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Taliban attacks killed nearly 3000 people in past 7 months: MOI

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Nearly 3,000 people including Afghan police service members and civilians were killed following militants attack during the past seven months in Afghanistan, officials in the ministry of interior affairs said.

Chief of the Afghan police forces in Afghan interior ministry, Gen. Salim Ehsas told reporters on Tuesday that militants carried out nearly 6000 attacks across the country during the past seven months.

Gen. Ehsas said around 1,273 Afghan public order police service members and 779 Afghan local police (ALP) officers were killed in the attack.

He also added around 856 civilians were killed following militants attacks and explosions during the same period, while 5,000 others including civilians and police officers were injured.

According to Gen. Salim Ehsas, Afghan national security forces conducted around 300 independent military operations and over 1,500 joint military operations with coalition security forces during the period.

Gen. Ehsas further added around 2,168 Taliban militants were killed, 549 others were injured and nearly 1,720 others were detained during the military operations.

The figures reflecting Afghan police and civilian casualties comes amid UN report which suggests 16 percent increase in civilian casualties during the past 8 months.

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) announced earlier this month that civilian casualties in Afghanistan has increased by 16 percent during the first eight months of the year.

According to the report, 54 percent increase in violence was noted in volatile eastern provinces of Kunar, Laghman, Nangarhar and Nuristan provinces.

Georgette Gagnon, UNAMA Human Rights Director said blamed anti-government militant groups for causing the vast majority of civilian deaths and injures, and are deliberately targeting civilians.