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## **ISAF** soldier killed in Taliban attack

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The ISAF soldier whose nationality was not disclosed "died following an insurgent attack," ISAF announced in a brief statement.

The multinational force also did not give details of the attack and exact location of the incident in this Taliban stronghold.

But Taliban spokesman Qari Muhammad Yousaf Ahmadi told Afghan Islamic Press that a heavy clash took place between Taliban and foreign forces in Shoraki area of Gereshk district, Helmand province, today.

He claimed that two foreign troops were killed and three wounded during the firefight. This month so far, the number of foreign troops killed in Afghan has climbed to 27.

Meanwhile, an ISAF soldier was killed in Taliban attack today in restive southern Afghanistan, the military said Friday, bringing coalition forces death toll for the day so far to two. "An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan today," the NATO-led force said in a statement.

ISAF did not divulged nationality of the fallen soldier and exact location of the attack in troubled south.

The multinational force had also announced the death of soldier in Taliban attack in southern Afghanistan earlier.

The statement did not disclose if the second ISAF soldier was killed in the same attack or in another area of the Taliban heartland.

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The latest fatality brings to 28 the number of foreign troops killed in Afghan war so far this month.