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## Explosion kill NATO soldier in southern Afghanistan

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A NATO service member was killed following an improvised explosive device (IED) explosion in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday.

NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) following a statement said, “An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today.”

The statement did not disclose further information regarding the exact location of the incident and nationality of the deceased soldier.

International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) generally do not disclose identities of the NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan, saying, “It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.”

At least 148 NATO service members including 118 US troops, 8 British troops and 22 soldiers from the other NATO member countries have been killed in Afghanistan since the beginning of 2013.

NATO troops casualties have considerably decreased as the Afghan national security forces have taken combat lead from the coalition security forces.

At least 402 NATO service members including 310 American troops, 44 British troops and 48 soldiers from the other NATO member countries were killed in 2012, according to [icasualties.org](http://icasualties.org), which tracks NATO troops casualties in Afghanistan.