

A new record of 10,548 civilians died or were wounded in the war in Afghanistan in 2014 – alongside a number of other new, deadly records.

Civilian casualties were up 22 percent from the previous record in 2013. The number of women and children either killed or wounded reached record highs, according to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. Casualties from suicide attacks, roadside bombs and explosive devices also broke records.

The United Nations has been recording the war in Afghanistan since 2009.

It was also the deadliest year for Afghan security forces since the start of the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan, known as Operation Enduring Freedom.

The withdrawal of Western combat troops and lack of air support are noted as being part of the cause for the rise in casualties.

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