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8 soldiers martyred, 31 insurgents killed in past 24 hours

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General Zahir Azimi, spokesman for Defense Ministry of Afghanistan says that seven Afghan National Army (ANA) Soldiers have embraced martyrdom in an explosion.

He has not mentioned the exact location or date/time of the incident in the information released Tuesday morning but has stated that the blast took place in past 24 hours.

Without naming the provinces, he has written in his twitter account that 19 insurgents were also killed and 12 others injured in confrontations with the Afghan National Army in past 24 hours in three provinces of the county.

He has further written that 37 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were discovered and defused by the Army.

Also, Abdul Habib Sayedkhil, Police Chief of eastern Kunar province says that a landmine explosion has killed one soldier of the Afghan National Army and injured another one.

He said the incident took place in Naray District last night where a vehicle of the Army ran over a landmine.

In the meantime, a statement issued by the Ministry of Interior states that 19 insurgents were killed and 21 others wounded in past 24 hours in police operations.

Ministry of Interior statement adds that the operations were assisted by Afghan National Army and personnel from the National Directorate of Security personnel.

The operations were conducted in Faryab, Paktika, Kunar, Kunduz, Sar-e-Pul, Jowzjan, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Logar, Ghazni, Khost, Paktiya and Nimroz provinces where four Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were also defuse by security forces, statement adds.