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NATO airstrike kill Taliban leader in Nangarhar province

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[1] A Taliban leader was killed along with four other insurgents following a NATO airstrike in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan on Sunday.

NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) following a statement on Tuesday announced, "Afghan and coalition forces confirmed today the death of a Taliban leader, Anwar, during an operation in Hisarak district, Nangarhar province, Sunday."

The source further added, "Anwar was responsible for directing and participating in attacks against Afghan and coalition forces. He exercised operational control of a significant number of insurgents."

ISAF said, "During the operation, the security force engaged Anwar and four other militants with a precision strike, killing five."

The statement also added, "During an operation Monday in Baghlan-e Jadid district, Baghlan province, an Afghan and coalition security force arrested a Taliban leader and detained five other insurgents. The Taliban leader is alleged to be responsible for controlling multiple insurgent fighters in Baghlan-e Jadid district. He was a known improvised explosive device expert, and provided financial support and weapons to insurgent forces. The security force also seized multiple weapons and ammunition as a result of the operation."

In a separate operation Afghan and coalition forces confirmed today the arrest of a Taliban leader along with detaining two other insurgents during a security operation in Pul-e 'Alam

district, Logar province, Sunday, ISAF said adding that the leader is believed to be responsible for improvised explosive device and small-arms attacks against Afghan and coalition forces. In the past, he was involved in harassing the Afghan public by kidnapping individuals for ransom and establishing illegal checkpoints throughout the district.

During an operation Sunday in Hisarak district, Nangarhar province, an Afghan and coalition security force killed five insurgents, ISAF added in its statement. The security force positively identified the insurgents and engaged with a precision strike, killing five.