

## Civilian casualties in Afghanistan

This graph shows the monthly tally of civilian casualties in Afghanistan caused by insurgents and coalition military forces (ISAF). It is based on data released by the U.K. Ministry of Defence for a study conducted by Neil Shortland of the Center for Terrorism and Security Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. The entire data set is available at <http://scim.ag/Afghandata>.

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May 2009 ISAF airstrike in Granai



24 to 140 killed

**July 2009** General Stanley McChrystal, ISAF commander, declares the civilian population the "center of gravity" in Afghanistan

**May 2011** Osama bin Laden killed by U.S. Special Forces raid

**June 2011** President Barack Obama announces schedule for troop withdrawal

**November 2011** Mullah Mohammed Omar calls on Taliban to "take every step to protect the lives" of civilians

December 2011 Suicide bombing in Kabul



56 killed

**June 2012** General John Allen, ISAF commander, limits aerial bombings

**September 2012** The Afghan government is leading over 80% of security operations

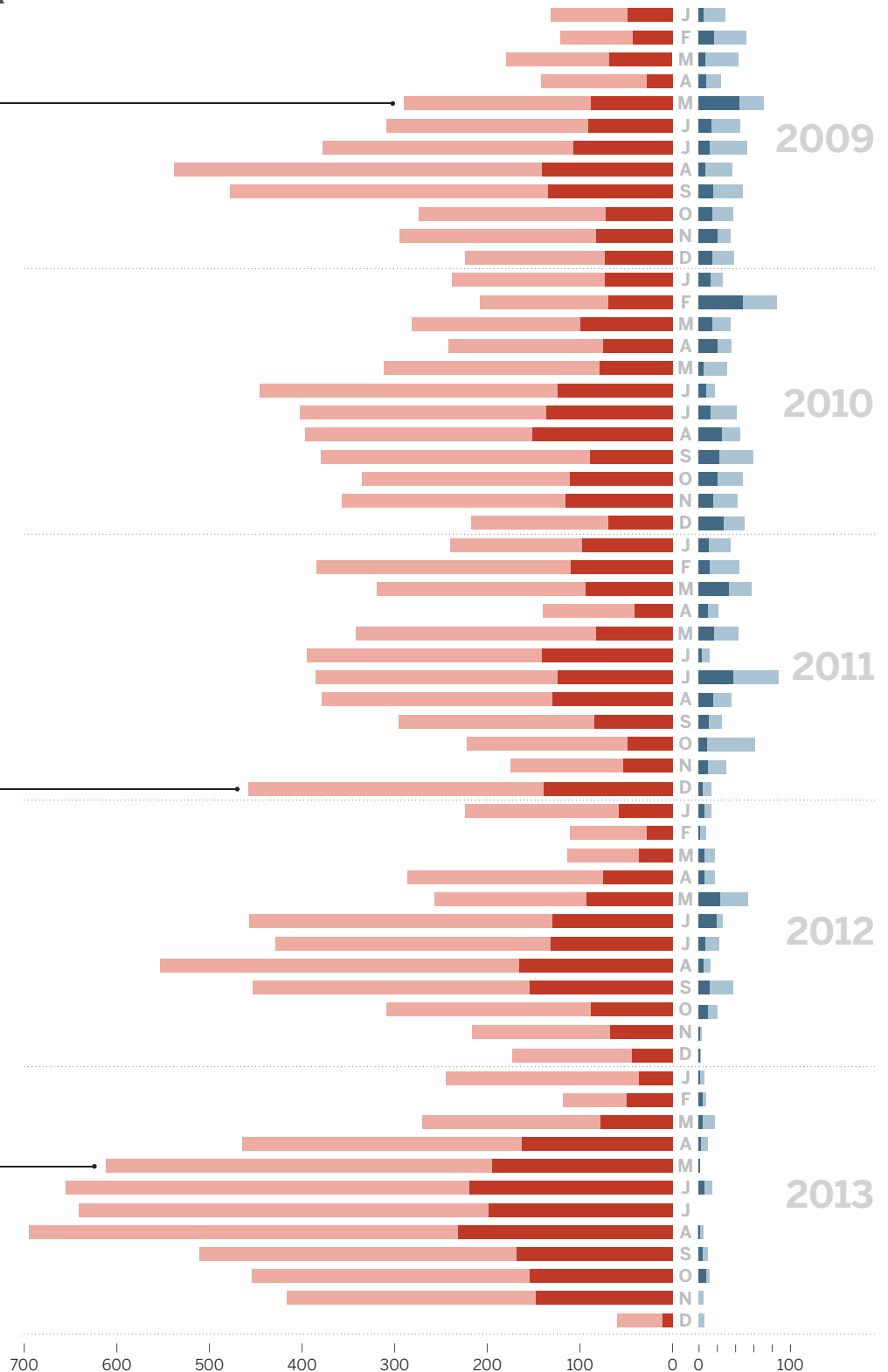
May 2013 Double IED attacks in Kabul



13 killed

**Caused by insurgents**  
Deaths (Red)  
Injuries (Light Red)

**Caused by ISAF**  
Deaths (Dark Blue)  
Injuries (Light Blue)



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