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## Number Of Suicide Attacks Falls Again In 2020 And They Are Becoming Less Deadly

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The number of suicide attacks by terrorist groups around the world fell by 15% in 2020, continuing the trend over recent years which has seen the figure steadily drop.

According to [data compiled](#) by Israeli think tank the **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)**, there were a total of 127 suicide bombings carried out last year by 177 perpetrators. The attacks killed 765 people and injured a further 1,925.

In comparison, there were 149 attacks in 2019, which killed 1,855 and injured 3,663. As recently as 2016 there were 470 attacks.

The average number of people killed per suicide bombing was six in 2020, half the figure of the previous year, while the number that were injured fell to 15 per attack from 25 in 2019.

Three countries bore the brunt of the attacks. Afghanistan suffered 52 attacks, most of them by the Taliban. There were 24 attacks in Somalia and 19 in Syria. Some 14 other countries witnessed suicide attacks, including eight in Iraq, five in Cameroon, four in Nigeria, three in Pakistan and two each in Lebanon and Libya. Algeria, Chad, Egypt, Mali, the Philippines, Russia, Tunisia and Turkey all suffered one each.

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