The unintended violence and bloodshed have inflicted terrible costs on the Afghan people. Human rights violations and offenses increased the death toll over the past year, according to a report by the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The report stated that human rights violations were committed by all parties to the conflict, including the Taliban, Afghan security forces, and other insurgents. The report also noted that the majority of casualties were civilians and that the number of civilian deaths has increased significantly since the start of the conflict.

In the province of Helmand, the Taliban have been causing great suffering to the local population. According to the report, the Taliban are using civilians as human shields, committing atrocities against them, and using them as a means of intimidation. The report also noted that the Afghan government has failed to take effective action to protect civilians and has been complicit in human rights violations.

The report concluded that the situation in Afghanistan is dire and that urgent action is needed to protect civilians from further harm. The UN has called on all parties to the conflict to respect international humanitarian law and to take all feasible measures to protect civilians. The UN has also called on the Afghan government to take immediate steps to address the human rights violations and to hold those responsible accountable.