Casualties of war (UK, Iraq)

London (UK) - A list of military forces and journalists killed, captured or reported missing since the start of the war in Iraq.

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British military casualties. Source: MoD

British personnel officially confirmed as dead: 27

British personnel officially confirmed as missing in action: none

British personnel officially confirmed as prisoners of war: none

March 21

Number of casualties: eight

Circumstances: All eight died when a US CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter crashed.

Names released by MoD: Colour Sergeant John Cecil, Royal Marines, from Plymouth; Lance Bombardier Llywelyn Karl Evans, 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery, from Llandudno; Captain Philip Stuart Guy, Royal Marines; Marine Sholto Hedenskog, Royal Marines; Sergeant Les Hehir, 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery, Operator Mechanic (Communications) Second Class; Ian Seymour RN, 148 Commando Battery Royal Artillery Warrant Officer Second Class Mark Stratford, Royal Marines; Major Jason Ward, Royal Marines.

March 22

Number of casualties: six

Circumstances: All six died when two RAF Sea King helicopters collided.

Names released by MoD: Lieutenant Philip D Green RN, 849 Squadron; Lieutenant Antony King RN, 849 Squadron, from Helston, Cornwall; Lieutenant Marc A Lawrence RN, 849 Squadron; Lieutenant Philip West RN, 849 Squadron, from Budock Water, Cornwall; Lieutenant James Williams RN, 849 Squadron, from Falmouth, Cornwall; Lieutenant Andrew S Wilson RN, 849 Squadron.

March 23

Number of casualties: four

Circumstances: An RAF pilot and navigator were killed after their Tornado was struck by a US patriot missile. Two Desert Rats were killed after their military vehicle was attacked by Iraqi troops in southern Iraq.

Names released by MOD: Flight Lieutenant Kevin Barry Main, Pilot, 9 Squadron; Flight Lieutenant David Rhys Williams, Navigator, 9 Squadron.

March 24

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: Combat operations.

Names released by MoD: Lance Corporal Barry Stephen, from Perth; Sergeant Steven Mark Roberts, of 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, from Bradford, West Yorkshire.

March 25

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: Both died in a "friendly fire" attack on their Challenger tank.

Names released by MoD: Corporal Stephen John Allbutt, from Stoke-on-Trent; Trooper David Jeffreyl Clarke, from Littleworth, Staffordshire.
March 26

Number of casualties: no casualties confirmed.

March 27

Number of casualties: no casualties confirmed.

March 28

Number of casualties: one

Circumstances: One soldier was killed in a "friendly fire" incident after his armoured vehicle was fired upon by an American A-10 Thunderbolt Tankbuster.

Name released by MoD: Lance Corporal of Horse Matty Hull.

March 29

Number of casualties: no casualties confirmed.

March 30

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: One Royal Marine was killed in action during fighting in the area of Basra. One soldier was killed in a road traffic accident in Kuwait.

Names released by MoD: Marine CR Maddison, 40 Commando RM, based at Taunton; Lance Corporal S A Brierley, 212 Signal Squadron, 1(UK) Armoured Division HQ & Signal Regiment, based in Herford.

March 31

Number of casualties: one

Circumstances: one soldier was killed in southern Iraq during an explosive ordnance disposal operation.

Name released by MoD: name not released.

April 1

Number of casualties: one

Circumstances: one soldier was killed in an accident involving a light armoured vehicle.

Name released by MoD: name not released.

April 2

Number of casualties: no casualties confirmed.

US military casualties. Source: Pentagon

US personnel officially confirmed as dead: 51

US personnel reported dead: 57-59

Number of US personnel officially confirmed as missing in action: 15
US personnel officially confirmed as prisoners of war: seven

Spc Edgar Adan Hernandez, 21, Spc Joseph Neal Hudson, 23, Spc Shoshana Nyree Johnson, 30, Pfc Patrick Wayne Miller, 23, Sgt James Joseph Riley, 31; Chief Warrant Officer David S Williams, age unknown; Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D Young Jr, age unknown.

March 20

Number of casualties: four

Circumstances: All four died when their CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter crashed in Kuwait.

Names released by US department of defense: Maj Jay Thomas Aubin, 36; Capt Ryan Anthony Beaupre, 30; Cpl Brian Matthew Kennedy, 25; Staff Sgt Kendall Damon Watersbey, 29.

March 21

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: Combat operations.

Names released by US department of defense: 2nd Lt Therrel S Childers, 30; Lance Cpl Jose Gutierrez, 22.

March 22

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: One died when two RAF Sea King helicopters collided. One died in a non-hostile vehicle accident.

Name released by US department of defense: Navy Lt Thomas Mullen Adams, 27; Reserve Spc Brandon S Tobler, 19.

March 23

Number of casualties: 14

Circumstances: 13 marines were killed in an ambush at Nassiriya. A disgruntled US soldier killed another US soldier in Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait, by throwing a grenade into his army barracks.

Names released by US department of defense: Lance Cpl Brian Rory Buesing, 20; Cpl Randal Kent Rosacker, 21; Sgt Michael E Bliz, 31; Lance Cpl David K Fribley, 26; Cpl Jose A Garibay, 21; Cpl Jorge A Gonzalez, 20; Staff Sgt Phillip A Jordan, 42; 2nd Lt Frederick E Pokorney Jr, 31; Lance Cpl Thomas J Stocum, age unknown; Spc Jamaal R Addison, 22; Pfc Howard Johnson II, 21; Army Capt Christopher Scott Seifert, 27; Lance Cpl Michael J Williams, 31; Lance Cpl Patrick R. Nixon, 21.

March 24

Number of casualties: six

Circumstances: One marine was killed by the accidental discharge of a .50 cal machine gun in southern Iraq. One soldier died in a non-hostile vehicle accident. Three soldiers were killed in military combat in the vicinity of the Saddam Canal.

Names released by US department of defense: Army Spc Gregory P Sanders, 19; Lance Cpl Eric J Orlowski, 26; Sgt Nicolas M Hodson, 22; Cpl Evan T James, 20; Sgt Bradley S Korthaus, 28; Lance Cpl Thomas A Blair, 24.

March 25

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: One soldier died from wounds received by the grenade attack at Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait, on March 22.

March 26

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: One marine was killed in a non-hostile vehicle accident in Iraq. One soldier died after being evacuated from Kuwait with a sudden illness.


March 27

Number of casualties: three

Circumstances: Two died in undisclosed combat operations. One marine died when his tank fell off a bridge into the Euphrates River during combat operations northwest of Nassiriya.


March 28

Number of casualties: four

Circumstances: one soldier died when a Bradley fighting vehicle rolled off a cliff in a non-hostile accident in southern Iraq. Three soldiers were killed during convoy operations in the vicinity of the Euphrates river.

Names released by US department of defence: Sgt Roderic A Solomon, 32; Staff Sgt Donald C May, Jr, 31; Lance Cpl Patrick T O'Day, 20; Pfc Francisco A Martinez Flores, 21.

March 29

Number of casualties: six

Circumstances: one Marine was killed in a non-hostile vehicle accident in Iraq. Four soldiers were killed at a checkpoint in southern Iraq after a bomb exploded in an approaching taxi. One marine was killed during a firefight.

Names released by US department of defence: Lance Cpl William W White, 24; Pfc Michael Russell Creighton Weldon, 20; Spc Michael Edward Curtin, 23; Pfc Diego Fernando Rincon, 19; Sgt Eugene Williams, 24; Staff Sgt James W Cawley, 41.

March 30

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: two marines died in a UH-1N Huey helicopter crash in southern Iraq.


March 31

Number of casualties: one

Circumstances: One soldier was killed by enemy artillery in Ayyub.


April 1

Number of casualties: two

Circumstances: One soldier was killed in Samawa when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his vehicle. One marine was killed by a non-combat weapon discharge at Camp Coyote, Kuwait.

Names released by US department of defence: Sgt Jacob L Butler, 24; Lance Cpl Joseph B Maglione, 22.
April 2

Number of casualties: six to eight (actual figure yet to be officially confirmed by US military)

Circumstances: A US FA-18 Hornet warplane was shot down by a surface-to-air missile near Kerbala, a city about 50 miles south of Baghdad. A search is under way for the pilot. In the same area small arms fire downed a US Black Hawk helicopter, killing up to seven soldiers. Source: AP.

Reported incidents of Iraqi military casualties

Iraqi military casualties: No reliable figures.

Coalition estimates: None given

Iraqi civilians killed: 569-725 Source: Iraqbodycount.org

Iraqi prisoners of war held: US and UK forces hold more than 3,500 prisoners. Source: Pentagon.

March 21

Reported Iraqi casualties: British military claim six Iraqis were killed in battles to secure key installations on Iraq's Faw peninsula.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

March 23

Reported Iraqi casualties: US defence officials claim that 70 Iraqis were killed in a battle south of Najaf.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

Reported Iraqi casualties: More than 60 Iraqi soldiers killed as soldiers and tanks of British 7th Armoured Brigade fired on key battlegrounds of southern Iraq. Source: Reuters.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

March 24

Reported Iraqi casualties: 30-plus Iraqi soldiers killed in bombing raid on their way to reinforce the city of Nassiriya. Source: Reuters.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

March 25

Reported Iraqi casualties: US defence officials claim that between 150 and 500 Iraqis were killed in a battle near Najaf.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

Reported Iraqi casualties: British officials claim that their forces raided a suburb of Basra and captured a senior leader of the ruling Ba'ath party, killing 20 of his bodyguards.

Iraqi response: “The situation in Basra is stable. Resistance is continuing and we are teaching them more lessons.”

Source: Iraq's information minister.

March 26

Reported Iraqi casualties: Columns of Iraq's elite Republican Guard divisions and paramilitary fighters moved south from Baghdad. US commanders responded by ordering intense air strikes, which they said wiped out many of the convoys. No specific estimate of Iraqi casualties. Source: Washington Post.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

March 27
Reported Iraqi casualties: Iraqi troop positions south of Baghdad heavily bombarded. No specific estimate of Iraqi casualties given. Source: AP.

Iraqi response: “The heavy bombing south of Baghdad has had no great effect. Iraqi troops are well protected in small foxholes and military losses have been minimal.” Source: Iraqi defence minister Sultan Hashim Ahmad Jabburi Tai.

Reported Iraqi casualties: British forces engaged and destroyed 14 Iraqi tanks that tried to break out of the southern city of Basra. No specific estimate of Iraqi casualties was given. Source: British military.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

March 28

Reported Iraqi casualties: US central command claim that a US jet killed 200 pro-Saddam paramilitaries after a laser-guided bomb hit a building in Basra.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

March 29

Reported Iraqi casualties: US military sources claim that 50 elite Republican Guards were killed near Najaf after an attack by several US Apache helicopters. Source: Reuters.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

March 31

Reported Iraqi casualties: US military sources claim many Iraqis were killed in a fierce battle on the front line about 70 miles south of Baghdad.

Source: Reuters.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

April 1

US military sources reported that marines from the 3rd Battalion, 4th Regiment, killed at least 75 Iraqis and took 44 PoWs during operations to clear out Iraqi mortar nests, snipers and tanks along a line several miles wide near Diwaniyah, 80 miles southeast of Baghdad. Source: AP.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

April 2

US military sources reported that the Republican Guard Baghdad division near Kut, southeast of Baghdad, has been “destroyed”. No specific estimate of Iraqi casualties was given. Source: Reuters.

No official Iraqi response to these claims.

Journalist casualties

April 1

Confirmed journalist casualties: four

Confirmed missing journalists: two

March 22

Australian cameraman Paul Moran killed by a car bomb in northern Iraq.

Kurdish officials blamed militant Islamic group Ansar al-Islam, which Washington has linked to al-Qaida. Source: Reuters.

March 22
Terry Lloyd, a senior journalist from Britain’s Independent Television News (ITN), was killed after coming under coalition fire in southern Iraq. Source: ITN.

French cameraman Fred Nerac and Lebanese producer Hussein Othman, who were members of Terry Lloyd's ITN crew, missing after the incident. Source: Reuters.

March 30

Channel Four News reporter Gaby Rado was found dead after apparently falling from the roof of his hotel in Kurdish controlled northern Iraq.

The four journalists who disappeared from a hotel in Baghdad last week have surfaced alive and well in Jordan. According to Janey McAllester who has spoken to her brother Matthew McAllester, one of the missing journalists, all four had been held in a Baghdad jail whilst the Iraqi authorities questioned them. The three missing journalists from al-Arabiya, an Arabic-language television station based in Dubai, were also safe. They resurfaced in Kuwait on March 30.

April 2

Kaveh Golestan, 52, an Iranian freelance cameraman working for the British Broadcasting Corporation, died when he stood on a landmine as he climbed out of his car.

A list of civilian casualties of the war can be found at: www.iraqbodycount.org

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