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6 militants killed, 10 civilians injured in Afghanistan

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Six anti-government militants were killed and 10 civilians including women and children were injured by Afghan and NATO-led troops during a joint operation against insurgents in Paktia province, a spokesman for provincial administration said Wednesday.

"Afghan and foreign forces launched Taliban hideouts in Zarmat district Tuesday night killing six rebels and unfortunately 10 civilians were injured," Rohullah Samoon told Xinhua.

Three women and three children are among those sustained injuries during the operation, he said.

Meantime, NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in a statement released here confirmed the incident and suffering civilians by saying the combined troops raided militants ' network in Zarmat district of Paktia province on Tuesday.

"During the operation, insurgents engaged the security force and the Afghan and coalition force responded. The battle resulted in numerous insurgents killed, one civilian killed, and several civilians wounded," the statement added.

Conflicts and Taliban-led insurgency often claim the lives of non-combatants in Afghanistan.

According to a U.N. report, 2,777 civilians were killed in conflicts and insurgency with majority of them by Taliban militants in 2010.