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Afghan Soldier Kills US Marine, Marking 19 Attacks This Year

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An Afghan soldier shot and killed a U.S. Marine on Sunday, wounding another, in the nineteenth such attack from Afghan forces on NATO soldiers this year.

After this latest incident, there have been 12 NATO soldiers killed in 19 such attacks in the first five months of this year, compared with 35 killed in 21 different attacks throughout all of last year.

At least, those are the statistics provided by NATO. The U.S. military has been systematically underreporting clashes between coalition forces and their Afghan trainees, the Associated Press revealed last week.

The U.S. "does not report insider attacks in which the Afghan wounds — or misses — his U.S. or allied target," the AP reported. "It also doesn't report the wounding of troops who were attacked alongside those who were killed."

The incident, the latest in a long line of many, comes just days after President Barack Obama told the American people in a weekly address that "the tide of war has turned in Afghanistan" and that "We've built strong Afghan Security Forces" that will competently take over control of the country in 2014.

Afghan security forces are neither strong, competent, nor independent. Besides consistently get into gun battles with their American and NATO counterparts, less than 1 percent of them can operate independently, without NATO guidance.