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## Suicide blast kill British soldier in Helmand province

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A British soldier has been killed following a suicide bomb blast in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan, British defense officials confirmed.

The officials further added that the soldier was killed during a vehicle-borne suicide attack in Lashkargah city on Tuesday.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) also confirmed the report and said, “An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an suicide vehicle borne improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan.”

ISAF 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.”

Spokesman for Task Force Helmand, Lt Col Hywel Lewis, told BBC, “A hugely experienced soldier has tragically died while serving with his comrades in Afghanistan.”

“He commanded great respect throughout his regiment. Those who served alongside him were privileged to operate with a highly professional soldier who led by example,” Lt Col Hywel Lewis said.

The death of the British service member brings UK troops casualties to 8 soldiers who have been killed in various incidents since beginning of 2013.