

# Nimroz



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*COMMON ANALYSIS*

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Nimroz province has a population of approximately 184 000, mainly Baluch. It is located in the south-west of Afghanistan and borders Farah and Helmand, as well as Iran and Pakistan. Nimroz is divided into six districts. The province is an important smuggling and trafficking route because of its vicinity to Iran, Pakistan and Helmand. The city of Zaranj hosts a domestic airport.



Examples of incidents include a campaign of strikes by US forces against Taliban drug labs in the province, sometimes resulting in civilian casualties. According to sources, clashes erupted between Taliban and Afghan security forces, mainly in Kashrod and Delaram districts. The Taliban also often attacked military and police

checkpoints in the province.

UNAMA documented 62 civilian casualties (30 death and 32 injured) in 2019, representing 34 civilian victims per 100 000 inhabitants. This was a decrease of 24 % compared to 2018. The leading cause for the civilian casualties were airstrikes, followed by ground engagements and explosive remnants of war.

RS ranked Nimroz in the category of provinces where the number of civilian casualties was between 0 and 25 for the first quarter of 2020; between 0 and 25 civilian casualties were also recorded in the second quarter.

In the period 1 March 2019 – 30 June 2020, 2 557 persons were displaced from the province of Nimroz, all of them relocating in the provincial capital Zaranj. In the same period, 597 were displaced to Nimroz's provincial capital, Zaranj, from Farah province.

Looking at the indicators, it can be concluded that indiscriminate violence is taking place in the province of **Nimroz**, however not at a high level and, accordingly, a high level of individual elements is required in order to show substantial grounds for believing that a civilian, returned to the territory, would face a real risk of serious harm within the meaning of Article 15(c) QD.

Main COI reference: [Security situation 2020](#), 2.24

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