

United Nations Says Violence Claimed 691 Iraqi Lives in August



United Nations, September 2 (RHC)-- The latest figures released by the United Nations show that acts of terrorism and violence left nearly 700 people dead in Iraq in August as Takfiri Daesh militants push ahead with their terror activities in the face of joint operations by Iraqi army forces and fighters from the Popular Mobilization Units.

According to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), a total of 691 Iraqis lost their lives last month, and 1,016 others were injured. The UN mission added that there were 473 civilians among those killed, while the number of civilian injuries hit 813. Violence also claimed the lives of 218 members of the Iraqi security forces, and 203 others sustained injuries.

A large number of the fatalities were recorded in Baghdad, where 231 civilians were killed and 676 others wounded. The northern province of Nineveh saw 116 people killed and another 83 wounded. Elsewhere, a total of 81 people died and 13 others were wounded in Iraq's northern oil-rich province of Kirkuk.

UN envoy to Iraq, Jan Kubis, said: "The bloodletting in Iraq continues without letup. Casualty figures remain too high and civilians again are bearing the brunt."

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