle SVBIED and a body-borne suicide bomb, or if there was one bomber who detonated explosives on the motorcycle and then detonated a suicide vest. (For statistical purposes this will be considered a body-borne suicide attack.)**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## JUNE 2009



- 23 June – Ghazni Province, Hashrd, a SVBIED attack against a military convoy killed two civilians.
  
- 28 June – Nangarhar Province, Behsud District, a SVBIED attack against a police vehicle killed a child and wounded nine people, including four policemen.
  
- 30 June – Nangarhar Province, Torkham border crossing, a bomber (reportedly male) **dressed in a burqa**, who had crossed from Pakistan, detonated explosives in a room where women are searched before they are allowed to pass the border control. A police officer and a 12-year-old girl were killed. The wounded included seven civilians and three police officers.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## JULY 2009



- 03 July – Balkh Province, Mazar-i-sharif, a SVBIED attack caused no casualties.**
- 03 July – Herat Province, a suicide bomber detonated explosives near Italian soldiers, causing a vehicle to overturn and wounding two NATO soldiers.**
- 04 July – Paktika Province, Zirok District, in coordination with a rocket and mortar attack, a SVBIED attempted to approach a combat outpost. After the driver ignored commands to stop, guards opened fire. The driver was shot and the explosives detonated. One US Soldier and an afghan were killed.**
  - "Today hafiz Omar carried out a suicide attack with 8,000 kilos of explosives in a (fuel) tanker on an American base... In Zirok," said Taliban spokesman.
  - Rocket and/or mortar attacks are used to distract defenders while using one or more suicide bombers to breach a defensive perimeter. Then an assault team, which may contain additional suicide bombers, will exploit the breach in an attempt to overrun the position. These tactics have been used in Afghanistan and Pakistan and this method was used against the US Embassy in Sanaa, Yemen.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## JULY 2009

- 04 July – Helmand Province, Lashkar Gah, a SVBIED detonated near a private security company's four-vehicle convoy, killing one security guard and wounding four others.
- 06 July – Kandahar Province, a minivan SVBIED detonated amidst a group of supply trucks outside Kandahar airfield, killing two people and wounding up to 16 more.



**Lashkar Gah, 04 July 2009**





# OEA Team Threat Report

## JULY 2009



- 14 July – Kandahar Province, Dand District, a SVBIED exploded after Afghan Security forces shot the driver as he attempted to enter an Afghan army outpost. Six afghan soldiers and an interpreter were wounded.**
  
- 16 July – Nimruz Province, Khashord District, a SVBIED attack on a police supply convoy killed three border policemen and wounded four other policemen.**
  
- 18 July – Zabul Province, Shahjoy District, a Toyota surf SVBIED rammed an Afghan Army vehicle, killing three soldiers and wounding three more.**
  
- 19 July – Nangarhar Province, Torkham border crossing, a suicide bomber killed two police officers and a civilian on the Afghan side of the border crossing. Several other people were wounded.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## JULY 2009



- **21 July – Paktia Province, Gardez, the Taliban launched simultaneous attacks on the governor's compound, the city intelligence unit and a police station.**
- Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, claimed the attacks involved 15 militants wearing suicide vests and armed with AK-47s and rockets.
  - A suicide bomber killed two police in front of the city's police station, a rocket attack at the city's intelligence department killed three officers, and a rocket was also fired at the governor's house, according to deputy provincial police chief Ghulam Dastagir.
  - A second suicide bomber at the police station was shot and killed, as were three suicide bombers who tried to attack the governor's house.
  - **At least two of the bombers were wearing burqas** when they were shot and killed.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## JULY 2009



- ❑ **21 July – Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad, at approximately the same time as the complex attack in Gardez, two suicide bombers on a motorcycle, armed with AK-47s and a rocket propelled grenade, were killed in a shootout with police. A policeman was also killed.**
  
- ❑ **25 July – Khost Province, Khost, at least seven suicide bombers attacked multiple targets in Khost city. An SVBIED detonated at the police headquarters, followed by two bombers on foot in front of the police headquarters and another at the rear of the facility. One suicide attacker tried to storm a police post, another detonated near a police rapid reaction unit and a seventh targeted a bank near the city center.**
  - Some of the attackers were armed with machine guns and RPGS and exchanged fire with security forces before detonating their explosive vests.
  - Both Salahuddin Ayubi, a spokesman for the Haqqani network and Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed claimed responsibility for the attacks.
  - Khost provincial governor Hamidullah Galandarzai said the attackers were dressed as members of an afghan militia.



# OEA Team Threat Report

# AUGUST 2009

- 03 August – Zabul Province, Shahjoy District, a suicide bomber attacked a vehicle carrying national directorate of security personnel, killing five people and wounding at least 18 others.**
  
- 08 August – Nangarhar Province, a SVBIED exploded near a US military convoy but caused no casualties.**
  
- 10 August – Kunduz Province, Kunduz city a SVBIED exploded near a Belgian military convoy but caused no casualties.**
  
- 10 August – Logar Province, Pul-i-alam, in a complex attack, militants fired four RPGS into the compound of the Logar provincial government from a building 150 meters (164 yards) away, followed by a suicide bomber detonating inside the compound. There were no casualties caused by either the RPGs or the bomber. Two RGP's were also fired at the police HQ and the attackers engaged in a fire fight with security forces from inside the multi-story building. Two policemen were killed and one wounded in the gun battle.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

# AUGUST 2009

- ❑ **13 August – Nimruz Province, Zaranj, Afghan police shot and killed a man as he tried to drive a SVBIED into a police compound. The explosives detonated, wounding one policeman.**
  
- ❑ **14 August – Helmand Province, Lashkar Gah, a SVBIED detonated after being stopped at the gate of an Afghan Army base, killing a soldier and wounding two other soldiers and three civilians.**
  
- ❑ **15 August – Kabul Province, Kabul, a SVBIED exploded outside ISAF headquarters, killing seven people and wounding at least 91 more.**
  - The bomber managed to pass three NATO checkpoints prior to detonating his explosives.
  - Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the SVBIED consisted of 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) of explosives and "the target was the US embassy, but we could not reach it."
  - This was the first suicide attack in the city since February and the first one against the ISAF base, which was established in 2002.



# OEA Team Threat Report

## AUGUST 2009

- 18 August – Kabul Province, Kabul, a SVBIED attack, apparently targeting an ISAF convoy, killed seven people and wounded 51 others.**
  
- 18 August – Uruzgan Province, a suicide bomber walked up to an Afghan National Army checkpoint and detonated his explosive vest, killing three soldiers and two civilians.**
  
- 21 August – Nangarhar Province, Jalalabad, a suicide bomber was killed by police in a gun battle near the police station he was attempting to enter. The bomber shot dead two police officers and injured four more.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

# SEPTEMBER 2009

- 02 September – Laghman Province, Mehtar Lam, a SVBIED attack killed at least 16 people, including the deputy head of the national directorate of security, Abdullah Laghmani, and the heads of the provincial council and provincial executive body. At least 56 people were wounded in the attack.



**Mehtar Lam, 02 September 2009**



# OEA Team Threat Report

# SEPTEMBER 2009

- 04 September – Nimruz Province, Delaram District, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest near a local security firm vehicle, killing three guards.**
  
- 05 September – Kunduz Province, a SVBIED attack on a military convoy outside Kunduz city injured three German soldiers.**
  
- 08 September – Kabul Province, a Toyota Surf SVBIED targeting coalition forces exploded at the entrance to Kabul's military airport, killing at least three civilians and wounded at least six more.**
  
- 09 September – Helmand Province, a suicide bomber detonated explosives amidst a crowd of truck drivers near the entrance of Camp Bastion, killing two civilians. Two British soldiers and several civilians were injured.**
  
- 12 September – Paktika Province, Bermel District, a suicide bomber detonated explosives, killing only himself.**





# OEA Team Threat Report

## SEPTEMBER 2009

- **17 September – Kabul Province, Kabul, a SVBIED attack on an Italian military convoy killed at least 10 people and wounded 30 or more.**
  - Italian Defense Minister Ignazio la Russa said six Italian soldiers were killed and four wounded.
  - Afghan defense ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said at least 10 afghan civilians were killed and 52 wounded.



**Kabul, 17 September 2009**



# OEA Team Threat Report

# SEPTEMBER 2009

- 19 September – Herat Province, a suicide bomber’s explosive vest detonated prematurely, killing two children and wounding a woman and two children.**
  
- 21 September – Nimruz Province, Delaram District, a suicide bomber’s explosive vest detonated prematurely, killing himself and two accomplices.**
  
- 27 September – Herat Province, Delaram District, a suicide bomber detonated explosives near the convoy of energy and water minister Mohammad Ismail Khan, killing four people and wounding at least 17 more.**
  
- 30 September – Khost Province, Mandozai District, a SVBIED attack on a military convoy killed one US Soldier.**



# OEA Team Threat Report

## OCTOBER 2009

- 02 October – Kandahar Province, Murcheh, a suicide bomber killed two US Soldiers\*.**
  
- 08 October – Kabul Province, Kabul, a SVBIED exploded outside the perimeter wall of the Indian embassy, killing 17 people and wounding 73 others.**
  
- 09 October – Paktia Province, Jadran District, a SVBIED attack killed six security guards employed by sky construction company, and wounded three more.**
  
- 26 October – Nangarhar Province, security personnel shot and killed a suicide bomber who entered a hotel where Nangarhar Province governor Gul Agha Sherzai was present. Another suspect was arrested\*\*.**

**\* Analyst comment: Reports conflict on the details of this attack. For the purpose of statistical assessment, this will be considered a body-borne suicide attack.**

**\*\* Analyst comment: The second suspect may have also been a suicide bomber. As the bomber was killed prior to attempting to detonate the explosives, this incident will NOT be included in the statistical analysis. It is included for information purposes.**



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## OCTOBER 2009

- 28 October – Kabul Province, Kabul, an attack on United Nations employees at a guest house was started by a suicide bomber and followed by militants storming the building. At least five UN employees, two security guards, and the relative of an Afghan politician were killed, as were three attackers.**
  
- 30 October – Kandahar Province, a minivan SVBIED exploded on the main highway to Kandahar airport and killed three intelligence officers traveling in another vehicle.**

**\*\*Analyst comment: The second suspect may have also been a suicide bomber. As the bomber was killed prior to attempting to detonate the explosives, this incident will NOT be included in the statistical analysis. It is included for information purposes.**



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# NOVEMBER 2009

- 13 November – Zabul Province, Shahjoy, a motorcycle SVBIED exploded near a NATO convoy, killing two civilians.**
  
- 28 October – Kabul Province, a Toyota Corolla SVBIED exploded near an ISAF vehicle about 400 meters outside the main gate of camp phoenix.**
  - NATO'S international security assistance force (ISAF) stated "nine ISAF service members, 10 civilian contractors and several Afghans" were injured in the bombing.
  
- 19 November – Uruzgan Province, a suicide bomber detonated a vest packed with explosives in a crowded market, killing 10 civilians and wounding 13 others.**
  
- 19 November – Zabul Province, a SVBIED attack on a convoy killed two American soldiers.**



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## NOVEMBER 2009

- 20 November – Farah Province, Farah city, a motorcycle SVBIED exploded near a police official, killing the official, two of his bodyguards, and at least 11 others. Over 30 people were wounded in the attack.**
  
- 23 November – Kunduz Province, a suicide bomber targeting a police convoy killed two civilian men and three children; five others were wounded in the attack.**
  
- 27 November – Farah Province, Bala Bulak District, a SVBIED wounded three policemen.**



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## DECEMBER 2009

- ❑ **11 December – Paktika Province, Sharana, a suicide bomber detonated explosives strapped to his body on Shahidan avenue, killing three people, including a policeman, and wounding 18, including four policemen.**
  
- ❑ **15 December – Kabul Province, Wazir Akbar Khan District, a SVBIED attack killed eight people and wounded approximately 40 others.**
  - The Afghan interior ministry said the target of the bombing was unclear. The blast occurred outside the gate to the hotel but numerous government officials and international organizations occupy buildings in the district.
  
  - Security officials at the scene said the target of the bombing was the home of former first vice-president Ahmad Zia Massoud, brother of anti-Taliban fighter Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was killed by a suicide bomber two days before the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 attacks in the United States.



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# DECEMBER 2009

- **15 December – Helmand Province, Sangin District, a motorcycle SVBIED attack on a joint vehicle patrol of afghan and international forces killed two British soldiers and two afghan national army soldiers.**
- **18 December – Uruzgan Province, a suicide bomber detonated explosives at the gate of an Afghan Army base, wounding five soldiers.**
- **21 December – Paktia Province, Gardez, two militants attacked an apartment building and battled with police. Both attackers were wearing suicide vests which detonated during the exchange of fire. Three civilians, including a woman, plus a police officer were wounded.**
- **25 December – Kandahar Province, Kandahar, a man detonated explosives concealed in a horse-drawn cart when security guards attempted to stop him. Eight people were killed.**



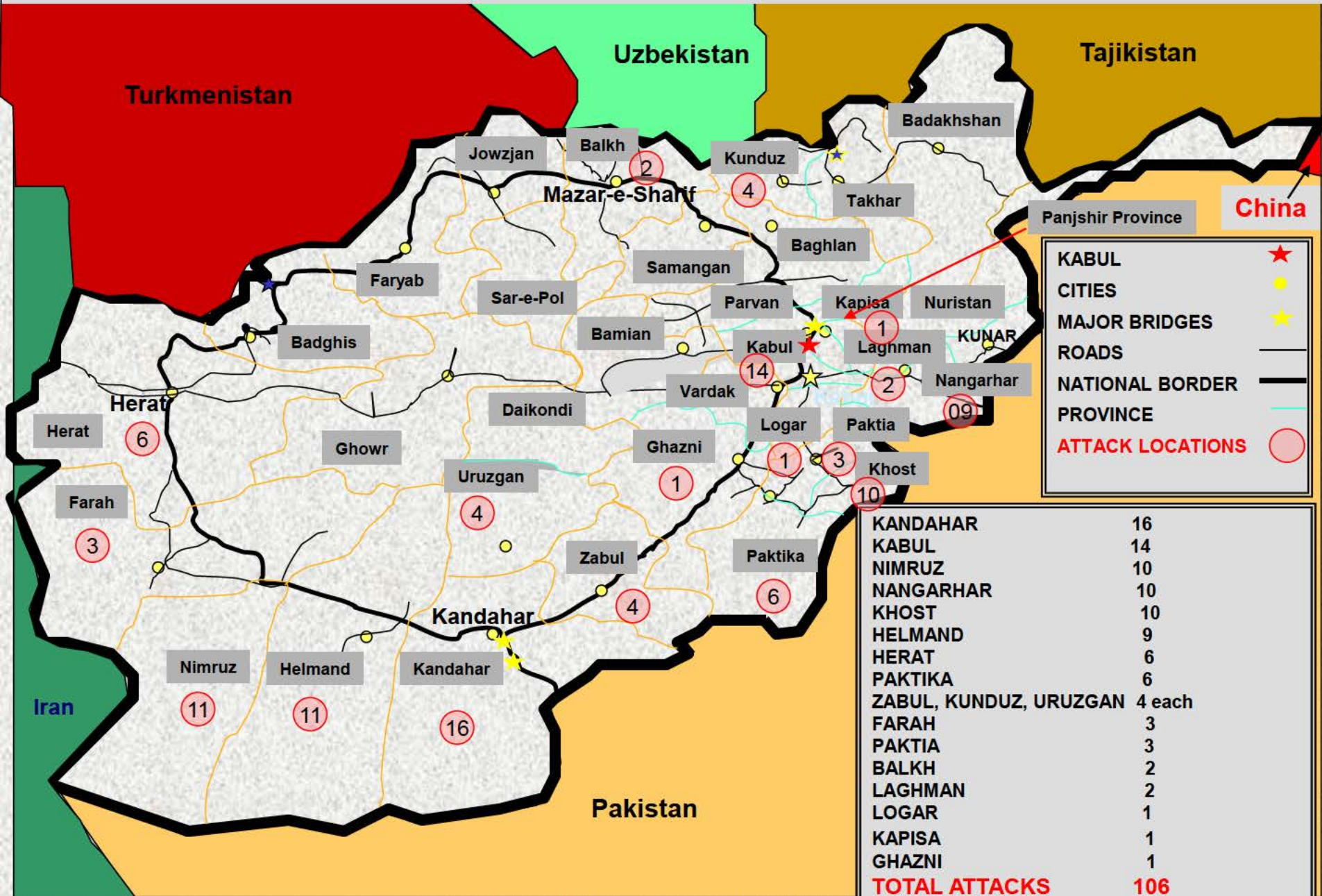


# OEA Team Threat Report

# DECEMBER 2009

- ❑ **30 December – Khost Province, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest at forward operating base Chapman, killing seven CIA employees and a Jordanian officer. Six CIA employees were wounded.**
  - Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed the bomber was an Afghan Army officer and the victims were members of the CIA.
  - The bomber was identified as Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi, a Jordanian physician who had been recruited as an informant.

# SUICIDE ATTACKS BY PROVINCE 2009



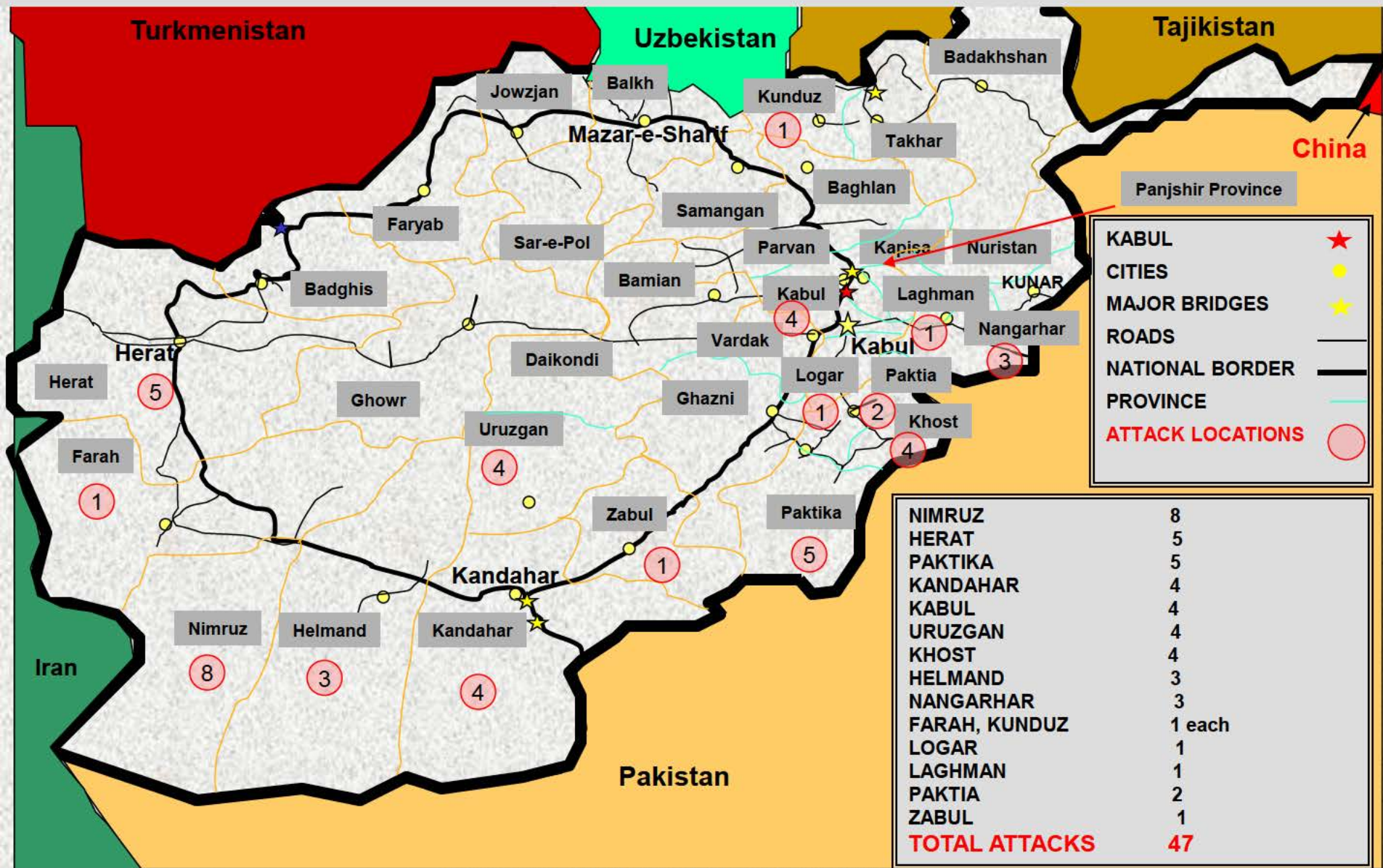
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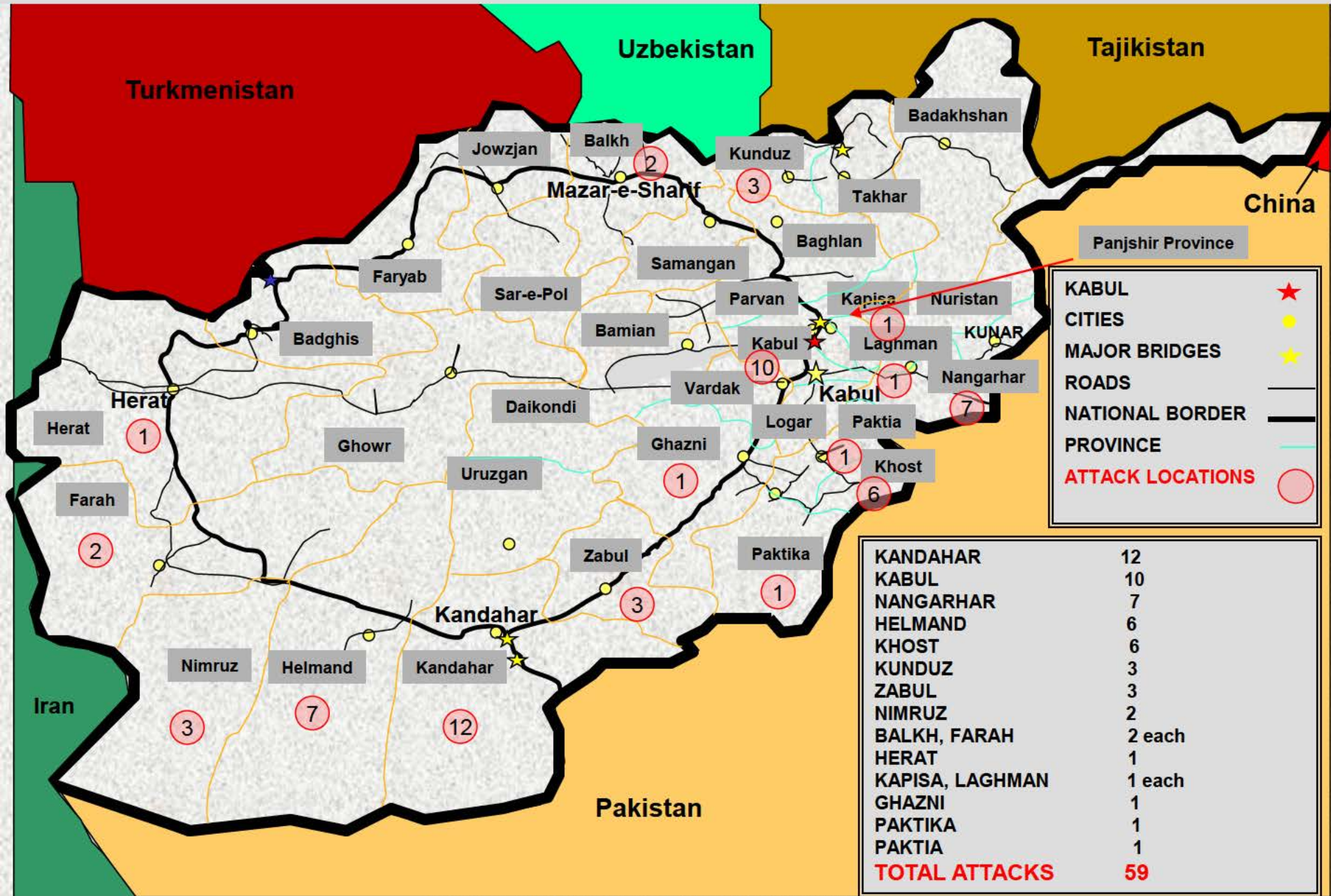
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# BODY-BORNE SUICIDE **ATTACKS** BY PROVINCE

## 2009



# SVBIED ATTACKS BY PROVINCE 2009





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# SUICIDE BOMBINGS 2006-2008

### Trends by type of attack

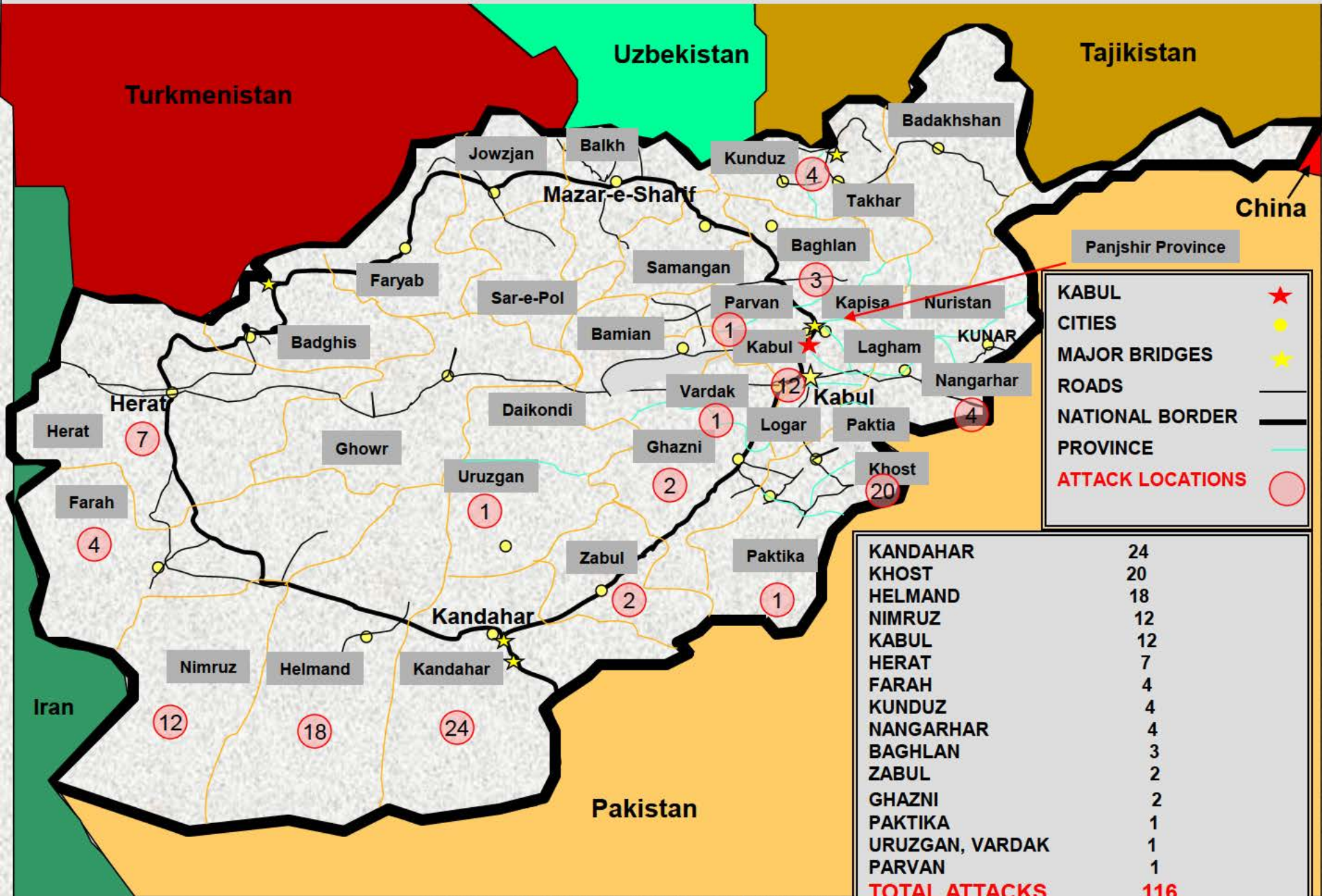
- In 2008, 54% were vehicle-borne.\*
- In 2007, 48% were vehicle-borne.\*
- In 2006, 66% were vehicle-borne.\*

### Trends by location

- In 2008, 10% occurred in Kabul.
- In 2007, 16% occurred in Kabul.
- In 2006, 10% occurred in Kabul.

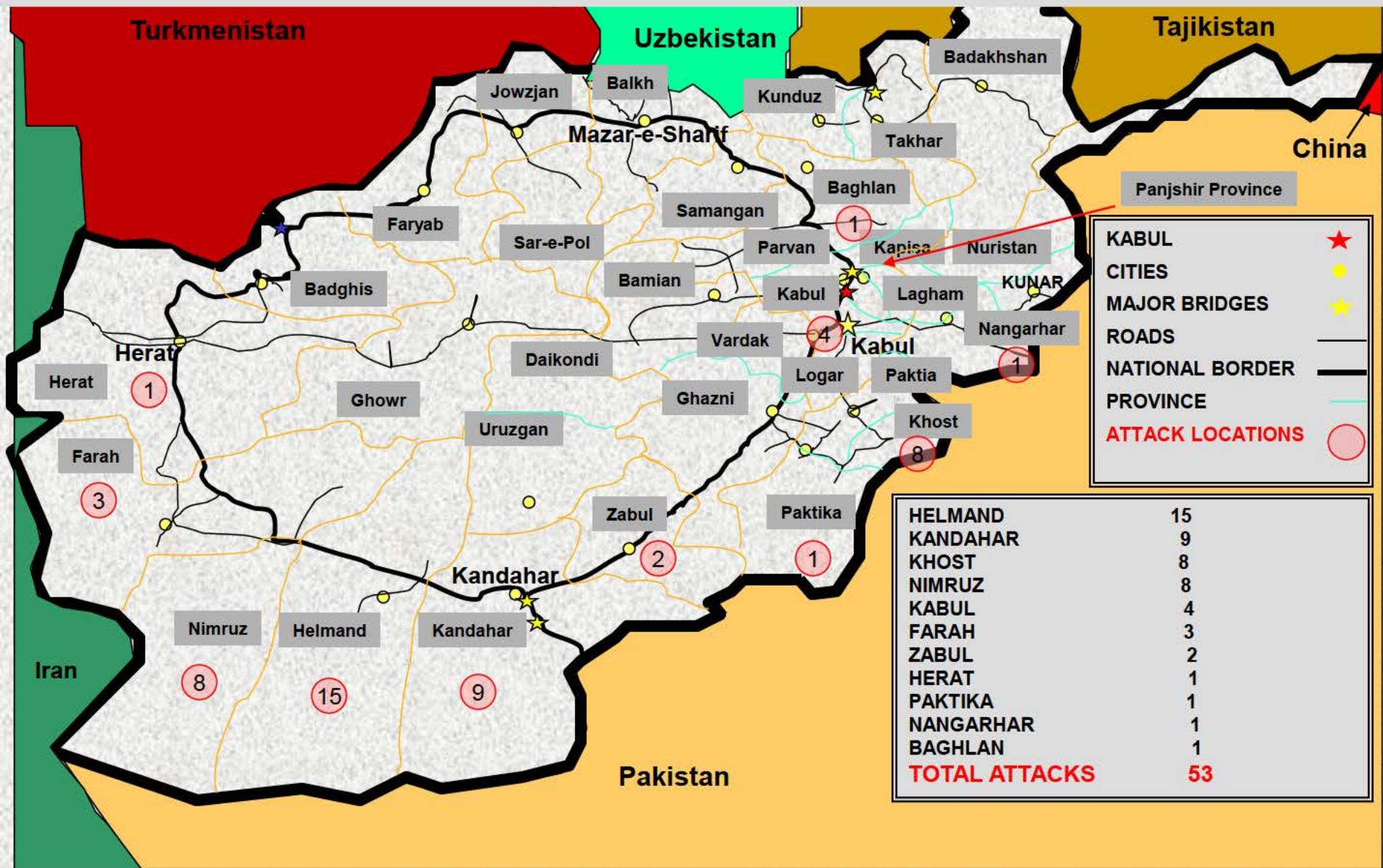
\* This includes bombers on motorcycles

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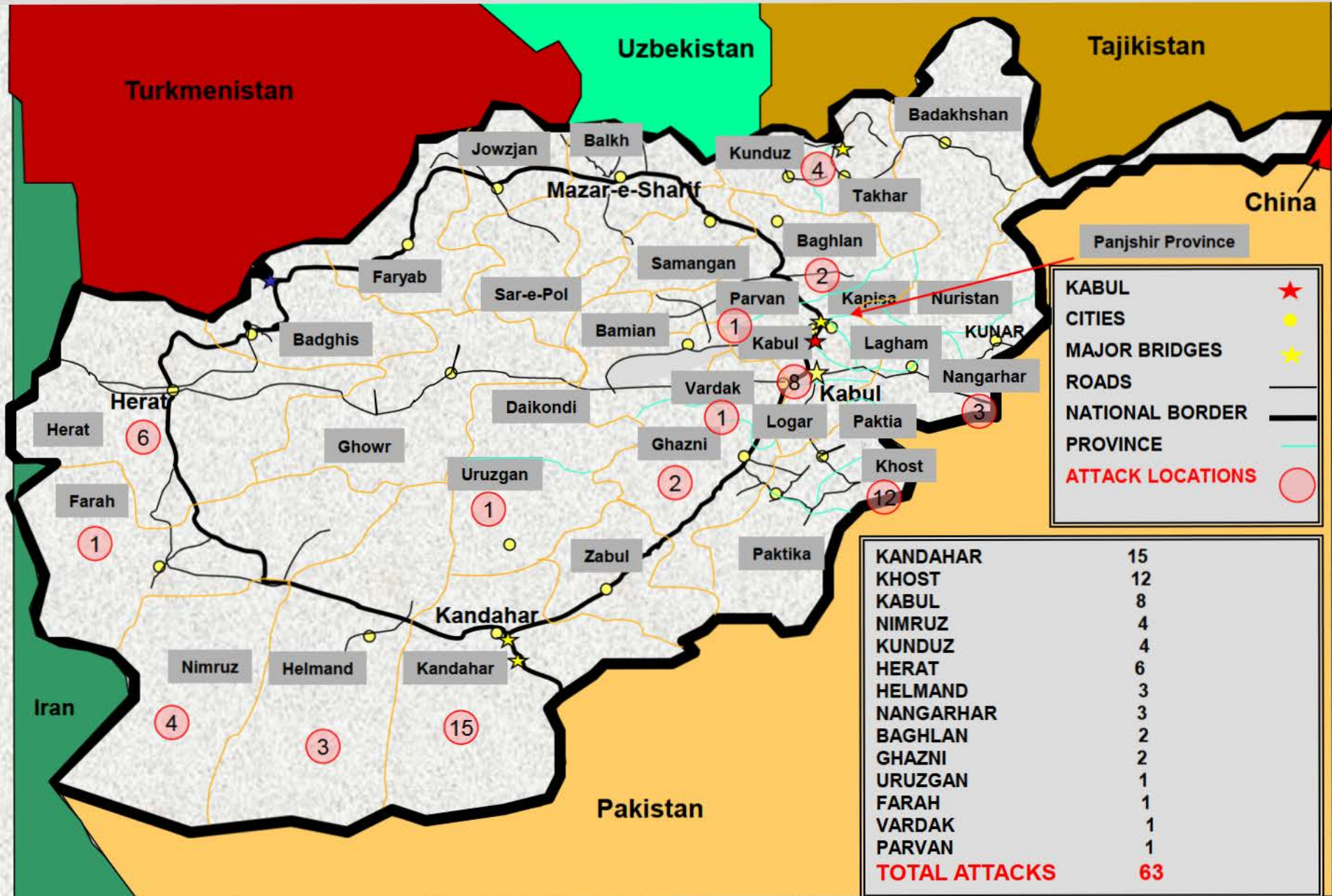


# BODY-BORNE SUICIDE **ATTACKS** BY PROVINCE

## 2008



# SVBIED **ATTACKS** BY PROVINCE 2008





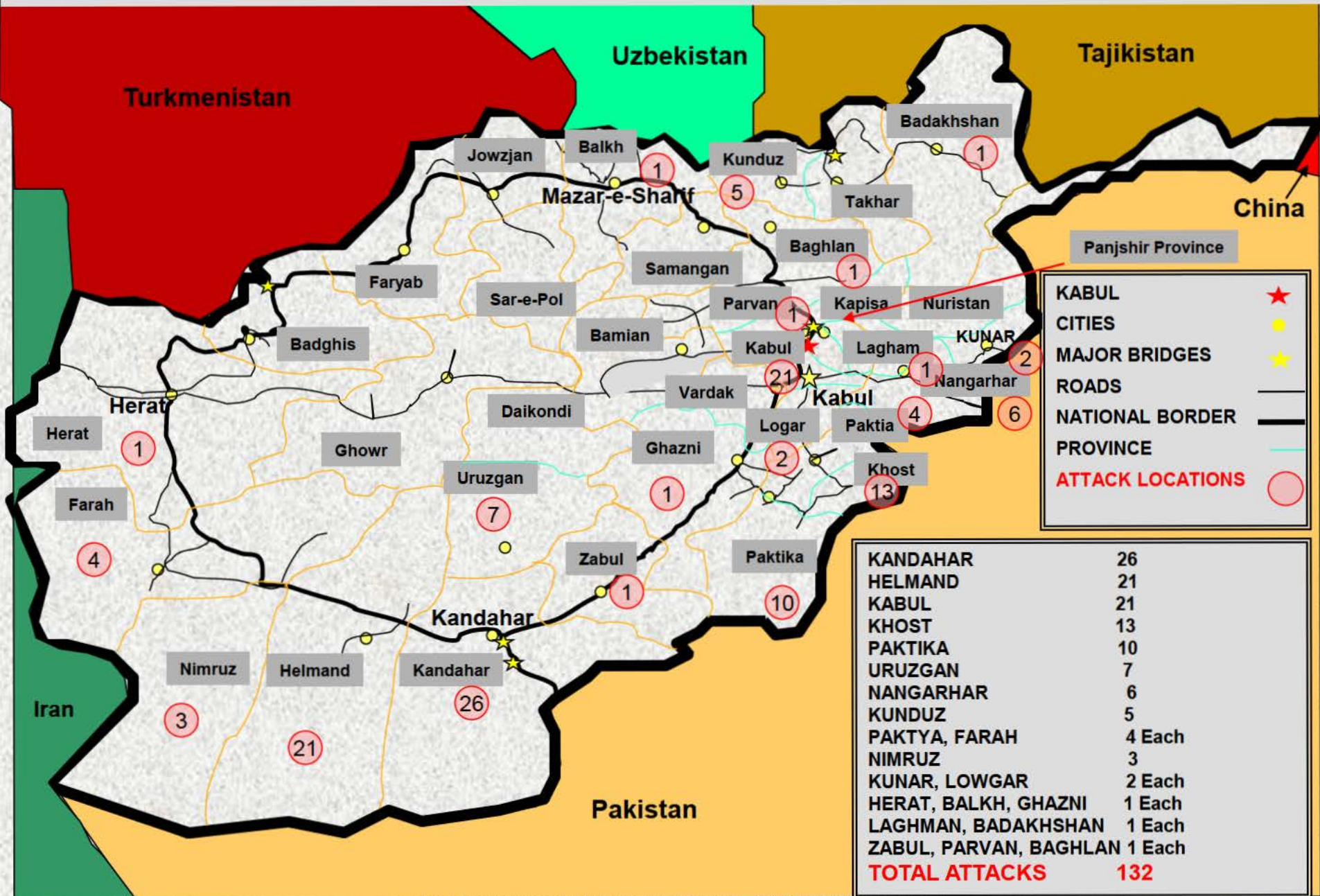


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# SUICIDE BOMBINGS 2007

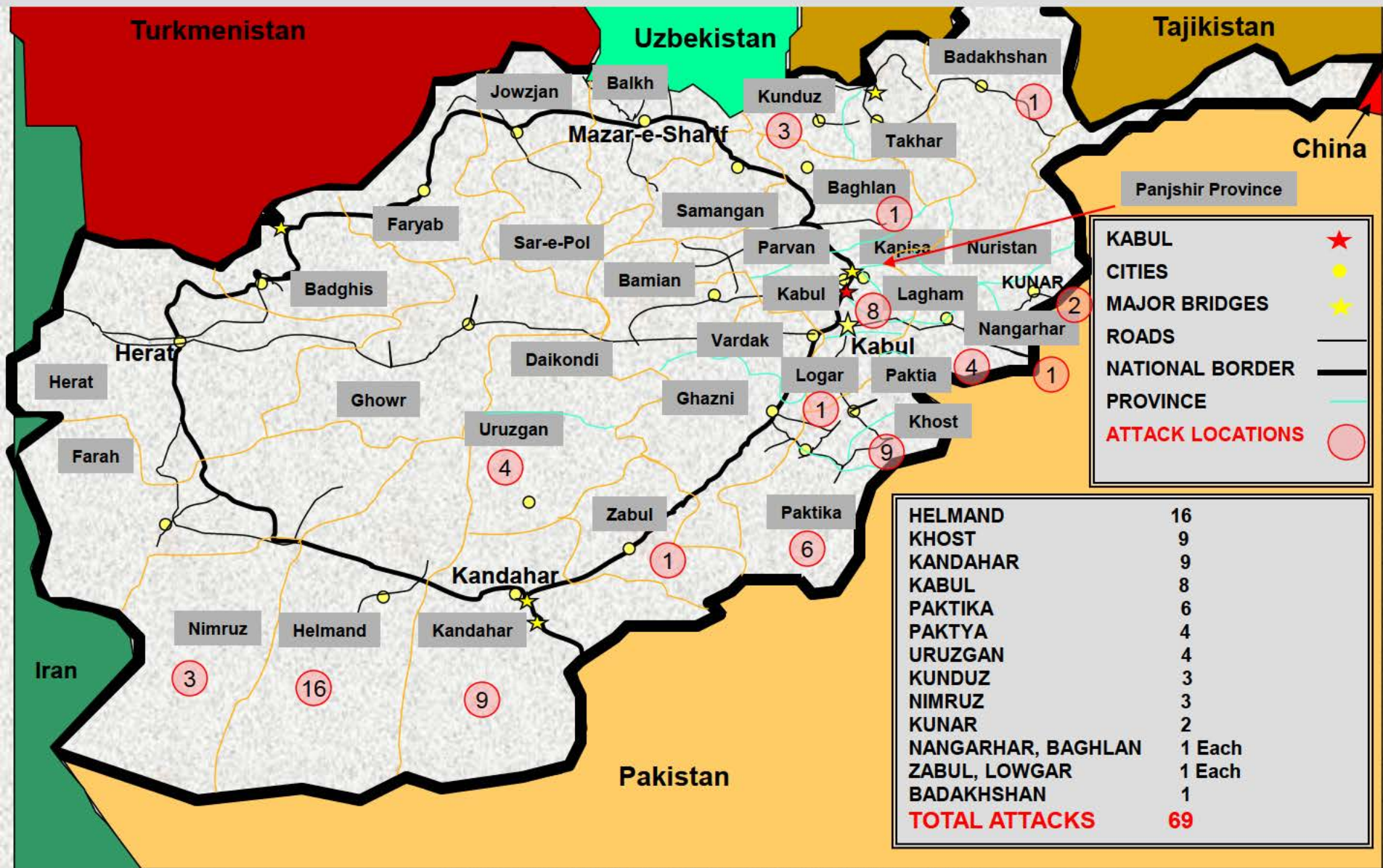
- In 2007, 63 of 132 suicide attacks (48%) examined were vehicle-borne. This includes bombers on motorcycles.
- There were 132 suicide attacks recorded in Afghanistan in 2007 compared to 119 recorded in 2006.
- In 2007, 21 suicide attacks occurred in Kabul, compared to 12 attacks in Kabul in 2006.

# SUICIDE ATTACKS BY PROVINCE 2007

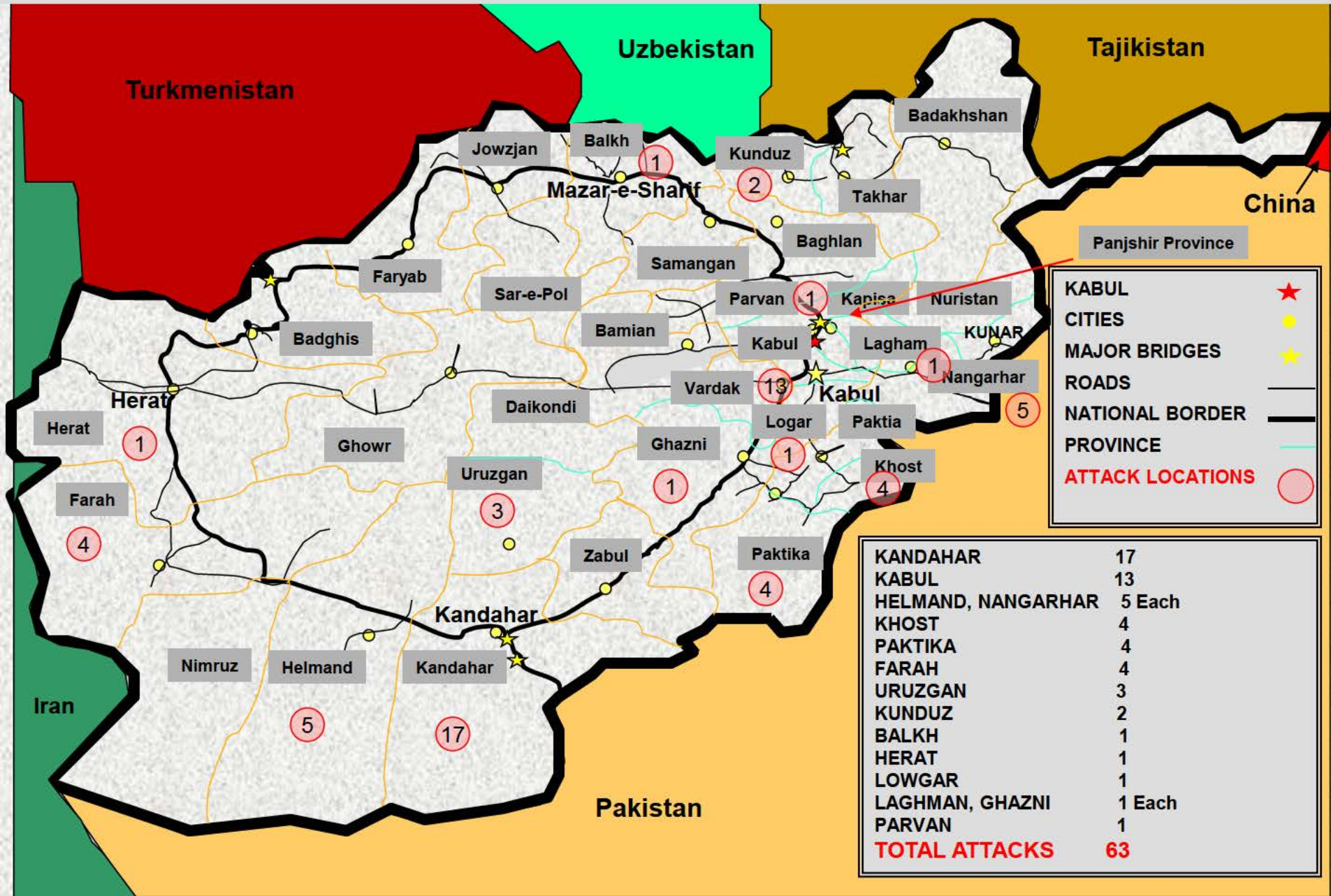


# BODY-BORNE SUICIDE **ATTACKS** BY PROVINCE

## 2007



# SVBIED ATTACKS BY PROVINCE 2007



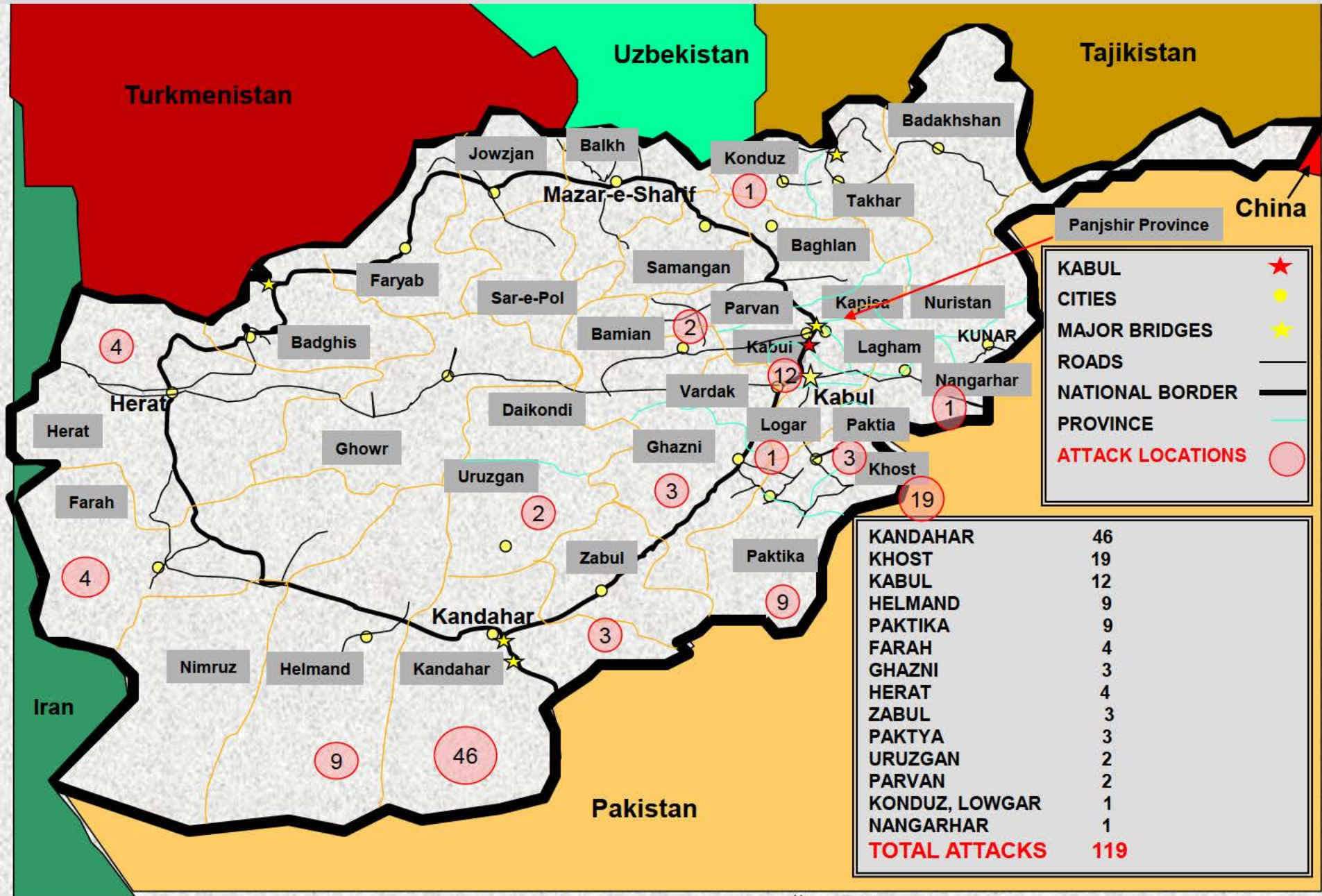


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# SUICIDE BOMBINGS 2006

- In 2006, 79 of 119 suicide attacks (66%) examined were vehicle-borne. At least 11 of these vehicles were Toyota Corollas.
- There were almost 15 times as many suicide attacks recorded in Afghanistan in 2006 compared to 2005.

# SUICIDE ATTACKS BY PROVINCE 2006





# OEA Team Threat Report

# CONCLUSIONS

- In 2005, the majority of suicide bombers were non-Afghan. In 2007, the profile was more typically a young afghan who grew up in a Pakistani madrassa.
- The majority of suicide attacks occur in Provinces that border Pakistan.
- Information from local sources suggests recruitment is taking place in Quetta and Peshawar.
- Suicide bombers in Afghanistan have often detonated their explosives prematurely.
- According to a 27 April 08 *Washington Post* article, combined military and civilian casualties in Afghanistan increased 43% compared to 2007, with more than half the total caused by suicide attacks.
- According to the International Committee of the Red Cross, the number of Afghan civilians hospitalized for serious war injuries doubled in August and September 2010, as compared to the same months of 2009.



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# CONCLUSIONS

- The suicide attack aboard a bus in Kabul on 17 June 2007 was the deadliest suicide bombing to occur in Afghanistan prior to the 06 November 2007 bombing in Baughman Province.\***
  - The force of the explosion gutted the bus and peeled open the roof for most of its length. Passing vehicles and a wall 20 feet away were spattered with shrapnel, blood and body parts.
  - Identical cylindrical shrapnel holes around the site suggested the device was packed with ball-bearings.
- Similar attacks occurred on military buses in Kabul on 29 September 2007 and 02 October 2007.**
- These mass casualty attacks are reminiscent of similar suicide bombings in Baghdad and may indicate a sharing or adoption of TTPs.**
- Kandahar Province has experienced the highest number of suicide attacks.**
- According to a June 2010 United Nations report, the number of complex suicide attacks in the first quarter of 2010 doubled compared to 2009.**





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# CONCLUSIONS

- ❑ The Taliban have proven themselves relatively incompetent at suicide bombing. A September 2007 United Nations report found, on average, more than 3 suicide bombers are required to inflict a single casualty on the international forces.**
  
- ❑ Suicide attacks were originally concentrated in Kabul but have spread outward. All suicide attacks examined in 2003 and 2004 occurred in Kabul. In 2005, 2 of 8 attacks (25%) occurred in Kabul. In 2006, 12 of 119 attacks (10%) were carried out in Kabul. In 2007, 21 of 132 suicide bombings (16%) occurred in Kabul. In 2008, 12 of 116 suicide bombings (10%) occurred in Kabul. In 2009, 14 of 106 suicide bombings (13%) occurred in Kabul. As of 22 November 2010, 11 of 106 suicide bombings (10%) have occurred in Kabul in 2010.**
  
- ❑ In 2006, 72 of 119 suicide attacks (61%) were vehicle-borne. In 2007, 63 of 132 suicide attacks (48%) were vehicle-borne. In 2008, 63 of 116 suicide bombings (54%) were vehicle-borne. In 2009, 59 of 106 suicide bombings (56%) were vehicle-borne. As of 22 November 2010, 53 of 106 suicide bombings (50%) were vehicle-borne in 2010.**



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The screenshot shows the 'DCSINT Threats' website, which is part of the TRADOC Intelligence Support Activity (TRISA) - Threats. The page is titled 'Home' and features a navigation menu on the left with categories such as Home, Media, Video, Publications (VEX), OEF Attack Database, Terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Rolling Thunder, OEF, OEF, OEF, and TRADOC Attack Database. The main content area includes a 'Product Evaluation' section with a search bar and a 'Product Description' section. Below this, there is a 'Welcome to the TRISA Threats home page' section with a list of links and a 'Contact Us' section. The footer contains a disclaimer: 'This site and its contents are for official use only and are not to be distributed, copied, or reproduced without the express written permission of the U.S. Army. For more information, contact the TRISA Threats team at (703) 605-1234.' The browser address bar shows the URL: 'https://dcsint-threats.leavenworth.army.mil/default.aspx'.



# OEA Team Threat Report



❑ AKO <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/portal/index.jsp>

## Threat Products: AKO“Easy-Link”

Contemporary Operational Environment and Threat Integration Directorate

1. Login
2. “Click” Files
3. Search to:  
TRADOC G2  
TRISA-CTID
4. “Click” & Find !