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## Five policemen killed, 9 missing ISAF soldier perishes in roadside bombing

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ASADABAD/KABUL (AIP): Five Afghan police were killed and nine missing after a clash with Taliban in Bag-e-Matal district of eastern Nuristan province yesterday, police said Friday.

The clash erupted during operation against Taliban in the limits of Bag-e-Matal district, said Ghulamullah Nuristani, police chief of Nuristan province.

"Five police were killed, two wounded and nine missing in the gunbattle.

Reports we have received suggested that four of the nine missing policemen have been captured by Taliban while there was no information about rest of the five cops," he told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP).

He said four Taliban were also killed and several wounded during the search operation being jointly conducted by police, border police, Quick Reaction Force and Afghan National Army (ANA) in Barg-e-Matal district to eliminate Taliban.

Taliban also reported clashes in Barg-e-Matal district and claimed that four police were killed as many wounded and six others were seized by their fighters.

Meanwhile, a soldier of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in a bomb attack yesterday in eastern Afghanistan, the military said Friday.

The ISAF soldier died as a result of an "improvised explosive device injury in eastern Afghanistan yesterday," the NATO led force announced in a brief statement.

In line of its policy, ISAF did not give nationality of the fallen soldier and exact location of the IED blast in eastern Afghanistan.

But Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) that their fighters conducted a roadside bomb attack on a vehicle of foreign troops in Chaparhar district of eastern Ningarhar province.