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8 Afghan soldiers martyred during counter-terrorism operations

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At least eight Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers lost their lives in the latest counter-terrorism operations across the country, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) said.

“The Afghan National Army (ANA) forces are prepared for all kinds of devotion and with all force to maintain security and comfort for the people of Afghanistan,” a statement by MoD said, adding that 8 Afghan soldiers were martyred during counter-terrorism operations against the internal and foreign terrorists.

The statement by MoD further added that 98 militants were killed, 49 militants were wounded and 12 others were arrested during the same operations.

According to MoD, the operations were conducted in Nangarhar, Faryab, Helmand, Herat, Kunduz and Baghlan provinces.

There has been a sharp rise in the casualties of the Afghan national security forces since they took full control of the security responsibilities from the coalition forces at the start of last year.

According to the earlier estimates by security officials, the Afghan army deaths stood at 4 service members daily on average which is mainly caused due to improvised explosive device (IED) attacks.