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Four NATO troops die in Taliban attacks Four Afghan police dead in roadside bomb blast

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Insurgent attacks killed three NATO troops in Afghanistan on Saturday while a fourth died of non-battle related injuries, the international coalition said. A roadside bomb in the northwest killed four Afghan policemen. All four members of the U.S.-led military coalition died in southern Afghanistan, where much of the fighting in the more than 10-year conflict has been concentrated, the alliance said in a statement. NATO provided no other details about the deaths, including the nationalities of the troops.

The coalition normally waits for member nations to disclose those details. So far this month, 18 NATO service members have been killed in Afghanistan. In the northwestern province of Badghis, a roadside bomb struck a police vehicle traveling through Qadis district, killing four officers, said the provincial governor's spokesman, Sharafudin Majedi. Meanwhile, a roadside bomb killed four Afghan police in Qadas district of western Badghis province on Saturday, a security official said Saturday.

A landmine detonated on a police Ranger vehicle in Nobar area of Qadas district at approximately 11:00 a.m. (Local time), leaving four cops dead and several more wounded, a high-ranking security official told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to speak to media. He, however, failed to give precise count of the injured but said the injured were evacuated to hospital for treatment, adding the police vehicle was also destroyed in the explosion. The policemen had taken 10 policemen, who fell unconscious by consume poisonous food, to hospital and were returning to base when their vehicle struck the landmine. There was no immediate claim of responsibility by Taliban.

