

From 12/22/08 to 1/21/09

Summary of 30 Google Alerts on Afghan or Pakistani Deaths or Casualties as result of US actions.

U.S.-led invasion in the one of the world poorest countries began on October 7, 2001.

It was December 1979 that over 100,000 former Soviet Union troops invaded Afghanistan under the pretext of defending socialism and rooting out militants while the situation today is little different than 30 years ago.

Today, over 70,000-strong NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and the U.S.-led Coalition forces have been stationed in Afghanistan.

Unmanned drone attacks account for disputed numbers of Pakistani deaths and injuries.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
December 22, 2008	Jonathan Adams http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/1222/p99s01-duts.html	7 or 8	massive fires in two villages No injuries reported

Content (Emphases are mine)

"Suspected US drone attack in Pakistan kills *at least seven* Monday's attack came amid discussion of doubling the US forces in Afghanistan by mid-2009."

"Suspected US attacks by unmanned drones killed at least seven [some reports claim eight] *suspected* Taliban members..."

US Officials *"refused to comment* on most of the strikes"

..."Pakistan has condemned the attacks as a violation of its sovereignty. . ."

"Agence France-Presse (AFP) reported that the attacks started massive fires in two villages and sent *residents fleeing in panic*. Local residents later told AFP that hundreds of Taliban had gathered near the sites of the attacks for funeral prayers."

"The Voice of America (VOA) reported that media reports suggest the US has carried out some *30 air attacks* in Pakistan this year."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Dec 21, 2008	KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AFP)	4	?

US says four Afghan rebels dead, locals cry foul

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ijweoFRSE1R3Z0zeaaLALJQxsMYq>

"- US forces killed four *suspected rebels* in an operation in southern Afghanistan, the US military said Sunday, but Afghan officials said they were probing claims the victims were civilians.

"But villagers reached by telephone told AFP the victims *were not Taliban fighters*, but local residents."

"'They were all civilians. Three of them were members of one family and the fourth man was their guest,' said one villager, Haji Amanullah."

"Those captured were also non-combatants, the villagers said."

"...International forces based in Afghanistan to help Kabul fight a Taliban-led insurgency have *mistakenly killed scores of civilians*, as well as members of the Afghan security forces, stoking anger among local residents."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Dec 23, 2008	KABUL, Dec. 23 (Xinhua) Editor: Wang Hongjiang http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-12/23/content_10549607.htm	at least 1,700 07-08	1,500 in 07 41% over that in 08

KABUL, Dec. 23 (Xinhua) "-- Continued militancy and conflicts have claimed the lives of more civilians in Afghanistan in comparison to last year, spokesman of Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) Nadir Nadiri said Tuesday."

"In 2007, the number of civilian casualties had registered over 1,500 while in 2008, according to the watchdog's spokesman, the figure has risen by 41 percent.

"More than 1,700 civilians, according to Nadiri, have been killed over the past eight months of 2008.

"'Since beginning this year up to the end of August 1,778 civilians have been killed and out of these 625 of them were killed by the national and international troops,' the spokesman asserted.

"Nadiri added that 25 percent of these people were killed in air strikes, but he did not say the number of non-combatants killed since September up to date.

"AIHRC also equally blamed pro-government troops and militants for the violence, adding both sides are involved on 50 percent basis in abusing the rights of non-combatants.

"Both the Taliban and the U.S.-led NATO troops have abused human rights in combat operations which had left thousands of civilians dead.

"Only in last August,[2008] 91 civilians had been killed in an air strike carried out by the U.S.-led forces in Shindand district of the western Herat province while 40 others lost their lives in similar attack on a wedding party in Shah Walikot district of southern Kandahar province in November.

"Militancy and conflicts have left more than 5,000 people dead so far this year in Afghanistan."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Dec 23, 2008	http://in.reuters.com/article/southAsiaNews/idINIndia-37161620081223	estimate 695 08	?
	Civilians deaths main source of Afghan anger - group		
	Tue Dec 23, 2008 4:55pm IST By Sayed Salahuddin		

"Quoting a U.N. estimate, Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission said in a report that civilians were killed this year until October in raids by foreign and Afghan troops while hunting the Taliban."

..."While night-time house searches resulted in fewer deaths, night raids frequently involved *abusive behaviour and violent breaking and entry* at night, which stoke almost as much anger toward PGF as the more lethal air strikes."

<http://www.counterpunch.org/cloughley12242008.html>

War With Contempt for Civilians

Torture, Slaughter and Lies

By BRIAN CLOUGHLEY

This is too long to summarize. But it is eminently worth reading. If I had to pick one article, this would be it.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Dec 25, 2008	http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5j_934yAfDCXskxNIgTA4Or_RqeeoQ	4	4

..."Afghan police said meanwhile that cannon fire from a US military base in the northeastern province of Kunar had killed four workers when it fell short of its target and hit a road construction compound."

"'Four road workers were killed and another four, including an engineer, were wounded,' the head of the Unique Builders Construction company, named only Haseebullah, told AFP."

"A spokesman for the US military in Afghanistan, Colonel Greg Julian, *could not confirm the incident but said he was looking into it.*

"Civilian casualties mistakenly caused by the international forces operating here anger Afghans who are increasingly concerned by the rising violence in their nation, already ruined by nearly three decades of war.

"Nearly 1,800 civilians were killed in insurgency-linked action in the first 10 months of this year, up 41 percent from last year, Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission said in a report Wednesday citing UN figures.

"'Most were caused by insurgents but NATO, US and Afghan security forces were responsible for *nearly 700 deaths,*' it said, warning the killings were angering and alienating Afghans."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Dec 28, 2008	http://www.hindu.com/mag/2008/12/28/stories/2008122850110400.htm	Summary of other articles	
	The Hindu Magazine, Chennai, India		

Level Playing Field

No end in sight

MIKE MARQUSEE

...“the principal cause for the escalating toll has been NATO’s increasing reliance on air power. In the first half of 2008, close air support *strikes* in which munitions were used rose to *2,368* – as much as in all of 2007. One analyst described ‘the sheer tonnage of metal raining down on Afghanistan’ as ‘mind-boggling’. On the ground, the costs have been horrific.

“In July, an air strike in Nangahar province killed *52 members of a double wedding party, including 30 children and both 18-year-old brides*. In August, a NATO attack on a village in western Herat caused *92 civilian deaths, including 62 children*, according to the U.N. Last month, British helicopters *killed 15 Afghan road construction workers*, which elicited yet another futile protest from Karzai, who faces an election in September.

“U.S. and British spokespersons respond to these embarrassments by complaining that the Taliban ‘hide’ among the people and use them as *‘human shields’*. Around midnight on November 30, U.S. special forces raided a small village near Gardez, south of Kabul. Their target was an alleged militant named Saeed Alam, whom they found in his bed, with his mother and three-year-old son cowering at his side. Both were hurled out of the way and Alam was killed with four shots to the chest.”

Illegal encounters

“Villagers denied that Alam was a militant. A member of the local tribal shura commented: ‘We are not Taliban. We do not support al-Qa’ida but if these searches continue we will definitely join the anti-government elements. What laws allow them to kill him without an investigation? There are no courts, there is no justice. We are Muslims. Maybe they are from another religion but there are international laws and customs. Who will tell me that killing this person was legal?’ He complained that the U.S. and its allies ‘want our support but they have done nothing for us.’”

...“The super power’s contempt for the sovereignty of others has been utterly brazen, an example of international lawlessness at its most arrogant.”

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Dec 28, 2008	http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-12/27/content_10567673 .htm	estimate >2000 civilian s in 2008	?
	KABUL, Dec. 27 (Xinhua)		

Afghan tribal elders warn gov't of election boycott if security not assured

www.chinaview.cn 2008-12-27 16:28:48

"The bloodiest incident of this year came on Aug. 22[2008] as *more than 90 people lost their lives in U.S. air raids* against suspected militants in Shindand district of Herat province in western Afghanistan.

"Spiraling insurgency and conflicts have claimed the lives of more than 5,000 people with some 2,000 civilians so far this year in Afghanistan."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Dec 28, 2008	Stars and Stripes, Dec. 31, 2008	119 first seven months of 08	?
	http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=59717		

"Civilian deaths in Afghanistan – blamed on both NATO troops and Taliban militants – complicate the relationship between Afghanistan and the international coalition. At least 540 civilians are killed in the first seven months of the year, 119 by U.S. or NATO airstrikes, according to Human Rights Watch."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Dec 31, 2008	Radio Free Europe	1/3 of 4,000 per UN in 2008	?
	http://www.rferl.org/content/Year_In_Review_Top_10_News_Stories		

"The United Nations says some 4,000 people have been killed in fighting in Afghanistan this year, around one-third of them civilians."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 1, 09	PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AFP) http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gVtjGujlT8d881_E3K7EhUm7FiA	5 on this date. 8 10 days ago.	1

Five dead in suspected US missile strike in Pakistan: officials

"A suspected US missile strike on Thursday killed *at least* five Taliban militants in a tribal area in northwest Pakistan known as an extremist stronghold, local officials said.

"A local security official told AFP that an unmanned CIA aircraft had fired three missiles in the Karikot area of South Waziristan -- the same spot where eight suspected militants were killed in a US drone strike 10 days ago.

"One of the missiles struck a vehicle, killing five people inside, another security official said, adding those killed were known Taliban militants.

"The other two missiles hit a hilltop house that was a known militant hideout, but it was empty at the time of the strike, the officials said.

"One militant was wounded in the strikes, they added.

"'We rushed out of our homes,'" said resident Zar Wali, adding that *locals had been panicked* by the powerful explosions.

"Pakistan has repeatedly protested to the United States that the drone strikes *violate its territorial sovereignty* and deepen resentment among the 160 million people of the nuclear-armed Islamic nation."

..."More than two dozen similar strikes have been carried out since August 2008, killing more than 200 people, most of them militants.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 4, 09	http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=98964989 2008 A Deadly Year For Afghan Civilians Weekend Edition [NPR]	Summary	

"Last year was the most violent year in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban,..."

"Nelson says a good example is what happened during a joint U.S.-Afghan operation against the Taliban in the town of Azizabad in August.

"The ground and air operation had gone after a Taliban leader in the village, and when U.S. and Afghan special forces units showed up to arrest the target, he and his men apparently fired first, resulting in a battle that lasted for hours. When it was over, *90 civilians were dead, 60 of them children*, according to the Afghan government and the U.N. *The death toll is still disputed by U.S. officials.*

'Complicating it even further,' Nelson says, 'is that a lot of Afghan households in these rural and bad areas – basically *every Afghan has a gun*. There are no police to protect them, so *they protect themselves.*'

"So if they see these foreigners coming in, especially if they are approaching women in the compound, they will open fire,' she says. 'And what are the troops going to do? They're going to have to fire back, and if they need help, they'll call in air strikes and *you end up with a lot of civilian casualties.*'

"To ease the anger, the Americans do something many other NATO nations do not, Nelson points out. They make *condolence payments* when there is a proven incident of civilian death. Such payments are made quite liberally and quite frequently, she says."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 6, 09	http://www.paktribune.ws/index.shtml?209787 Pak Tribune		

US Air-Force Denies Inflicting Civilian Casualties

Tuesday January 06, 2009

"Commander of 455 Air-Force, Mike Holmes said: 'I think more enemies are killed in our operations. We don't say that civilians are not harmed. It also does not mean that they are harmed in our attacks only. Most of the civilians are killed during the enemy attacks, since they use residential area as *shields* against us. Unless our land forces are not attacked, we do not use our Air-Forces. When the enemies attack us from residential areas, *we have to target them wherever they are.*'"

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 7, 09	http://uk.reuters.com/article/asiaCrisis/idUKSP412533 Kabul, Jan. 7, 2009 Reuters By Sayed Salahuddin	15 in first raid. 11 or 9 by varying reports in a NATO "joint operation" APPROX 2000 in 2008	?

"U.S.-led coalition forces killed 32 insurgents in fighting that erupted in a village in eastern Afghanistan following a raid on a hideout of bomb makers, the U.S. military said on Wednesday.

"The Taliban who lead the insurgency against the foreign troops and the Afghan government, said 15 civilians were killed in the U.S. -led assault.

... It did not mention any troop or civilian casualties in the operation.

... Separately, 11 civilians were killed by a heavy arms fire during a joint operation by NATO and Afghan forces against militants in an area of southern Uruzgan province this week, the interior ministry said on Wednesday.

"Nine more civilians were wounded in the fire, it added.

"Some 5,000 people, nearly 2,000 of them civilians, were killed in violence across Afghanistan last year.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 7, 09	http://www.ioplinindependent.com/display_article.php/hastings1231367740 Afghanistan: insisting on failed policy hastings Updated: 2009-01-07 15:35:40 Commentary by Michael True, emeritus professor at Assumption College, Worcester, MA.		

Another excellent article, citing all the agony Afghanistan has endured since Russian invasion and drawing the parallels to Vietnam and Iraq.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 8, 09	http://www.zmag.org/zspace/commentaries/3735 By Engler, Yves Yves Engler's ZSpace Page		

Canada in Afghanistan

Excerpts:

"At the Kandahar airfield, Shadow Wars explains, Canadian military public affairs officers threatened journalists with expulsion from the installation if they dare to write about special forces operating from the base. Some reporters were even told not to look in the direction of the JTF2 compound as they walked by."

... "when the Globe and Mail interviewed 43 Taliban footsoldiers in Kandahar on why they joined the insurgency, twelve said their family members were killed in NATO airstrikes and 21 said their poppy fields were targeted for destruction by anti-drug teams."

"A week later [a week after August 12, 2008] 92 civilians, including 60 children, were killed in a single NATO bombing raid."

"In September 2006 Canadian forces spearheaded NATO's Operation Medusa aimed at Taliban strongholds in the Panjwaii and Zhari districts of Kandahar. This is how Corporal Ryan Pagnacco from Waterloo, Ontario, described the airstrikes: 'After watching bomb after bomb drop on these targets, I wondered how anything could survive. I figured that when we went in, we'd be walking into a ghost town. The Medusa offensive forced 80,000 civilians to flee their homes, resulted in hundreds of enemy combatant deaths and, according to the New York Times, 'at least 50 civilians were killed over several weeks of bombing."

..."According to a report in La Presse, Canadian soldiers are shown telling villagers that it is not smart to join the Taliban because our soldiers are really good, they are well trained and good shots and you will die. Later on the video shows a Canadian commander saying 'too bad for you if you don't want to tell us where the Taliban are hiding. We will come and kill them. We will drop many bombs and fire all over. Is this what you want? Well then continue telling us nothing."

"The Western press has reported numerous incidents of Canadian troops killing Afghan civilians. Canadian soldiers have repeatedly killed and wounded civilians while on patrol in civilian areas, the New York Times reported in May of last year."

"...Canadian armored vehicles regularly fire warning shots at bikes, cars or trucks that get too close, often causing crashes, leaving Afghans injured or worse. This past July Canadian soldiers killed a five-year-old girl and her two-year-old brother after their vehicle got too close to a convoy. The father exclaimed afterwards, 'if I get a chance, I will kill Canadians."

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Jan. 8, 09	http://www.thenation.com/blogs/edcut/394953/obama_must_get_afghanista_n_right Obama Must Get Afghanistan Right posted by Katrina vanden Heuvel on 01/08/2009 The Nation online	500 a month from clusterbombs	?

"But perhaps nothing causes rage towards the US more than mounting civilian casualties."

"According to a report from Human Rights Watch documenting airstrikes and civilian deaths, the majority of deaths caused by international troops come from airstrikes. Using statistics provided by the US Central Command Air Forces, the report noted that US aircraft have dropped about as many tons of bombs in June and July this year [2008] as during all of 2006. At least 321 civilians were killed in NATO or US aerial raids this year--triple the number in 2006. A UN report now estimates that up to 500 Afghan civilians are dying monthly from US cluster bombs, most of them children and teenage boys. Finally, a UN study shows that civilian deaths have not only increased Afghan resentment of foreign forces but also motivated many of the suicide bombings. As an Afghan vegetable stand owner told the Washington Post, 'I never heard of a suicide bomber in Afghanistan until the Americans and this government came."

"Some raise human rights concerns about the consequence of a US/NATO departure. In particular, some groups feel that US troops are needed to protect Afghan girls and women. But many Afghan women activists and organizations -- like former Afghan parliament member Malalai Joya and the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA)--have called for a withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan. Here's how Joya put it: Over 85 percent of Afghans are living below the poverty line and don't have enough to eat. While the US military spends \$65,000 a minute in Afghanistan for its operations, up to 18 million people (out of a population of only 26 million) live on less than \$2 US a day, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization.... As soon as possible, the US/NATO troops must vacate our country. We want

liberation, not occupation. With the withdrawal of occupation forces, we will only have to face one enemy instead of two. We currently spend \$36 billion annually on military operations in Afghanistan which would climb with escalation. We've spent \$11 billion since 2002 on non-military development. Withdrawal of troops doesn't end US aid--it allows resources to be spent more wisely, focusing on creating opportunities and rights for women, and alternatives to the narcotics trade for poor farmers. As Sonali Kolhatkar, co-director of Afghan Womens Mission said, For this, or any other idea to work, the US occupation must end. That's the first big step to recovery.

"Al Qaeda is finished, thanks to Iraq and neither Obama nor those in the Pentagon, whom it seems hate to see soldiers out of real work should get away with that excuse for staying in Afghanistan.

"On February 23 the war in Afghanistan will have lasted twice as long as World War II, which lasted 3 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 8, 09	http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/08/world/asia/08briefs-11CIVILIANSK_BRF.html By DEXTER FILKINS Published: January 7, 2009 NY Times Online	11	9

"Eleven Afghan civilians were killed and nine wounded when an errant artillery shell hit a house during a firefight between Taliban militants and NATO forces in central Afghanistan, the Afghan government said Wednesday.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Saturday, January 10, 2009	http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\01\10\story_10-1-2009_pg20_5 Pakistan Daily Times	11	"up to 9"

Australian troops probed over Afghan civilian deaths: military

"The probe centres on charges that up to nine Afghans were wounded and others killed during fighting between international forces and Taliban insurgents in southern Uruzgan province on Monday, the defence department said.

... security forces said on Wednesday they had killed 50 insurgents in new battles across the country, but allegations emerged that dozens of civilians had also been killed in military action...

... In one confirmed incident, 11 civilians died when an artillery shell landed on them during a clash between security forces and militants in Uruzgan province on Monday, the Afghan interior ministry said.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 10, 2009	http://www.huntingtonnews.net/columns/090110-laforge-		
	columnnsafghanvillages. html		
	By John LaForge		

COMMENTARY: Stop Bombing Afghan Villages

"The violation of the Geneva Conventions and related international law, *the use of cluster bombs*, the indefinite imprisonment without charges and abuse of mere suspects, the illegal invasion and occupation of foreign lands, extra-judicial assassination, the exclusion of press from war zones, and even the shooting up of plainly-marked Red Cross and UN convoys, are atrocities for which the U.S. command authority and the CIA should be held accountable.

..."Still, Barack Obama promises to expand the U.S. war in Afghanistan."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
January 13, 2009	http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0113/p07s03-wosc.html By		
	Danna Harman Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor		

How US tries to limit civilian deaths in Afghanistan

"A record number of US troops - and Afghan civilians - died in 2008. Frustration mounts over fighting Taliban insurgents among villagers.

"...According to Human Rights Watch, 540 civilians lost their lives during the first six months of 2008 alone, a full 173 of them during coalition attacks - an outcome the coalition desperately wants to avoid."

This article points out the Taliban pay young male villagers to fire on coalition troops. USA tries to counter & pay them more for day labor.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
January 12, 2009	http://www.canada.com/news/story.html?id=1168360 By Darah Hansen, Canwest News Service	30 international aid workers in 2008	?

Civilian Canadian *and other aid worker* deaths

"Two Canadian aid workers and a diplomat along with an American colleague and their Afghan driver[*this is just one incident*] ... Civilian workers have increasingly become targets of insurgent violence in the country,...

"...Thirty international civilians were killed in Afghanistan in 2008
 "...an American cultural expert died after she suffered severe burns following an attack in Kandahar Province two months earlier.

"Paula Lloyd had been interviewing locals in the southern village of Maiwand as part of her duties in a Human Terrain Team, which embeds civilian cultural experts into U.S. combat units, when a man doused her with a flammable liquid and set her on fire."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
January 14, 2009	http://www.thememriblog.org/blog_personal/en/12919.htm	32	?
	Source: Wrazpanra Wahdat, Pakistan		

"...anger over a recent operation in the Alishing district in which 32 civilians were killed."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 15, 2009	http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSISL400093	32	?
	By Jonathon Burch		

This **very valuable article** lists example after example of Afghan "claims" of civilian dead countered by US military representatives.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 8 2009	http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iZ20XV0pQW3 fdUmvPo 1 DAGxKRUXg	17	?

"Afghan President Hamid Karzai's office said Thursday that reports suggested 17 civilians, including women and children, were killed in a US raid in eastern Afghanistan this week.

"The US military, however, reiterated that only 32 insurgents were killed in the operation Tuesday in Laghman province, east of the capital Kabul. The provincial government said it had sent a team to the area to investigate."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
Jan. 16 2009	http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/01/15/AR2009011504198.html?hpid=moreheadlines		
	By Pamela Constable Washington Post Foreign Service		

Resistance to U.S. Plan for Afghanistan Troop Boost Complicated by Growing Taliban Influence, Anger Over Airstrikes and Civilian Deaths

"One conundrum, U.S. military officials say, is that the expanded forces will have to come in with heavy firepower and aggressive

military tactics -- likely to create more civilian casualties and public animosity -- in order to secure rural districts so they can bring in services, aid and governance aimed at winning over the local populace."

"...Many Afghans are furious over some actions taken by foreign troops, especially airstrikes that kill unarmed civilians and night raids where unidentified foreigners burst into homes, terrifying families. While the Taliban has swiftly capitalized on such incidents, U.S. and NATO officials tend to initially deny or minimize them, and then fail to publicize investigations or findings."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
January 16th, 2009	http://dissidentvoice.org/2009/01/obama-team-should-reappraise-afghan-war-efforts-before-doubling-troop-levels/ by Gareth Porter / <i>Dissident Voice Online</i>		

"Obama Team Should Reappraise Afghan War Efforts Before Doubling Troop Levels"

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
January 15th, 2009	http://www.indopia.in/India-usa-uk-news/latest-news/477928/International/2/1/2 Indiopia online	13	?

"An Afghan government investigation has found that 13 civilians, including a woman and a child, were killed in a US raid on militants last week, an Afghan official said today."

US maintains 33 "insurgents" were killed; no civilians. Varying numbers from varying sources.

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
January 20th, 2009	http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/southasia/7839953.stm	1000? in 2008?	

"Addressing parliament, Mr Karzai once again urged US-led and Nato troops to do more to reduce civilian casualties.

"...The Nato-led International Security Assistance Force (Isaf) has said that just over 200 civilians were killed by foreign troops last year - but the UN says the real figure amounts to roughly 2,000 civilians killed throughout 2008.

"It says that more than half of those died in insurgent attacks - which correspondents say implies that the remainder died during foreign and Afghan troop operations."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
April 14, 2009	http://www.presstv.ir/detail.aspx?id=83075&sectionid=351020401	close to 500 in Pakistan	

"More than 500 people --among them suspected militants as well as civilians --have been killed in the[drones in Pakistan] attacks." Islamabad says this triggers public anger, which undermines its own counter-terrorism efforts.

"There has been no formal indication that this policy might change under the new US administration.

Report: 687 Pakistani Civilians Killed by US Drones Since 2006

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
21 January 2009	http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/southasia/7841491.stm BBC News Online	"up to 25"	?

Source of estimate "a senior government source"

"The US military in Afghanistan is investigating reports that up to 25 civilians were killed in an operation north of Kabul this week."

Date	Source	Deaths	Injuries
April 13, 2009	http://www.democracynow.org/2009/4/13/headlines#3	687 Pakistanis since 2006	

"The Pakistani newspaper *The News* is reporting US bombing raids have killed 687 Pakistani civilians since 2006. During that time US Predator drones carried out sixty strikes inside Pakistan, but reportedly just ten of the strikes hit their actual targets."

14 Peace Activists Arrested Protesting US Drones in Nevada

"Meanwhile, fourteen peace activists were arrested Thursday outside Creech Air Force Base in Nevada, where Air Force personnel pilot the unmanned drones being used in Pakistan. The activists were arrested after holding a ten-day vigil to raise awareness of the drone strikes. Among the arrested were Kathy Kelly and Father John Dear."