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## NATO soldier die following blast in southern Afghanistan

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A NATO soldier was killed following roadside bomb blast in southern Afghanistan on Thursday.

NATO-led International Security Assistance Force following a statement announced, "An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan on Jan. 3."

The source did not disclose further information regarding the exact location of the incident and nationality of the deceased soldier.

International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) generally do not disclose identities of the NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan saying, "It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities."

At least 405 NATO service members including 310 US troops, 44 British troops and 51 soldiers from the other NATO member countries were killed in Afghanistan during the year 2012.