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Ambush: 3 cops dead, dist chief injured ISAF helicopter crashes in Zabul

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A district chief was injured and three police were killed after an attack in Hisarak district of eastern Ningarhar province yesterday, an official said Monday.

Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, spokesman for Ningarhar governor, told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) that Taliban attacked the motorcade of Abdul Khaliq Maroof, administrator of Hisarak district, in Jokan area yesterday.

He said three police were killed while the district chief and two police were wounded in the attack, adding the attackers also suffered casualties in the ensuing clash but they had no accurate information.

The district chief, however, said two attackers were held by police after the clash. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the incident and told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) that the attack left the district chief wounded and two cops dead. He did not disclose if any fighter was detained by security force or not.

Meanwhile, a helicopter of International Security Force (ISAF) crashed in Mizana district of Zabul province Saturday but no one on board was injured, the military said Monday. "The cause of the incident remains under investigation, but early indications suggest it was forced to land due to a mechanical problem," the NATO-led force said.

It said "At the time of the incident there were no reports of enemy activity in the area and the

recovery crew was able to repair the aircraft on site and fly it to an ISAF base for further evaluation. No one on board the aircraft was injured."

Earlier, Taliban spokesman Qari Muhammad Yousaf Ahmadi said that the ISAF helicopter crashed in Sard village of Mezana district during operations.

He claimed that all the troops on board the chopper were killed.