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## 2 NATO soldiers killed in shooting incident in S. Afghanistan

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Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed Saturday in a shooting incident in Afghanistan's restive southern region, the military alliance said in a statement.

"Two International Security Assistance Force service members died in southern Afghanistan today following a shooting incident with a security guard," said the statement released here by ISAF.

The incident is currently under investigation, the brief statement added.

However, it did not reveal the nationalities of the victims, saying that it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mainly from the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia have been stationed in the southern region within the framework of ISAF to fight Taliban militants.

Saturday's casualties bring the number of ISAF service members have been killed in militancy-hit Afghanistan to 90 since the beginning of this year.