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Nine soldiers martyred, 93 militants killed in military operations

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Nine soldiers have embraced martyrdom while 93 militants killed in newest military operations across the country, Ministry of Defense announced on Saturday.

General Zahir Azimi, spokesman for the Ministry of Defense sated in a tweet this morning that military as well as militants suffered these casualties in 12 provinces in past two days.

Kundoz, Badakhshan, Sar-e-Pul, Ghazni, Kandahar, Paktia Urozgan, Paktika, Herat and Nangarhar are among the provinces where these operations were conducted.

Nine different types of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were also discovered and defused by the security forces.

IEDs are considered the second biggest cause behind the increasing number of civilian casualties in Afghan war.

United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) stated in an earlier report that there was 16 percent increase in civilian casualties in the first four months of the current year in comparison with the first four months of last year, noting IEDs as the second biggest cause behind the increase.