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American General Killed in Shooting at Afghan Military Academy

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An American general was killed today and 15 other soldiers wounded in an attack at a military academy in Afghanistan today.

The incident happened at a military academy that trained officers at Camp Qargha in Kabul when a gunman wearing an Afghan army uniform turned his weapon against Americans and other Afghans, ABC News has learned.

A U.S. official described the shooting victim as a two star major general, the highest ranking official to be killed in the Afghanistan war. American generals usually have their security detail.

It is the latest in a string of so-called "green-on-blue" attacks in Afghanistan, in which members of the Afghan forces have attacked U.S. and coalition forces. The attacks have become less frequent in recent months as fewer U.S. troops have been on the ground in Afghanistan.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack and described the shooting victim as a "foreign officer."

The Pentagon confirmed to ABC News today that in addition to one fatality, 15 International Security Assistance Force personnel were injured. Karzai said that both Afghan and foreign soldiers were hurt.

"The soldiers were visiting the military academy to help with the buildup of Afghan security forces," Karzai said. He blamed the attack on "enemies who don't want to see Afghanistan have strong institutions."

"We are in the process of assessing the situation," the ISAF Joint Command said in a statement. "More information will be released as we sort out the facts."