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Shi'ite Villagers Rebury Victims After Afghan Police **Discover Mass Graves**

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The bloody aftermath of this month's Taliban attack on the Shi'ite-dominated village of Mirza Olang, in northern Sar-e Pul Province, has seen villagers reburying dozens of additional victims of the attack, as Afghan police discovered that many were disposed of by the attackers in mass graves.

The mass graves contained 36 people, all men, and all but three adults over the age of 15. Police say they believe a handful were resisting, but that most were civilians, adding that many of the slain were beheaded.

Locals aren't ruling out that more mass graves may be found, adding to the 62 people already confirmed killed in the course of the Taliban's rampage, as a number of civilian hostages were never accounted for, and could well have been executed by now.



The Taliban denied killing any civilians in the attack, and also denied any ISIS involvement. ISIS, however, issued their own statement claiming to have killed 54 Shi'ites in the village.

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