

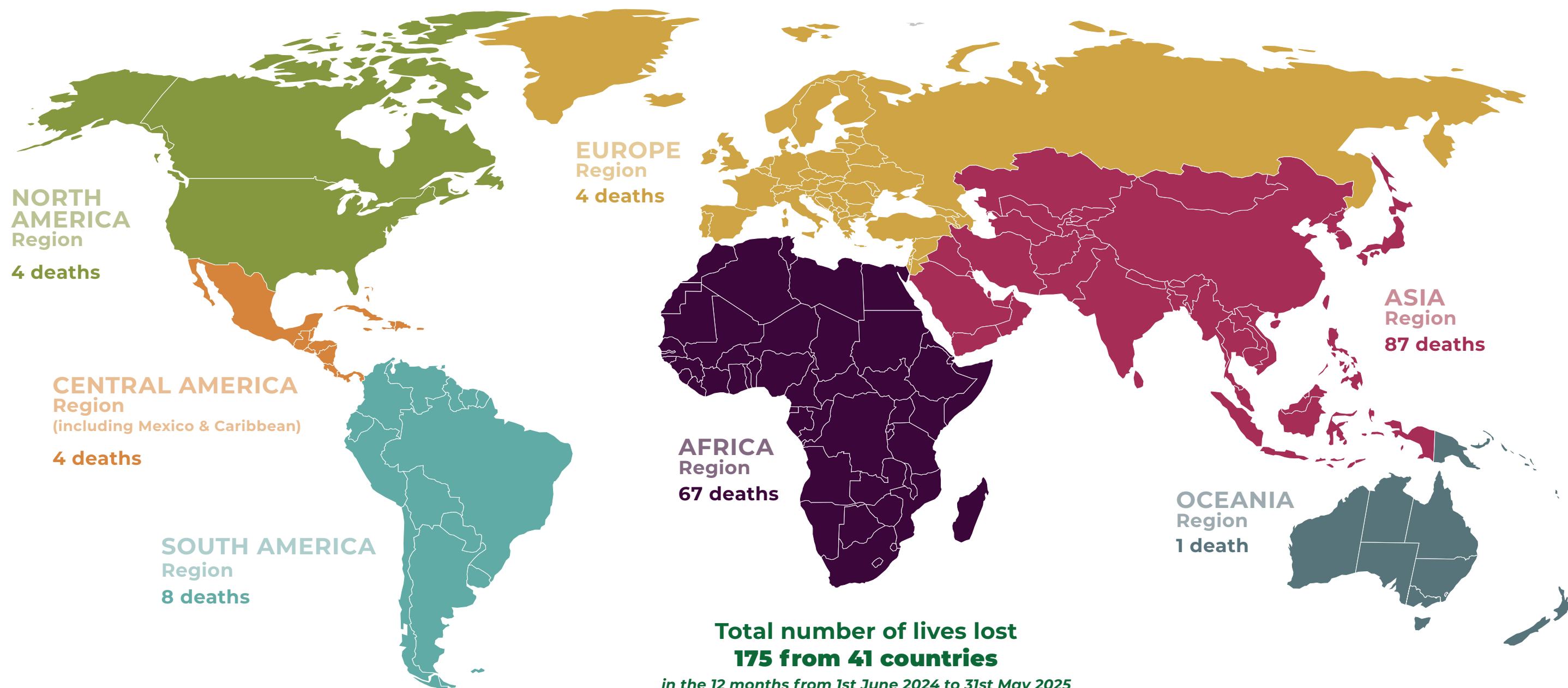


WORLD RANGER DAY 2025

ROLL OF HONOUR

Recognising Ranger Deaths in the Line of Duty

1st June 2025 to 31st May 2025



The 175 rangers from 41 countries named on this 2025 Roll of Honour are those who lost their lives in the 12 months between 1st. June 2024 and 31st. May 2025, as verified by the International Ranger Federation. Therefore, the actual number of rangers who have died in the Line of Duty is likely to be much higher. However, in acknowledging these 175 names, we also recognise those “unknown rangers” who have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending the worlds’ protected areas.

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Deaths by Region/Country - 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2025



AFRICA Region		(67 deaths)
Benin	Amani Soumaila	Conflict Zone homicide
Benin	Gado Bassith	Conflict Zone homicide
Benin	Guerra Kora Salomon	Conflict Zone homicide
Benin	Barassounon Abdoul Malik	Conflict Zone homicide
Benin	Okoumansou Éric	Conflict Zone homicide
Benin	Ibrahima Moutakirou	Conflict Zone homicide
Botswana	Ishmael Meswele	Elephant
Botswana	Tumelo Mojapane	Malaria
D R Congo	Mukambilwa Bunia Mustapha	Conflict Zone homicide
D R Congo	Egide Bilengi Lifindo	Conflict Zone homicide
D R Congo	Justin Akonkwa Kaderha	Conflict Zone homicide
D R Congo	Bulimwangu Manjara	Conflict Zone homicide
Eswatini	Siyabonga Magongo	Killed by Rhino
Kenya	Abdallah Dzabo Kitolle	Shot by rogue police officer
Kenya	Marion Jerono Lagat	Shot by rogue police officer
Kenya	Un-named Inspector	Shot by poachers
Kenya	Un-named Corporal	Shot by poachers
Kenya	Joseph Lokimathi Lochutu	Buffalo
Kenya	un-named KWS ranger	Elephant
Malawi	Thomas Chibakera	Forest office attack
Malawi	William Yohane	Forest office attack
Malawi	Lameck Tebulo	Forest office attack
Malawi	Louis Munyenyembe	Charcoal poachers
Malawi	Hardwork Chilimkhonde	Friendly fire during buffalo charge
Mali	2 Un-named Gardes Forestiere	Conflict Zone homicide
Mozambique	Domingos Daude	Conflict Zone homicide
Mozambique	Fernando Paolo Wirsone	Conflict Zone homicide
Mozambique	Edgar Benesse Estevão	Died during training
Mozambique	Carlitos Cuteiua	Conflict Zone homicide
Mozambique	Pires Jorge	Conflict Zone homicide
Mozambique	Miguel Utale Nacamo	Law enforcement incident
Namibia	Pienaar Kasupi	Accident enroute to wildlife incident
Namibia	Ludwig Ganaseb	Fell in mountainous terrain
Niger	Un-named Forester	Conflict Zone homicide
Niger	4 Agents des Eaux et Forêts	Conflict Zone homicide
Nigeria	Bashir M. Adamu	Killed by poachers
South Africa	David Kandela	Killed by elephant
South Sudan	Mary Marcelo Lino	Official car caught fire.
Tanzania	Longi Biswadi	Malaria
Tanzania	Joseph Katambi	Killed by poachers
Tanzania	Deogratias Gervas Katwana	Pneumonia
Tanzania	Masanja Kashindye Michael	Killed by poachers
Tanzania	Sixmund Jovin	Shot by elephant poachers
Tanzania	Nassoro R Hussein	Died from injuries
Tanzania	Dorcas Ngeleja	Snake bite
Tanzania	Isaack Nasari	Vehicle accident on patrol
Tanzania	Patricia Manonga	Pneumonia
Tanzania	Arafat Saidi Miyamba	Elephant
Tanzania	Julius Buhimila	Drowned in lake
Tanzania	Lyidia Dismas Nyenza	Malaria
Tanzania	Romanus Frances	Killed by poachers
Tanzania	Gabriel H.Gabriel	Undisclosed illness
Tanzania	Abel Daata	Patrol accident
Tunisia	Saleh bin Abdullah	Died from burns rescuing visitors
Uganda	Dismas Makilo	Fell off cliff chasing poacher
Uganda	Jonathan Olara	Shot by poachers
Uganda	Charles Ngabirano	Shot by poachers
Zambia	Landson Mumbai	Elephant attack
Zambia	Christopher Mwila Mvula	Elephant
Zambia	Victor Pulu	Hippo attack
Zambia	Aaron Kyela	Motorbike collided with Ox
Zimbabwe	Maxwell Chihalele	Unspecified animal
Zimbabwe	Josphat Mandishara	Elephant

ASIA Region		(87 deaths)
China (Hong Kong)	Lam Kin-wai	Heat stroke
India	Atul Kalita	Elephant
India	Pawan Kumar	Tiger
India	Rambhau Hanwate	Tiger
India	Rajesh Patel	Collapsed on duty
India	Trilok Singh Mehta	Firefighting
India	Karan Arya	Firefighting
India	Puran Singh Mahara	Firefighting
India	Dewan Ram	Firefighting
India	Deep Chanda Upreti	Found with fatal injuries
India	Krishna Kumar	Firefighting/septic shock
India	Rajendra Rai	Elephant
India	"Madanna" Chikkamadaiah	Elephant
India	D. Thangaraj	Head injury
India	Dhanmani Deka	Tiger attack
India	Prakash Mishra	Collapsed/heart attack
India	Basant Mohanty	Elephant
India	Mangal Pandey	Heart attack in forest office
India	P.C.Shashank	Elephant
India	Chandan Maiti	Found dead on patrol vessel
India	V.R.Ramasamy	On duty traffic accident
India	Jayaram Moolya	Cardiac arrest
India	Rupesh Chhatria	Elephant
India	Abdul Gaffar Sohil	Fell into gorge
India	Sadashiva Gowda	Collapsed/heart attack
India	Lalit Mohan Joshi	On-duty bike collision
India	Arvind Kumar	On-duty bike collision
India	Madan Kumar Dewan	Elephant
India	Kuinda Bhumij	Elephant

India	Kishor Kumar Meghwal	Killed by mining mafia
India	Phunchok Tashi	Fell whilst tracking snow leopard
India	R. Ashok Kumar	Died after Gaur attack
India	Nagendra Singh	Elephant
India	Awadhesh Pal Singh	Accident enroute to court
India	Devendra Chaudhary	Tiger attack
India	M.Dhivakar	On-duty motorcycle crash
India	T.K.Dinesh	Heart attack
India	Shameem Mohammed Mir	Drowned in Nallah
India	Surendra Choudhary	Responding to poaching incident
India	Radheshyam Pemani	Responding to poaching incident
India	Prahlad Pradhan	Shot by poachers
India	Kundan Singh	Firefighting
India	Prashant Kumar	Motorcycle accident while on duty
India	Kalam Singh Markram	Drowning
India	Devballi Vithoba Borkar	Firefighting
India	Jirsong Engti	Motorcycle accident on duty
India	Zeherul Islam	Attacked by Indian bison
Indonesia	Haryanto	Exhaustion during incident
Indonesia	Rizal	Died of exhaustion
Indonesia	Serasi	Sepsis following patrol injury
Iran	Hamid Fallah	Collapsed in patrol post
Iran	Mustafa Abdullahi	Died firefighting
Iran	Hassan Danansab	Carbon monoxide poisoning
Iran	Sajjad Mandani	Suspicious death
Iran	Kazem Mosadegh	Shot by poachers
Iran	Seyyed Hossein Hosseini	Responding to incident
Iran	Ismail Karimi	Firefighting
Nepal	Man Mohan Chaudhary	Rhino attack
Nepal	Hare Ram Mandal	On-duty motorcycle accident
Pakistan	Abdul Qadeer	Hypothermia
Pakistan	Syed Ghulam Murtaza Shah	Hypothermia
Pakistan	Hijab Ahmed	Conflict Zone homicide
Pakistan	Babar Mushtaq	Cardiac arrest during patrol
Pakistan	Raja Fiaz	Heart attack
Pakistan	Tal Amand Khan	Died firefighting
Pakistan	Ghulam Mustafa	Cardiac arrest during patrol
Pakistan	Hafiz Jameel Ahmed	Killed by loggers
Pakistan	Sardar Majid Hussain	Cardiac arrest
Philippines	Armie Tuparan	Conflict Zone homicide
Sri Lanka	K. W. Indika Kumara	Elephant
Thailand	Palawat Chanaboon	Illegal timber incident
Thailand	Mongkol Rakthakan	Falling tree
Thailand	Warawan Anchuen	Exhaustion on patrol
Thailand	Hadilod Hayali	Motorcycle accident
Thailand	Anek Srisuphan	Bacterial infection
Thailand	Nuchit Jangsangiri	Elephant
Thailand	Phitsanu Boonkeow	Heart attack while on patrol
Thailand	Witthawat Konmek	Heart attack while on patrol
Thailand	Mahamarostee Panoh	Heart attack while on patrol
Thailand	Aekkacchai Chaimongkhon	Collapsed firefighting
Thailand	Suriya Sukapan	Car accident
Thailand	Changsak Wongsawat	Collapsed on field duty
Thailand	Pongdanai Jaipik	Collapsed firefighting
Thailand	Paisarn Waenphet	Drowned in cave
Thailand	Kritsiri Pinprayun	Shot by hunter
Thailand	Manit Sawansu	Vehicle accident firefighting
Vietnam	Ding Wenjian	Gaur attack

CENTRAL AMERICA Region		(4 deaths)
Mexico	Miriam Aidé Grijalva	Jeep rollover
Nicaragua	Serato Juwith Charly	Armed settler attack
Panama	Raúl Alonso	Fell from patrol boat
Panama	Marcos García	Struck by lightning

EUROPE Region		(4 deaths)
Greece	Pavlos Vourtsas	Cardiac arrest
Spain	Baltasar Benavente Catalan	Heat stroke/cardiac arrest
Turkey	Ahmet Ercan	Heart attack
Turkey	Ümit Durğut	On duty incident

NORTH AMERICA Region		(4 deaths)
USA	Tom Lorig	Accidental fall
USA	Kevin Grossheim	Drowned in rescue incident
USA	Dariel Vasquez	Firefighting
USA	Alec Campbell	Drowned on patrol

OCEANIA Region		(1 death)
Australia	Neil O'Shaughnessy	Medical episode

SOUTH AMERICA Region		(8 deaths)
Argentina	Rodrigo Ocaranza	Drowned in river
Brazil	Jorge da Silva Campos	Found dead after psychotic outburst
Colombia	Carlos Andres Ascue Tumbo	Shot by armed assailants
Colombia	Hernan Felipe Latorre Castellanos	Motorcycle accident
Colombia	Juan Pongutá	Struck by lightning
Peru	Ruben Dominquez Ramos	Heart attack
Venezuela	José David Pérez Almeida	Heart attack while on duty
Venezuela	Wisbert Guillermo García García	Stroke while on duty

The Unknown Ranger

Total number of lives lost - 175 from 41 countries



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Causes of Death - 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2025



ANIMAL ATTACKS

(32 deaths)

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

Kenya	Joseph Lokimathi Lochutu	Buffalo
South Africa	David Kandela	Elephant
Zambia	Christopher Mwila Mvula	Elephant
Tanzania	Arafat Saidi Miyamba	Elephant
Botswana	Ishmael Meswele	Elephant
Zimbabwe	Josphat Mandishara	Elephant
Kenya	Un-named	Elephant
India	Atul Kalita	Elephant
Sri Lanka	K. W. Indika Kumara	Elephant
India	Rajendra Rai	Elephant
India	"Madanna" Chikkamadaiah	Elephant
India	Basant Mohanty	Elephant
India	P.C.Shashank	Elephant
India	Rupesh Chhatra	Elephant
India	Madan Kumar Dewan	Elephant
India	Kuinda Bhumij	Elephant
Thailand	Nuchit Jangsangiri	Elephant
India	Nagendra Singh	Elephant
Zambia	Landson Mumbai	Elephant
Vietnam	Ding Wenjian	Gaur
India	R. Ashok Kumar	Gaur
India	Zeherul Islam	Gaur
Zambia	Victor Pulu	Hippo
Zambia	Aaron Kyela	Ox
Nepal	Man Mohan Chaudhary	Rhino
Eswatini	Sgt Siyabonga Magongo	Rhino
Tanzania	Dorcas Ngeleja	Snake
India	Rambhau Hanwate	Tiger
India	Devendra Chaudhary	Tiger
India	Pawan Kumar	Tiger
India	Dhanmani Deka	Tiger
Zimbabwe	Maxwell Chihahele	Wildlife incident



DEATH IN SERVICE

(37 deaths)

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

Thailand	Anek Srisuphan	Bacterial infection
India	Rajesh Patel	Collapsed & died on-duty
Iran	Hamid Fallah	Collapsed & died in patrol post
Mozambique	Edgar Benesse Estevão	Died during training
Indonesia	Rizal	Died from exhaustion
Indonesia	Haryanto	Exhaustion during chase
Thailand	Warawan Anchuen	Exhaustion on patrol
Brazil	Jorge da Silva Campos	Found dead after psychotic outburst
India	Chandan Maiti	Found dead on patrol vessel
India	D. Thangaraj	Head injury
India	Prakash Mishra	Heart attack
India	Sadashiva Gowda	Heart attack
Pakistan	Raja Fiaz	Heart attack
Turkey	Ahmet Ercan	Heart attack
Peru	Ruben Dominguez Ramos	Heart attack
India	T.K.Dinesh	Heart attack
Venezuela	José David Pérez Almeida	Heart attack while on duty
Thailand	Phitsanu Boonkeow	Heart attack while on patrol
Thailand	Witthawat Konmek	Heart attack while on patrol
India	Mangal Pandey	Heart attack in forest office
Pakistan	Ghulam Mustafa	Heart/Cardiac arrest on patrol
Pakistan	Sardar Majid Hussain	Heart/Cardiac arrest on duty
Greece	Pavlos Vourtsas	Heart/Cardiac arrest
India	Jayaram Moolya	Heart/Cardiac arrest
Pakistan	Babar Mushtaq	Heart/Cardiac arrest during patrol
Spain	Baltasar Benavente Catalan	Heat stroke/cardiac arrest
Tanzania	Longi Biswadi	Malaria
Tanzania	Lyidia Dismas Nyenza	Malaria
Botswana	Tumelo Mojapane	Malaria
Tanzania	Gabriel H.Gabriel	Malaria suspected
Australia	Neil O'Shaughnessy	Medical episode
Tanzania	Deogratias Gervas Katwana	Pneumonia
Tanzania	Patricia Manonga	Pneumonia
Venezuela	Wisbert Guillermo García García	Stroke while on duty
Indonesia	Serasi	Sepsis following patrol injury
Thailand	Mahamarostee Panoh	Collapsed on patrol
Thailand	Changsak Wongsawat	Collapsed on field duty



HOMICIDE

(49 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.

Colombia	Carlos Andres Ascue Tumbo	Armed assailants
Nicaragua	Serato Juwith Charly	Armed settlers
Malawi	Thomas Chibakera	Attacked in office
Malawi	William Yohane	Attacked in office
Malawi	Lameck Tebulo	Attacked in office
Niger	Un-named forester	Conflict Zone death
Niger	2 Un-named Forest guards	Conflict Zone death
Mali	2 Un-named Gardes Forestiere	Conflict Zone death
D R Congo	Mukambiliwa Bunia Mustapha	Conflict Zone death
D R Congo	Egide Bilengi Lifindo	Conflict Zone death
D R Congo	Justin Akonkwa Kaderha	Conflict Zone death
Benin	Amani Soumaïla	Conflict Zone death
Benin	Gado Bassith	Conflict Zone death
Benin	Guerra Kora Salomon	Conflict Zone death
Benin	Barassounon Abdoul Malik	Conflict Zone death
Benin	Okoumansou Éric	Conflict Zone death

Benin	Ibrahima Moutakirou	Conflict Zone death
Niger	2 Agents des Eaux et Forêts	Conflict Zone death
D R Congo	Bulimwangu Manjara	Conflict Zone death
Mozambique	Domingos Daude	Conflict Zone death
Mozambique	Fernando Paolo Wirson	Conflict Zone death
Mozambique	Miguel Utale Nacamo	Conflict Zone death
Mozambique	Carlitos Cuteiua	CZ attack, missing assume dead
Mozambique	Pires Jorge	CZ attack, missing assume dead
Pakistan	Hijab Ahmed	Conflict Zone death
Philippines	Armie Tuparan	Conflict Zone death
Tanzania	Nassoro R Hussein	Died from injuries
India	Deep Chanda Upreti	Found with fatal injuries
India	Kishor Kumar Meghwal	Killed by mining mafia
Kenya	Abdallah Dzabo Kitolle	Killed by rogue police officer
Kenya	Marion Jerono Lagat	Killed by rogue police officer
Thailand	Kritsiri Pinprayun	Shot by hunter
Tanzania	Joseph Katambi	Shot by poachers
Tanzania	Sixmund Jovin	Killed by elephant poachers
Pakistan	Hafiz Jameel Ahmed	Killed by loggers
Malawi	Louis Munyenyembe	Shot by poachers
Kenya	Un named Inspector	Shot by poachers
Kenya	Un- named Corporal	Shot by poachers
Nigeria	Bashir M. Adamu	Shot by poachers
Tanzania	Masanja Kashindye Michael	Shot by poachers
Uganda	Jonathan Olara	Shot by poachers
Uganda	Charles Ngabirano	Shot by poachers
Tanzania	Romanus Frances	Shot by poachers
Iran	Kazem Mosadegh	Shot by poachers
India	Prahlad Pradhan	Shot by poachers
Iran	Sajjad Mandani	Suspicious death



OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS

(36 deaths)

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

Iran	Hassan Danansab	Carbon monoxide poisoning
Tunisia	Saleh bin Abdullah	Died from burns rescuing visitors
Thailand	Paisarn Waenphet	Drowned in cave
Tanzania	Julius Buhimila	Drowned in lake
India	Shameem Mohammed Mir	Drowned in Nallah
USA	Kevin Grossheim,	Drowned in rescue incident
Argentina	Rodrigo Ocaranza	Drowned in river
USA	Alec Campbell	Drowned on patrol
India	Kalam Singh Markram	Drowned
Thailand	Mongkol Rakthakan	Falling tree
Panama	Raúl Alonso	Fell from patrol boat
USA	Tom Lorig	Fell in accident
Namibia	Ludwig Ganaseb	Fell in mountainous terrain
India	Abdul Gaffar Sohil	Fell into gorge
Uganda	Dismas Makilo	Fell off cliff chasing poacher
India	Phunchok Tashi	Fell whilst tracking snow leopard
India	Trilok Singh Mehta	Firefighting
India	Karan Arya	Firefighting
India	Puran Singh Mahara	Firefighting
India	Dewan Ram	Firefighting
India	Kundan Singh	Firefighting
India	Devballi Vithoba Borkar	Firefighting
Iran	Ismail Karimi	Firefighting
Iran	Mustafa Abdullahi	Firefighting
Pakistan	Tal Amand Khan	Firefighting
USA	Dariel Vasquez	Firefighting
Thailand	Pongdanai Jaipik	Firefighting
Thailand	Aekkacchai Chaimongkhon	Firefighting (collapsed)
India	Krishna Kumar	Firefighting/septic shock
Malawi	Hardwork Chilimkhonde	Friendly fire during buffalo charge
China (Hong Kong)	Lam Kin-wai	Heat stroke during field survey
Pakistan	Abdul Qadeer	Hypothermia in high elevation
Pakistan	Syed Ghulam Murtaza Shah	Hypothermia in high elevation
Tanzania	Abel Daata	Serious accident on patrol
Panama	Marcos Garcia	Struck by lightning
Colombia	Juan Pongutá	Struck by lightning



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

(21 deaths)

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

Namibia	Pienaar Kasupi	Accident enroute to wildlife incident
India	V.R.Ramasamy	Accident on duty
Tanzania	Isaack Nasari	Accident on patrol
Iran	Seyyed Hossein Hosseini	Accident responding to incident
India	Surendra Choudhary	Accident responding to incident
India	Radheshyam Pemani	Accident responding to incident
Thailand	Palawat Chanaboon	Accident with illegal timber truck
South Sudan	Mary Marcelo Lino	Accident & car caught fire
India	Awadhesh Pal Singh	Bike accident on duty
Mexico	Miriam Aidé Grijalva	Jeep rollover
India	Lalit Mohan Joshi	Motorcycle accident
Colombia	Hernan Felipe Latorre Castellanos	Motorcycle accident
Thailand	Hadilod Hayali	Motorcycle accident
India	Prashant Kumar	Motorcycle accident
India	Jirsong Engti	Motorcycle accident
Turkey	Ümit Durğut	On duty incident
Nepal	Hare Ram Mandal	Motorcycle accident
India	M.Dhivakar	Motorcycle accident
India	Arvind Kumar	Suspicious bike collision
Thailand	Suriya Sukapan	Accident during logging incident
Thailand	Manit Sawansu	Accident during firefighting

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