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## 14 Taliban killed in air, ground operations

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Fourteen Taliban insurgents and a minor girl were killed in clashes and an airstrike in southern Helmand and eastern Kunar provinces, officials said on Sunday.

Five fighters were killed as a result of a US drone strike in the Ailgal area of Ghaziabad district in Kunar on Saturday night, a spokesman for the 201st Selab Military Corps said.

Maj. Haroon Yousufzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that two of the guerrillas were Pakistani citizens. The Taliban also confirmed the loss of four fighters in the air raid.

In Marja and Nadali districts of Helmand, nine militants were killed during an operation by the Afghan National Army (ANA) and police, the governor's spokesman said.

Ahmad Zirak added three Kalashnikovs, a machine gun and two walkie-talkies were recovered from the militants.

Separately, a 10 years old girl was killed in rebel fire at a checkpoint of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in the province. The attacker was arrested by Afghan soldiers.