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## NATO air strike kill or injure 13 Afghan soldiers in Logar province

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At least 13 Afghan national army soldiers were killed or injured following an air strike by coalition security forces in eastern Logar province of Afghanistan.

The ministry of defense of Afghanistan confirmed the report and said the incident took place in Charkh district early Thursday morning.

Gen. Zahir Azimi, spokesman for the defense ministry of Afghanistan said Thursday that the airstrike left 5 Afghan army soldiers dead and 8 others injured.

Gen. Azimi further added that the incident took place around 3:30 am local time in Charkh district.

He said an investigation has been launched in this regard and further details will be disclosed soon.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said, "We can confirm that at least five Afghan National Army personnel were accidentally killed this morning during an operation in eastern Afghanistan."

ISAF in a statement said, "An investigation is being conducted at this time to determine the circumstances that led to this unfortunate incident."

The statement further added, “Our condolences go out to the families of the ANA soldiers who lost their lives and were wounded. We value the strong relationship with our Afghan partners, and we will determine what actions will be taken to ensure incidents like this do not happen again.”