



# WORLD RANGER DAY 2025

## ROLL OF HONOUR

### Recognising Ranger Deaths in the Line of Duty

#### Causes of Death - 1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025



#### ANIMAL ATTACKS

(31 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          |
| 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 Jansangsiri       | 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 Dominquez 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 | Mukambilwa 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 |

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| 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.

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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          |

Total number of lives lost - 174 from 40 countries