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## 27 killed in fresh bout of violence

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Twenty-seven people were killed and five others wounded in a new wave of violence in different parts of the country over the past 24 hours, officials said on Wednesday.

In central Kapisa province, four Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and two others injured during an operation in Tagab district, the police chief of the area, Col. Sher Shah Yousufzai, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

However, the provincial police spokesman, Asadullah Hamidi, only confirmed injuries to two soldiers.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed eight security personnel suffered casualties during clashes in Jalukhel and Joybar areas of the district.

Nine militants were killed during a military offensive conducted in Ghorak district of southern Kandahar province, said the governor's spokesman, Javed Faisal.

He added the operation was conducted by Afghan forces in the Charposti area. A former jihadi commander, Sher Agha, was killed along with a brother and two bodyguards during a clash in the Bagram district of central Parwan province, said the district police chief, Col. Zmarai Nasiri.

He added the incident took place in Hamzakhel village, where the four individuals came under attack from unidentified gunmen. Sher Agha, 45, hailing from Qala-i-Biland village, was a former commander of the Jamiat-i-Islami party.

In eastern Nangarhar province, security forces launched an operation codenamed "Seventh Eagle" in Batikot district, said a spokesman for the 201st Selab Military Corps, Col. Nauman Hatifi

A notorious rebel commander, Maulvi Abdul Rahman, was captured by security personnel, Hatifi said, adding three fighters were killed and eight others detained in the Wazir area of Khogyani district.

Another three rebels were killed and as many wounded during a clash in the Barg-i-Matal district of eastern Nuristan province, said the police chief, Ghulamullah Nuristani.

The overnight firefight was sparked by an insurgent attack on the governor's office. In southern Ghazni province, two girls and an elderly woman were killed as result of gas leakage in Jaghatu district, resident Mohammad Husain said.

The incident happened in Yousaf village on Monday night, when a gas cylinder started leaking in the room they were sleeping in.

A four-member insurgent group was detained during an operation in the Tanai district of southeastern Khost province, a statement from the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said. The men, accused of killing five government officials including NDS agents, were arrested while planning more attacks