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3 Afghan soldiers beheaded

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Three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were beheaded by unidentified gunmen in eastern Nuristan province, an official said on Monday.

The crime took place in Pechgram area between Paroon, the provincial capital, and Barg-i-Matal district on Sunday night, the provincial council chief, Enayatur Rahman, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The gunmen, who carried away the soldiers' heads and left behind the bodies at the scene, also abducted two more troops. But one of the captives managed to escape, he added. Residents took the bodies to Barg-i-Matal district.

Governor Tamim Nuristani said several soldiers on duty in southern Helmand province were abducted on their way from Paroon to Barg-i-Matal. He confirmed the soldiers were killed in Ashtivi area, but it was unclear whether they were attacked by insurgents or robbers.

The governor said the gunmen released a doctor kidnapped along with the soldiers. Nuristani revealed most soldiers had five months' salaries while returning home for their breaks.