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Information on the current security situation

A report issued in May 2019 by *Reuters* states that:

“...combat had intensified across Afghanistan in recent weeks and hundreds of Afghan troops and civilians have been killed” (Reuters (1 May 2019) *U.S. military stops tracking key metric on Afghan war as situation deteriorates*).

In April 2019 the *United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan* states that:

“In the first quarter of 2019, the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) continued to document high levels of harm to civilians from the armed conflict” (United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (24 April 2019) *Quarterly Report on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict: 1 January to 31 March 2019*, p.1).

BBC News in April 2019 points out that:

“Intense fighting is still going on all over the country...”(BBC News (3 April 2019) *Will talks with the Taliban bring peace or chaos?*, p.1).

In February 2019 the *United States Security Council* states that:

“The security situation remained volatile, with a consistently high number of security incidents” (United States Security Council (28 February 2019) *The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security: Report of the Secretary-General (February 2019)*, p.6).

A report issued in February 2019 by the *United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan* points out that:

“The armed conflict in Afghanistan continued to harm civilians at unacceptably high levels in 2018, with overall civilian deaths, including child deaths, reaching record high levels” (United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (24 February 2019) *Afghanistan: Protection Of Civilians In Armed Conflict: Annual Report 2018*, p.5).

A publication released in February 2019 by the *European Council on Refugees and Exiles* states that:

“Ongoing conflict, the worst drought in decades, and deepening poverty have all contributed to a deteriorating humanitarian situation in Afghanistan” (European Council on Refugees and Exiles (22 February 2019) *No Reason for Returns to Afghanistan*,p.2).

In February 2019 the *Norwegian Refugee Council* states in a report that:

“Afghans continue to be attacked, abused, displaced and refused their rights. Almost two-thirds of the population - 17 million people - live in areas directly affected by

conflict” (Norwegian Refugee Council (13 February 2019) *Afghanistan: Record numbers of casualties amid peace talks*).

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