

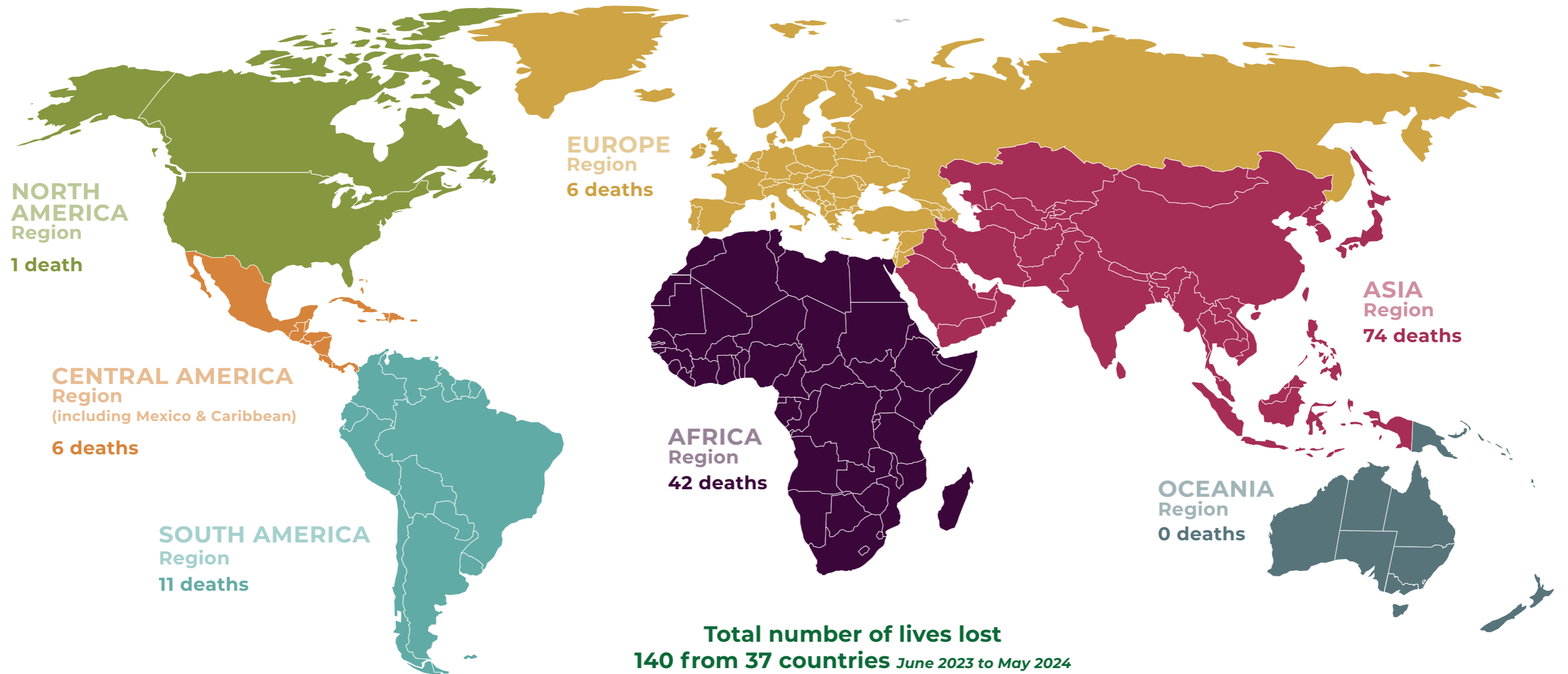


WORLD RANGER DAY 2024

ROLL OF HONOUR

Recognising Ranger Deaths in the Line of Duty

June 2023 to May 2024



The 140 rangers from 37 countries named on this 2024 Roll of Honour are only those who have been reported to and verified by the IRF. This is not the global picture of Line-of-Duty ranger deaths as there are many countries where it is difficult to access reliable information. In acknowledging these 140 names, we also recognise those unknown rangers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending the worlds' protected areas.

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Recognising Ranger Deaths in the Line of Duty Deaths by Region/Country - June 2023 to May 2024



| AFRICA Region | | (42 deaths) |
|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Angola | Francisco João Vontade | Attacked by poachers |
| Benin | Bio Gnoworogui Gilbert | Died in motorcycle accident |
| Benin | Aziz Abdel Soumanou | Died during official visit |
| Benin | Gnami Kouga Inocent | Shot by unidentified individuals |
| Botswana | Sterling Montsosi | Trampled by elephant |
| Cameroon | Amawissa Haman Jean Paul | Attacked by separatists |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Tiéoura Célestin | Car collided with bus |
| Cote D'Ivoire | Lt. Zazan Gregoire Richmond | Motorcycle accident |
| D R Congo | Mulopwe Majondo Saidi | Killed in militia attack on his post |
| D R Congo | Banze Mupafu Eurasme | Rangers attacked by insurgents |
| D R Congo | Djibril Mutambala Kabengano | Died in attack by armed group |
| D R Congo | Mahangaiko Bazirake Celestin | Killed by elephant |
| D R Congo | Alex Masungi Ndonga | Drowned trying to save tourists |
| Ethiopia | Miliyon Tolom Lokare | Shot by poachers |
| Ghana | Daniel Kyei Bobson (Robert) | Shot escorting timber poachers |
| Ghana | Titus Avoka Azasiyande | Shot by unknown assailants |
| Kenya | Rakoi Sengeny | Missing presumed drowned |
| Kenya | Simore Karkar | Drowned |
| Kenya | Enock Ntaloi Mpetti | Aneurysm while on duty |
| Kenya | Simon Lorunyei | Killed by elephant |
| Kenya | un-named | Killed in clash with cattle herders |
| Mozambique | Lucas Martinho Vinte | Attacked by poachers |
| Mozambique | Harish Chandra Pandey | Killed by poachers |
| Nigeria | Musa Yusuf | Limited details |
| Nigeria | Idris Mohammed | Shot on anti-poaching patrol |
| Nigeria | Peter Ayemhoba | Stoned to death by bandits |
| Nigeria | Julius Adeola Adedokun | Stoned to death by bandits |
| South Africa | Sphamandla Phiwayinkosi Mthembu | Killed by hippo |
| South Africa | Johannes Chengeredze | Hit & run incident |
| Sudan | Garang Ruay | Abducted and hung |
| Tanzania | Mkwabi Ndelembi | Drowned while chasing poachers |
| Tanzania | Ezekiel Kilusu | Drowned while chasing poachers |
| Tanzania | Bryson Elisha | Vehicle accident while on patrol |
| Tanzania | Alphonse Boniface Olomi | Drowned moving poached cattle |
| Tanzania | Taiko Olesalei Marau | Attacked by a buffalo |
| Tanzania | Samwel Edward Nassari | Killed by buffalo |
| Uganda | Brian Gigo | Unexplained sudden death |
| Zambia | Josephat Singoyi | Elephant attack |
| Zambia | Obvious Mushitala | Snake bite |
| Zambia | Edward Sambwa | Tripped & accidentally shot himself |
| Zambia | Adamson Zimba | Shot in friendly fire incident |
| Zimbabwe | Bernard Magisambiti Musimeki | Killed by elephant |

| ASIA Region | | (74 deaths) |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Bangladesh | Md Sajjaduzzaman Shahjahan | Run over by soil poacher truck |
| China | Un-named | Head forester killed firefighting |
| China | Un-named | Forest ranger killed firefighting |
| India | Ghankanta Das | Attacked by elephant |
| India | C.M. Balan | Trampled by own elephant |
| India | Rajbir Ahmed | Attacked by timber poachers |
| India | RFO Prakash | Suspected insect bite |
| India | Raisuddin Ahmed | Drowned whilst on duty |
| India | Mati (Mathy) Handsah | Shot dead by poachers |
| India | Yogesh Naika | Accidental pesticide poisoning |
| India | Santosh Dundi | Killed by bear |
| India | Imran Yousaf Wani | Shot at timber checkpoint |
| India | Ravi Raj | Attacked by gaur (buffalo) |
| India | H.H. Venkatesh | Killed trying to tranquillise elephant |
| India | B.Girish | Trampled by elephant |
| India | Irumban Kumaran | Killed by elephant |
| India | Thankachan | Trampled by elephant |
| India | Sudhakar B. Atram | Killed during elephant incursion |
| India | Rajkumar | Bike hit by speeding truck |
| India | Ramesh Chandra | Killed by elephant |
| India | Atul Kalita | Killed trying to relocate elephants |
| India | Ranjan Kumar Sethi | Electrocuted by trap wires |
| India | Robin Basumatary | Killed by buffalo |
| India | Pawan Kumar | Killed by tiger while on patrol |
| India | Ramchandrar | Attack by wild elephant |
| India | V. Ragunathan | Road traffic accident |
| India | Rithey Subba | Killed by elephant with calf |
| India | Chitralal Tossa | Heart attack whilst on duty |
| India | Rajesh Meravi | Drowned on patrol |
| India | Prashant Pal | Killed by elephant |
| India | Harish Chandra Pandey | Found in lake after 2 week search |
| India | Saif Ali Rehman | Killed when EV on test hit tree |
| India | Shailesh Ghildiyal Kumar | Killed when EV on test hit tree |
| India | Parmod Kumar Dhyani | Killed when EV on test hit tree |
| India | Aloki Devi | Drowned in canal following EV crash |
| India | Basdev Baitha | On duty incident |
| India | B.Raju | Trampled by elephant |

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| India | Pakkam Vellachalil Paul | Trampled by elephant |
| India | Abdul (Ali) Qayam Miyan | Trampled by elephant |
| India | Prabin Boro | Respiratory attack on duty |
| India | K. Venkadesh | Heart attack during patrol |
| India | Apurba Momin | Killed by buffalo |
| India | Biren Rabha | Elephant attack |
| India | Kuleshwar Boro | Elephant attack |
| India | Rajendra Singh Kusre | Heart attack after all-night firefighting |
| India | Amalendu Halder | Boat patrol attacked by poachers |
| Kazakhstan | Serikzhan Toktassyn | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Alexey Gubayev | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Maksim Fominykh | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Sayat Nurzhigitov | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Konstantin Nachinyonov | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Alexander Sidorin | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Meiramgul Zhiyenbayeva | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Viktor Sidorin | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Sergey Puzyryov | Died in massive forest fires |
| Kazakhstan | Pyotr Grazhdankin | Died in massive forest fires |
| Nepal | Dhan Bahadur Ban | Killed by elephant |
| Pakistan | Abdul Jabbar Sakna | Electrocuted by falling powerline |
| Pakistan | Zeeshan Shah | Jeep plunged into gorge |
| Pakistan | Afaq Ahmed | Jeep plunged into gorge |
| Philippines | Alejandro Traya | Shot in back by unknown person |
| Sri Lanka | S. Sridaran | Trampled by elephant |
| Thailand | Warawut Kanprachum | Heart attack following patrol |
| Thailand | Yutthana Rabbat | Heart attack whilst on patrol |
| Thailand | Sangworn Nuanthip | Killed whilst on patrol |
| Thailand | Jongrak Jongsri | Killed trying to relocate elephant |
| Thailand | Pansak Jaimongkol | Heart attack whilst on patrol |
| Thailand | Mor. Akham Chuvannaket | Aneurysm during patrol |
| Thailand | Wallop Burapha | Elephant attack |
| Thailand | Wutipngt Srioita | Brain aneurysm on patrol |
| Thailand | Khomsin Kating | Drowned |
| Vietnam | Nguyen Kim Anh | Body found with multiple gunshots |
| Vietnam | Tran Van Khien | Killed during firefighting efforts |
| Vietnam | Truong Thi Lan | Killed during firefighting efforts |

| CENTRAL AMERICA Region | | (6 deaths) |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Nicaragua | Sergio Julián | Shot by armed settlers |
| Honduras | Luis Hernán Baca Valladares | Clubbed by persons unknown |
| Mexico | José Ángel Pelcastre | Illegal loggers attacked patrol |
| Mexico | Ventura Ojeda | Illegal loggers attacked patrol |
| Mexico | Florentino Castro | Illegal loggers attacked patrol |
| Panama | Delvis Abdiel Mojica Gomez | Cause not stated |

| EUROPE Region | | (6 deaths) |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ukraine | Serhiy Volkov | Hit by Russian artillery on patrol |
| Ukraine | Ivan Romanchenko | Hit by Russian artillery on patrol |
| Ukraine | Oleksandr Hlushenko | Hit by Russian artillery on patrol |
| Ukraine | Andrii Mykhaylenko | Hit by Russian artillery on patrol |
| Ukraine | Serhiy Zabolotny | Hit by Russian artillery on patrol |
| Ukraine | Andrii Burakov | Hit by Russian artillery on patrol |

| NORTH AMERICA Region | | (1 death) |
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| USA | Benjamin Charles Sapper | Fire truck accident |

| OCEANIA Region | | No Ranger Line of Duty Deaths |
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| SOUTH AMERICA Region | | (11 deaths) |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Argentina | Silvio Ariel Schuquel | Cause not stated |
| Chile | Jarol Rodríguez Jiménez | Motorcycle collided with truck |
| Peru | Elver Castillo Ávila | Heart attack whilst on duty |
| Peru | Pedro Antonio Saldaña Cárdenas | On duty RTA & heart attack |
| Peru | Ricardo Aaron Zapata Ruiz | Ambushed by motorbike thieves |
| Peru | Jailer Edinzon Jota Coquinche | Dengue fever (died during medevac) |
| Peru | Victorio Dariquebe Gerewa | Murdered by unknown persons. |
| Peru | Angelo Tentes Antonio | Heart attack on patrol |
| Venezuela | Andres Joendy Gomez Vasquez | On duty heart attack |
| Venezuela | Synthia Virginia Lamas Vegas | Aneurysm |
| Venezuela | Urbaneja Martinez Richard Antonio | Heart attack |

The Unknown Ranger

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ANIMAL ATTACKS

(36 deaths)

Any death of a ranger due to attack from wild animals.

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|--------------|--|-------------|
| India | Santosh Dundi | Bear |
| Tanzania | Taiko Olesalei Marau | Buffalo |
| Tanzania | Samwel Edward Nassari | Buffalo |
| India | Ravi Raj | Buffalo |
| India | Robin Basumatary | Buffalo |
| India | Apurba Momin | Buffalo |
| Botswana | Sterling Montsosi | Elephant |
| Zambia | Josephat Singoyi | Elephant |
| Zimbabwe | Bernard Magisambiti Musimeki | Elephant |
| D R Congo | Mahangaiko Bazirake Celestin | Elephant |
| India | Ramchandrar | Elephant |
| Sri Lanka | S. Sridaran | Elephant |
| India | Atul Kalita | Elephant |
| Thailand | Jongrak Jongsri | Elephant |
| Thailand | Wallop Burapha | Elephant |
| India | B. Girish | Elephant |
| India | Irumban Kumaran | Elephant |
| India | Prashant Pal | Elephant |
| India | Ghankanta Das | Elephant |
| India | B. Raju | Elephant |
| India | Pakkam Vellachalil Paul | Elephant |
| India | H.H. Venkatesh | Elephant |
| India | Thankachan | Elephant |
| Nepal | Dhan Bahadur Ban | Elephant |
| India | Ramesh Chandra | Elephant |
| India | Abdul (Ali) Qayam Miyan | Elephant |
| India | Sudhakar B Atram | Elephant |
| India | Atul Kalita | Elephant |
| India | Rithey Subba | Elephant |
| India | C.M. Balan | Elephant |
| India | Biren Rabha | Elephant |
| India | Kuleshwar Boro | Elephant |
| Kenya | Simon Lorunyei | Elephant |
| South Africa | Sphamandla Phiwayinkosi Mthembu | Hippo |
| India | RFO Prakash | Insect bite |
| Zambia | Obvious Mushitala | Snake bite |
| India | Pawan Kumar | Tiger |



HOMICIDE

(38 deaths)

Any death at the hand of another person or persons with intent. This also includes cases if the deceased was off-duty but killed because of their ranger work.

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Angola | Francisco João Vontade | Poachers |
| Bangladesh | Md Sajjaduzzaman Shahjahan | Soil poachers |
| Benin | Gnami Kouga Inocent | Conflict zone death |
| Cameroon | Amawissa Haman Jean Paul | Conflict zone death |
| D R Congo | Mulopwe Majondo Saidi | Conflict zone death |
| D R Congo | Banze Mupafu Eurasme | Conflict zone death |
| D R Congo | Djibril Mutambala Kabengano | Conflict zone death |
| Ethiopia | Miliyon Tolom Lokare | Poachers |
| Ghana | Daniel Kyei Bobson (Robert) | Timber poachers |
| Ghana | Titus Avoka Azasiyande | Unknown assailants |
| Honduras | Luis Hernán Baca Valladares | Unknown assailants |
| India | Amalendu Halder | Poachers |
| India | Rajbir Ahmed | Poachers |
| India | Imran Yousaf Wani | Timber poachers |
| India | Mati (Mathy) Handsah un-named | Poachers |
| Kenya | un-named | Cattle herders |
| Mexico | José Ángel Pelcastre | Timber Poachers |
| Mexico | Ventura Ojeda | Timber Poachers |
| Mexico | Florentino Castro | Timber Poachers |
| Mozambique | Lucas Martinho Vinte | Poachers |
| Mozambique | Harish Chandra Pandey | Poachers |
| Nicaragua | Sergio Julián | Land encroachers |
| Nigeria | Idris Mohammed | Poachers |
| Nigeria | Musa Yusuf | Unknown assailants |
| Nigeria | Peter Ayemhoba | Conflict zone death |
| Nigeria | Julius Adeola Adedokun | Conflict zone death |
| Peru | Ricardo Aaron Zapata Ruiz | Motorcycle theft |
| Peru | Victorio Dariquebe Gerewa | Unknown assailants |
| Philippines | Alejandro Traya | Unknown assailants |
| Sudan | Garang Ruay | Unknown assailants |
| Thailand | Sangworn Nuanthip | Unknown assailants |
| Ukraine | Serhiy Volkov | Conflict zone death |
| Ukraine | Ivan Romanchenko | Conflict zone death |
| Ukraine | Oleksandr Hlushenko | Conflict zone death |
| Ukraine | Andrii Mykhalenko | Conflict zone death |
| Ukraine | Serhiy Zabolotny | Conflict zone death |
| Ukraine | Andrii Burakov | Conflict zone death |
| Vietnam | Nguyen Kim Anh | Unknown assailants |



DEATH IN SERVICE

(20 deaths)

Any line-of-duty incident or illness resulting in death related to working conditions.

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| Argentina | Silvio Ariel Schuquel | Unexplained |
| Benin | Aziz Abdel Soumanou | Unexplained |
| India | Chitralal Tossa | Heart failure |
| India | K. Venkadesh | Heart failure |
| India | Prabin Boro | Respiratory problem |
| Kenya | Enock Ntaloi Mpetti | Aneurysm |
| Panama | Delvis Abdiel Mojica Gomez | Unexplained |
| Peru | Pedro Antonio Saldaña Cárdenas | Heart failure |
| Peru | Jailer Edinzon Jota Coquinche | Dengue fever |
| Peru | Elver Castillo Ávila | Heart failure |
| Peru | Angelo Tentes Antonio | Heart failure |
| Thailand | Mor. Akham Chuvannaket | Aneurysm |
| Thailand | Wutipngt Srioita | Aneurysm |
| Thailand | Pansak Jaimongkol | Heart failure |
| Thailand | Warawut Kanprachum | Heart failure |
| Thailand | Yutthana Rabbat | Heart failure |
| Uganda | Brian Gigo | Unexplained |
| Venezuela | Synthia Virginia Lamas Vegas | Aneurysm |
| Venezuela | Andres Joendy Gomez Vasquez | Heart failure |
| Venezuela | Urbaneja Martinez Richard Antonio | Heart failure |



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

(15 deaths)

Any on-duty death due to vehicle accidents or involving other forms of transportation.

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| Benin | Bio Gnaworogui Gilbert | Motorcycle accident |
| Chile | Jarol Rodríguez Jiménez | Motorcycle collided with truck |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Tiéoura Célestin | Car collided with bus |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Lt. Zazan Gregoire Richmond | Motorcycle accident |
| India | V Rangunathan | Road traffic accident |
| India | Saif Ali Rehman | Electric Vehicle crash |
| India | Basdev Baitha | No details |
| India | Shailesh Ghildiyal Kumar | Electric Vehicle crash |
| India | Parmod Kumar Dhyani | Electric Vehicle crash |
| India | Rajkumar | Bike hit by truck |
| Pakistan | Zeeshan Shah | Jeep plunged into gorge |
| Pakistan | Afaq Ahmed | Jeep plunged into gorge |
| South Africa | Johannes Chengeredze | Hit & run |
| Tanzania | Bryson Elisha | RTA on patrol |
| USA | Benjamin Charles Sapper | Truck left the road |



OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS

(31 deaths)

Any death recorded due to occupational hazards such as firefighting; drownings; falls; equipment failure and other such incidents

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| D R Congo | Alex Masungi Ndonga | Drowned |
| Kenya | Rakoi Sengenye | Drowned |
| Kenya | Simore Karkar | Drowned |
| Tanzania | Mkwabi Ndelembi | Drowned |
| Tanzania | Ezekiel Kilusu | Drowned |
| India | Rajesh Meravi | Drowned |
| India | Aloki Devi | Drowned |
| India | Harish Chandra Pandey | Drowned |
| Tanzania | Ralphonce Boniface Olomi | Drowned |
| India | Raisuddin Ahmed | Drowned |
| Thailand | Khomsin Kating | Drowned |
| Kazakhstan | Serikzhan Toktassyn | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Alexey Gubayev | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Maksim Fominykh | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Konstantin Nachinyonov | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Alexander Sidorin | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Meiramgul Zhiyenbayeva | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Viktor Sidorin | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Sergey Puzyryov | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Pyotr Grazhdankin | Firefighting |
| China | Un-named forest guard | Firefighting |
| China | Un-named Forest station chief | Firefighting |
| Vietnam | Tran Van Khien | Firefighting |
| Vietnam | Truong Thi Lan | Firefighting |
| India | Rajendra Singh Kusre | Firefighting |
| Kazakhstan | Sayat Nurzhigitov | Firefighting |
| Zambia | Adamson Zimba | Friendly fire |
| Zambia | Edward Sambwa | Friendly fire |
| India | Yogesh Naika | Pesticide poisoning |
| India | Ranjan Kumar Sethi | Electrocuted |
| Pakistan | Abdul Jabbar Sakna | Electrocuted |

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