



WORLD RANGER DAY 2025

ROLL OF HONOUR

Recognising Ranger Deaths in the Line of Duty

Deaths by Region/Country - 1st June 2024 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 Munyenjembe            | 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 Wirson        | 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 Chihahale            | Unspecified animal                    |
| Zimbabwe      | Josphat Mandishara           | Elephant                              |

| ASIA Region       |                         | (86 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 Chhatra          | Elephant                      |
| India             | Abdul Gaffar Sohil      | Fell into gorge               |
| India             | Sadashiya 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                      |

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|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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            |
| Thailand    | Palawat Chanaboon        | Illegal timber incident           |
| Thailand    | Mongkol Raktakan         | Falling tree                      |
| Thailand    | Warawan Anchuen          | Exhaustion on patrol              |
| Thailand    | Hadilod Hayali           | Motorcycle accident               |
| Thailand    | Anek Srisuphan           | Bacterial infection               |
| Thailand    | Nuchit Jansangsiri       | 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 Garcia        | 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 - 174 from 40 countries