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10 Afghan soldiers killed in ‘friendly US airstrike’

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At least 10 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and another four wounded on Monday morning when US forces’ airstrikes “mistakenly” struck their outpost in the Baraki Barak district of central Logar province, an official said.

Mohammad Rahim Amin, the Baraki Barak district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the airstrike involved two US helicopters that targeted the ANA outpost at 6:00am in Chaltan area.

He confirmed 10 ANA soldiers had been killed and four others wounded.

Gen. Zahir Azimi, Ministry of Defence (MoD) spokesman, tweeted that a delegation had been sent to the area to investigate the incident.

American forces in Kabul also confirmed the incident, saying investigations were ongoing. “We are aware of an incident involving US forces in Logar province this morning. This incident is under investigation,” the coalition said in a statement.

Mohammad Tahir, a local resident, said: “Today morning two helicopters attacked the army post where Afghan flags were hoisted and killed all the soldiers inside.”

For some moments, he added, firing was heard from the post.