

Civilian casualties reach new high in Afghanistan



United Nations, October 19 (RHC)-- The United Nations reports that an "unprecedented" number of civilians were killed or injured in the third quarter of 2019 across Afghanistan, calling the violence "totally unacceptable."

In a new report, the United Nations said 1,174 people were killed and another 3,139 wounded from July to September this year.

The report, which also charts violence throughout 2019 so far, shows how "Afghans have been exposed to extreme levels of violence for many years" despite promises by all sides to "prevent and mitigate harm to civilians."

The United Nations says these are the highest figures since the UN began counting in 2009. This comes as the U.S. is intensifying its air war. Last month, U.S. Air Force aircraft dropped 948 missiles and bombs, more than in any month in five years.

Eastern and northern Afghanistan have witnessed an expansion of the presence of Daesh terrorists in recent years. The notorious group has been mostly populating Nangarhar, from where it has planned attacks on major population centers across the country.

Ten people, including a child, killed in a bomb attack targeting a bus in Afghanistan's Nangarhar. Ten people, including a child, were killed in a bomb attack targeting a bus transporting army recruits in Nangarhar earlier in October.

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