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## Five Pakistani soldiers killed near Afghan border

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According to Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Pakistani army's media wing, four soldiers including an officer were killed in a clash with armed men in Shawal area of North Waziristan on Saturday.

“Today ground forces surrounded a group of fleeing terrorists in area Mangroti near Pak-Afghan border in Shawal. Intense exchange of fire took place,” states a statement released by ISPR. “19 terrorists were killed and several injured in exchange of fire.”

“4 security forces personnel including an officer also embraced shahadat in exchange of fire,” the press release adds.

One soldier was killed and two others seriously wounded in a bomb explosion in Karwan area the same day.

The latest casualties happen as army is getting close to end the over a yearlong offensive against militants in the tribal belt.

Operation Zarb-e-Azb was launched in June 2014 after attack at Jinnah International Airport that left at 36 people killed and around 20 others wounded.