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Insurgents kill US soldier in southern Afghanistan

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An American soldier was killed in an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, said a statement from the US force.

“The US servicemember was killed in southern Afghanistan,” said a brief statement from the US media office in Afghanistan on Friday, which neither revealed the exact location of the incident nor the soldier’s identity.

So far 370 *NATO* soldiers, including 281 Americans, had been killed in Afghanistan this year, while last year, 566 multinational troops were killed.

Meanwhile, the International Security Assistance Force (*ISAF*), in a statement, said Afghan and coalition security forces arrested a Taliban leader in Kandahar province on Friday.

“The arrested leader is suspected of being responsible for organising improvised explosive device (IED) operations, kidnappings, and attacks against Afghan and coalition forces,” said the statement.

In southern Afghanistan, Afghan and coalition forces detained two suspected insurgents during a security operation in search of a Taliban leader in Helmand province.

He was believed to be responsible for the distribution of munitions to Taliban insurgents and served as the functional head of a Taliban direct action cell.

While in the east, forces arrested another Taliban facilitator in Nangarhar province, believed to have organised attacks against Afghan and coalition forces and enabled the movement of extremists in central Kunar province.

Forces also confirmed the arrest of a Haqqani leader, alleged organised and executed IED attacks in Logar province, on Tuesday.

Besides, security force arrested a Haqqani leader in Paktiya province, suspected of being responsible for directing attacks against government officials in the province and worked directly with Taliban leaders to carry out kidnappings and executions of several Afghans, said the statement.