



WORLD RANGER DAY 2026

ROLL OF HONOUR

Recognising Ranger Deaths in the Line of Duty

Deaths by Region/Country - 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2026



AFRICA Region		(58 deaths)
Chad	Seid Mahamat Kicheb	Friendly fire incident
Côte d'Ivoire	Koumaré "Youi" Issouf	Killed by illegal gold miners
Côte d'Ivoire	Coulibaly Ladji Ismaël	Shot in dispute with hunter
D R Congo	Jean-Paul Ngoy Mateta	Armed attack on Ranger base
D R Congo	Tchimanga Jean Claude	Armed attack on Ranger base
D R Congo	Kilolo Beya Benjamin	Armed attack on Ranger base
D R Congo	Kasereka Valyathire Baraka	Armed attack on Ranger base
D R Congo	Munguakonkwa Mihigo Jacques	Armed attack on Ranger base
D R Congo	Nziyunvira Juhudi Yves Prince	Shot by armed intruders
D R Congo	Daniel Kakule	Died in plane crash
D R Congo	Claude Nguo	Died in plane crash
D R Congo	Melewa Lanzile	On-duty vehicle accident
Gabon	Éric Rogombé	Disappeared on patrol
Ghana	Raphael Ganyo	Shot by suspected poacher
Guinea	Mory Douno	On duty motorcycle accident
Kenya	William Sompiroi Noongalalo	Buffalo attack
Kenya	Chale Ngati	Elephant attack
Kenya	Lporina Lemongi	Killed by bandits
Kenya	James Lekalwe	Clashed with herders
Kenya	Boniface Mwanzia	Vehicle accident on duty
Kenya	Kibet Maiyani	Attacked by illegal graziers
Kenya	Peter Muthoka	Vehicle accident on duty
Mozambique	Samuel Ganizane Similado	Killed in an ambush
Nigeria	Hammed Oyekunle Quadir	Ranger base attacked
Nigeria	Olalere Muideen	Ranger base attacked
Nigeria	Musibaudeen Bamidele	Ranger base attacked
Nigeria	Ololade Hassan	Killed in armed attack
Nigeria	Moses Areo	Killed in armed attack
Nigeria	Soloman Ajiaa	Killed in armed attack
Nigeria	Akinade Alawode	Killed in armed attack
Nigeria	Mukthar Ajiboye	Killed in armed attack
Nigeria	Un-named guard Kainji NP	Bandit attack
Nigeria	Marvellous Jalo	Shot escorting suspects
Nigeria	Jiim Raphael	Shot escorting suspects
Nigeria	Jerry Jimmy	Stabbed by illegal grazier
Nigeria	Isaiah Igededinin	Vehicle accident on duty
Nigeria	Eju Patrick Mbu	On-duty road traffic accident
Nigeria	Agbor Joseph Agbor	On-duty road traffic accident
Rwanda	Nkotanyi Geoffrey	Attacked by bull elephant
Senegal	Abdoulaye Ndianor	Struck with machete
South Africa	Israel Shambira	Gored by elephant
South Africa	Schoeman van Jaarsveld	Gored by black rhino
South Sudan	Justin Badis	Shot by nomad herders
Tanzania	Paul Kitosi	Trampled by elephant
Tanzania	Ally Sakasa Kajogoro	Acute pneumonia
Tanzania	Lazaro Mkata	Sleeping sickness
Tanzania	Boniphace Katan Amon	Died in hospital after attack
Tanzania	Godfrey Mathew Msumari	Killed by armed attacker
Tanzania	Juma Y. Juma	Vehicle accident on patrol
Tanzania	Richard Michael Mgema	Vehicle accident on duty
Tanzania	Felix John Sebastian	On-duty road traffic accident
Uganda	Isaac Maloba	Lost control of vehicle
Zambia	Webby Banda	Elephant attack on patrol
Zambia	Elijah Kayaya	Killed by white rhino
Zambia	Lucky Muleya	On-duty death
Zambia	Zachariah Hachcombe	Shot by poachers
Zimbabwe	Knowledge Mudzimureka	Attacked by black rhino
Zimbabwe	Munyaradzi Gomwe	Vehicle accident on duty

ASIA Region		(63 deaths)
Cambodia	Chey Rey	Attacked by gaur
India	N. Prabhu	Attacked by gaur
India	Chinna Karuppan	Killed by bear
India	Naveen Kumar	Heart attack at work
India	Dulal Rabha	Killed by a gaur
India	Mallaiah	Bear attack
India	Bharat Singh	On duty motorcycle accident
India	Shreyas	Killed by elephants
India	S. Nagarachari	Killed dispersing elephants
India	Prem Munna Kasdekar	Tiger attack
India	Anil Kumar	Killed by tiger
India	Katravath Lakshma Naik	Electrocuted by poacher wire
India	Kaalimuthu	Trampled by elephant
India	Sanna Haida	Fatally mauled by tiger
India	Dilip Konwar	Elephant attack
India	Sahab Uddin	Rhino attack
India	Shaiju	Trampled by elephant
India	M.B. Kumar	Trampled by elephant
India	Fairoz	Heart attack while on duty
India	Sharath	Disappeared on patrol, found dead
India	T. Raju	Attacked by elephant
India	Habibur Rahman	Stroke at work
India	Sanju Islary	Killed dispersing elephants
India	Dasari Srinivas	Cardiac arrest on patrol
India	Jitendra Singh Shekhawat	Run over by illegal gravel miners

India	Sanat Birari	Killed teak poachers
India	Gopal Bhuyan	Suspected malaria
India	Afsan Mohammad	Fell from a tree
India	Harkesh Gurjar	Run over by illegal sand miners
India	Samara Oram	Died from firefighting burns
India	Gupta Prasad Mohanty	On duty traffic accident
India	Ghulam Mohammad Shah	Fell while firefighting
India	Vijay Shinganjude	Died battling forest fires
India	Maheswar Naik	Fatal burn injuries firefighting
India	Mohammad Iqbal Zargar	Killed by falling rocks
India	Ashraf Chauhan	Killed by tranquiliser dart
India	Krishna	Traffic accident on night duty
India	Hanumanthappa	Traffic accident on night duty
India	Vipin Yadav	Accident on duty
India	Anand Lal	Gorge fall on fire prevention duty
India	Rajendra Singh Negi	Fell into gorge firefighting
India	Shameem Ahmad Mir	Drowned after falling in river
Iran	Hedayatollah Didayban	Shot during clash with hunters
Iran	Mahmoud Shahmoradi	Shot by illegal hunters
Nepal	Ram Ishwar Mahato	Decapitated by timber poachers
Pakistan	Faizur Rehman	Killed in armed attack
Pakistan	Muhammad Akram	Axed to death by timber poacher
Pakistan	Syed Qaiser Shah	On duty vehicle accident
Philippines	Jimmy Digaynon	Shot at his ranger station
Russia (East)	Andrei Kovera	Killed by Amur tiger
Russia (East)	Alexander Vyskubov	Killed by bear
South Korea	Bae Mo	Swept away in storm
Sri Lanka	Warnakulasooriya Amila Udara	Attacked by elephant
Thailand	Sarawat Sanancho	Collapsed in elephant incident
Thailand	Chanchai Nenleit	Accident enroute to elephant incident
Thailand	Buncha Kraisi-baramee	Elephant attack
Thailand	Sirinthorn Hoapang	Elephant attack on patrol
Thailand	Boonma Phadang	Traffic accident on night duty
Thailand	Chelimchai Sarasin	Smoke inhalation firefighting
Thailand	Thong Lee Dechchai	Smoke inhalation firefighting
Thailand	Kulthawat Yamnan	Accident en-route to move elephants
Thailand	Thirachai Ngamsant	Trampled by wild elephants
Thailand	Chitraphanu Chairat	Attacked by elephant

CENTRAL AMERICA Region		(1 deaths)
Guatemala	Marco Antonio Zuleta Quevedo	Killed in armed attack

EUROPE Region		(9 deaths)
Albania	Bledar Spahiu	Accident enroute to fire
Greece	Pavlos Vourtsas	Found dead in forest
Russia (West)	Viktor Aleksandrovich Chugunov	Shot in logging incident
Spain	Diego Sanchez	Sudden death - heart attack
Spain	José Antonio RJ	Heart attack on fire prevention
Spain	Antonio Serrano	Fatal fall while firefighting
Spain	Cristina Gallardo	Fell rappelling down cliff
Turkey	Enes Kızılyer	Died in firefighting incident
Turkey	Ümit Akyel	Official vehicle crashed

NORTH AMERICA Region		(3 deaths)
USA	Brendan Jackson	Found deceased in camp
USA	Erik Gray Ledbetter	Collapsed and died in park
USA	Jason Norman	Medical emergency in high winds

OCEANIA Region		(4 death)
Australia	Peter Curtis	Heart attack while firefighting
Australia	John Lohan	Tree fell whilst firefighting
Australia	Kumanjayi Herring	On-duty Vehicle crash
Papua New Guinea	Bonnie Souepe	Fell in creek while GPS mapping

SOUTH AMERICA Region		(9 deaths)
Bolivia	Victor Achimo Cartagena	Heart attack
Bolivia	Darío Pizarro	Swept away in floods
Bolivia	Julio Guerra Padilla	Vehicle accident
Bolivia	Alex Nay Vargas	On duty vehicle accident
Chile	Manuel León Urra	Official vehicle fired on
Colombia	Pedro José Gallego	Disorientated/died on patrol
Colombia	Cristian Hernán Arcila Herrera	Heart attack at high altitude
Ecuador	Randy Borman	Died from exposure to oil pollution
Peru	Jorge Luis Morales Reátegui	Heart attack on patrol

The Unknown Ranger

Total number of lives lost - **147** from 40 countries



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Causes of Death - 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2026



ANIMAL ATTACKS

(32 deaths)

Any death of a ranger due to attack from wild animals.

India	Chinna Karuppan	Attacked by gaur
India	N. Prabhu	Attacked by gaur
India	Dulal Rabha	Killed by a gaur
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India	Prem Munna Kasdekar	Tiger attack
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DEATH IN SERVICE

(23 deaths)

Any line-of-duty incident or illness resulting in death related to working conditions.

Bolivia	Victor Achimo Cartagena	Heart attack
Cambodia	Chey Rey	Died on patrol mission
Colombia	Pedro José Gallego	Disorientated-died on patrol
Colombia	Cristian Hernán Arcila Herrera	Heart attack at high altitude
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India	Gopal Bhuyan	Suspected malaria
Peru	Jorge Luis Morales Reátegui	Heart attack on patrol
Spain	Diego Sanchez	Sudden death - heart attack
Spain	José Antonio R.J.	Heart attack on fire duty
Tanzania	Ally Sakasa Kajogoro	Acute work related pneumonia
Tanzania	Lazaro Mkata	Work related sleeping sickness
Thailand	Sarawat Sanancho	Collapsed in elephant incident
Thailand	Boonma Phadang	Died from exhaustion/heat stress
USA	Brendan Jackson	Found deceased in camp
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USA	Jason Norman	Medical emergency in high winds
Zambia	Lucky Muleya	On-duty death



HOMICIDE

(43 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.

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South Sudan	Justin Badis	Shot by nomad herders
Tanzania	Boniphace Katan Amon	Died in hospital after attack
Tanzania	Godfrey Mathew Msumari	Killed by armed attacker
Zambia	Zachariah Hachcombe	Shot by poachers



OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS

(22 deaths)

Any death recorded due to occupational hazards such as firefighting; drownings; falls; equipment failure and other such incidents

Australia	Peter Curtis	Heart attack while firefighting
Australia	John Lohan	Tree fell whilst firefighting
Bolivia	Darío Pizarro	Swept away in floods/drowned
Gabon	Éric Rogombé	Disappeared on patrol
India	Samara Oram	Died from firefighting burns
India	Ghulam Mohammad Shah	Fell while firefighting
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Thailand	Chelimchai Sarasin	Smoke inhalation firefighting
Thailand	Thong Lee Dechchai	Smoke inhalation firefighting
Turkey	Enes Kızılyer	Died in firefighting incident



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

(27 deaths)

Any on-duty death due to vehicle accidents or involving other forms of transportation.

Albania	Bledar Spahiu	Accident enroute to fire
Australia	Kumanjayi Herring	On-duty Vehicle crash
Bolivia	Julio Guerra Padilla	Vehicle accident
Bolivia	Alex Nay Vargas	On duty vehicle accident
D R Congo	Daniel Kakule	Died in plane crash
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Guinea	Mory Douno	On duty motorcycle accident
India	Bharat Singh	On duty motorcycle accident
India	Gupta Prasad Mohanty	On duty traffic accident
India	Krishna	Traffic accident on night duty
India	Hanumanthappa	Traffic accident on night duty
India	Vipin Yadav	Accident on duty
Kenya	Boniface Mwanzia	Vehicle accident on duty
Kenya	Peter Muthoka	Vehicle accident on duty
Nigeria	Isaiah Igeyedinin	Vehicle accident on duty
Nigeria	Eju Patrick Mbu	On-duty road traffic accident
Nigeria	Agbor Joseph Agbor	On-duty road traffic accident
Pakistan	Syed Qaiser Shah	On duty vehicle accident
Tanzania	Juma Y. Juma	Vehicle accident on patrol
Tanzania	Richard Michael Mgema	Vehicle accident on duty
Tanzania	Felix John Sebastian	On-duty road traffic accident
Thailand	Chanchai Nenleit	Accident enroute to elephant incident
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Zimbabwe	Munyaradzi Gomwe	Vehicle accident on duty

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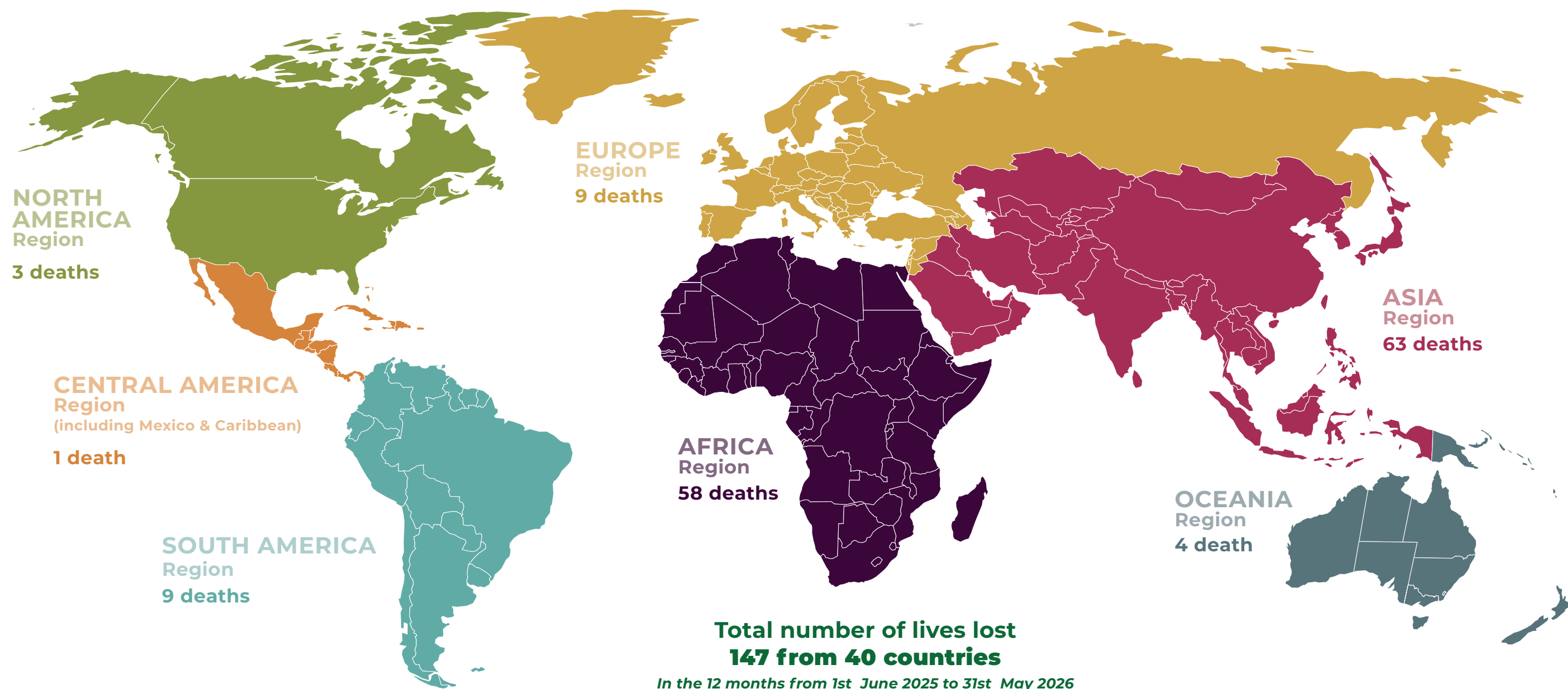


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The 147 rangers from 40 countries named on the 2026 Roll of Honour have been verified by the International Ranger Federation as having lost their lives in the line of duty between 1st June 2025 and 31st May 2026, including any names omitted from the 2025 Roll of Honour. This figure does not fully reflect the global reality of ranger fatalities. In many regions, obtaining reliable information remains extremely challenging, and the true number of rangers who have died in the line of duty is likely to be significantly higher. We also remember with honour and respect those rangers lost during the past year due to suicide. In acknowledging these losses, we recognise the importance of supporting ranger wellbeing and mental health. Finally, we pay tribute to the many unnamed and unknown rangers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defending the world's protected areas and natural heritage.

To report Ranger deaths please email: executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org The International Ranger Federation www.internationalrangers.org
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