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Taliban leader Hamid Gul killed by Afghan and NATO troops

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According to a statement released by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), Afghan and coalition forces killed Taliban leader, Hamid Gul, during a security operation in Chahar Darah district, Kunduz province, Feb. 7.

The source further added, “Hamid Gul was a Taliban leader within Chahar Darah district that conducted attacks against Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan officials, as well as, Afghan and coalition forces. He oversaw 25 insurgent fighters who were responsible for the acquisition of improvised explosive device-making materials, IED construction and emplacement in the district. The security force conducted a precision strike, killing him.”

ISAF following the statement also added, “In Yangi Qal‘ah district, Takhar province, Feb. 8, an Afghan and coalition security force arrested an Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) leader. The leader was an explosives expert assisting with the planning of an impending high profile attack. He coordinated the construction and movement of improvised explosive devices in the province. During the operation, the security force also detained one suspected insurgent.”

In a separate operation, Afghan and coalition security force detained three insurgents during a security operation in search of a Taliban leader in Panjwa’i district, Kandahar province, Feb. 8, ISAF said adding that the leader is responsible for organizing improvised explosive device operations against Afghan and coalition forces. He coordinates the movement of IED materials into the province.

ISAF said, during a security operation, an Afghan and coalition security force detained five insurgents in search of a Taliban leader in Baraki Barak district, Logar province, Feb. 8. The leader oversees multiple insurgent fighters and executes multiple attacks against Afghan and coalition force patrols.