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NATO soldier killed in Taliban attack in eastern Afghanistan

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A service member of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed following militants attack in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday.

ISAF following a statement confirmed the report and said, “An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an attack by enemy forces in eastern Afghanistan Sept. 5.”

The statement did not disclose further information regarding the exact location of the incident and nationality of the deceased soldier, saying, “It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

According to official figures released by the website icasualties.org, overall number of ISAF soldiers killed so far this year in Afghanistan stands at 122, out of which 96 are American.

Most of the foreign service members have died as a result of militant attacks and roadside bombs. At least 402 NATO-led soldiers lost their lives in Afghanistan in 2012.

However, 2010 remains the deadliest year for NATO-led International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF), with a death toll of 711.